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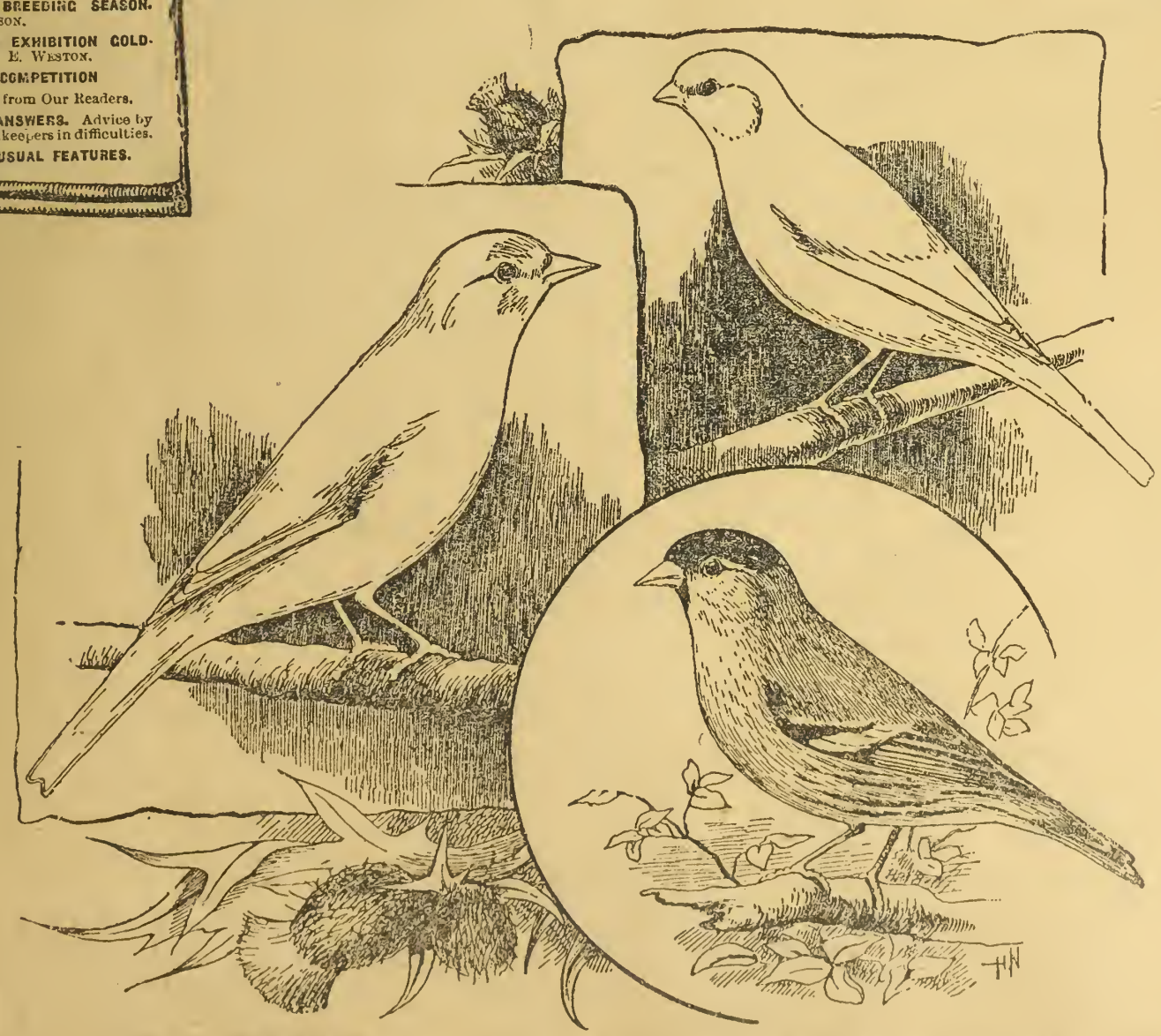

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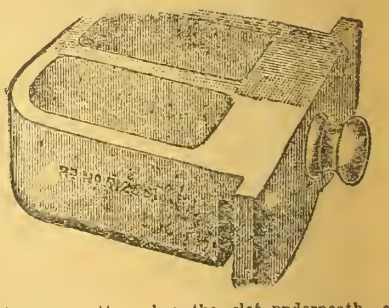

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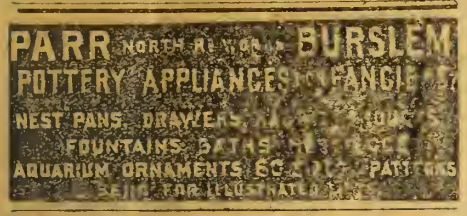

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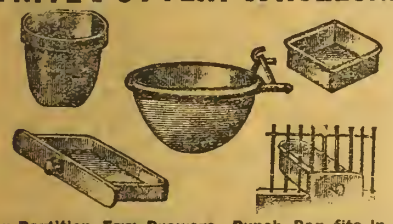

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CREST and Crestbred from 7/6 to 15/-; some large birds seen after two p.m., on Sunday; stamps reply.—W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., Kilburn, London.

GREENWOOD AND BURSON, winners at all the leading shows; 30 Crest and Crestbreds for sale; approval; stamp for list.—28, Haydon-st., Swindon, Wilts.

LARGE, beavily-marked, broad-skulled crest-bred hens, 7/- each; exchange songsters; crested hens, 2/6, 3/6; cocks, 5/-.—Broadbent, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

MR. CRAWHALL has one green crestbred hen, one green crestbred cock left, 12/6 each to clear, cheap birds.—121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

STOCK Crest and Crestbreds, bred from winners, cheap; also a few Norwich songsters, ditto hens; approval, deposit.—Geo. Bennett, 46, Wenlock-st., Luton, Beds.

YOUNG Buff Crestbred cock, 1st selling class, 12/6; grizzle Crested hen ditto, 12/6, 20/- the pair; or part exchange Borders; approval.—Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso.

WINNER buff marked Crestbred cock; winner 12/6; selling 32 in class, 10/-; good buff Yorkshire cock, fed 8/6.—Baxby, 297, Model Village, Creswell, near Mansfield.

GRAND pair matched Crests, 25/-, worth double; variegated crested hen, 5/6; also Plainhead cock and two hens, 12/6, bargains.—Fifield, 74, Bullingdon-rd., Oxford.

CREST and Crest-breds, same blood as my winners, Dunfermline, 10/6 to 20/-; stamp particulars; few feeding hens, 2/6 each.—Wm. Campbell, Leisbman-square, Alva.

CRESTBRED cock and two Crestbred hens, 1907, 30/-; exchange Crested cock or Crested hen or Buff Norwich hens; approval.—Rbt. Wood, Sun Inn, Newbosle Fence Houses.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have about 30 crests and crestbreds for sale from 20/- per pair upwards. Barnett's strain, approval.—Inspt. Storey, Police Station, St. Ives, Hunts.

AFTER selecting my breeding stock, have five grand pairs of Crest and Crest-breds for sale, from 20/- per pair; large birds, all 1907 bred, cold-room. —34, Stephen's-st., Tunbridge Wells.

CHAMPION Crests, Crestbreds overstocked; show and stock sale; grand stock; chance for change of blood; some of the very best.—Professor Selkirk, 55, Southdean Gardens, Southfields.

WALLACE, breeder of twenty-five years' standing, winner at leading shows, including Palace, can supply matched pairs, single cocks, hens, 12/6 to 60/-; approval.—115, Rosemont Place, Aberdeen.

WINNING strain; some very fine Crest Crestbred cocks, also Crestbred hens, cold bred, 1907, cheap to clear; inspection invited any time; approval.—John Bale, 63, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.

LARGE, feathery green Crestbred cock, Barnett's strain, clinker ditto, buff, dark crested hen, several Crests, Crestbreds, cheap; approval; removal cause selling.—Denton, Glasslough-street, Monaghan, Ireland.

ONLY exhibited at Sheffield, Nottingham, Derby, Bristol, Scottish National, this season, winning (38) specials and prizes; few for disposal; not bred in haphazard fashion; stamp.—Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

FEW good Crestbreds for disposal, bred from or related to my winners at Glasgow, Ayr, Kilmarnock, Scottish National, Bathgate; on approval; 1.0 Crests.—G. T. Adamson, 23, W. Netherton-st., Kilmarnock.

CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale, cocks only, related to my £70 pair strain; pedigree and quality unequalled, from 20/-; approval; state wants; stamp.—J. Griggs, Mayfield, Hagley-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, strong, healthy bred from or related to birds of my own breeding, that have won hundreds of prizes; approval.—H. Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. Johns, Park-rd, Blackheath, London. S.E.

G. PENNINGTON has high-class Crests and Crestbreds for sale; no little rubbish; all strong, healthy, young birds of the best blood; pairs, 25/- to 60/-; exchange entertained; approval, deposit.—87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world, winnings well known, challenge bowls Barnstaple, Bristol, Plymouth, etc., single cocks, and properly matched pairs from 60/-; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

CRESTBREDS, variegated, good size birds, bred from best blood. Having so many oocks for next breeding, will sell a few cheap, or willingly exchange for hens; approval.—Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-road, Plaistow, Essex.

CHAMPION Crests and Crestbred; pairs from 12/6; cocks from 7/6; King and Roberts' strain; also few good Yorkshires, 12/- and 15/- pair; odd cocks from 7/6; Ogden and Radley's strain.—Wood, 32, Linden-rd., Gloucester.

HIGH-CLASS birds to clear, large Crestbred cocks, 15/-, 20/-; Crestbred hens, 10/-, 15/-; large cock Hawfinch, 10/-; Siskin, beautiful bib cap, 7/6; Redpoll, 3/6; hand-reared Goldie, 6/-; others to make room; approval.—I. Young, Fremé.

WANTED, good big Crested Norwich cock in exchange for massive antique 18-carat gold key, very heavy, 50/-, fine condition; or oak case bracket clock, full quarter chiming on five gongs, 80/-; approval.—H. Mayhew, Bury, Suffolk.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, cocks and hens, bred from my winners at Glasgow, Perth, Dunfermline, also at all leading shows; state prices prepared to give; stamp particulars; see reports CAGE BIRDS.—William Watt, 108, Appin Crescent, Dunfermline.

HEAVILY feathered matched pairs, crested, 12/6, 15/-, £1; crested and crest-bred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; ditto hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- upwards; travelling cage 3d. extra; approval; cold-room bred.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

LARGE, variegated yellow Crestbred cock, winner full song 27/6; massive yellow green Crestbred cock, grand head feather, 50/; grey Crest, 1907 hen, 20/6; real good buff Crestbred cocks from 15/6; second cross Lancashire, 25/6; real bargains; approval.—Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

BARGAINS in champion Crest blood; winners of hundreds of prizes, cups, medals, etc; can spare only few of choice Crests and Crestbreds from 17/6; no better blood in the Fancy; all nice veiny feather; the right sort to breed winners; not any rubbish; exchange one for two good St. Andreasberg Rollers; good songsters; stamp reply; all our approval.—Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale, must sell, room wanted, from 15/- upwards; Symons', Cornwall, noted winning strain; 2 firsts, 2 specials, and medal with two birds at Hamilton open show; also medal at City of Glasgow Show; approval.—A. Gardiner, 62, Milton-st., Motherwell, N.B.

BREEDERS of our well-known champion Crest and Crestbreds, winners of thousands of prizes and all kinds of specials; pairs from 30/- upward, or single birds; the best can be got for the price you are prepared to give.—J. and J. Symons, 2, Melbourne-terrace, Liskeard, Cornwall.

W. H. BALE has several large, healtby 1907 bred Crestbred cocks and hens, bred from my noted winning strain, from 20/- upwards; Buff dark Crest wing-marked cock, 20/-; large nearly green Crested cock, 1906, grand stock bird, 30/-; cold-room kept; approval willingly.—55, Newport-rd., Barnstaple.

SPECIAL! Special!! Heavily-feathered Crests and Crestbreds of the very highest and best strains; buy reliable stock of the actual breeder, and at the same time save 25 per cent; please state requirements in odd cocks or hens; Crested or Crestbreds, judiciously matched pair, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards; all cold-room bred, and willingly on approval.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

MONSTER even marked dark Crest cock, 10/6; massive variegated ditto, perfect crest, 7/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 9/6; variegated ditto, 7/6; wing marked ditto, 5/6; monster variegated crest-bred cock, 10/6; ditto gem, 7/6; massive feathery crest-bred hen, 9/6; ditto, beauty, 7/6; splendid value; all grand stock birds; Barnett's strain; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

F. G. BALE, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, winner first, special, two thirds Plymouth, first Cheltenham, third Nottingham, two firsts, medal, two seconds, four thirds Barnstaple (open); can spare large 1907 Crestbred cock, 1900 Green Crested hen, £5; Green Crestbred cock, dark Crest, wing marked hen, 70/-; dark Crest cock, variegated Crestbred hen, 70/-; bred same as my winners; approval; stamp.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, crest-breds, Barnett and Joyce's strains; monster variegated dark Crest cock, perfect crest, £1; monster even-marked ditto, grand crest, 16/-; massive heavy-feathered green ditto, 15/-; monster clear Crest hen, 13/6; massive heavy-feathered wing-marked ditto, 13/6; lovely variegated ditto, 10/6; monster clear crest-bred cock, 16/-; massive heavy-feathered green ditto, 13/-; monster variegated crest-bred cock, beauty, 15/-; monster variegated crest-bred hen, 16/6; massive heavy-feathered ditto, 13/6; monster clear crest-bred hen, 13/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly. —Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CREST AND CRESTBRED.

T. Broadhead has two good Crested cocks, two Crested bred cocks, five Crested-bred hens; bred from my winners; best blood; cheap; on approval; stamp reply.—Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS

Guaranteed all my own breeding, from the best of blood; bred direct from the king of champions, a bird that was sold for £70.—Gaze, Aldeby Grange, Beccles.

NOTICE TO READERS.

Have some of the best stock pairs of Crest and Crestbreds in the fancy, at moderate prices; this strain needs no bounce; pairs from 17/6 to 50/-; single pairs from 12/6 to 30/6; no value like it; approval willingly.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

CHAMPION CRESTS,

bred from my winners at London Provincial Ornithological Society, 1906, including championship, diploma, and medal winners; also Norwich, Crystal Palace, etc. I have a few as low as 15/6 pair and upwards; state price. Note.—I am not a dealer; absolutely all my own breeding and carefully matched, which is impossible to obtain elsewhere other than a breeder; cold room; approval, stamp.—A. Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich.

MRS. E. L. A. CROW, LOWESTOFT,

has for disposal two 1906 variegated crested hens, 15/- each, 1907 variegated crested cock, 10/-, 1907; almost clear body, dark crested cock, 20/-; heavily variegated C.B. cock, 30/-; ditto, 20/-; bead and wing marked, ditto, 25/-; variegated, ditto, 10/-; green C.B. hen, 15/-; all 1907; low prices to clear quickly; all closely related to winners, Palace, Nottingham, Norwich, Cambridge, Diss, Lowestoft; approval.

WICKS BROS., NORWICH.

offers grand Crested and Crestbred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- upwards; ditto hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; selected pairs, matched for Crest breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/- upwards; approval; simply state wants; correspondence a pleasure; send for current price list and catalogue of all appliances, post free. Postal and telegraphic address, Wicks Bros., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS CRESTS.

I have some good crests and crest-breds for sale. Many that can win at our very best shows, and some grand stock birds; I don't exhibit now. I breed for my customers to win. Best blood in the fancy; many winners sold by me; 30 years breeder; approval, and before payment, to any fancier I know.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-rd., Nottingham.

SENSATION

of Gateshead show, 14th December, was C. Robert's Crests and Crestbreds winning two firsts with two birds and several specials again on January 1st and 2nd at the great Scottish National show. I won 4 firsts with special for best Crest in the show; also special for best Crestbred and gold medal for best in the section, see reports, which say undoubtedly the best ever seen on a show bench, wins hands down, beating the great Crest Satiety, which won first at the Crystal Palace two years in succession. Hurry up fanciers if you want the blood that breeds winners; few to clear, cheap, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-, the pairs; single birds from 20/-.—67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

Greens.

GREEN Yorkshire cock, 10/6; pink-eyed cock, 8/6. —183, Thorold-road, Ilford.

NORWICH cocks, 7/-, marked hens 5/-.—Baker, 47, Upper Grove Street, Smethwick.

TWO Norwich Green cocks, 5/6 each; four hens, 3/-, each; lot £1; cold-room, healthy.—Grayson, Skellgate, Ripon.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich and Yorkshire greens; also Crests; Bargains; cash or deposit.—Willetts, 116, Baldwin-street, Smethwick.

I HAVE a few good Yorkshire Greens to spare, single or pairs, best blood obtainable, reasonable; approval.—Metcalfe, Brythen-st., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, singles, pairs, carefully matched; few good show birds.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

FOR sale, Yorkshire Greens, Selfs or Fouls, also clears; own breeding, from winners; see show reports; state wants; stamp reply.—Fred. Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

A FEW good Yorkshire Greens for sale, single or pairs, reasonable; my own breeding; see show reports Manchester, Derby, Wigan, Scottish National, etc.—Carswell, Clifton-grove, Egremont, Cheshire.

RARE chance Fine self Buff Green Yorkshire cock and self Yellow Green hen, the right stuff to breed winners, only 17/6 the pair; approval.—Proctor and Duckworth, 9, Spring Vale, Haslingden, Lancashire.

HAVING won the Green Canary Association Cup, can spare a few Norwich and Yorkshire greens, own breeding; see reports, Barrow, Palace, St. Helens, and other shows from 7/6; stamp reply.—Mrs. A. Johnson, 21, Salop-street, Watton-road, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, all colours, including greens, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 upwards, cold-room bred; 7 days' approval.—

SAMUEL DEAN,

24, Crossley Street, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

Lancashires.

A few pairs left from 25/-; young and healthy.—West, Tweedale Street, Rochdale.

WANTED, large Yellow Lancashire Plainhead hen for muling; approval.—Gainford, Monkwood, Calder Bridge, Cumberland.

THREE buff coppy hens from 10/-, yellow coppy cock, yellow Plainhead hen, young birds.—Hughes, Tailor, Tweedale-street, Rochdale.

BUFF coppy cock, 20/-; buff coppy, 12/-; buff, 10/-; buff Plainhead hen, 10/-; or exchange value for buff or yellow coppy hen; stamp reply.—Adams, 17, Baron-st., Rochdale.

CLEARANCE sale of Lancashires either in one lot or in pairs; prices reasonable; also few Lizard cocks 8/- and 10/- each; approval.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-road, High Compton, Shaw, Oldham.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street. London. E.C.

Lizards.

FEW good Lizards for sale; cocks and hens, Gold or Silver; approval.—Collis, 42, Henshall-rd., Bollington, Macclesfield.

FIVE Whitelegged British cock Goldfinches, 30/-; exchange Lizards, Lancashires; approval.—Callaway, Western-road, Littlehampton.

T. BROADHEAD has for disposal one pair of Lizards, seven 1907 Gold hens, one 1907 Silver hen, Fisher's strain; on approval; stamp reply.—Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

1907 CLEAR capped Silver Lizard hen, 5/6; broken capped, 4/-; also splendid lightly-broken capped Gold cock, 9/-; Baker and Whipp's strain.—78, Bolton-rd., Bradford.

FEW pairs left, same strain as Rochdale, Manchester, Mansfield, Notts, Oldham, Derby and Horticultural Hall winners, from 15/- pair; see reports.—C. E. Fisher, Surrey-st., Glossop.

Norwich.

PRIZE bred Norwich, 8/- pair; hens 3/-.—Reeve, 69, Cambridge-street, Norwich.

FEW good Norwich for Sale; stamp reply.—Tweddle, Balaclava-st., Blackburn.

GOOD Norwich cocks, from 7/6; hens from 3/6. —Birs, 17, Malt-st., Old Kent-rd., S.E.

SIX Norwich cocks, 1907, £2; approval; deposit. Callaway, Western-road, Littlehampton.

ONE yellow, 2 buff Norwich hens, what offers cock Goldfinches.—Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles.

BUY from the breeder; Norwich Canaries from 3/-.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

FOUR prize-bred Border hens, sale; or exchange good Norwich.—Walker, Jeweller, Cockermouth.

NORWICH Plainheads, yellow and buff, splendid birds, mostly winners.—Pollock, Gardnerswell, Bathgate.

NORWICH, surplus stock, six cocks, two hens, 35/- lot; strong, healthy birds.—White, Saddler, Farnham.

TYPICAL Norwich hens, 5/- and 7/0; flight and box cages.—The Butler, The Knoll, Kingston Hill, S.W.

NORWICH cocks, 5/6, 6/6; bens, 3/-, 3/6; pairs, 7/6, 8/6 to clear.—Sharp, 6, Parker-st., Newark, Notts.

NORWICH Canaries for sale; pairs 6/9; separate cocks 5/-; hens 2/6.—G. Brown, 44, Bartholomew-st., Leicester.

HAMMETT and Son, Victoria Lawn, Barnstaple, breeders and exhibitors of high-class Norwich; a few pairs for sale.

LARGE selection of Norwich for sale, cocks, 15/-, hens, 12/- to 15/-, 1897 birds.—Thomas Brown, Scatt-st., Brechin.

NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks, 3/6 each, or cock and hen 5/6; approval.—Stewart, Pouter-place, Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE large 1907 buff Norwich cock (4th Cupar), for large 1907 yellow Norwich hen.—Low-Well-place, Cupar.

NORWICH.—Three buff cocks, winners Horticultural Hall, Walthamstow, 15/- each.—Luff, 8, Mantura-st., Battersea.

BIG yellow hen, 6/-; two large buffs, 8/-; big variegated buff, cock 7/6; grand quality.—Eddy, Bellevue, Penzance.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, yellow cock, 15/-; buff cocks, 12/6; yellow variegated hens, 7/6.—Skinner, 57, High-st., Brechin.

NORWICH cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/6, 3/- each; cold-room bred.—Houlden, 131, George-st., Coventry.

NORWICH cocks from 6/6; hens from, 4/-; colour-fed; on approval; deposit, if required.—Wood, 92, Churchgate, Stockport.

GRAND yellow cock Norwich, Dr. Sedgwick, 7/6; exchange large buff hen to value; approval.—34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

GRAND typical cocks, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6; pairs, 5/6 upwards.—Broadbent, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

DEALERS supplied with any quantity of large, healthy, Norwich; price list free.—GEO. BROWN, 44, Waterloo-road, Norwich.

CHUBBY yellow Norwich cock and huff hen, 1907, 10/- pair.—Leslie Thomas, Rocks, Bugle, Cornwall.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has 100 Norwich for disposal, single or in pairs, reasonable; approval.

FEW typical Norwich, from 12/6 pair; also odd cocks and hens, reasonable.—Dixon, 20, Cross-st., Morecambe, Lancashire.

CHAMPION Norwich Plainheads, yellow buff cocks and hens, unflighted, from 15/- each.—W. Buist, 30, Crighton-place, Edinburgh.

TWO good Norwich cocks 7/- each; hen 5/-; exchange Yorkshire or cinnamon.—Eastoe, 147, Copenhagen-street, King's Cross.

NORWICH Plainheads, cocks, from 5/6; hens from 2/6; travelling cages, 3d. each.—W. M. Dickson, Corn Stores, King's Lynn.

I HAVE for disposal a few 1907 buff Norwich cocks, 6/6 each.—Walter Clark, Albany-cottage, Park-rd., Blaby, Leicester.

LARGE Norwich, 7/6 pair; Yorkshires 7/6 pair; ticked yellows; also Sib bred hens 3/-.—Hughes, 94, Sydenham-road, Smethwick.

NORWICH Plainheads, good strains; all colour-fed, from 10/6 pair; approval; deposit.—Read, Cbellow Dene, York-rd., Guildford.

GRAND Norwich cocks, some winners, 10/- to 15/- each; hens to match; stamp; approval.—Calam, Brunswick-st., Whitby.

FOR sale, twenty Norwich Plainheads, show birds, singly or in pairs.—Apply, Edward Cawston, Launch Builder, Caversham, Reading.

NORWICH cocks, from 5/-; Yorkshire, 6/6; hens, 2/6; mules, 4/-; Linnets, 1/-.—Coles (side door), 109, High-st., Borough, London.

FOR Sale, pair of good Norwich Canaries and double breeding cage, 12/-.—A. Smith, 26, Abbey Wood-rd., Abbey Wood, Kent.

MATCHED pair clear Norwich, Silk's direct, guaranteed breeders, not shop birds, 13/6.—Field, Barclay Hall, Forest Gate, Essex.

NORWICH, selected songsters, 6/-, 6/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-.—Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich. Approval; deposit.

CHAMPION Norwich, 15/; £1 pair; 20 hens; inspection invited; approval; stamp.—Rorke, 50, Ringmen Avenue, Munster-road, Fulham.

NORWICH Plainbeads, from my noted winning strain, pairs 12/6, 15/6, 20/- upwards; approval; stamp.—Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, bred from my 1st and special Norwich cocks, from 10/-; hens from 5/- upwards.—Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich.

1907 Bullfinch shaped Norwich, hens yellow and huff rung 5/-, 6/- each; parents cost pounds; approval.—Harry Smith, Connab's Quay.

NOTICE, extra grand pair Norwich Canaries, sure winners, 15/-; approval; easy payments taken.—McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas

ROBERTS, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater, has 30 typical Norwich, massive birds, good strain, from 6/-; some good pairs; inspection invited.

GOOD sized young yellow Norwich hen, make good muler, price 7/6; also young Roller cock.—John Paton, 68, Albert-drive, Crosshill, Glasgow.

THREE Norwich hens, 1907, 2/6 each; three Norwich and Yorkshire cross hens, 2/- each, to clear.—Lutchford, 10, Armstrong-st., Plumstead.

LARGE yellow cocks, really good stock birds from cock, 1st prize Leicester and Cardiff, £1.—Barrows, 13, Grosvenor Crescent, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

NORWICH Plainheads, pairs, 12/6 upwards; few odd hens, exchange Border Fancy; approval, deposit.—J. Medley, 92, Rosebank View, Leeds.

SOME good, healthy 1907 matched pairs of Norwich, 12/-; also singles, cocks, 8/6, hens 3/6; sure to please.—Eyles, 43, Compton-avenue, Brighton.

FIVE 1907 cocks, three greens, one Cinnamon, one clear, 7/6 each, or 25/- the lot, healthy and singing.—Branch, 24, Greenman-lane, West Ealing.

J. DUMMETT, 17, Penarth-rd., Cardiff, has for sale two Yellows, two Buffs (cocks), three Yellows, two Buffs (hens), 40/- the lot, or nearest offer.

UNFLIGHTED buff cock, vhc, unflighted huff marked hen, 4th Rutherglen, 15/- each; approval; deposit.—Bowman, Parkview, Tollcross, Glasgow.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters. 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

YELLOW Norwich cock, 1906, vhc, good feeder, 15/-; son of above, 12/6; Buff cock, father won at three open shows, 15/-; deposit.—Curry, Wisbech.

LARGE selection, good Norwich Canaries, all colours; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6; for breeding.—Isaacson, "Woodside," Coldfall-avenue, Muswell Hill.

MR. CRAWHALL has just one buff Norwich cock left; winner of two 2nds, to clear 12/6; approval.—121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

TWO grand typical yellow Norwich hens, 12/6 each; also two huffs, 10/6 each; first P.O. gets them.—Brown, 62, Long-lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/6, 6/-, hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, if not satisfied money returned.—Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, singing, 5/6; matched pairs for breeding, 8/6; approval willingly.—Martin, 82, Queen's-crescent, Haverstock Hill.

MUST sell matched pair Silk's strain, 1906 yellow cock, cost 35/-; what offers; approval; deposit.—Wilson, 5, Lansdowne Villas, West Grove, Woodford.

SPECIAL offer to clear, variegated yellow cock and extra large buff hen, 1906 birds, cost 30/-, accept 15/-; approval.—Young, Mechanics, Alford, Lincs.

HIGH-CLASS, Norwich yellows and buffs, own breeding cocks, 8/-; hens, 5/- upwards; seen any time.—Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

1907 NORWICH hens, medium size, 3/6; one Green, 6/-; warranted perfect condition; approval.—Porter, Cabinet Maker, Porter Glen, Haugenwater, Sheffield.

GRAND high-class Norwich Canaries for disposal, cocks, 7/6, hens 4/- upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; on approval.—J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

WALLBANK, twenty years' breeder of champion Norwich, can spare a few stock birds, prices from 7/6 to 25/-; approval first.—Wallbank, Withers-st., Blackburn.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for sale, bred from winners, Macclesfield, Stockport, etc.; stamp reply.—J. Shore, Elephant and Castle Inn, Arbourbay-st., Macclesfield.

SIX typical colour-fed buff Norwich cocks, full song, grand condition, bred from winner, 10/- each; approval, deposit.—Wilson, Twinstead, Sudbury, Suffolk

GEO BAKER, 35, Oscott Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham.—High-class Norwich for sale cocks from 12/6, pairs from 20/-; approval; stamp reply; inspection invited.

TYPICAL Norwich, Sandiford's strain direct; Buff cock, two Yellow hens, 22/-; nearly even marked Yellow cock, 12/6; approval.—Ely Roberts, Roche, Cornwall.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 upwards, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, upwards; travelling cages 3d. extra; approval, deposit.—Carver, The Rose, City-rd., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich show or stock, some from Green, own breeding, from 15/- pair, cold-room; approval, stamp.—Sidgwick, Aviary Cottage, Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION Norwich, see my winnings at leading shows this season; I can spare a few nice birds from 8/6 to 20/- each.—J. Hodder, 0, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

HANDSOME cock in full song, cage complete, 4 o; hens 2/6; pair 6/6; grand value; approval; deposit; clearing aviaries for breeding.—Harris, 118, Farringdon-road, London.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS, splendid birds, cocks in full song, 5/6, 6/-; hens, buff, yellow or ticked, 3/-; inspection invited.—Harbour, 20, Trelawney-rd., Paragon-rd., Hackney.

NORWICH Plainheads, eight cocks, four Yellow and four Buff, 10/- upwards; a few hens from 3/6; also two Linnet Hybrids, 7/6 each; all off my winning strain.—Lumsden, Elgin.

GREEN cocks, three tip-top birds, 10/6 each; a few good shape Yellow and Buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; some nice Yellow hens from 4/6.—Miss Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

FOR Sale, five unflighted yellow cocks, ticks and clears, good type and quality from 10/6 to 25/-.—H. Freeman, 23, Barton-st., Macclesfield. Breeder of two 1sts last Macclesfield show.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/- to 15/-; hens, 2/3, 2/9, 3/6 to 10/-; some grand stock birds; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

FEW grand Norwich, good large birds, cocks from 7/6; hens from 6/-; also few extra large buff hens, 10/- to 15/-; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

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Ticked or Variegated Buff, with Dark Crest	6/6,	8/6,	10/6,	15/6
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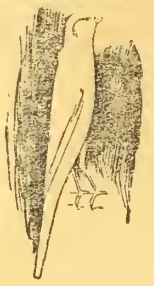

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GOOD flute, by Gerrock, London, exchange Canaries, Britishers, six roller shutter cages; exchange Canaries, Britishers.—Charters, Hairdresser, Caldewgate, Carlisle.

EXCHANGE pair of Flying Tumblers and one good Dutch rabbit, doe, for Britishers, Goldfinches preferred, or sell 10/-; approval.—Roderick, Cwmdare, Aberdare.

TRICOLOUR Collie bitch, 12 months, highly pedigreed, long head, trained to house, £1 5s.; or exchange anything useful.—J. Purves, Charles Court, Dalkeith, N.B.

SELL or exchange long net, set eighty yards, for Canaries, Linnets, cages, value 15/-; purse nets, 4/6; rat nets, 2/6 dozen.—William Bailey, 51, Clevelaud-rd., Hartlepool.

EXCHANGE a Clease extensor, almost new, cost 21/-, for a good pair of Norwich Plainhead Canaries, or sell 18/-; approval.—A. Guy, 99, Gadsby-st., Attleboro, Nuneaton.

TWO good black Leghorn Cockerels, 9 months old, 4/- each; pair white Fantails, 4/-; pair Blue Fouters, rung, 5/-; exchange Canaries.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

FOX terrier bitch, two and a-half years old, good long head, good companion, excellent ratter; exchange British birds or anything useful.—C. Martin, Northall, Kettering.

SEED boxes, sliding glass fronts, 2/- dozen, three dozen 5/6; 200 new penny bird drinkers, 5/6; exchange birds, anything.—Smith, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields, London, S.W.

NOTICE, what offers in Canaries for new brass-wired Palace-shaped three-compartment drawing-room aviary, or sell 40/-; approval.—McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle-Douglas.

EXCHANGE Sunbeam bicycle, free wheel, 63 gear in good working order; what offer in Yorkshire cocks and hens, or sell £2.—T. Reynolds, 112, Buckingham-st., Liverpool.

BARGAIN; must sell; pair White Fantails, 5/-; black cock Fantail, 3/6 pair; Homers, 2/6; lot, 10/-; offers exchange; no pigeons.—Simpson, 57, Post Office-st., Spennymoor.

YORKSHIRE bitch, nice coat, coming in season; exchange for pair Yorkshire Canaries and breeding cage; no rubbish; or anything useful; sell £1.—Gilman, Hollins-st., Buxton.

EDISON Bell standard phonograph, value £4 4s., with 12 1/- records, new; what offers in exhibition Yorkshire, Canaries and cages, most good; approval. Davies, Hairdresser, Kidwelly.

PHONOGRAPH, large brass trumpet, 32 records, costing £5, in perfect order, will sell 50/-, or exchange for Norwich Plainheads; stamp reply.—Parke, 30, Essex-rd., Lowestoft.

ONE hundred CAGE BIRDS, 35 Health and Strength, 26 Gymnasium Magazine, pair of good hollow ground razors, in case; offers wanted; anything.—Thwaites, Hairdresser, Pontefract Lane, Leeds.

HEAVY brass kerb and irons, cost 57/6 this year, hardly soiled; exchange good yellow hens, Norwich, or one exhibition, must be short and typical.—Nichols, 44, Clapham-rd., Lowestoft.

A Champion Pile Pullet, 10/-; a grand black Rose-comb Cockerel, 7/6; also a toy wire-haired terrier bitch 15/-, or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries.—Weedall, Greengrocer, Winsford.

EXCHANGE clap nets, hand-knitted, 18 ft. by 6 ft., complete, also two house-moulted Goldfinches, mulers, exchange either for 1907 Norwich cocks or hens.—Edwards, 58, Durham-rd., Newport, Mon.

PHONOGRAPH, with extra large brass horn connector and stand, 20 Edison records, lot, in good condition, cost over £4, sell £2; exchange birds.—W. Fairhurst, 30, Guy-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

EXCHANGE "Cassell's History of England," unbound, coloured plates, as new, cost £2 6s., for first-class clear Yellow York hens; on approval; no rubbish wanted.—153, Sandringham-rd., Watford.

FOUR store boxes, full of beautiful moths and butterflies; my own collecting and breeding; exchange good Parrot or foreigners, or sell £4; offers. —Mr. Ralph Bates, 22, Hill Top, Sowerby Bridge.

LARGE beating apparatus, suitable for large bird room, or green-house, adaptable for oil or gas, two lamps with it, condition as good as new, price £1 1s.—G. Bateman, 3, Queen-st., Rushden, Nortbants.

ONE pair Black Magpies, £2; one yellow cock, do 30/-; one red cock, do 35/-; one fantail cock 15/-; or exchange Canaries, British or Foreign birds, or anything useful.—Fraser, 33, Friars-street, Inverness.

WANTED, Norwich Canaries; exchange 25-egg incubator, Hearson's pattern, complete, good hatcher, 25/-; sell or exchange anything useful; what offers. —Field, 15, Newington-crescent, Kennington, London.

TWO pairs band-made clap nets, new, 22 ft. by 5½ ft. and 12½ ft. by 3½ ft.; no tackle; sell cheap, or anything useful for house or yellow Budgerigars.—Cobb, Care, Brooksbant, 18, Vermuyden-terrace, Goole.

EXCHANGE pair hollow-ground razors, in silk-lined case, or pair ivorine handled carvers, for one cock or 3 hen Canaries, or 3 cock Bullfinches or Goldfinches.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Phillips-rd, Sheffield.

OFFERS, in young Yorkshire hens, yellow preferred, for lady's gold-filled watch, long guard, pendant, bracelet, pair opera glasses, workman silver watch, gold-filled albert; approval.—Burke, Pickup-st., Blackburn.

PEDIGREE maiden Irish terrier bitch (smooth), fourteen months, good guard, fond of children (clean), blood combines the blood of four champions, 25/-; or exchange Canaries.—H. Jacobs, Victoria-rd., Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

BARGAIN, gramophone and five records, sell £1; buy Marioni type writing companion; also red blocher dog, 10/-; also a blocher dog pup, 7/6; exchange cage birds, or something useful.—W. Coneyworth, 17, Tindall-lane, Beverley.

EXCHANGE ½-dozen first-class table knives, best ivorine handles, and hand forged blades, and nickel silver forks, and 1 pair carvers, and steel to match for two colour fed Norwich or Yorkshire cocks, or four hen Canaries, approval.—Siddall, Rushdale-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE six splendid staghorn-handled knives and six forks to match, also handsome pair of mounted meat carvers, good bread knife, and six nickel silver teaspoons; approval; for three cocks, or six healthy hen Canaries.—Parkin, 229, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

PHONOGRAPH and reproducer, cost two guineas, and 34 records, sell 35/-, or exchange for poultry or cycle covers, 28 by 1½; training box for Larks, seldom used, cost 7/6, polished mahogany, with brass fittings; what offers?—E. Lumb, Blacksmith, Mt. Tabor, Halifax.

WIRE haired fox terrier bitch by Silverhill King, out of Chellew Spark, ex. champion briar cackler, ex. champion cackler of Notts.; will sell 30/-, or exchange anything; no rubbish offered or wanted; stamp reply.—Joe Bottomley, 65, Wilberforce-street. Laisterdyke, Bradford, Yorkshire.

MACKINTOSHES, boots, clothing, drapery, blankets, dress, goods, jewellery, Sheffield table cutlery, electro-plated goods of every variety; in fact, everything for the bome, in exchange for Canaries, British, Foreign birds, etc.; stamp for reply.—Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

OWING to removal, am forced to sell my grand bird-room, built in sections, size 10 feet by 8 feet, roof and front light, cost £12 to build, 1907, accept £6 cash, free on rail Lowestoft; or exchange one pair Crests or two pairs Plainheads, Norwich to value £7.—Francis, 39, Cleveland-rd., Lowestoft.

WILL exchange Cassell's Popular Educator, complete in 32 parts, also Cassell's Technical Educator, complete in 24 parts, all clean and uncut, cost 28/-, for an unflighted Yellow Norwich cock; will give a little cash for good bird; must be on approval.—W. Oodish, 31, Irvine-st., Leigh, Lancashire.

GOOD-TONED dulcimer for sale, £1; exchange hen Canaries, or offers; also two Bramblefinches, good birds, steady, 1/- each; grand Bullfinch cock, won 1st prize in class of 16 entries Long Eaton members' show, bargain, 6/-; or exchange hen Canaries.—Parkinson, Newsagent, Cobden-st., Long Eaton.

EXCHANGE grand liver and white spaniel bitch, broken to gun, good retriever, for good pair Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries, or sell 30/-; approval, also two grand black spaniel bitch puppies, two months old, sell 7/6 each; or exchange British or foreign cage birds to value; or anything useful.—Meredith, Claremont, Bideford, Devon.

WANTED, German Canaries, foreigners, Goldfinches, Linnets, Show Pigeons, poultry, portable houses appliances; cottage to rent or purchase for poultry, South Hampshire, Sussex. Naturalists and fancier's literature; Irish terriers, fieldglass, pocket pistol; exchange antique books, engravings, curios, show pigeons, Spanglebantams, buff Pekins.—Smith, The Bays, Binstead, Wight.

CLAP nets for sale, pair 18 yards long, 6 ft. 6 in. high, price 25/-; pair 12 yards long, 6 ft. high, price 18/- pair; 10 yards long, 6 ft. high, price 15/-; these nets are all new, secondhand pair, 20 yards long, 6 ft 6 in. high, price 21/-; exchange for Canaries or mules. Notice, I will give £1 a dozen for hen Canaries; must be Norwich or Yorkshires. — John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

EXCHANGE slow combustion stove, 16 inches; also metal ash pan and funnel, twice used, good as new, for good pair breeding yellow Budgerigars.—27, Brunton-street, Percy Main, Newcastle-on-Tyne

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FOR sale, 150 numbers CAGE BIRDS, 1905-1906-1907; also 26 coloured plates; what offers?—Stone, 209, Uttoxeter-rd., Derby.

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FOUR pure-bred long, white-haired Angora rabbits, 5 months, 5/- each, or 8/6 pair.—Gilmore, Brooklands, Batts Hill, Redhill, Surrey.

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FISH aquarium, 18 inches long, 15 inches high, with rockery and ornaments; what offers in exchange or sell 12/-.—Mrs. Joblin, 17, Spa-road, Bermondsey.

YORKSHIRE buff cock yellow hens, 8/6; cock Bullfinch Sib hen, 7/6; cock Goldfinch Sib hen, 8/-, hand-reared hen Bullfinch, buff cock 8/6.—Seeuey, 286, Padiham-rd, Burnley.

GRAND Yorkshire dog, good pedigree, sire winner of 136 prizes and specials; weight 4lbs., 10 months; price £3.—S. Hill, 158, Ingleby-st., Brownroyd, Bradford, Yorks.

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MAGNIFICENT Italian Mandoline, grand solo tone, labelled Sistema De Meglio, lock-up ease, tutor, plectrum complete, £4 4s.; outfit, sacrifice 18/6; approval.—Miss Don, Windsor-st., Uxbridge.

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SELL, an Edison Bell Standard, £4, and 40 records, £1 10s.; 36 inch horn, 8/-; and another horn 1/-; stand 1/-, and case to hold 36 records, 2/-; £6 the lot, or offers.—H. Parker, Grandborough, Winslow, Bucks.

STYLISH suit lengths, 9/- to 30/-; splendid selections of whipcords, tweeds, etc., etc.; good value; no middle profits; patterns free; goods carriage paid.—C. E. Brierley and Co., Manufacturers, Station Street, Huddersfield.

GOOD bargains, ill-health cause of selling handsome racing terrier, good ratspotter and ratter, £1, also toy fox terrier pup, 10/-; billiegoat, year old, 15/-; and young one, 5/-; 6 handsome Riugdoves, 5/-.—Brown, Bridge-st., Spalding.

MAGNIFICENT phonograph, with large aluminium trumpet; lever action; in case; worth £2 2s.; six 1/3 records; lot complete, in perfectly new condition, great sacrifice, 16/9; willingly sent for inspection quite privately.—G. Davis, Pawnbroker, 26, Denmark Hill, London.

BARGAIN, Mackenzie's National Encyclepædia of General Information, complete, 13 volumes, published £7 16s., price 18/-; also 50 assorted sixpenny illustrated monthly magazines, Strands, Windsor's, Cassell's, Chambers' Journal, etc., for 2/6.—George Morrell, Springcliff, Manningham, Yorks.

REAL Russian Furs, elegant, rich dark sable, brown, 8 ft., Dagmar stole, shaped collar, latest Parisian style, beautifully trimmed, 10 tails, and handsome granny muff, matching, sacrifice 14 9 worth £5; sent for inspection privately before payment.—G. Davis, Pawnbroker, 26, Denmark-bill, London.

BIRD traps, self-acting, cheapest and best for catching birds alive, uninjured 1/3 each; three 3/-; double size 2/-; dozen rabbit nets 3/-; exchange for rabbits, birds, coins, or stamps; handsome Dormouse and splendid cage 3/-; cash returned if dissatisfied; letters only.—Arthur King, 105, Green Lane-road, Leicester.

TWO highly pedigree bred golden sable collie puppies, 10 week's old, immense coats, frills and brushes, grand heads, well carried ears and brushes clean, healthy, lovely specimens, certainly large winners; dog 20/-, bitch 12/6; approval; printed pedigree on application.—R. Marshall, Hagworthingham House, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

IMPROVED self-acting "Catch All Alive" Spring net traps; Bullfinch, Sparrow size, 1/3; Rook, Pigeon, 2/-; Catapult, sure shot, kills rabbit, 1/3; box ammunition, carriage paid; trap cages, 1/-; clap nets, 100 sizes, from 5/6; complete Sparrow nets, 15 feet poles, 5/6, 17ft. 7/6; all complete; catalogue 1d.—Samuel Young, Net Maker, Crewkerne, Somerset. Mention paper.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

The annual meeting held Jan. 11. The following were elected to office for 1908: President, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Townend, H. Townend, F. Wallbanks, A. Cooper; Treasurer, Mr. W. Crabtree; Trustees, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, R. Carr; Delegates, Messrs. H. Townend, W. Crabtree, S. Lister; Committee, Messrs. T. Clegg, A. Turner, G. Mail, T. Wood, G. A. Bennett, J. Stirk; Auditors, Messrs. H. Townend, J. Clark; Secretary, H. Clegg; Assistant Secretary, S. Lister. Meeting adjourned until Jan. 25th to transact remainder of business.—H. C. CLEGG, Secretary.

THE CROOK AND DIS. C.B.S.

The general meeting was held on January 11th, when several well-known exhibitors were present. Amongst these were Messrs. R. Toward and J. Atess, who were enrolled as members for the coming year. Several others were nominated for election at our next meeting to be held on Feb. 8th, at the Love's Hotel. The balance sheet was read and adopted. It was also decided to hold our annual show on Oct. 17th, 1908, having already obtained the Mechanics' Hall for same. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mr. Thos. Fowler; Chairman, Mr. J. Atess; Vice-chairman, Mr. J. Horner; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Wm. Clough, and Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wm. Rutherford, West Roddymoor, Crook.

CLUB REPORTS.

EAST BOWLING AND DIST. B.F.A.

A social evening for the distribution of the medals won at our monthly members' shows during last year was held on January 11th, at headquarters, Bailey Mow. There was a good attendance of friends and fanciers. All who turned up assisted to make the evening a success. Songs were rendered by the following artistes: Messrs. H. Robinson, G. Thompson, Merry, Dennie, and Mrs. Poland, none of whom were afraid of giving a few turns, which were all gladly received. During the interval Mr. L. C. Casey (President) presented the medals to the winners. Open section: 1, A. Varly; 2, W. Bleary; 3, A. Bottomley. The colour food medal won by A. Varly was withheld. There was a special medal for points gained during the show up to August; this was won by J. E. Hudson. Novice section: 1, J. Warburton; 2, E. Woolmer; 3, C. E. Johnson. A medal, subscribed for by some of the members was to have been presented to our late secretary, Mr. T. E. Higgin, for services rendered during 1905-06-07. He, however, was unable to be present on this occasion, so that the presentation could not be made. Mr. G. Thompson then proposed and Mr. J. Pownall seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the singers and other visitors. Mr. Hudson proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Smythe, and Mr. A. Bottomley seconded, Mr. Smythe responding both on behalf of himself and of his wife. Mr. J. Warburton officiated at the piano.—J. E. HUDSON, Sec.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

The annual general meeting was held at Edinburgh, on 1st January. There was a large attendance of members, Mr. Richardson (President) in the chair. The balance sheet, which was gone over, showed a good balance in favour of the club, considering that over 60 specials had been granted during year. All the office bearers were re-elected with two exceptions, and Messrs. Neil and Bennett were appointed auditors. A motion that no member officiate as judge at more than two shows each season where they have club patronage was put, together with an amendment that members judge as often as requested. After a considerable discussion, the motion was carried by a large majority. It was moved that there be no contest this year, and an amendment that a contest be again held was agreed to, and it was decided to hold it in connection with the Glasgow and West of Scotland show, on condition that they have proper classification, the sum of two pounds to be taken from club funds for special prizes, also one medal for clear or ticked and another for other varieties of Border Fancy Canaries. It was also decided that in future there must be two judges for Borders at contests, also that the Secretary total up points for members' use, and that he attend contest. It was decided that fanciers' resident in England and Wales and who are members of both clubs, shall count points for English and Welsh clubs only at the contest, but fanciers' residing in those countries and who are members of B.F.C.C. only, shall count points for that club. It was decided that all applications with classification societies were giving should be sent in to Secretary by the end of May. A committee of nine was appointed to meet in June to allocate specials and transact any other urgent business. A few new members were admitted, and it was agreed to have the next general meeting at Edinburgh.—M. JAMIESON, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Grays.—Feb. 11th and 12th, Masonic Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. E. Enfield. 15 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 1, Stuffed I, Gift 1, Children's 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Feb. 3rd to H. J. SMITH, 69, New-road, Grays, Essex.

Dalmellington.—Jan. 25th, Public School.—Judge, Mr. P. M'Quiston. 6 local classes: Can. 2, Brit. 4. Prizes, 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close Jan. 18th to JAS. PETTIGREW, Bellevue Cottage, Dalmellington.

Nantwich.—Feb. 7th and 8th.—Town Hall. Judge: Mr. W. O. Barlow. 12 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Jan. 29th to F. POWELL, 38, Welsh-row, Nantwich.

Great Horton (Y.U.R., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., G.C.A., B. and C.B.B. and M.C.).—January 24th and 25th.—Congregational Schools, High-street, Judge: Mr. J. Broadley. 32 open classes: Yorks. 11, Yorks. Cinn. 4, Yorks. Green 4, Nor. Greens 4, Stock 1, Sell. 4; A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1, and 3 members' novice classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close, January 21st, to S. DEAN, 24, Crossley-st., Great Horton, Bradford.

Thirsk.—February 7th.—Public Rooms. Judge: Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 6 open classes: Yorks. 3, Novice Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close January 31st, to J. BELL, Ingramgate, Thirsk, Yorks.

Nantymoel.—January 29th.—Workmen's Hall. Judge: Mr. O. E. Hodge. 8 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2. Crest 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 1, and 1 members' and 1 local classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/3. Entries close January 22nd, to W. GRAVES, 75, Oakfield-terrace, Nantymoel.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 18—Gorebridge—W. Bryson, New Hunterfield, Gorebridge.
" 21—**Gt. Horton**—S. Dean, 24, Crossley St.
" 22—**Nantymoel**—W. Graves, 75, Oakfield Terrace.
" 22—**Dudley**—Leech & Mullett, King St.
" 25—**Crystal Palace**—Lambert Brown & Ramsden, 64, Manor Park, Lee, S.E.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Jan. 20—(1st post)—**Spalding**—Murrell & Elviss.

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IN THE COURTS.

THE USE OF BRACE BIRDS.

Important Point Raised.

A case which will arouse a deal of interest was heard in the Scarborough Police Court on Jan. 8. The defendants were Henry Elliott and John Wilson, and they were summoned that they "did, whilst certain animals, to wit, three birds, were in captivity cause unnecessary suffering to such animals on the 9th of December."—Defendants pleaded, at first, guilty, but said there was no suffering to the birds.—The clerk pointed out that that was a plea of not guilty.

The prosecution was taken at the instance of the R.S.P.C.A., and Inspector Jowett said the defendants were labourers, but also appeared to have been bird catchers. The evidence would show that on the 9th of last month the young men were engaged in bird catching at the back of Holbeck Gardens. The prosecution was taken out under the Wild Animals in Captivity Act, 1900, and Section 1, which was perhaps, said the Inspector, not generally known, provided that the word animal in the Act meant any bird, beast, fish, or reptile not included in the Cruelty to Animals Acts of 1849 and 1854. Section 2 of the Act stated that any person would be guilty of an offence who, whilst an animal was in captivity, or close confinement, pinioned, or subject to any appliance or contrivance for the purpose of hindering or preventing its escape from such captivity or confinement, should, wantonly or unreasonably, by so committing an act, cause, or permit to be caused, any unnecessary suffering to such animal, or cruelly abuse, infuriate, tease or terrify it, or permit it to be so treated. The inspector said that on the day in question three Linnets were pinioned. There was a brace around the birds and they were secured by means of a net fastened by iron pins fixed in the ground and a piece of string. The birds were fluttering, and were found to be exhausted and distressed from their fluttering in their pinioned condition. When defendants saw him and a constable proceeding towards them, Wilson ran away, taking up the birds and evidently knowing the gist of the offence. He put the birds in a cage, and when asked where the braced birds were, he said he knew nothing about them. He then, however, produced them. The pinioning process was worked by the string and the iron pins fixed to the ground.

The Clerk asked if, apart from the pinioning, there was any cruelty? The Act, he pointed out, seemed to apply to animals that were already pinioned, and were being cruelly treated whilst pinioned from some act of omission on the part of the defendants.—The Inspector: That is so.—The Clerk: Pinioning itself is not an offence.—The Inspector said he knew it was not binding in that Court, but other courts had upheld that pinioning birds was cruelty.

Elliott explained the working of the net, and said that the brace fastening a bird allowed room for it to be in comfort, and whilst in the net it had plenty of room, and could eat just the same as if it were not in. There was no torture whatever.

Wilson was fined 7s. 6d. including costs, Elliott being ordered to pay 5s. including costs. The magistrates also gave authority to the Inspector to release the birds.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at the King's Head, when 20 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. W. Tillotson. Some very good singing was heard. 1st, Pat Foley; 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Chadwick. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and C. Cooper.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

RYHOPE.

The Queen's Head L.C. held its usual contest, Dec. 28th. A good number of birds sang for three prizes. Winners:— 1, J. Cope; 2, Tumility; 3, G. Smith. Judge, Mr. F. Walton; timekeeper, Mr. John Mason. An open contest Jan. 11th at the Toll Bar Hotel. Winners:— 1, 2, Machin; 3, Telford. Judge, Mr. G. Lilley; timekeeper, Mr. John Mason; secretary, Mr. John Mason.

YORK.

The usual weekly contest was held at the Bricklayers' Arms, on Jan. 11th, when Mr. Wm. Empson gave seven prizes. Upwards of 30 birds faced the judge, whose awards gave every satisfaction. The quality of the singing was up to the average. The following were the principal prize winners: 1, Oldroyd; 2, J. Limbert; 3, M. Limbert; 4, Brough; 5, Moore; 6, Key; 7, Ford. Judge, J. Paver. Timekeeper, J. Limbert, senr.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual contest held at the Crown Inn, North-st., when 18 birds were hung up in pairs for three good prizes. Some excellent singing was heard, with the following result:—1, Stothard: 2, Horwell; 3, Watson; 4, Massheder; 5, Moore. Judge, Mr. Perry. Timekeeper, J. Mason.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual contest held at headquarters December 22nd, when Mr. J. R. Saynor gave three specials for three of the best picked birds amongst 15. There was some real good quality singing. Judges were Messrs. B. Jackson and J. Smith; 1st and 2nd prizes divided between H. Allen and S. Hardcastle; 3rd prize, H. Allen. December 25th; judges, Messrs. B. Mawson and J. Smith. Result: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, H. Allen. December 26th; judges, Messrs. E. Wood and H. Morris. Result: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, H. Allen. Everyone was delighted at the result. December 29th; result: 1st prize, Hodgson; 2nd, 3rd, H. Allen. Judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and J. Smith. January 5th; judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and J. Smith. Result: 1st, Greenwood; 2nd, Allen; 3rd, Chippendale. January 12th; judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and G. Cockroft. Result: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Allen.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

WHY SOME GOLDFINCHES FAIL TO SECURE PREMIER AWARDS.

Notes on the full-page drawing on page 21.

By G. E. Weston.

The idea embodied in this chart of the exhibition Goldfinch, as the plate may well be termed, strikes me as quite one of the best I have ever seen, and I venture to think that a series of such "charts," if our skilful artist, Mr. Norman, could only be prevailed on to undertake the same, would rank high among the best remembered and most appreciated features Cage Birds has put before its readers. The drawing under notice has the great merit of conveying valuable instruction in a readily understandable manner, and that it will be appreciated by those lovers of the Goldfinch not very well up in the ways of the Fancy, is a foregone conclusion. I know only too well the difficulty of explaining the exact meanings of many of the fancier's terms in common use, so that the uninitiated may properly grasp their import. But with the aid of admirable sketches like those I now have the good fortune to write round, the difficulties on both sides—the writer's and reader's—become non-existent.

"An ideal bird" has purposely been drawn a size too large (for the British Goldfinch, that is) so that its good points may be easily picked out. While it is true that a first-class bird requires to be good in all points, it is also but the baro truth to say that there is one point which dominates every other—and that is the blaze. Unless a bird has a real good blaze, he is of no use for exhibition purposes, although he may be perfection apart from it. And here we have portrayed a blaze that is ideal—the sort of blaze every good Goldfinch fancier dreams about, but which few ever possess on a bird of their own. It is wonderfully square-cut, wonderfully expansive and wonderfully clean in colour. Perhaps I had better explain that by "blaze" is meant the crimson colour of the face (often called the "rose" by Scottish fanciers); by "square-cut," the shape of the blaze which should be on the throat as though patterned by a draughtsman's square, and on the crown of the head finish in as straight a line as possible; and by "clean in colour," that the black lines running from the eye to the beak and round the base of the beak are as narrow as possible, and well-defined, also that the crimson feathers throughout are unmixed with any black feathers, or show any tinge of black in the under-colour.

The beautiful shape of the bird is another strong point in its favour. This "ideal" has a stout, well-set beak, of nice length, a bold, proportionate head and neck, set on a sturdily-built ("cobby") body. The wings are carried perfectly—close to the body, and with no crossing of the tips—and the tail is neatly folded. Further, the bird stands at a pleasing angle across the perch—neither too upright nor yet too "squatty."

Coming to our ideal Goldio's other markings, wo find that he is "good in chestnut," ("well tanned") that is to say, the brown body colour is of a rich warm chestnut tone, and is carried well over the broast and down the flanks. The black band over the back of the skull is wide, and resembles polished jet in colour, whilo it is cleanly cut at the edges, and takes a graceful curvo towards the throat—in the words of the reporter, the bird is "well mooned." Ho is also well "buttoned," as a glance at the tiny whito (oft times shaded with brown) markings running down the inner edgos of the folded wings will prove, and he has excellent "bars," that is, shows plenty of light golden yellow across the upper part of his wings. To complete the picture we find the colours well contrasted, each standing out rich and clear, showing up delightfully against the silvery, or creamy, white cheeks and abdomen. There are, it should be mentioned, minor markings at the tip of the tail (upper surface) and under the tail, and these are sometimes referred to as "moonings"; also, the bold, fearless eye must not bo overlooked as a very necessary part of a perfect whole.

In the top left-hand corner we have depicted a bird which is too upstanding in carriage, and lacking in colour contrasts. The "Yorkshire type" of Finch is not one that many judges (or fanciers either) care for—providing, of course, an equally good one of the "Norwich typo" is at hand, for I have seen many slim, upstanding Goldies winning prizes, and rightly, too, in view of the weak fight put up against them by the cobby-built ones. The "dirty necks," and lack of colour contrast generally, are due to the body brown running riot over the bird, instead of being confined to back, breast and flanks. I am sure its owner, a good friend of mine, will not mind me pointing to that otherwise grand winning Goldfineh, the noted "Pride of Liverpool," as an example of the latter failing.

In the next bird we find the buttons on the wings almost "conspicuous only by their absence," and this sadly mars the alround beauty of a Goldio. It is a curious fact, however, and one fanciers should note, that a bird which in field plumage is but poorly buttoned, often—very often—moults out excellent in this point. The failing in the black band which goes over the skull is clearly seen on comparison with our ideal—it is narrow, mottled with faint feathers, and both cut in at the centre and ragged at the edges.

The small blaze needs little comment. A bird with a face like this, is not a fit inmate for a show cage. In fact, this is perilously near to being the blaze of a hen—indoed, I have had hens showing a greater expanse of crimson.

A "snipey-faced" bird is one with a skull that looks as though someone had taken it between fiingers and thumb and given it a good pinch. On such a head tho blaze is never displayed to advantage.

"Crossed wings," if carried to excess (a state of things some refer to as being "scissor-winged") are a grave fault, completely spoiling the outline of a bird. At odd times, however, many otherwise neat birds are to be seen throwing over the tips of their wings; when got on the move though, the carriage at onco becomes faultless. The bird drawn with this defect has also the serious drawback of being "cut under" in the blaze. This means that the throat curves in too much, which tells against the proper display of the blaze. When the line of the throat falls more sharply towards the breast (as seen in the ideal) the under-blaze, as will be readily appreciated, is brought more to the front, and thus *looks* larger than it could do were it on a Goldie, whose throat curves sharply in from the under mandible. It is as though in the one case it was stood close to the footlights, every portion clearly in view, and in the other case was retired towards the back of the stage, a seeming diminution in size accompanying the altered perspective.

Goldfinches are often seen "black in the face," not from "fits" or things of that kind, but generally because of black feathers peeping amongst the crimson ones forming the blaze; but sometimes the "under-growth," as it were, is of a decided dark tone. Whatever the cause, however, a Goldfinch with its face marred in this way is always heavily handicapped in those great essentials to success, purity and richness of crimson. Generally, too, a dark-faced bird has the black lines from beak to eye much too prominent.

It should be said that a Goldfinch of the year (a Greypate, as some call such) will always look moro or less dingy in the colour of the blaze, as the Goldfinch does not get fully up in crimson until its adult (or first complete) moult. Consequently, a youngster which seems dingy, and even to have much black in the region of the face, can genorally be depended on to "clear up" in colour at its adult (the second autumn) moult; in other words, the crimson flush becomes so much more rich and deep in tone that any dirty under-feather is completely hidden. Of course, it is only right to point out that this does not always happen, and only lengthy experience with the species can help the fancier to a decision in a doubtful case with these young Finches.

Lack of "tanning" on the body is a failing that will easily be comprehended from the remarks I have made on the ideal Finch. It is a bad fault, for it not only handicaps the bird when competing against Goldies rich in chestnut, but renders the owner liable to have his exhibit passed (if the judge is judicious), or wrong classed (if the judge is injudicious) as "showing foreign characteristics" and especially so should the bird be a little above the average in size.

The last "head" is blessed (?) with a blaze that is badly "guttered"—another nasty and irremediable fault in an exhibition Goldie. Sometimes (as seen in the drawing) more or less thin black lines run from the under mandible down to the lower corners of the blaze, thus sadly marring the purity of its colour. This is a fault most likely to be found in Finches just on the dark side as regards colour generally. Often it shows badly when the moult has just concluded, but becomes much less noticeable when the bird darkens down in blaze colour. Thus a Goldie with this failing is rarely of any use as a prize-winner at the early shows, though he may quite likely score well later in the season. Sometimes this "guttering" is represented by a sinking in of the blaze (aptly described as a "gutter" running down the blaze), and usually precisely where the black lines are seen in our drawing. Tho cause of this is more or less obscure; possibly the plumage fails to fit (or fall) as closely as we fanciers like it, or possibly the conformation of the throat is responsible. This is a failing, too, that becomes more pronounced as the bird gets into years, or, at least, that is my experience.

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Wimbledon Show report gives my name six times as Walker, and once as Mrs. Walker, whereas I am Miss M. Walker (Wimbledon).

Elgin Show report, writes Mr. H. McLean (Inverness), credits Mr. Cross with 3rd in the Border Class, whereas it was I who won that prize.

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All prize money won at the Crook and Dis C.B.S. Show has been paid, writes Mr. Wm. Rutherford, secretary. I wish to thank all exhibitors for helping us, this being our first show.

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Will fanciers kindly note that the date of the Hucknall Torkard Annual Show should have read October 16th and 17th, 1908, and not the 15th and 17th as appeared in the advertisement last week's issue, writes Mr. A. A. Asbury, the sec.

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Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. T. Tomkins (Grays). I had so many cards, etc., that I could not answer them all personally. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

One of the best features of our first meeting in the New Year, writes Mr. D. A. Ogilvie, sec. of the Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S., was the enrolment of six new members—not a bad augury for the future I hope.

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At the Scottish National Show, writes Mr. Winter, the sec., Mr. L. J. Arrighi secured the special for most points in the Mule section, and not Messrs. Duncan and Logan, as previously stated.

All prize money won at the recent West Bromwich Show, writes Mr. T. Duffield, sec., was paid within twelve days of the show. Members who have not received same will please attend at the next meeting.

Kindly state that I have had so many letters in reply to my Greenfinch advt. in CAGE BIRDS, writes the Rev. Bernard Wilton (Middlesbrough), that I cannot possibly reply to them all.

Kindly state how impossible it is for me to answer all the applications I have had in answer to my small advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Henry Tomsett (Brockley).

I have sold my Great Grey Shrike to Messrs. Morris Bros., Ilford, writes Mr. Herbert J. Chick (Nottingham); my Bramblefinch, 1st Ilkeston, etc., to Mr. Bowie (Dunfermline); and my Bramblefinch, 1st Nottingham, etc., to Messrs. Barry Bros. (Bristol).

At the recent Sunbury-on-Thames first members' show in the cage-bird section the Canary class winners were as follows:—1st and spl and 2nd, Smart; and 3rd, Billington. In the British class: 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Newman; and in the Foreign class, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, Newman.

The sixth annual report and balance sheet of the Wallasley and Dis. C.B.S., has been sent to us by Mr. W. Mallinson. A very successful year finds the society at the end with a balance in band of £4 4s. 10d., which reveals a step onward from 1906. Four shows were held during last season.

The letter respecting prize money going astray at Stanningley Show, which appeared in last week's issue, had no reference to the Pudsey Stanningley and District O.S., of which society Mr. J. Butler is the secretary, and the two societies are not concerned in any way one with the other.

The best work ever written on the Yorkshire Canary, full of real inside knowledge and right up-to-date in every particular, is the book of that well-known expert and judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. This mine of information is yours in return for a postal order value one shilling and twopence, sent to this office.

The annual balance sheet of the North London C.B.A., a copy of which has been sent to us by the sec., Mr. R. P. Harper, shows the society to have had a good year. The balance in hand is £7 7s. The Young Stock and Annual Shows resulted in profits of 9s. 9d. and £3 16s. respectively.

PALACE SHOW.—A number of good specials are being offered at this show for birds that have been colour fed on Ramsden's Pure Pepper. No extra fee is charged, but all exhibitors should note that they must write R.P. against each entry competing for Ramsden's special prizes.—(ADVT.)

We have to inform you, write Messrs. Williams and Morgan (Morriston), our champion winning Goldie, winner of 1st cup Swansea, 1st and spl Morriston, 1st Derby, 2nd Westminster, 1st spl Carmarthen, 2nd Scottish National, etc., has been sold to Mr. Herbert, of Boscombe, at a good figure

In my advertisement of Yorkshires last week, writes Mr. H. J. L. Williams (West Hartlepool), there was a printers' error. It stated buff cocks at 1s. 6d., which ought to have been 7s. 6d. This has caused me a little misunderstanding, some even wanting the birds at that price, which is absurd.

In reference to the bard treatment meted out to the Yellowhammer in Scotland, as mentioned in Mr. Turnbet's article in CAGE BIRDS, of January 4th, Mr. H. Scott (Edinburgh) writes that the superstition may be founded on these lines: "The Yellow Yardling drinks a drop o' the Deil's blood ilk a May morning."

I cannot conceive, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec., City and Suburban A.C.B., how I came to make the mistake I did by writing that our last annual show was the first that had come out at a profit, for since 1903 it has always come out on the right side. Mr. J. S. Clarke has accepted the position of judge at our Fair Show on the 25th.

We hope the time is very far distant when fanciers will "fancy" the cages in which their birds are kept before the birds themselves. Yet, it looks ominous to see a number of letters in a Brighton contemporary, emphasising the need of the establishment of a local cage-bird society appearing under the heading "Bird Cage Fanciers."

On receiving catalogue of St. Helen's Show, writes Mr. N. Levason (Whitehaven), I noticed that Mr. Brookes is credited with winning Border Yellow Hens, etc. This should read Levason. I may say that this bird was claimed at catalogue price (three guineas). Border Buff Cocks Class reads e Brockes, and should read Levason.

The Great Horton O.S. have decided to close their show at 6 p.m. on the Saturday, writes Mr. S. Dean, hon. sec., so as to allow all exhibits from a distance to reach home on the Saturday night. On Thursday night a van will be at stations at 9.30 p.m., so exhibitors should try and send by trains that reach Bradford by that time.

The record price paid for a Crested bird is said to be £70. This was the one purchased from Messrs. Mackley Bros. several years ago, and which was named "King of the Champions." Other high prices have been paid such as £60, £30, £25, and so on, for pairs, while single specimens are frequently known to fetch from £5 to £20 upwards.

OBITUARY.

Mr. W. Craig (Uddington).

I much regret to report to you the death of an esteemed local fancier, Mr. William Craig, Uddington, which took place at his residence on January 6th, after a few weeks' illness. The deceased gentleman was a great lover of British birds, especially the Goldfinch. He went in for Mule and Hybrid breeding, and built a grand house about a year ago to suit his purpose. Many an hour was spent by him in it, talking about his birds, and watching their movements. He was well known as an exhibitor at all shows in and about Glasgow, being a member of the Clasgow and Western Counties Bird Club. His one great desire was to breed a Light Goldfinch Mule with a red blaze, which I am sorry to say he never accomplished. The funeral of deceased was private, so few of his fancier friends had an opportunity of attending. But I can safely say that those who knew him will join with me in sympathising with his sister, not forgetting his old landlady (who nursed him with a motherly care during his illnes) in their sad bereavement.—JNO. KILPATRICK.

I may say I have had orders for my solution of Coal Tar from all parts of England and Scotland, and a post card from Bristol this morning, saying: "The birds certainly seem better already." Your paper CAGE BIRDS, undoubtedly has a very large circulation, and I shall hope to do more with you in future.—T. C. CRAWHALL (Newcastle).

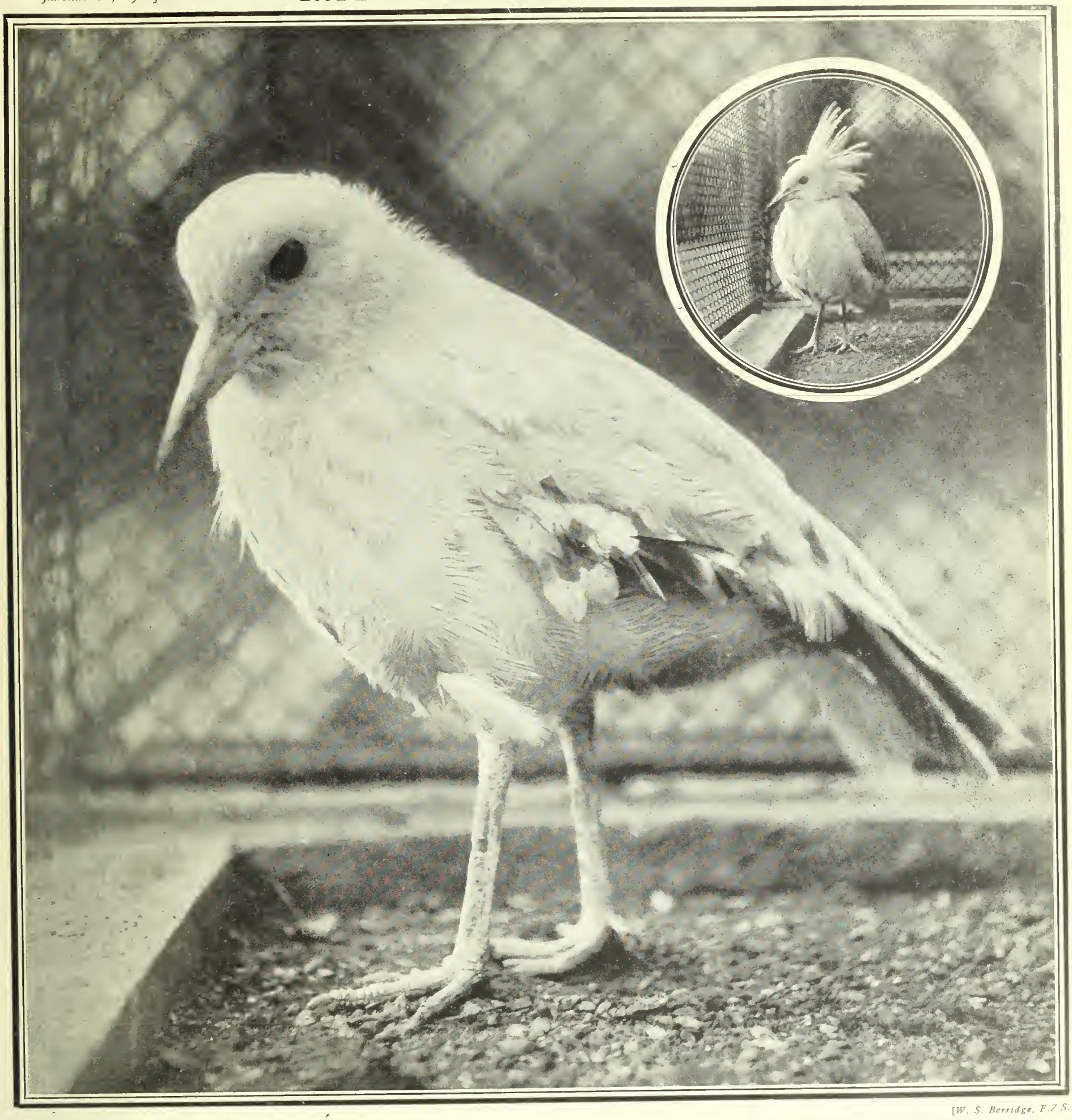
An excellent collapsible Travelling Box for the use of fanciers sending birds to the shows, reaches us from Mr. D. Kinlayside, of Edinburgh. It is particularly simple in action, very strong when put together (which takes but a moment), and when packed flat takes up but some two inches of room. This case is a distinctly useful, practical article.

The report and balance sheet of the Clapham and Dis. Open C.B.S. reveal a healthy state of affairs. Mr. S. H. W. Baker, sec., in his report, states that there are now 77 members on the books, and that eight general meetings were held during 1907, with a total attendance of 150. The balance sheet shows a total balance of £9 14s. at the Association's credit.

We have only about a dozen entries in 18 classes, writes Mr. W. R. Murrell, joint- sec. of the Spalding Show, to be held on January 23rd. We are sorry to have to extend until Monday, first post. Considering we are having no amalgamation, and are paying full prize money in all standing classes, this is hardly as things should be, and we hope fanciers will help by sending a good entry.

The specials are coming in grand, writes Mr. D. H. Tedstone, sec. of the Welsh Cage Bird Club Show. Everything from bottles of whiskey to gold medals and challenge cups. A challenge cup has been given for Yorkshires. The schedules will be out before this is in print, and will only be sent to paid-up members. Those wishing to compete must send on their subs. at once, also anyone wishing to join the club.

You must not overlook our Essay Competition; £8 8s. 0d. in Prizes.



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A BORN FEATHERED COMEDIAN.

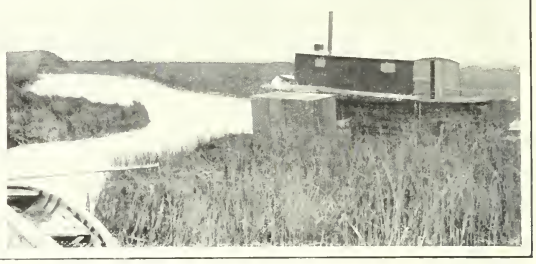
THE KAGU *(Rhinochetus jubatus)*

The Kagu has a family all to itself; a distinction which is enjoyed by few other birds. It inhabits the Island of New Caledonia. It is an easy bird to keep, and has done well at the London Zoo, eggs laid there being the first on record: they are marked with spots. The down of the young bird is also of a variegated pattern. The adults, which are about the size of a fowl, are pale grey, with orange-red bill and feet; the flights, which are short, and so concealed in repose, being curiously variegated with white, black, and brown. The bird would be a good one to keep in a garden, as it feeds on worms, snails, and the like; it readily accepts raw meat as a substitute, and would, no doubt, relish mice, worms, and young Sparrows. The Kagu is a most amusing and playful bird, a real feathered comedian, in fact. His ordinary attitude is one of thoughtful meditation; but he is addicted to fits of wild gaiety, in which he will rush madly about with outspread wings, run round after his own tail, or perform a most realistic imitation of a bird in a fit, sticking his bill in the ground, and trying to stand on his head. His extraordinary pose with erected crest is also very quaint, reminding one of the "White Knight" in "Alice in Wonderland."

THE BEARDED REEDLING

AT HOME & IN CAPTIVITY.

by W. TESCHEMAKER.



With photographs taken [by the Author.

ONE of my cherished ambitions had always been to pay a visit to the "Land of the Broads." All things come to those that wait, as the old proverb says, and the 16th May, 1906, saw me setting forth from my Devonshire home with a friend, a camera, and a small motor-launch to realise my ambition. I had pictured the Norfolk Broads as a vast expanse of marsh and mere where, if a man had a boat to call his own, he could wander all day with none to say him "Nay." I must own that this vision was somewhat rudely dispelled. The marshes of Broadland have been drained and turned into fertile meadows, trespass notices are found everywhere, its waterways consist of two narrow rivers, and its rare birds, barring a few stragglers, have long since departed with just two exceptions—the Great Crested Grebe and the Bearded Reedling, or, as he is locally called, the Reed Pheasant.

Nest containing three eggs, in position among the reeds.

It is of the latter of these two species that I am writing to-day. Speaking in general terms, the Bearded Tit (the name by which this species is most widely known, though it is not really a Tit) may be described as sparingly distributed through Central Europe and Central Asia. It appears to be uncommon in Southern Europe and is not found north of the Baltic. Personally, I have looked for the bird in vain in the South of France and Italy, although it is stated by Morris to occur in these countries. Col. Irby, in his "Birds of Gibraltar," states that he has seen specimens which had been obtained near Valencia. This, of course, was more than thirty years since, and one would think that, if this species were to be found anywhere in Spain to-day, it would be in the vast reed-beds of the *marismas* of the Guadalquivir. Mr. H. F. Witherby, however, who spent two months in exploring these great marshes in 1898, did not come across it. It is still fairly common in Holland and round the Caspian and Black Seas.

The nest containing the five young birds.

In England the Bearded Tit was once abundant in the Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire Fens and not infrequent in Essex and other S.E. counties, and even in my own county it occurred on the Exe, near Topsham and Exeter, also at Slapton Lea. Mr. Howard Saunders has suggested that it still breeds in one locality in Devonshire, as to which suggestion I will merely say that the locality is not known to any ornithologist of my acquaintance.

If we wish to see the Bearded Tit to-day without doubt we must betake ourselves to Norfolk and to that particular district which surrounds Hickling Broad. Hickling Broad is a fine sheet of water, though very shallow and, like most of the other fresh-water Broads, rapidly silting up. Including Heigham Sound it is some three miles long by one in width and comprises about 700 acres. It is fringed by extensive reed beds. Eastward of Hickling lies Horsey Mere; then we see some flat country dotted with a few trees and church-towers; then a wide strip of sand-dunes, and, lastly, the snow-capped breakers of the North Sea. The village of Hickling lies at the north end of the Broad about three-quarters of a mile from the "staithe," or landing-place.

Here on a fine spring morning—the 23rd of May, 1906—we picked up our guide, a very nice young fellow with an excellent knowledge of the birds of his district, and, having bestowed our camera, our lunch and a pair of field-glasses in the latter's punt, we set off on our voyage of discovery. A punt in these parts bears no family relationship to the square-ended craft which goes by that name on the Thames. It is a flat-bottomed boat, narrow in the beam, and with very low freeboard, and, as it possesses very little initial stability, it goes without saying that it has to be carefully handled. It is usually propelled by a long punt-pole (locally called a "quant"), but can also be rowed, and it runs well before the wind with a lug-sail.

On this occasion, though we had a fresh breeze dead against us, our guide standing in the stern and vigorously wielding his pole, propelled us at a good speed across the Broad. Hickling on a bright spring day has a charm all its own. The rippling water sparkling in the sunlight, the tall feathery reeds bending and rustling in the cool breeze, the blue sky and the racing clouds combine to make a charming picture.

There was plenty of bird life, too, to interest us. Coots kept dodging in and out of the reed-beds. Here and there a Black-headed Gull, in full breeding plumage, would hover over the water. As we passed a dyke we saw a handsome bird with white breast and dark brown back come to the surface and instantly dive again. It was the Great Crested Grebe—quite one of the rarest of our birds.

A little further on the sharp eyes of our puntsman detected something sitting on one of the posts that mark the channel. We focussed our glasses on it, and at once recognised it as a Black Tern. Cautiously we approached to within about seventy yards, when this rare visitor took wing. With its long pointed wings it looked like some huge, dusky Swallow, and its weak, hovering flight hardly seemed to make any headway against the strong wind. Yet in a few days this apparently fragile bird would be crossing the great expanse of the North Sea, and on the edge of some remote lake, probably in far-off Sweden, would rear its young. For the Black Tern does not now, as formerly, nest in Norfolk.

At this point we left the open water of the Broad and turned up a long winding dyke, passing through the belt of reed-beds and coming out on a great tract of swampy ground, covered with short reeds and sedge, called by the natives the "mash" (marsh).

Here we landed, for our guide told us he knew of a nest close at hand. We had not proceeded fifty yards up a shallow dyke, which intersected the larger one, when I heard a characteristic call-note, and out flew two little birds with very long tails and very short wings. They seemed to drift before the wind rather than to fly, and in a moment had crossed the dyke and taken cover in a dense bed of sedge. This was my first sight of the Bearded Tit at home. Emerson, in his "Birds, Beasts and Fish of the Broadland," renders the call-note of the Bearded Tit by the word "ching," and this conveys fairly well the metallic ring of the note, but, as a matter of fact, the call-note is really a dissyllable "*chee-o*," the first syllable being long and accented, and the second short and delivered in a kind of undertone.

The ingenious construction of the nest is here clearly shown.

Male bird clinging to the reed stems.

Three Goldfinch-Canary Mules, photographed on a spray of hawthorn at the early age of 18 days.

"Now look out," said our puntsman, and sure enough, only a few yards from the dyke, deeply buried among the sedge, and with its base actually in the water, was the nest. We had been told that it contained three eggs and three young birds. The eggs, indeed, were there, but, alas, the young birds were gone, although they had been seen only the day before. The nest appeared to have been slightly pulled upwards, and for this reason a Marsh Harrier, which had been seen that very morning close at hand, was accused of the nefarious deed. In the days when the Marsh Harrier and Montague's Harrier were common in Norfolk they must have been a perfect scourge to the Bearded Tit, for their chief food at this season of the year is eggs and young birds, and, quartering the marsh methodically as they do, they could not have missed many nests of the Reed Pheasant.

I took a photo of the nest (which appears on this page) and, as the eggs were obviously addled and the nest abandoned, I removed it so as to make a more detailed study of it. I may here say that I have no sympathy for that destructive person—the collector—and that I never take any eggs or shoot any rare birds.

The eggs of the Bearded Tit are large for the size of the bird. The ground colour is white, but they are most curiously marked with fine wavy black lines. They are not in the least like the eggs of the Tit family, and, as a matter of fact, the so-called Bearded Tit is no relation whatever to the *Paridæ*. This little bird has no near relatives: it has a genus (*Panurus*) to itself, which fact makes it the more interesting to the ornithologist.

In this district the Reed Pheasant almost always places its nest in the same situation—namely, on the ground, and surrounded by water—and by this means it probably obtains a certain amount of protection from rats, weasels, and other ground vermin. Although the nest is in the water, the young birds do not get wet. A glance at our second photo will show the reason of this.

The bird commences to build by constructing a foundation of the dry bottom leaves of the reed, which foundation is often as much as seven or eight inches deep. In the top of this structure it forms a cup, and this cup, or cavity, it lines with the feathery flowers of the reed. The water may therefore rise several inches yet not reach the eggs.

Our guide knew of three other nests, but in each case the young had been drowned by the heavy rain and cold storms of this unusually inclement spring. We therefore formed up in line and foundered across the marsh in the hope of finding another nest.

Our first discovery was a pure chance. A little bird got up right under our feet and slipped away so quickly that it was impossible to determine the species. However, an examination of the nest showed us we were in luck, for the six tiny eggs were undoubtedly those of the Grasshopper Warbler—a nest for which one may often search in vain for many days, even where the species is plentiful.

Our next find was a nest of the Yellow Wagtail, right out in the open, on a piece of firm turf, without any attempt at concealment. An examination of a solitary bramble-bush on the bank of the dyke revealed a nest of the Red-backed Shrike. This bird, which usually selects a thick hedge in a well-wooded country, seemed strangely out of place in this waste of reed and water.

As we were now all very tired we decided to knock off for lunch, and for this purpose we took shelter under the lee of a long low stack of cut reed. About this same reed we were told an amusing story. Normally it is used for thatching, but, at the time of the Boer War, certain contractors to the War Office made their appearance and purchased all they could find in the neighbourhood. The purpose for which it was bought was never revealed, but there was a strong suspicion that it was sent out to the Cape as *hay* for our cavalry horses. This reminded me of the witty saying that "while the Empire *expands*, its citizens *contract*."

We asked our guide whether he thought the Bearded Tit was increasing or decreasing in numbers, and were told that, although the species had been almost exterminated by the severe winters of 1890-91 and 1895-96, it had gradually been increasing since then, owing to the better protection afforded it by the landowners. In 1905 he thought there were about forty pairs in the district. The hard winter of 1906-7, however, again reduced their numbers. The Bearded Tit is a hardy little bird; still, even in the severest weather it does not leave the reed-beds, but eke out a precarious living by consuming the seeds of the reed, and consequently many perish. It is fortunately wonderfully prolific, a single pair having been known to rear as many as five broods in a season, and often five or six young are found in a nest.

After lunch we re-embarked and tried another marsh, and here at last we succeeded in finding a nest with five young, which is depicted in our next photo. The young were in the "pen-feather" stage, and looked very dark, but as soon as the feathers burst through the quills they closely resemble the adults, the young males even at this early period showing the black moustachial streak which distinguishes them from the females. The palate of the young of this species is curiously spotted. To my great surprise, the parents came boldly up whilst I was engaged in focussing the camera, and the male, carrying a caterpillar, perched on a reed-stem within a yard of me. I may here add that I found the birds of the Broads distinctly tamer and more easy to approach within photographic distance than has been my experience in other parts of the country.

The afternoon was now waning, so we returned to our boat. On the banks of the dyke I made one more exposure, the result of which is shown in our heading. The little picture is a very characteristic one of this district. On the right is seen a marshman's floating house—some superannuated craft which he has turned into a house-boat. On the left is our punt. In the distance, far away up the dyke, may be discerned a long, low stack of reed. The marshes which extend on either side were in former days the nesting haunts of the Marsh and Montague Harriers, the Ruff, the Spotted Crake, and Savi's Warbler, and they are still the last refuge in England of the Bearded Tit.

I will conclude with a few words about the Bearded Tit in captivity. A good many of these little birds are now imported every winter from Holland, and may be purchased quite reasonably. These Continental specimens are rather larger and brighter: the black streak under the eye of the male is longer and darker. The hens seem to vary a good deal. Some have a dark line running from the crown of the head down to the upper tail coverts; some have only a chain of irregular markings, and some are unmarked.

I began with a pair which were placed in a large outdoor aviary connected to a heated house. Here, for some months, they did well, getting the usual "soft food," and plenty of mealworms. In an aviary this species is certainly most interesting. It is ceaselessly active, and a most wonderful gymnast. One of its feats is to stand between two vertical twigs, grasping one in each foot, its legs straddled. Whatever position it may assume the bird is always graceful, except when walking on the ground, which it does with an awkward waddling gait. That it is not related to the Tits may be inferred from the fact that, when searching for seed on the ground, it will scuffle up the loose soil by drawing both feet sharply back simultaneously just like a Whydah. The male bird has a little song:—"*Chip, che-o, che-o*" (soft); "*che-o-u*" (loud and harsh).

Nest of the Gold-crested Wren, built supported by a bough, instead of, as usual, suspended from it.

In April my birds began to carry nesting materials into a nest box, and I quite thought there would be some interesting developments, but, alas, within a few days' time, the cock fell dead at my feet. He was as fat as butter, and the cause of death was undoubtedly apoplexy. On examining the body I was at once struck by the singular way in which it is compressed laterally: one might call it fish-shaped. I have never seen this fact alluded to. Presumably, it is a case of adaptation to environment, as it must facilitate slipping between the reed stems, among which the bird's whole life is passed.

I obtained another male bird, which also very shortly died from apoplexy. I now decided to vary the treatment, and placed another pair in a small, unheated and uncovered aviary, and fed them more simply on "Sutbito" and canary-seed, with just a few mealworms. Under this treatment they seemed to do better, but my experiment was abruptly terminated by an invasion of cats one night, which resulted in the death of the male.

I find that many other aviarists have had the same difficulties with this species, and I have regretfully come to the conclusion that, though a delightful bird, it is not very suitable for aviaries.

Nevertheless, several aviculturists have made partially successful experiments in breeding it. Mr. J. L. Bonhote has related, in the *Avicultural Magazine*, that he placed a pair in an outdoor cage, 2 ft. by 2 ft. by 18 in., partially filled with reeds, and that they built and laid three clutches of eggs, but refused to sit. He, however, hatched two of the eggs under a Canary, incubation lasting thirteen days, but the young died just as the quill feathers were showing. Mr. Bonhote found, as I did, that heat was fatal to the Bearded Tit.

Mr. St. Quintin, in a large outdoor aviary in Yorkshire, had one young Reedling leave the nest, but it was killed by a downpour of rain.

Personally I have too much regard for the Bearded Tit to wish to see further experiments made, and, instead of purchasing any more for my aviary, I intend this spring to attempt to re-introduce it in one of its old haunts in Devonshire.

Exterior view of a cage prepared for Hybrid breeding, the corner with the nest shaded by grasses, &c.

Interior view of cage showing the eggs of Bullfinch Hen deposited in a nest built of dried chickweed.

MY PROGRESS WITH THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

By ALFRED GREY.

THE EXPERIENCES OF THE FANCIER WHO, AS A NOVICE, BRED THE CELEBRATED "QUEENIE," SOLD FOR £20.

I KNEW nothing whatever about birds of any kind when I started to keep Norwich in 1903. I received my first Norwich Canary as a wedding present from a fancier, and with the help of this gentleman I selected a hen to match. I also bought two other pairs, and started off to build up a strain of Norwich. I took in CAGE BIRDS, and have never missed a number since, my newsagent having a standing order to deliver this paper each week.

I devoured every scrap of news I could lay hands on relating to this breed; in fact, I made it my study. To give some idea of the way in which I have been rewarded I will give a short account of my first year's success as a novice exhibitor, how I have fared since on the show bench, and how "Queenie" was bred.

A FIRST YEAR'S EFFORT.

After I had my birds paired up, an old fancier, Mr. Dixon, called to see me, and at once took a great fancy to a fine large yellow cock, which I had paired up to a buff hen. The latter he condemned at once as of no use, at the same time offering me a buff hen that he was not using. He said I could have the loan of her, provided I gave him one of the youngsters. This I agreed to do.

Three young ones were bred from this pair, and one of these turned out to be the now famous "Queenie." The other pairs also did well and produced winners. In due time the show season arrived, and I went to Bedlington Show, 1904, to see my birds judged for the first time. I was very excited when the judge picked up a Variegated Buff belonging to me and placed it at the top. A vigorous nudge and a most expressive wink from my friend convinced me I had won first, and so it was. This bird was also in the Novice Class, where it again got first, and won the special for the best bird in Show. I won several other prizes that day, and my prize-money and specials amounted to about £2 2s.; not a bad start for a Novice, was it?

FURTHER HONOURS.

At my next show I won the special for the best unflighted bird; this was at Hawick. My next turn-out was at South Shields, where I won the Border Counties Norwich Canary Club Medal for the best bird belonging to a member of that Society, and at Gateshead I won the Gold Medal for the best unflighted bird, Border Counties Norwich Canary Club.

The next show season, 1905, I won the Kirkcaldy Cup for best bird in Show, and also the Gateshead Bowl for best bird in Show with my Yellow Norwich hen, "Queenie." After this I sold her to Mr. Eckersley for £20, and for him she won at the Crystal Palace the £10 10s. Bowl and the £5 5s. Cup. I also won this same season many other prizes and medals.

In 1906 I won 23 first prizes, most of them with an unflighted Yellow Cock and a Variegated Unflighted Buff Hen, my Unflighted Yellow getting first at the Scottish National.

Last year, 1907, I won 39 money prizes, including 15 firsts, the Border Counties Norwich Canary Club Bowl, and Sandiford's Cup and Medal for most points in this Society; the medal for most points in Norwich classes at Wallsend; the special for best Norwich at Berwick Show, and the special for best Norwich at Gateshead (the Palace of the North).

Photo by] [Downer Watford.

This very pretty and effective "Cage Birds" Stall was arranged at Watford C.B.S. Show by Miss Watts (left) and Miss Goodall (right).

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

Yes, some Novice will say, but how am I to accomplish this? Well, I will try to advise you how to go about it. In the first place, take one variety only and concentrate all your thoughts and attention on this. I have nothing in my bird-room but Norwich. I make type and quality my strong points, and have never once won a medal for hottest fed bird—I never kill my birds with feed to win—and yet I do win. Type and quality will tell.

In the first place, it is absolutely necessary that the Novice shall have some old fancier friend with whom he can be on very intimate terms.

He can then go and inspect his stock at all times. He should be a fancier who will not object to your seeing his birds when they are being paired up for breeding, for in my opinion the whole secret of success is in the pairing.

No amount of reading will give you the knowledge that you will gain by visiting a breeder's room after he has paired up his stock. See what he does, do not go merely by what you hear talked about; see him mix his food for the youngsters at the different stages in their careers. Keep your eyes open; watch him, talk to him, ask him questions—why he does this and that. Go when he is colour feeding, and probably you will find that the colour mixture when finished is quite different from yours. In fact, you will learn a hundred and one things you had never dreamed of.

Yes, you say, but I don't know any fancier like that. My reply is, that any fancier will be pleased to see you if you buy your stock birds from him. For his own sake he is bound to do his best for you, as, of course, if you do well it is one of the best forms of advertisement he can have. And, besides, it is sure to be a pleasure to him to see his Novice customer win.

BIRD-ROOM WINDOWS.

Perhaps the first thing for the Novice to consider is the selection of a bird-room. For my own part I prefer a room with a window facing the east. You can get your room ventilated by way of the roof or by some other means, such as the door or another window; but at times it is necessary to have some other means of ventilation, that is in the spring and breeding seasons. At this time we sometimes have very nasty cold east winds blowing, and then an east window ought to be closed tight, for this wind will have a very detrimental effect on laying hens and very young birds. But for all that, provided one can have this other means of ventilation, I prefer the east window for my bird-room, as then the sun shines into this room first thing in the morning, and this I consider of great importance, as it induces the hens to come off the nest and feed the young much sooner than when otherwise, *i.e.*, when the window is facing the west or north.

I may here say that both my old and my new bird-room windows faced the east, and I have always had good results. My objection to the window facing the south is, that the sun will be pouring down on this window when it is at its hottest, and I think this makes a hen lazy and induces her to sweat the young. The objection to a west window is that it is so late in the day before one gets the sun, while the bird-room window which faces the north I don't like at all, as, of course, one gets practically no sun at all.

I consider the sunshine to be the life of all birds. When I am anxious that my birds shall take a bath before going to a show I find that the sunshine is a great help, for then they soon pop in and splash. It is, besides, a great means of getting them into condition, and helps to put on that sheen which is so necessary for a show bird. From a north window one only gets cold, bleak winds that must be very trying to the laying hens and the very young birds.

UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.

All the same, no young fancier need be disheartened about his room, as I have known good birds to be bred in all kinds of rooms and under anything but very favourable conditions. I had a very poor room when I bred "Queenie," and it might surprise many fanciers to know that she was bred in a bath-room, and for two seasons her cage actually touched the edge of the bath. But it was the only room I could spare at this time. No doubt many people would have thought that the steam from the bath would have had a detrimental effect on my birds; but it did not seem to do them the least harm. The eggs hatched out well, and the young birds were strong and healthy; in fact, I have some of the hens yet that I bred in this bath-room. One of these hens reared ten youngsters this season.

The Bird-room of Mr. F. Cullington (Norwich). It contains three dozen double breeding cages on the one side, in racks, and the flight cages on the other side.

However, I am pleased to say I have got a fine bird-room now, with every convenience, including a supply of hot and cold water, and a radiator that can be turned on at any moment, and by this means I can heat my room when necessary. This radiator is connected with the boiler at the back of the kitchen fire, and any Novice can have the same heat in his bird-room in a very short time as I have by this means.

I also think a nice cupboard (which I have) keeps the room tidy, as, of course, there are many things to be kept ready for the different ailments of our pets, besides the different kinds of seeds, etc. These things, if not put away out of sight, give the room a very untidy look.

CAGES: WHAT TO HAVE AND HOW TO USE.

My cages are what are known as double-breeders. They are 39 ins. long, 18 ins. high, and 12 ins. from back to front, with a sliding partition in the centre and two sand trays at the bottom. The wire fronts are loose, so that they can be removed when I wish to paint or wash my cages. I have sixteen of these double-breeders and two sets of racks to put them into. As they are all of one size I can remove any one of them and replace it again without disturbing the inmates of any of the others.

I have also three flights, two of them 6 ft. long, 3 ft. high, and 2 ft. back to front, the other very large: 8 ft. 6 in. long, 7 ft. high, and 4 ft. back to front. In this large flight I put the breeding hens that I intend to use the following season, and in this flight they have a good space in which to fly about and get into grand condition for breeding. They remain in this until the end of February, when I put them into their breeding cages in order that they may get accustomed to them before being paired up. I use sea sand in the breeding cages and pine sawdust in the flights, with a good dish of sea sand and a supply of cuttlefish bone.

THE CHOICE OF BIRDS FOR PAIRING.

I suppose the next thing will be to get suitable birds for pairing. My experience is that the hen is the more important in this matter, and I think a great mistake is made in the kind of hen used by many young fanciers. They are always wanting and securing large hens. I like little, round, chubby hens, with the closest of feather, the shortest of tails and wings—birds that would stand no chance on the bench, because of their being too small. These hens are far more active, make much better mothers, and get on and off the nest with greater care and thought. They do not flatten down the young as do the large hens, and they are much better feeders and breeders. Besides, I do not think small hens are so easily upset as the large hens, and are not so liable to start laying first a big egg and then a small one, as the large hens so often do.

Of course, for this small hen you must have a very large cock bird. But, still, these are not hard to get, and if you have the type well fixed in the hen there is little fear of getting the wings and tail too long, and I have found that a very large percentage of birds so bred are fit for the show bench.

There is one thing I insist upon in this cock bird, and that is, that it must have a good, big, bold head; I cannot bear to have a narrow-headed, snipey-looking cock bird. I can overlook his being a bit long in wings and tail, for you must expect this when buying a large bird, otherwise you will have to pay a very stiff price for him. But when you have the class of hen I have referred to there is little fear of your having the youngsters too long in wings and tail. At least, that is my experience.

(*To be continued.*)

POPULAR PARROTS.

ROSE-BREASTED COCKATOO.

RING-NECKED PARRAKEET.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON.

GREY PARROT.

ROSY-FACED AND MADAGASCAR LOVEBIRDS.

TWO FEATHERED MIMICS.

THE STARLING.

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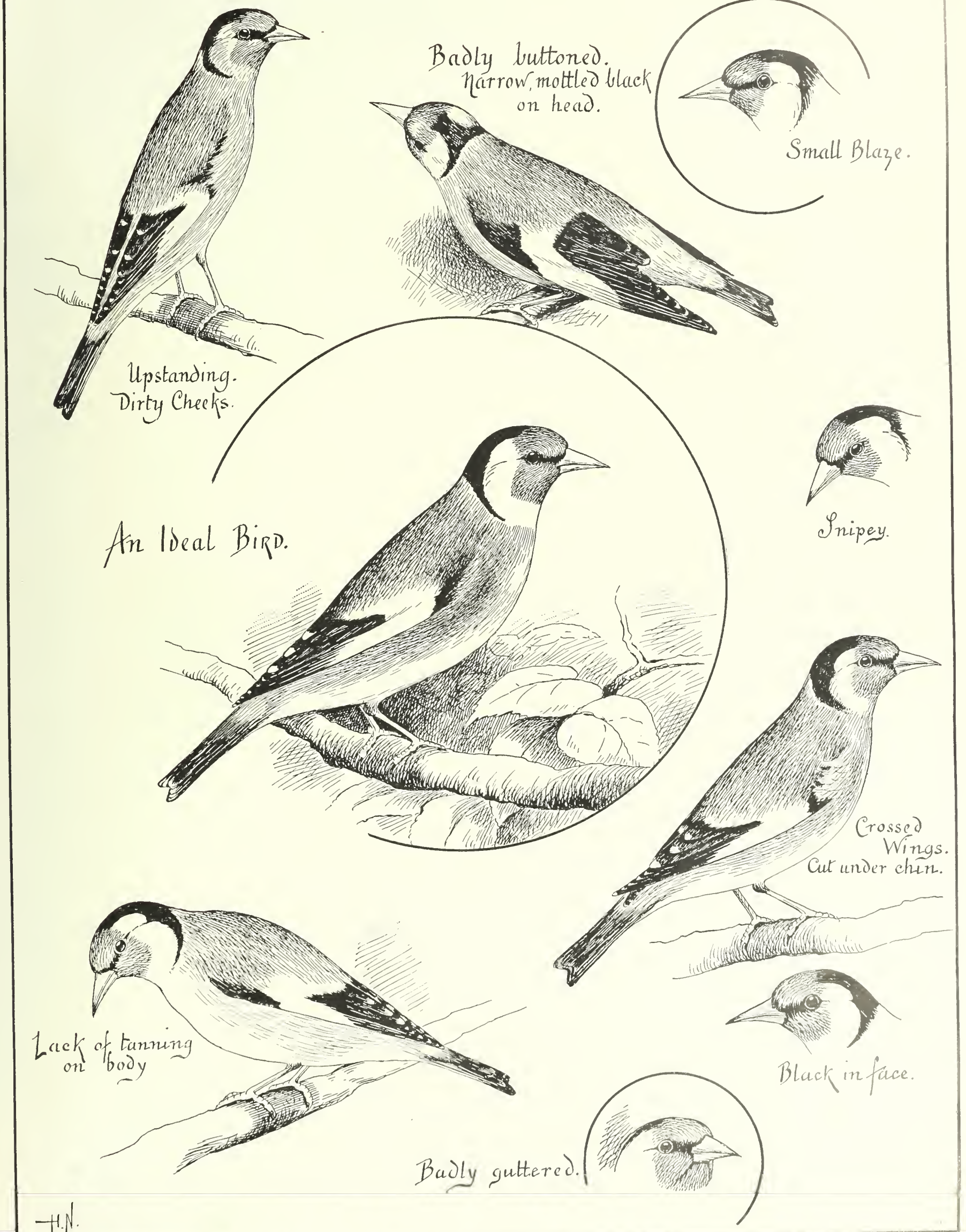

WHY SOME EXHIBITION GOLDFINCHES FAIL TO SECURE PREMIER AWARDS.

In connection with this plate, an article by Mr. G. E. Weston will be found on another page.

THE GREEN CANARY.

By J. W. METCALFE.

ITS PAST AND PRESENT ARE DEALT WITH, AND THE BREEDING AND MANAGEMENT OF BOTH YORKSHIRE AND NORWICH TYPES.

IN dealing with the above varieties, I think it would be interesting to present-day admirers of the Greens to know a little of the history of this particular branch of the Canary Fancy.

THE EARLY STAGES.

At the time when there was no standard to work from—when the Greens were judged for colour only—type was out of the question. Having interviewed several very old fanciers in Liverpool, I find that the Greens have been exhibited for this last fifty years. But in early times the Greens were only exhibited in Liverpool and district. In or about 1870 the Green Canaries were making headway in Liverpool, there being from twelve to fifteen in a class; but no one fancier could win more than twice in a season as the class read, "Greens," which admitted any Canary that was green in colour.

However, in 1886 a fancier named Tom Rooney came on the scene with a team of Greens he had been making up for years. From that date until about 1892 Tom Rooney took everything before him. The birds were only judged for colour, and Mr. Rooney's colour was first everywhere; the rest were nowhere.

AN OLD-TIME CHAMPION.

Up to the present time it is admitted that the Greens have never been of the same colour as when shown by Mr. Rooney. He would send four birds in a class and get 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. It was of no use anyone showing against him; they were only throwing their money away. Some fanciers approached Mr. Rooney to sell some of his strain, but he would not part with any. He told them to produce them, as he had himself done.

I had a long interview with Mr. Rooney this week, and I asked him to give me a few details relative to his strain. He informed me that when he first started in the Fancy (it was in 1874) he kept Lizards, Norwich and Lancashires, until about 1884. On looking round the shows he found the Greens that were exhibited were only small birds and not too good in colour, so he set to work to improve upon them. He first got a good Green hen (good for that time) from Mr. John Thackrey of Yorkshire, and paired it up to a Lancashire cock. From this pair he founded his strain by introducing big Greens with the best colour from the Liverpool fanciers.

His first money prize he won at St. Helen's, and he had to pay a shilling for the prize card, which he treasures to this day. One season he entered at eleven shows, and stood first every time with a young Yellow Green. At one of the shows Messrs. Houlton and Chisnall offered him £12 for three birds, but he would not part with them for fear of the strain getting elsewhere. Mr. Creame, a wool-broker from Bradford, came down and took Mr. Rooney into one of the big hotels in Liverpool and, after giving Tom of the best, he tried to buy. But Tom was not to be caught like that; so the wool-broker went back to Bradford empty-handed.

Speaking of the present-day Greens, Mr. Rooney says they are only a step from the heavily marked Yorkshire, with no colour to speak of.

ORIGIN OF THE GREEN CANARY CLUB.

In the year 1891 a number of Green Canary fanciers thought it time that their favourites should be in other hands than in those of one man, who, in a sense, and from an exhibitor's point of view, was ruining this variety. So, after a time, a meeting was called with a view to making a standard to work on and for furthering the Green Fancy in various parts of the country outside Lancashire. This meeting turned out to be a great success, for it formed a Specialist Club for the Greens. It was decided to give a money guarantee to open shows who catered for them. Forty-one fanciers turned up at the meeting, and the following are a few of the officers and principals that worked the club, which was called the Green Canary Club: Chairman, Mr. J. Mostyn; Secretary (*pro. tem.*), Mr. J. W. Starkey (afterwards giving place to Mr. Will Coffey); Treasurer, Mr. Crane; Messrs. J. Hunter, Gregson, B. Ingram, J. Puddifor, Jackson, Elliss, Burton, Campion, Chambers, Hacket, P. C. Jones, J. Thornton, W. Hales, A. Abbott, J. Cooper, Crossing, Christian, Marshall, Lievesey, and Hankey.

A STANDARD FOR YORKSHIRE GREENS.

The first thing that was done was to adopt a type and standard: eventually the Yorkshire type was favoured, and after a great deal of correspondence with Mr. C. A. House, the popular judge of Yorkshires, the appended standard was adopted, and, showing how the standard has been admired, it has been kept to the present time to work from

STANDARD FOR YORKSHIRE GREENS.

Colour:	Rich deep grass green, sound and level throughout; pencillings distinct, beak, legs and feet dark	35
Shape:	Head—small and round ...	3
	Neck—moderately long and straight	3
	Shoulders—narrow, round, and well filled	3
	Back—long, straight, and level	3
	Breast—round, smooth, body gradually tapering to a neat waist	5
	Legs—long, straight without being stilty	3
	Wings and Tail—long, compact, and well carried ...	5
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Position:	Attitude—erect and fearless	15
Feather:	Soft, silky, and compact, showing plenty of that characteristic called quality	15
Condition:	Health and general smartness ...	10
		100

N.B.—Light beak, legs, or feet are not a disqualification, but count against a bird according to their extent.

A foul bird is eligible to compete against selfs unless otherwise stated.

STANDARD FOR NORWICH GREENS.

Colour:	Rich deep grass green, sound and level throughout; pencillings distinct, beak, feet and legs dark	35
Shape:	Head—full and round ...	4
	Neck—short and thick ...	4
	Body—short, chubby, well filled in back, and deep, full chest	20
	Legs—well set back, short, feet and claws perfect ...	6
	Wings and Tail—short, compact, and smartly carried...	6
		— 40
Feather:	Soft, silky, and close fitting, showing plenty of quality... ...	15
Condition:	Health and general smartness ...	10
		100

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After the club had been in existence about twelve months it gave its first medal for the best Green, Yorkshire type. This was won by Mr. Crane's Yellow Green in a class of thirty-five, Mr. C. A. House judging. Mr. Rooney was exhibiting here and he did not get a card. The club had done its proposed duty with a vengeance, because Mr. Rooney did not do so well after. But the winners were not of the same colour that Mr. Rooney had put down.

THE IDEAL TYPE.

At this time classes were provided for the Greens at Manchester, St. Helen's, Prescot, and Wigan, and the members appreciated this by putting out in goodly numbers, so that the show committees should not lose by their venture. The members thought they could still further popularise the Yorkshire Green by having a good specimen of the Yorkshire type painted and exhibited at the shows that were under the Green Club patronage.

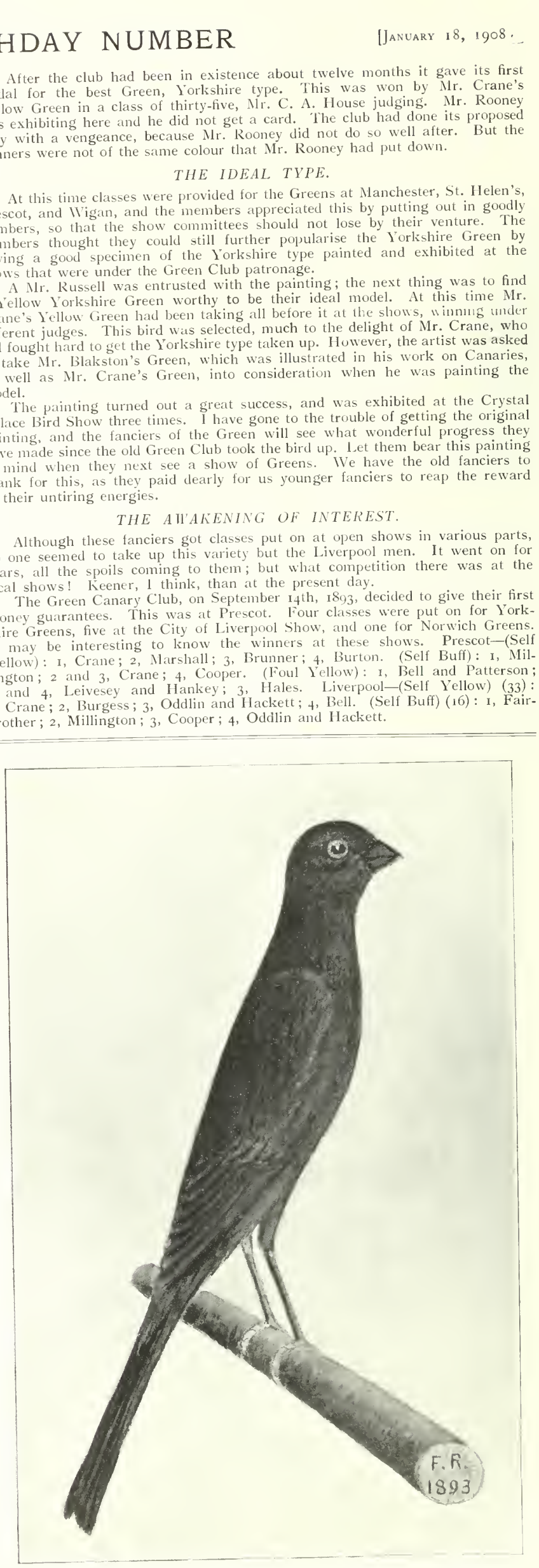
A Mr. Russell was entrusted with the painting; the next thing was to find a Yellow Yorkshire Green worthy to be their ideal model. At this time Mr. Crane's Yellow Green had been taking all before it at the shows, winning under different judges. This bird was selected, much to the delight of Mr. Crane, who had fought hard to get the Yorkshire type taken up. However, the artist was asked to take Mr. Blakston's Green, which was illustrated in his work on Canaries, as well as Mr. Crane's Green, into consideration when he was painting the model.

The painting turned out a great success, and was exhibited at the Crystal Palace Bird Show three times. I have gone to the trouble of getting the original painting, and the fanciers of the Green will see what wonderful progress they have made since the old Green Club took the bird up. Let them bear this painting in mind when they next see a show of Greens. We have the old fanciers to thank for this, as they paid dearly for us younger fanciers to reap the reward of their untiring energies.

THE AWAKENING OF INTEREST.

Although these fanciers got classes put on at open shows in various parts, no one seemed to take up this variety but the Liverpool men. It went on for years, all the spoils coming to them; but what competition there was at the local shows! Keener, I think, than at the present day.

The Green Canary Club, on September 14th, 1893, decided to give their first money guarantees. This was at Prescot. Four classes were put on for Yorkshire Greens, five at the City of Liverpool Show, and one for Norwich Greens. It may be interesting to know the winners at these shows. Prescot—(Self Yellow): 1, Crane; 2, Marshall; 3, Brunner; 4, Burton. (Self Buff): 1, Millington; 2 and 3, Crane; 4, Cooper. (Foul Yellow): 1, Bell and Patterson; 2 and 4, Leivesey and Hankey; 3, Hales. Liverpool—(Self Yellow) (33): 1, Crane; 2, Burgess; 3, Oddlin and Hackett; 4, Bell. (Self Buff) (16): 1, Fairbrother; 2, Millington; 3, Cooper; 4, Oddlin and Hackett.



THE ORIGINAL MODEL OF A YORKSHIRE GREEN.

Taken from the Special Painting executed for the first Green Canary Club.

The outdoor birdroom of Mr. J. W. Lawton, of Crewe, who constructed it himself, and in this issue gives readers details of its building and cost.

This was the first time in the history of Greens that a class for hens had ever been put on. 1 and 4, Rooney; 2, Bell and Patterson; 3, Ingram and Crossing. (Foul, wing or tail only): 1 and 2, Bell and Patterson; 3, Roonev; 4, Gatcliffe. (Foul): 1 and 2, Hales; 3, Millington; 4, Leivesey and Hankey. (Norwich Green): 1, Ingram and Crossing; 2, Chandler; 3 and 4, Cooper.

Out of the above we have only two exhibitors left who are showing at the present time; they are Messrs. W. Hales and G. Bell, who both hold their own when they put out.

A STANDARD FOR NORWICH GREENS.

About this time the Yorkshire Greens were in full swing, so a few fanciers who had Norwich Greens thought it time the Green Canary Club catered for them in the way of providing classes and making up a standard to work from. Messrs. Brunner, Hales, Hankey, Coffey, Ingram, and Leivesey kept pushing the Norwich forward at every meeting, and in the end the appended standard was drawn up. Strange to relate, both the Universal Green Club and the present G.C.A. kept to the standard:

The Norwich Greens could not have made much headway at first, because those that wanted the classes put on had to help to guarantee same.

THE ORIGIN OF THE GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

In 1895 a few fanciers were not satisfied that the Green Canaries were being catered for properly, so a new club was formed to embrace the whole of the Green Canaries, the varieties stated being Yorkshire, Norwich, and Green Borders. The name of this club was the Universal Green Club.

Things went on smoothly for a time, each club finding its own shows outside, but whenever they met at a local show each club did its utmost to outpoint the other. Who came off second-best I am not in a position to say. However, in 1899, at a fanciers' dinner, held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Liverpool, Mr. S. Hadwin in the chair, several fanciers spoke of the existing rivalry between the two clubs, which was doing the Green Canary Fancy no good.

They said, "Why not bury the hatchet and join together and have one good club to cater for the Yorkshire and Norwich Green only?" This was the foundation of the present Green Canary Association, as a meeting was held on February 21st, 1899, composed of officers and members of the Old Green Club and the Universal Green Club. They decided to join together and call themselves the Green Canary Association.

The cash balance from each society was paid into the new society. The first officers were: President, Mr. G. E. R. Bircher; Vice-president, Mr. G. Bell; Chairman, Mr. S. Hadwin; Vice-chairman, Mr. E. Brunner; Secretary, Mr. R. Parker; Treasurer, Mr. Millington; Auditors, Messrs. Rowlands and Greenall; Committee, Messrs. J. Cooper, W. Hughes, W. Winstanley, W. Hales, A. Doughty, G. Hayes, M. Wright; Secretary (*pro. tem.* for the evening), Wm. Hersey.

From the very commencement of the Green Canary Association it has been a great success, doing everything possible for the welfare of the Green Canary. It was once termed the Silent Specialist Club, because it did its work without the outside Fancy knowing anything about what was going on.

A LUCKY CHRISTIAN NAME.

Things went on smoothly for a time, the awards at the patronage shows being split up amongst a number of exhibitors. About 1901 and 1902 Mr. Tom Rowlands began to make himself felt on the show bench, and very soon he got almost as invincible as Tom Rooney had been in the past, especially under one judge. Mr. Rowlands went in for size as well as type and quality, and there are plenty of us in Liverpool to-day who would be glad to get hold of a few stock birds he discarded. The Green Canary Association thought Mr. Rowlands had been taking too many first prizes to do the Green Canary Fancy any good, so they decided the following show season to exhibit under a different judge everywhere they gave their patronage.

This altered things for a time, until another "Tom" came on the battlefield—to wit, Mr. Tom Wardale. Personally I think Mr. Tom Wardale was Mr. Tom Rowlands' apprentice, but Wardale never went in for size: he went in strictly for colour, and then type and quality. Some fanciers say he equalled Tom Rooney for colour, type, and quality. He was second to none, and when he put out it was 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

SOME CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS.

Wardale also ran various others. About this time Mr. Tom Rowlands had sold his stock out to Mr. Caples, and they got split up all over the country; some going to Yorkshire. And the men that bought them—namely Messrs. Clayton and Hellewell—with

This charming photograph of the Red-backed Shrike, one of our most interesting summer visitors was taken by Mr. F. E. Beeson (Gloucester).

their produce have given Liverpool a good run for their money. Those fanciers who were wise enough to buy some of Rowlands' stock and pair them up to Wardale's strain have done well on the show bench; in fact, they began to cut Wardale out, and now almost anybody can win in Yorkshire Greens.

You cannot point to one bird and say: "This is the Green of the season." If there are twenty-five in a class there are fifteen fit to win; and that is how it should be. I well remember at one Liverpool show,

A very desirable "back-yard corner" in a fancier's home, in which are to be seen the outdoor flight and some of the prize-winning birds, belonging to Mr. F. King, of Cambridge.

when the Yorkshire Challenge Cup was more open than it is now, a certain popular judge and office-bearer came down from Bradford and offered Mr. Tom Wardale £20 for four birds to help someone to win the Yorkshire Cup. Yet people say there is no money in Greens. Another man who would have made a great name was Mr. Wm. Thompson. He put some of the best Greens down one season, and after breeding a grand lot lost them by fever.

The Norwich Greens never came anywhere near the Yorkshires in either quality or numbers, and it is only a few men who have made them go during the last three years.

Mr. Tom Ryno—yet another "Tom"—started about five seasons ago, and he, like Mr. Tom Rooney, practically made his own; but they were far different from what are being shown now. But Mr. Tom Ryno did not mean being left behind. He kept introducing type into his room, with the result he has held his own until this season.

Mr. Hales, who was one of the originators of the old Green Club, has run Mr. Ryno very close. He stuck to type throughout, and did not care for size. The Buff cock which won all before it three years ago was, to my mind, as good a Norwich as has been out in the Norwich Greens.

Another fancier, Mr. R. Davies, has done a lot to further the Norwich; but the Norwich are just the opposite to the Yorkshire, for if there are twenty-five in a class there are about five fit to win—if that many; so there is a grand opening for a few enterprising fanciers in the Norwich Greens.

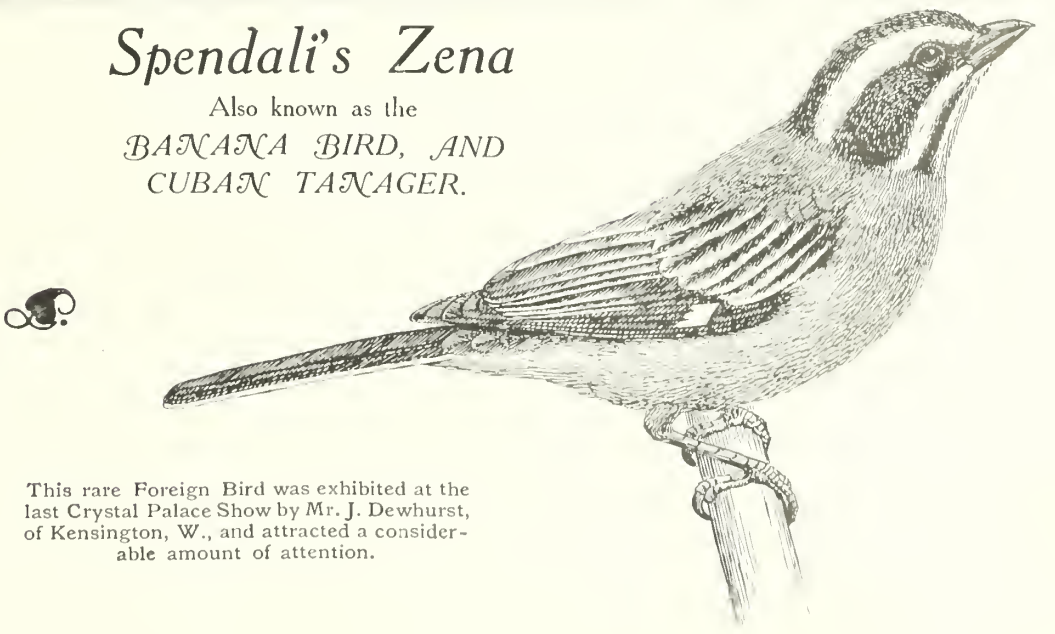
Before concluding this instalment I must give my sincere thanks to Messrs. Rooney, Brunner, Ingram, Hadwin, Starkey, McMurty, and Russell, for their kindness in supplying me with the old records. There may be a few slight errors as regards dates, but they are as near the mark as they could possibly be got. In my next instalment I will deal with the Yorkshire Green from a breeder's and exhibitor's point of view.

(To be continued.)

Spendali's Zena

Also known as the

BANANA BIRD, AND CUBAN TANAGER.



This rare Foreign Bird was exhibited at the last Crystal Palace Show by Mr. J. Dewhurst, of Kensington, W., and attracted a considerable amount of attention.

POPULAR PARROTS.

By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., &c.

A RACY ACCOUNT OF THE SIX POPULAR PARROTS DEPICTED ON OUR COLOURED PLATE, WITH HINTS ON THEIR CAGING AND MANAGEMENT.

IF a census were taken of pet birds all over the world, there is no doubt that Parrots would come out at the head of the list; for, though Canaries might show a preponderance in civilised countries, Parrots are very widely kept by partially-civilised and even savage peoples wherever they are found, and the records of antiquity show that they were kept by the ancient Romans even before the commencement of our Christian era.

A PRACTICAL CLASSIFICATION.

I rather fancy that to the ordinary man in the street Parrots, apart from the big Macaws and Cockatoos, are very simply classified as Grey Parrots, Green Parrots, and Lovebirds; and Mr. Goodchild's beautiful plate well exemplifies all three types. For practical avicultural purposes the simplest distinction to be drawn is between species as big as a Dove or larger, such as all the ordinary tame talking pets, which need the typical Parrot treatment; and species smaller than a Dove, which are more suitable for aviary life, and need to be treated more on the lines of the Finches.

In keeping a Parrot in a cage, the great point is to give it as much room as possible. Make up your mind to buy a big plain cage rather than a smaller and more ornate one, remembering that you have only got to look at it, whereas the Parrot has to live in it. A square cage affords more room than a round one; and in no case should any Parrot of the size of a Grey or Amazon be kept in a cage less than eighteen inches diameter. A swing is a desirable adjunct only if the cage is big enough for the bird to stand upright on the perch without its head touching the swing, otherwise it will not be able to run to and fro easily, and thus will be hindered from taking sufficient exercise.

OUTDOOR TREATMENT.

I am myself strongly in favour of clipping the flights of one wing, so that the Parrot may be allowed to go outside its cage for exercise, especially if it be given something like a disused towel or clothes-horse to climb about upon and gnaw to pieces. Sufficient fresh air, of course, is desirable for Parrots as well as everything else, but a bird put outdoors in the narrow limits of a cage on a cold, biting day is not likely to derive much benefit from it. The staple food of large Parrots should be large grain, such as hemp, sunflower, wheat, and oats, and they also greatly appreciate fruit, salad, raw carrots, and the like. One should make a point of giving a piece of such raw vegetable food every day if possible. I do not think sop is necessary for adult Parrots, at any rate except for the Honey-sucking Lories, which are practically soft-bills; but they are remarkably fond of it, and will often make it for themselves by dipping bread given to them into their water tin.

Photo [illegible] [L. Asbury.

The little sister of the Secretary of the Hucknall Torkard C.B.S., Mr. A. A. Asbury, with a tame green Norwich Hen Canary.

THE WATER QUESTION.

Water, by the way, is, of course, not injurious to Parrots, as too commonly supposed. The fact is that they can do without it to a remarkable extent; and on this account they are often cruelly deprived of it, and naturally when they do get access to the fluid they are apt then to drink a great deal too much and become ill in consequence. Before giving a Parrot water *ad libitum* therefore it is as well to get it used to it by degrees, and it need not be kept constantly in the cage provided that it is regularly offered twice a day. Speaking of water reminds me that many Parrots do not like bathing in the ordinary way, but they all very much appreciate rain, so that in fine weather it is as well to stand them out occasionally and give them the benefit of a shower, and to spray or syringe them about once a week.

"Pretty Polly"

The very excellent photograph of this intelligent pet Amazon Parrot was sent us by Mr. J. H. Besnard, of Guernsey.

FEATHER-EATING AND ITS CAUSES.

One is always hearing about the awful results of giving animal food in any form to Parrots, but I am very sceptical on this point. In the first place, it is well known that some Parrots, probably most, in the wild state partake of animal food in the way of grubs and other insects; and in the second place, Parrots may take to feather-eating when confined to a strictly vegetarian diet, although this habit is generally supposed to be brought on by giving animal foods.

The fact is that the habit probably arises from a variety of causes. It may be set up by skin irritation caused by parasites or improper diet; the said diet may have been too high, or it may be simply brought on by *ennui* and want of occupation. This is, I am inclined to think, the commonest cause; it is really a mental trouble, and it is more noticeable in the larger and more intelligent species, which also, on account of their size, get less exercise when caged than the smaller and more nimble kinds can do, and so are particularly likely to get into a bilious and irritable frame of mind and body. It is very noticeable that in the Parrot house at the Zoo they seldom get a feather-eater; and that if one is sent there for treatment it soon reforms, too often to go back to its old practices when it gets home again.

THE JOYS OF SOCIETY.

It must be remembered that Parrots are very sociable birds, and when a number of them are together their mutual interest in each other and opportunities for "swapping" bad language give them a healthy interest in life which tends to distract their attention from the disfigurement of their appearance. The fact that the Zoo Parrots invariably get sop shows that this cannot necessarily bring on the feather-eating habit. Bread sopped in tea or coffee is supposed to be peculiarly noxious. I do not know why, as tea and coffee are simply vegetable infusions, and tea-leaves do no harm to poultry and rabbits. Consequently, I do not see why this sort of refreshment should be objected to, especially when we consider the variety of strange vegetables a Parrot in the wild state partakes of which we know nothing about. It seems to me highly probable that the ordinary diet to the unfortunate cage bird must appear to it very insipid, and that the "little-bit-of-everything" principle of feeding it is the most rational one after all, provided always that the "bit" given is really a *little* one. That is to say, it should not be allowed to make a meal off meat, pudding, or such-like articles of human diet. The great things to remember are to keep a parrot where it always has plenty of company to distract its thoughts, and to give plenty of twigs or branches of any non-poisonous tree with the bark on to chew up.

GETTING THEIR OWN "GRUB."

I should also suggest that if people object to giving their Parrots a piece of egg or a bone to pick they should treat them occasionally to a crust which has been allowed to become dry and hard, and after been placed in a meal-worm tin, so that plenty of these insects have burrowed freely into it. This would enable them literally to "get their grub" in a natural way. The same tip might be useful also to those who keep Nuthatches and Woodpeckers.

That the feather-eating habit may be due to a craving for some food not available in captivity seems to me also quite possible, from the fact that poultry in confined runs are well known to be liable to the same trouble, and that feather-eating in the wild state is normal in at least one family of birds, the Grebes. In Parrots it may arise from a craving for saline matter, since they are well-known to eat saline earth, and even drink salt water while in the wild state. At any rate, it could do them no harm to have a chew at a bit of rock-salt or even a bacon bone occasionally. A piece of cuttle-fish bone should always be at a Parrot's disposal, and a good supply of grit on the floor of the cage should not be forgotten.

BREEDING PARROTS.

It is seldom that the large Parrots breed in captivity, but this is owing probably to the want of opportunity as much as anything. If they were as often kept outdoors in aviaries as Parrakeets are I have no doubt that we should soon be hearing of home-bred Parrots; these, by the way, would prove a very profitable speculation, for I am sure people would pay good prices for a fledgling Parrot fresh from the nest. No birds are so easy to hand-rear, and, of course, such specimens become delightfully tame. All the nesting accommodation required would be small barrels with a hole cut in one end and a layer of sawdust on the floor to keep the eggs from rolling about, as none of the large Parrots do anything in the way of nest building, and few of the others, for that matter.

With these preliminary remarks I will go on to say something about the species so beautifully delineated in Mr. Goodchild's plate, the illustrations, of course, rendering descriptions unnecessary.

THE GREY PARROT (Psittacus erithacus.)

This African bird is, as everybody knows, the great favourite, probably because it is the most certain of talkers. That is to say, if you get a Grey it is pretty certain to talk, though some individuals have a much clearer pronunciation than others. It has, however, two great drawbacks, one is that it suffers badly from "stage fright," having a very strong objection to talking before strangers; the other is that as we get it nowadays it is a very bad liver, being imported from its native home in West Africa under very bad conditions. I should strongly advise no one to buy a Grey Parrot unless he can see it and satisfy himself that it is in good health.

(To be continued.)

I was pleased to have won CAGE BIRDS first and second prizes,, writes Mr. W. G. King (Weybridge). I think CAGE BIRDS a grand paper for fanciers. I have taken it from the first, and I wish it every success.

The Novice Cinnamon Classes at the Crystal Palace Show are not under the patronage of the Cinnamon Canary Club, writes Mr. R. J. Pretty, the sec., and novice members competing for Club specials must show in the champion classes.

We appeal to fanciers and the trade to at once send in their advertisements for CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL; also to secretaries of societies, judges, traders, etc., to let us have their announcements by next post for our various directories. The date of closing for press has been extended until Tuesday next, January 21st, but after that date nothing can possibly be accepted. Be wise and be in time. Note the announcement on page 36.

A manual should be a book that leaves no side of its subject undealt with, affording the seeker after knowledge among its pages an accurate insight into every point appertaining thereto. For the lover of Canaries, "House's Canary Manual" is just such a book. Every breed is dealt with thoroughly and authoritatively, and the work, which has had a wonderful sale, is admittedly by a long way the best of its kind before the Fancy. The price of this exhaustive treatise is 1s. 3d., post free, and it is published by CAGE BIRDS.

A grand concert in aid of the funds of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., has been arranged to take place on January 20th, in the Imperial Hall, Grove Vale, Dulwich. A special programme has been provided, and a very enjoyable evening seems assured. The concert has been arranged at considerable expense, and the promoters hope it will not be allowed to suffer in any way owing to the recent club events. Tickets may be had at 2s. 6d. (reserved), 1s., and 6d., from Messrs. Gain and Rogers, the secretaries 182, Upland Road, East Dulwich.

Great National Cage-bird Show, Crystal Palace, 1908. R. A. Newley begs to announce that he will have a fine exhibition of birdcages, aviaries, and sundries of all kinds on his stall at the above show. Inspection and patronage of fanciers and public visitors is respectfully invited. All goods can be taken from stall at time of purchase. Everything best quality; no fancy prices. Gentlemen wishing to exhibit their specialities on the stall during the show should write early. Terms on receipt of particulars. All communications to R. A. Newley, 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—ADVT.

Kindly allow me, writes Mr. J. Winter, the secretary of the Scottish National C.B.S., through the medium of CAGE BIRDS, to convey the thanks of my committee to the many friends and fanciers who assisted us in making our late show the great success it was. Our thanks and appreciation are also due to you for the splendid report you gave us the day following the show, complete in every detail. All prize and sales' monies are now paid, and anyone who has been missed should apply to me. I have also to request the exhibitor who took a wrong carrying case away in error from the show to kindly return same at once.

The proper building, fitting, and management of aviaries, bird-rooms and cages, are matters every bird lover is deeply interested in, and matters on which an up-to-date book, dealing thoroughly with these subjects, was badly needed. CAGE BIRDS latest hand-book, entitled "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages; their construction and furnishing," should thus fill a long felt want. It has been written by that well-known fancier, Mr. H. Norman (CAGE BIRDS artist-in-chief), who has illustrated it with a wealth of helpful drawings. There are also ten lovely full-page photographic plates. The whole is beautifully bound in cloth, gilt, and the price is 2s. 3d. post free. Send a postal order to our manager at once for this grand production, and get a copy hot from the press by return of post. It is a work that must be on every bird lover's bookshelf.

Sad News for Derby.

I am sorry to inform readers of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Harry Bamsey, that my father, the hon. secretary of the Derby Cage Bird Club, is now lying seriously ill in the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, having undergone a serious and painful operation on Friday last.

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TWO FEATHERED MIMICS.

Our Coloured Plate of the Starling and Magpie.

In this week's coloured plate of the Starling and the Magpie, Mr. Norman has added another beautiful picture to the gallery of life-like portraits he has from time to time painted for the benefit and delight of lovers of British birds. And we venture to think as warm a welcome awaits "Two Feathered Mimics," as the picture is happily named, as has greeted any past effort from his clever brush.

The Starling is a bird well-known to probably every reader, whether dweller in town or country. The gorgeous sheen on its plumage commands our admiration, and the cheerful (though to some hardly harmonious) strains of the male bird, vociferated so strenuously at the first glint of spring sunshine, give him a strong claim to our goodwill. The Magpie makes a charming pet for those who can provide it adequate room, and thrills the town dweller with delight when he is lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the glorious creature—graceful, bold, cunning scamp—floating about like a huge black and white butterfly out in the fields. In our next week's number we shall hope to include an article dealing more fully with these two birds.

THE LATE HORTICULTURAL HALL SHOW.

Vote of Censure by the C.B.U. Council.

Just upon going to press we hear from Mr. Lythgoe, secretary of the Cage Bird Union, that the Executive Council of the Union met on Saturday last and passed a vote of censure on the officials of the recent show held at the Horticultural Hall for breach of faith, and acting contrary to the interests of the Union in cutting away CAGE BIRDS' advertisement from the Union Show rules.

Many fanciers have doubtless suffered at the hands of the average taxidermist when they have sent a dead favourite to be set up—receiving their bird back stuffed out of all resemblance to its living self, and fixed in some more or less impossible position. This is particularly likely to happen with an exhibition Canary, and on this account (for we have suffered ourselves) we were more than pleased with two specimens of his work sent for our inspection by Mr. Alfred Thomas, the well-known taxidermist, of 9, College Street, Gloucester. The birds set up are the well-known winning Yellow Norwich of Mr. A. E. Wasley, and buff Norwich of Mr. G. Gwilliam, and the result is in every way a triumph—shape, pose, and mounting alike perfect, even the "bloom" on the colour-fed plumage being as perceptible as when the birds stood in their show cages. Mr. Thomas is to be congratulated on such artistic and truthful work, and fanciers will doubtless remember that we have one taxidermist, at least, who will do justice to their favourites when death carries them hence, and preserve them in form like life itself. The price of the above work, inclusive of case and all was 7s. 6d. per bird, we understand.

Prize Money at Oxford F.S. Show.

Kindly mention, writes Mr. H. Johnson, chairman of committee, that owing to the heavy loss on the Oxford Fanciers' Society's Show, held in October last, the committee have not been able to meet all the liabilities incurred, but are making great efforts to pay the few remaining prize winners their claims, which they hope to do at an early date.

Southern Norwich P.C.

Will members that have not paid their subscriptions for 1907 be so kind as to forward them on, writes Mr. F. S. Matthes, as I wish to give a report at the National Show (Crystal Palace) of the doings and working expenses for the year 1907. Members that have been successful in winning specials will be paid out at the general meeting at the Crystal Palace Show. Will all members endeavour to come, as it will be brought forward at the meeting, for discussion, about a contest with the Norwich Plainhead Club. I shall be pleased to receive any resolutions for that meeting which members think will be for the welfare of the society and Fancy.

A Birthday Coincidence.

It is now just five years since I had the pleasure of sending the report of the St. Helen's Show, then held in the Town Hall, for your columns, writes our representative. This reminds me that the first issue of CAGE BIRDS came along bearing as one of its "Birthmarks" the St. Helen's 1902 show report. Looking back for a moment or two on that "little infant," the first issue of CAGE BIRDS, with its modest and insignificant appearance compared with the present issue, one cannot but be impressed with the stupendous and rapid growth attained in the intervening five years of time. Its growth has gone on in a marvellous manner, and the present position and usefulness which CAGE BIRDS holds in the sphere of the cage bird lover must be gratifying to every unprejudiced enthusiast. From the very first issue it has clearly and absolutely proved that cage bird men wanted a cage bird paper devoted entirely to cage birds.

OUR BIRTHDAY NUMBER COMPETITION.

The Half-dozen Ordinary Yorkshires.

On page 33 of this week's issue appears a drawing of what our artist terms "half-a-dozen ordinary Yorkshire Canaries." In these six birds, he tells us, are hidden a number of "parts" which, if the whole half-dozen birds could be dissected, and the said "parts" successfully joined, would produce one high-class exhibition specimen. This is a puzzle we ask readers to solve, and we offer a CASH PRIZE OF HALF-A-GUINEA for the correct solution. The "key" to the mystery, we may say, will remain in our artist's keeping until the date of the competition closing.

To make the matter quite clear, we will say by way of fuller explanation, that what our readers have to do is to take a pair of scissors and a pot of paste (or gum), and cut out certain parts from each of the six birds depicted, so that these parts, when pasted on a clean sheet of paper, will make a picture of a Yorkshire Canary, fit for "keen competition." The exact parts to be used—a leg from here, a beak from there, and so on—are at present known only to our artist. And it is for exercising their powers of discrimination in solving this puzzle that we offer readers the half-guinea prize. In the event of a tie, the neatest picture will take the prize. The Editor's decision will be final. Write your name and address clearly on the back of each attempt sent in, and post them to reach us not later than Monday, February 3rd next, on which day the competition will close.

OUR XMAS COMPETITION RESULT.

The Coloured Frontispiece.

The number of coloured frontispieces received was a very high one, and many of the efforts possessed considerable merit, yet on the whole we do not think that the excellence of last year's winning effort, or of the other paintings which ran it so closely, was attained by any competitor this year. A great number of competitors were hopelessly at sea over the correct coloration of the three birds. After anxious consideration the judges have awarded the FIRST PIRZE to

Miss M. E. Palmer,
Silver Beach,
Sea View Road,
Herne Bay.

to whom a cheque for half a guinea will be sent in due course.

The effort of this lady was very closely pressed by the frontispiece sent in by Mr. George Lawrence, of 89, King's Road, Halstead, Essex. As regards accuracy of colouring of the birds, this gentleman's painting was the pick of the competitors, but unfortunately only part of the frontispiece was coloured and sent by him, and this lost his effort the prize. The following competitors were also considered by the judges to be worthy of honourable mention:—Miss Beatrice Smith (Worcester Park), E. J. Checkland (Norwich), C. F. Hayman (Parkstone), W. Hartle (Llandudno), W. H. Sleep (Plymouth), W. Collins (Southampton), W. Clowes (Macclesfield), A. Langlands (Arbroath), Master F. Marwood (Thornaby-on-Tees), Miss Annie Mackenzie (East Dulwich), W. J. Burgess (Clapham), L. Norton (Bearwood).

Where do they Differ?

The art plate depicting the two Norwich Plainhead Canaries, on which we invited readers to say where the two birds differed, was submitted to that well-known judge and expert, Mr. T. H. Payne, of Gloucester, for an opinion. He writes:—

"I find the two birds depicted are practically the same as regards outline, but the one on the right-hand side is a little stouter in body, neck and waist, and a little longer in tail. The skull is also a little higher. As regards type I consider there is no real difference. I think I should be very near the mark if I said one was a slightly enlarged edition of the other, only depicted in a different position."—J. H. PAYNE.

This competition was not easy to decide, for out of the hundreds of postcards interested readers sent solutions on, the independent party selected to choose from them was a long time ere drawing one which coincided with the judge as to the points of difference. The winner, however, eventually appeared in the person of

Mr. W. M. Walker,
"Langdale,"
Cockermouth.

who will also receive a cheque for half-a-guinea.

This gentleman's postcard read as follows:—"Bird on the right is longer in tail, fuller and broader on the breast and body, slightly broader in head; altogether, in my opinion, a bigger bird.—W. M. WALKER."

Many of the comments of competitors make interesting reading, and we shall hope to print a few in our next week's issue. In the meantime we recommend those who tried so well, but just failed to grasp the reward, to exercise their skill on the competition of this week; better fortune may await them.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Admiral Duncan O.S. (Nottingham).—Jan. 25, Business, Reading the Balance Sheet.—Wm. Healey.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Photographic Rooms, Market Street, 8. Election of officers, balance sheet, and Discussion on the opening of Society.—T. Harrison.

Barrow and Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 22, Club-room, 7.30. Drawing for specials, etc., won at show.—Wm. Wilson.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.—Jan. 21, New Inn, Belgrave, Leicester, 8. Nomination of officers. General business.—W. H. Riley.

Bermondsey and Dist. F.S.—Jan. 21, Headquarters, Samson Castle, Grange Road, 8.30. Election of committee.—A. Lupton.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Jan. 21, Temperance Hall, 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers and balance sheet.—J. T. Harding.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Round House Inn, 7.30. Table Show and other business.—F. Mitchell.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Bakers' Room, King Street, 8. Arrangements for ensuing season.—R. Whitton.

City of Bradford O.S.—Jan. 18, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Balance sheet for 1907; election of officers, Union business, important.—G. Stansfield.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Jan. 21, Nag's Head. 7.30. Accept entries for Members' Show, Jan. 25, in Co-op. Hall. Mr. J. Pitchford, judge.—J. C. Heaton.

Crook Original C.E.R. and P.S.—Jan. 22, at 7, Crown Hotel, Annual General Meeting balance sheet, election of officers, revision of rules, intending members invited.—A. Bowes.

Derby C.B.C.—Jan. 25, Victoria Street Congl. School Rooms, 7.30. Balance sheet and election of officers, etc.—W. H. Bamsey.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Jan. 23, The Montpelier, Choument Road, Peckham, 8. Special general meeting, etc., resolution passed at annual meeting; also election of officers.—W. Hodson.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Jan. 25, Barley Mow, 3. 1st show for 1908, two splendid silver medals, one for Open, one for Novices; intending new members can give names to J. E. Hudson.

Frome F.A.—Pair Show, Lamb Hotel. Birds to be delivered before 3 o'clock.—C. Young. (No date given.—Ed.)

Glasgow and Western Counties Club.—Jan. 25, 122, Ingram Street, 6. Election of office bearers and other business.—J. H. Adam.

Glossop, Hadfield and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Howard Arms, at 8. General meeting and other important business.—H. S. Waters.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Jan. 25, The Church Schools, 8. Election of officers, balance sheet and other important business.—A. Holden.

Green Canary Assn.—Special summoned meeting, Jan. 23, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. To select nomination form for election of officers; to arrange extra boards for old show, and make arrangements for annual dinner.—S. Hadwin.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 18, Griffin Hotel, 8. Yorks. Union business.—J. F. Thackray.

Houghton le Spring and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 18, 7.30, White Lion Hotel.—H. Fenwick.

Inverness O.A.—Jan. 22, Crown Mission Hall, Washington Court, 8. Annual General Meeting; balance sheet, election of office bearers.—A. Urquhart.

Lancaster and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Market Hall Coffee Rooms, 7.30. Balance sheet, election of officers, and other important business.—H. J. Brown.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Jan. 21, White Swan Hotel, 8. Balance sheets, table show; Buff Nor. Corks, Open; ditto Amateur; ditto Novice; judge E. Noakes.—C. Draper.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, 8. Table show, Nor. Yell. Hen Open; ditto Novice, Nor., heavily var., or Green Open; ditto Novice; Judge, Mr. G. Lander. Balance sheet and election of officers.—J. Heighton.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30. Members' Show arrangements. — A. Parks.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 21, The Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham, 8. Annual general meeting and election of officers.—H. T. Lucas.

Manningham C.B.A.—Jan. 17, Mowbray Arms, 7.30. Nomination of Union officers, and discussion of Rules.—F. Western.

M. and N.C.O.S.—Jan. 20, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Election of officers, Table Show of Norwich, judged by Mr. J. Trengove, who will deliver a lecture on Norwich.—E. H. Jones.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Business of importance. Mr. Harding Williams will give a Washing Exhibition.—D. Jeremy.

Northampton Hand-in-Hand.—Jan. 28, Foresters' Arms, 8.15. To clear up ticket accounts for late show, etc.—J. Nason.

Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 18, Red Lion, 8. Annual meeting, election of officers.—J. Simcock.

Plumstead and Woolwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 23, Holy Trinity Schools, 8. Alteration of name of society, election of officers, and new members. Fanciers wishing to join please attend.—W. Pawley.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Jan. 18, College Inn, 8. Prize money to be paid to members, and other business.—J. C. Hayes.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Meat Pie Supper, at 9d each; presentation of prizes, balance sheet, and social; fanciers and friends invited. F. W. Johnson.

Willington Quay and Dist. F.S.—Jan. 23, Turk's Head, 7.30. All prize money paid to members; average 5/6 per class. Those wishing to join welcomed.—W. T. Winter.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

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*Feb. 7, 8, 10 & 11 **Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**
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(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids **G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., a.B.N.H.S., &c, Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S., M. , O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life **H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Treatment for Cock and Hen.

F. Yardley.—You do not give any clue as to what was the treatment formerly advised for the hen, but as it has been so successful up to now you cannot do better than continue it. You might give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and 10 drops of lemon juice in its water twice a week. As regards the cock with a swollen face and running of the eye, one could properly advise only after seeing it. The swelling may be a tumour, and I should hardly advise you to interfere with it. Could not you ask your medical man, or a veterinary, to look at it and advise you? A pinch of boracic acid dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of warm water would be useful to bathe the eye with.

Asthma and Moulting.

H.S.—There can be no doubt that keeping the birds in your signal box, where there is great differences of heat, is at the root of your trouble. The box is probably draughty, too. Unless you can remove, or at least ameliorate, these conditions you cannot hope for much success in treating the birds. There is little the matter with your diet, except that you might drop out the linseed, and give instead a little scalded rape once a week, and a piece of bread scalded with milk as often. Give five drops each of oxymel of squills, tincture of tolu, and three of tincture of lobelia in the drinking water two days in every three until better. If you prefer giving something direct into the beak, you may mix the ingredients together in the proportions given dilute the mixture with an equal bulk of glycerine, and give two drops in the beak morning and night. We do not care about this frequent disturbance of the birds, however.

Bare ound the Neck.

C. A. King.—Having four nests in one season two years ago would hardly be the cause of your hen becoming bald round the neck since last moult, although this hard working of a hen one year frequently ruins one's prospects of doing any good with them for some time afterwards. She may not recover her plumage now until next moult. Do not allow her to nest before the beginning of April, and only allow her two nests this year. Between now and April treat her as follows:—As staple diet give Canary seed only, a little green food or any kind of sweet fruit daily. Once a week give a teaspoonful of scalded rape, and twice a week a small piece of bread dipped in milk, and very slightly dusted with powdered sulphur. Keep warm, free from draughts, and add fifteen drops of chemical food to the water twice a week. Give all these extras on different days, and no two together. Shall be glad to hear if plumage is reproduced by March. I expect you have satisfied yourself as to whether mites are the cause.

Crested Hen Loose in Feather.

Anxious.—Feed on Canary seed only, with pinch of hemp and rape twice a week, and give a small quantity of egg food twice a week. Dissolve a piece of sulphate of iron as large as a hemp seed in the drinking water every second day for a week, by which time it should be all right.

Some P ints in Borders.

"Cee, Jay, Dee."—Of the two types of birds you mention the Scotch birds are certainly the best type, and more nearly what the standard requires. They should not be too cobby. They require to be cobbily, but by no means heavily built. Type is, or should be, of paramount importance in judging; colour counts for little, and a bird manifestly coloured would probably be disqualified. This will answer your first query. 2. The tails of the Scotch birds are also correct. The sketch you make of the tails of the English birds shows "fishtails," which would tell against the birds, but not disqualify them. 3. A white flight in the wing of a green would handicap it seriously in a class for self greens. Its proper place would be in a class for foul or broken greens if such were provided. 4. Yes, you could show Borders in Norwich show cages. By the bye you could get the proper type of cage from any of our large advertisers. Look down our advertisement columns and send for a catalogue.

A Norwic . "In Extremis."

A. Busteed.—I am afraid your bird is in a very bad way, and its age will not improve matters. At nine and a half years old, in an advanced stage of asthma, and attacked with fits, it would almost be the kindest thing you could do to chloroform it, or get a chemist to do it for you It is doubtful whether you will be able to do it any good. However if you wish to try, keep it warm and comfortable, but not overheat it, feed on Canary seed only, with a little bread dipped in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and a teaspoonful of scalded rape seed once a week. Give as much Epsom salts as will lie on sixpence and five drops of lemon juice in its water three times a week, and twice a day give two drops of the mixture advised to "H.S." (in this issue) in the beak. If not better in a fortnight write again.

Keeping Rollers' Song Pure.

A.G.P.—No, you cannot breed Roller songsters and Norwich and Yorkshires all in one room without the song of the Rollers deteriorating, neither can you expect to prevent the young Rollers acquiring undesirable notes by moving the other cocks from the room before the young Rollers moult. The Roller's song is purely an artificial melody which is only obtained by careful tuition, and keeping the young ignorant of any had notes as far as possible. You would succeed better by removing the young Roller cocks to another room as soon as they could feed and look after themselves, but even this would not be a complete safeguard, as it is quite possible for young birds to acquire notes they hear before they are able to feed themselves and they will generally pick up a bad note quicker than a good one. The song of the old Rollers would also be likely to deteriorate under these circumstances. If you really wish to go in for breeding Rollers for song it would be far better to give up other varieties unless you could keep them quite separate and out of hearing of each other

Canary Not Singing.

A.G.P.—I do not think there is anything seriously wrong with this bird. Many birds forego singing to a great extent after being bred with. Your bird will doubtless begin to sing stoutly enough in a few weeks. You might stop giving maw seed, and give instead a teaspoonful of egg food once a week, and a small piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry sprinkled over it once a week.

Norwich lainhead Hens.

Jones.—There must be something r dically wrong with your management though what it is I cannot tell from your letter Treat these hens as follows for a few weeks and note result. Keep in a large cage where they can get plenty of exercise; keep comfortably warm; free from draughts or great variation of heat; and regulate the diet as follows for each week: One day give only a good teaspoonful of Canary seed and a good spray of green food; next day the same quantity of seed and a small piece of bread dipped in milk; third day a small teaspoonful of Canary seed and the same quantity of soaked rape, and a bit of pear, apple, orange, or green food; fourth day, same as first; fifth day, same as second with spray of green food added; sixth day, same as first; seventh day same as third. Repeat same each week. The quantities named are for the two birds, so it would be most convenient to keep them in the same cage. Dissolve a piece of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the drinking water every third day, and let us know result in a fortnight.

Hen Singing.

Novice.—Although hens do not as a rule sing, it is not very unusual to find individuals that are very tolerable songsters. It is possible the bird you bought for a hen, and which sings as well as a cock and started to fight when put in a cage with a cock may be of the sterner sex, but at same time it is not very likely. Watch carefully when it is singing for the swelling and throbbing of the throat. This is rarely a prominent feature of the song of a hen. By the way even if there had been no doubt about the sex you should not think of putting birds together for breeding for a long time to come.

Keeping Birds in Cold Room.

"Silliw."—There is probably no question in bird keeping annals which demands the exercise of more individual discretion than the one you put as to how long it is safe to keep Canaries in a cold room without using artificial heat. There are so many points to be considered that scarcely any two cases would be exactly alike. Cold bred birds if they have space for exercise and are allowed a more liberal supply of fatty seeds during snaps of cold weather, would only require heat under very exceptional circumstances. But I fear the average bird we have to-day inclines to the other class, and is not fit to battle with the rigour of wintry weather. To treat the whole question in a general way I should say that when the birds kept in a cold room began to sit about slightly puffed out in cold weather it was time to add a proportion of hemp to the usual diet of Canary seed, and give a little scalded rape daily, if this had not already been done, and if that did not at once improve matters then it would be advisable to employ such heat as was available to warm the room—always bearing in mind the extra risk one takes hold of in doing this; the necessity for keeping the heat regular; and the increased danger of draughts, all of which must be guarded against. Forty to forty-five degrees should be quite sufficient heat during the winter months.

Breeding Queries.

"Neophyte."—To reply to your preliminary remarks you did quite right to remove the cock after the hen began to incubate, when you found his presence during the first nesting period was detrimental to success. Some hens do much better when the cock is removed, whereas others do worse. It is one of those points where one has to use one's own discretion. In reply to questions: No. 1. Yes, the room you describe should do very well for a bird-room. No. 2. Your plan of running a cock with two hens alternately is quite reasonable and practicable. Many breeders adopt this method. The exceptions are when you happen to get a hen that will not sit properly when the cock is removed. No. 3. There is no necessity to remove the second pair to another room. The operations of the second pair are not likely to disturb the first hen. Of course the second mating would take place in another cage, and not in the one occupied by the first hen. It may sometimes be advisable to keep the second pair on the same side of the room as the first hen, so that the latter would not see them constantly. No. 4. When working on the lines suggested it is not absolutely necessary to adhere to the same mating all through the season. If you find a pair perpetuating or aggravating any serious fault you can mate either the cock or the hen differently for the second or third broods. But this would not give any particular mating a very good trial, and unless you had a good system of marking and registering the birds, error might very easily creep into the pedigree. You must not expect to breed your ideal in every nest.

Breeding Songsters.

A.S.T.P.—As you evidently wish to breed a good ordinary type of bird for singing you cannot do better than mate the best of your crossed Yorks.-Norwich hens to a Hartz Roller cock. I should discard all the birds not required for breeding, cocks as well as hens, so that the Hartz cocks would have less chance of picking up undesirable notes, and the young when bred could be left with them for tuition.

Early Breeding.

H. Davies.—There is always a risk in very early mating, but your case appears to be one of those exceptional ones where, if one cares to shoulder the risk, it is quite possible to breed early birds. But then as one hen should not be allowed to rear more than two or at most three broods in a year it is doubtful where the advantage of such early breeding comes in. You say you have the birds together already, and the hen in a forward condition, and they are kept in a room heated at about 62 degrees day and night. Very well. If you can with certainty maintain these conditions regularly it is quite possible you may raise one, and perhaps two, broods by the time the proper breeding season is at hand. Then the old birds will either be idle during the best part of the season, or you will run the risk of ruining them for another year. This, of course, is quite irrespective of the difficulties you would have to face during the next two months. My advice is not to attempt breeding yet. Separate the birds for a month or six weeks at least; then, if you are still able to maintain a good even temperature night and day you may with more reason tempt the fates, and perhaps not be sorry for having done so.

A Puffy Hen.

"Elsteddfod."—The bird doubtless caught cold during the recent severe weather. Keep it warm and free from draughts. Give 30 drops of whiskey, 10 drops of glycerine, and as much Epsom salts as will lie on a threepenny-piece in its drinking every alternate days for a week, and the next week give 20 drops of chemical food every second day Discontinue the mixed seeds for the present, and give a small piece of bread dipped in milk once a week instead. Sorry I cannot, for obvious reasons, differentiate between the remedies you name. Probably all have some good points. The above treatment should put the bird right, but if it does not there would be no harm in trying the one named first on your list, or write again and we will advise further.

A Norwich Not Singing.

"Novice."—I am afraid your treatment is at fault. The presence of a Linnet in the same room would not stop the Canary singing. As the bird is so near a window are you quite sure it is not exposed to draughts, as this would be largely accountable for its condition? Feed it on Canary seed only, and give a little scalded rape separately once a week, and a small piece of bread and milk once a week. Give five drops oxymel of squills, and two drops each of tincture lobelia and hyoscyamus in the drinking water every second day until better. 2. Why not get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners" from this office, wherein you will find the difference of sex described in detail, and also illustrated, as well as it can be done on paper? The cock is bolder looking, more defiant, jaunty in carriage, his voice is more clear and ringing, and when singing the whole of the throat is inflated and swollen, and throbs very plainly as the notes are produced. The differences are all comparative and not easy for a novice to distinguish.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Sexing Twites, etc.

Twite.—The sexing of Twites is a very simple matter. The cock bird on the rump has a distinct ruddy patch of colour—one has only to put the tips of the wings to one side to see it at a glance. The rump of the hen Twite is greyish. The rest of her plumage, too, is ashy-brown; whereas in the cock it is a warmer brown, in real good specimens a very pleasing tone of dark brown indeed. The Twite has no pretensions to be styled a "singing bird," but what notes it has are not unpleasing. It is very bright and lively in disposition, and often known to breed with Canary hens, also occasionally with hen Britishers in captivity.

Goldfinch and Canary Seed.

H.S.—As you say, your Goldfinch will "starve rather than eat Canary seed," then you set me an impossible task in asking me to tell you how to compel him to do so. He is a very wise bird in my opinion, for I do not consider Canary seed fit food for a Goldfinch, particularly for a 1907 (presumably non-house-moulted) bird. Be wise: let him eat what he chooses and live, rather than pine and die on what you yourself choose to give. Though some species of British birds seem to enjoy a little Canary seed (Twites, for instance) others "turn up their noses" at it. Personally I use far less Canary in my room than almost any other seed. It is very expensive, for one thing, when good, and I don't believe in giving my birds an expensive article of diet to be thrown pell-mell over the cage-floors and wasted, while they scarch out the cheaper seeds they are content with, and thrive upon. And Canary seed that is not of first-class quality is a wretched "food" to offer any British seedeater with a spark of life and natural sprightliness left. Put the Goldie and Canary in a double breeding cage; when she is ready for nesting operations, "stimulating" seeds will not harm her.

Beginning Mule Breeding.

J.L.—As you are a novice, the best pair I could recommend you would be a Linnet and hen Canary. If you get a steady, well-domesticated Linnet, and a nice stoutly built yellow hen of Norwich type, you would be practically certain of breeding a few good Mules during the season, and they would be lovely singers. I consider the Linnet-Canary the best songster of all Mules, in fact. If you take my advice, you will not start with many couples. A modest beginning is best, launching out into a bigger undertaking after you have got an insight into the procedure. Let your two birds hang in sight of each other (or put one in each compartment of a double breeding cage) until the latter part of March, when they may be turned together and left for the remainder of the season. The Linnet must be in full song, and have a blue-coloured beak, before he can be expected to fertilise eggs. Should the first batch of eggs prove unfertile, by-the-way, don't despair, for in all probability the second lot will turn out good. From May to August represents the "fat" time of the season for the Mule breeder. The Goldfinch-Canary make another attractive pair, but Master Goldie needs more "managing" than the Linnet, as a rule. The Linnie is generally amiably disposed towards his partner and rarely interferes with nest or eggs, and will often help in the feeding of the young. He will, too, rarely take to more than one hen in a season, once he has mated with and become attached to any particular hen.

In Soft Moult.

B.B.B.—You cannot do anything to check the moult into which your Blackcap has fallen. The wretchedly changeable weather is doubtless responsible for the trouble. Your feeding is very good. Keep the bird in as equable a temperature as possible (not with a severe drop 'twixt day and night) and stir half-a-teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food into its drinking water for a fortnight or three weeks. If it seems "bound" (constipated) at all, give a small mealworm or two previously dipped into the best quality olive oil (or salad oil).

Feeding a Greenfinch.

H.C.G.—Pleased to hear you have got hold of so good a Greenfinch. Hope you will have luck in muling with him. The sturdy Green-bird is the easiest of all the Finches to feed—nothing seems to come amiss to him. This I can safely say: if you provide him with plenty of good, sound, white sunflower seed, he will thrive admirably, no matter what other seeds you feed him on. It is the more economical to give the sunflower in a dish, or pan, by itself, but if this is not possible, then the following stock mixture will answer admirably: Canary, teazle and sunflower two parts each, summer rape, charlock, linseed, and hemp, half a part each. For variety, and for dainties, treat as advised so often in this column for Goldfinches and Linnets. Packet Finch mixture, wild seed mixture, thistle and hardheads, dandelion, seeding. shepherd's purse, chickweed and groundsel, etc., are all relished in their seasons, and the seeding wild plants are invaluable during the breeding season. By-the-way, it strikes me I answered a question about feeding Greenfinches only last week.

Feeding a Bramblefinch.

E.A.J.—A Bramble Finch should be treated practically on the same lines as a Chaffinch. A little hemp, however, can be allowed them in the stock mixture. For the latter, you would find it difficult to beat the following: Canary and teazle 3 parts each, sunflower two parts (or sunflower one, safflower one) hemp, one part, summer rape, charlock and linseed half part each, by measure (a half pint can be termed one part, if you like—or a teacupful, etc., if you buy the seeds separately). For an occasional "treat" offer any of the things recommended "H.C.G." this week. Brambles are not particularly keen on green-food, as a rule, though. I have found them enjoy a few berries in the winter, and a bit of ripe fruit now and again. They should have a mealworm offered them every other day or so, and flies and many other live foods they delight in, and sometimes take a few moistened ants' eggs, and a little prepared insectivorous food. They are free bathers as a rule, apparently much appreciating any opportunity for indulging in a "splash."

Food for a Redpoll.

A Woman.—A Redpoll is practically a "small edition" of the Linnet and wants treating in precisely the same way in captivity. A good seed mixture would be: Canary three pints, teazle two pints, summer rape, charlock and linseed one pint each. A feed of hemp, maw, niger and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green-food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and ripe seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain and groundsel freely in the summer. When just bought, (i.e., probably newly-caught, and not well on seed) cracked hemp (fresh made each day) and maw seed should be freely given, with some niger as well; likewise a pan of soaked rape (dabbed as dry as possible in a cloth) should also be provided. Many good makers put up a special Linnet (or Finch) mixture in packets, and a feed of this occasionally makes an acceptable variation from the ordinary stock mixture. I told how to sex Redpolls only last week. See reply to "Nib."

Hints about a Bullfinch.

Herne Hill.—You ought not to have any particular difficulty in getting your Bullie, even though but newly caught, to settle down to cage life, and take to his food. Give him a little variety in the menu, however, and don't confine him solely to dry, hard seed. He should do well on the following stock mixture: Canary and teazle, two pints each, sunflower one pint, linseed, summer rape, and charlock, half a pint each. As variety offer daily a pinch of one or the other of these things (in a separate vessel): Maw, niger, hemp, wild seed mixture, thistle and dandelion; also give thistleheads, hardheads, milk thistle, shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, blackberries, privet berries, buds from hawthorn hedges, fruit bushes, etc., as may be in season, some suitable ripe fruit (banana, sweet pear, apple, orange, cherries, etc.), and a small mealworm or two now and again. This will give you a pretty varied list to ring the changes upon, and so afford that variety which will keep the bird in good health and condition. Always remember that Bullies are great fruit, bud and berry eaters by nature.

Management of Linnets.

Archie P.—I have given many replies recently on the treatment, etc., of Linnets, some of them very lengthy ones, too. You should look them up. Newly bought (often synonymous with newly-caught) Linnets must have some "soft seeds" to feed upon. These are conveniently found in seeding shepherd's purse, plantain, chickweed, charlock, groundsel, knapweed, thistles, and the like; also, soaked summer rape and charlock, given when just commencing to germinate (or sprout) must be supplied. They should be offered maw seed, linseed, canary, summer rape, charlock, teazle, and lightly cracked hemp (fresh made every day). After a few days the cracking of the hemp can be discontinued; offer it whole. Should any of the birds go "soft," separate them at once from their companions, and for two days (and afterwards if necessary, for a time, on every second day) let them have water

made slightly saliue with sulphate of soda—a teaspoonful dissolved in a pint of water. A good wild seed mixture (such can be eheaply bought) is a good thing for fresh caught birds to pick over. A very good cage to steady a bird in, or get it "broken in" to captive life, is the pattern known as a "back cage," but made a size or two larger than the usual. If you visit "Club Row" you can buy very suitable and splendidly made "back cages" for 1/6 each—of the large size I recommend.

Concerning Two Thrushes.

Ignorant Woman.—You are candid, at any rate, and evidently not a suffragette! The fruit, etc., you are giving the two Thrushes is quite alright, likewise keeping them in an unheated room, and also the other details of management you mention. But your stock food is woefully inadequate. Gradually change on to the following stock mixture which any good seller of bird foods will mix for you (store it in tins): Game (or pheasant) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupae, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the game meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes make an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little water, or grated raw carrot, or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season. Vary them frequently and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hardboiled egg, twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. I dealt with the cutting of nails in my reply to "Lex" last week. To have perches made immovable is a very great mistake, and you should have them altered at once. Run birds out into another cage temporarily while cleaning their own; they would only dash wildly about if let out into the room.

Linnet and Goldfinch.

W.B.—You are not feeding the Linnet well enough. Feed on the same lines as advised "A Woman" this week. Also make up two separate "tit-bit" mixtures (both by measure) as follows: No. 1, hemp and lettuce seeds equal parts of each; No. 2, maw and niger seeds equal parts of each. Of these give a small teaspoonful daily, No. 1 one day, No. 2 the next day, and so on, in a separate pan to the stock mixture. You will soon find your Linnet come on song then, if it is a cock bird. From your letter I began to wonder whether it was not a hen. With regard to the Goldfinch, it is no use my guessing at the cause of its death, and you give me no particulars at all on which to form an opinion. The seed sample seems fairly good; I would prefer it made up on exactly the lines advised "W.H.A." a fortnight ago.

Will "Anxious," whose query "On a muling strain" was answered in this column on January 4th, please communicate with the Editor?

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

A Feather-eating Amazon.

E. Roberts—You must alter the diet of your bird, to feed it almost entirely on hemp is certainly not a wholesome diet, and this is partially responsible for the trouble. Give it two or three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in its drinking water, or over its boiled maize), there must be an interval of three days between each dose. Continue to give the chemical food on such days as you are not giving the magnesia. Diet: A seed mixture of Canary, hemp, dari, wheat, small Indian corn and sunflower seeds in about equal parts; make this your staple diet, keeping a continuous supply in the cage. Also give such ripe fruit as it will eat, nuts, plain biscuit, boiled potato (dry), and raw carrot. Supply a little boiled maize twice a week—Note: the boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and food vessel must be kept strictly clean. Providing you keep it out of draught, you can spray it with quassia solution, this will make its plumage hitter and distasteful to it. Providing the case is not of two long standing, there should soon be an improvement.

The Persian Bulbul as a Songster.

B.B.B.—If you get a true male Persian Bulbul, it is a fine songster indeed. Once tame, it is a good cage bird—a hox cage is about the best type; and it should he roomy, 24 by 12 by 18 inches high, I consider ought to be the minimum. Use natural branches as perches, and clean out the cage daily. As to diet, supply seed, soft food, ripe fruit and insects. These birds are rather wild when they first come to hand, but with steady and quiet demeanour on your part when feeling, etc., it will soon get to know you, and a fly round the room will be beneficial to it, and it will soon learn to go back to its cage of its own accord. It is a hold, hardy bird once it has got over the hardships of the voyage to the country. If you get a true Persian, it is sure to please you.

The Breeding of Budgerigars.

R. K. Tallis.—I cannot advise you to keep Budgerigars with Canaries and Foreign Finches, as I know from costly experience; they will agree together for a time, often for a couple of years, then a change comes on the scene, mutilations and murders are frequent, and your Finches rapidly disappear. I should advise you to put a wooden top to your aviary about 6 inches below the glass. You would find two pairs of Budgerigars, one pair each of Cockatiels, Rosellas, and Redrumps would fully occupy your space; put up as many husks, logs and nest boxes as you can find space for, so as to avoid quarrelling over nesting sites. Nest boxes for Parrakeets must have concave bottoms, or the eggs will roll about and spoil. The Cardinals are the only likely ones to be at all safe with the Parrakeets, and if it came to a real "dust up," I expect they would fare very badly. The Budgerigars are worse than the Parrakeets, for they are so mischievous, that for them to bite off a limb, or break the wing of an unoffending Finch, is evidently a joke!

Books on Foreign Birds.

There is no cheap book on Foreign birds with coloured plates, such cannot be; the only thing that I can suggest, is to get such lists as you can from second-hand booksellers. You would find "Favourite Foreign Birds" by Dr. W. T. Greene, from the Editor of Cage Birds, a useful little book, but such Illustrations as it contains are uncoloured ones in the text. The series on "Housing and Keeping," now running in Cage Birds, will shortly be published in book form, and should be of much assistance to you in treating and recognising your bird.

Ring-necked Parrakeets, etc.

M.L.—I am of the opinion it would be better to leave the birds together, but your cage should only be open at the front, screen the other portion with something the birds cannot readily tear to pieces, also manage to arrange for a piece of board dropping from top of cage, so that they will have a retired corner to perch in when they are so inclined. Also be as quiet and steady as possible in your movements when feeding, cleaning, etc., and avoid as far as possible any bustling in their vicinity for a time; they will ultimately steady down. Your dietary is about right, note what they favour most and tempt them with it, and ultimately they will come and take it from your hand. Canary, rape, teazle and sunflower seeds will meet the Bullies' requirements; keep a bit of ripe apple between the bars of its cage, and tempt it with a leaf of fresh lettuce. Re the Robin, I do not think it would be possible to give a Robin which is in the enjoyment of full liberty too many mealworms (unless you are a millionaire). Insects are its natural food, and a dozen or two daily will certainly not harm it, if you care to expend so many. It must be of much interest to you the bird being so tame, but such instances with Robins are by no means uncommon.

What Parrot?

J.A.W.—You have an immature specimen of the handsome and interesting Senegal Parrakeet. This species makes an ideal pet when taken young as yours has been, and you have an individual with the power of speech fairly well developed; it promises to make a talented bird. You are giving the correct seed mixture, but for this species it would be better to increase the quantity of Canary seed, make this one item half the bulk of the mixture. Also let it have a little plain biscuit, a few nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and such ripe fruit as it will eat; keep a piece of cuttlefish in its cage, and if it seems to linger in the production of its feathers, colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. The temperature of a living-room will be ample for it so long as it is kept out of draught.

A Budgerigar with Cold.

Anxious.—I should cage this bird up separately, and as they are small drinkers you cannot give them much by way of the drinking water. Get from your chemist the following mixture, glycerine, oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine in equal parts. To one tahlespoonful of water add half-a-teaspoonful of mixture; see that it gets a good drink of this morning and evening; you can easily arrange this hy removing the water overnight, and then it will be rather thirsty in the morning, and readily drink the mixture; let it have a drink of clear water at midday, then leave the mixture in its cage till evening. A week of such treatment, or less, should effect a cure, unless it is a case of pneumonia, if so, it is quite hopeless attempting any treatment. Keep it out of draught, and warmish, hut not in a hot, dry atmosphere, and if it is only a cold it should soon recover. As soon as the cold gives, lightly colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food.

Rosellas, Redrumps, etc.

Grimston.—(1) Rosellas and Redrumps will require nothing more than their ordinary seed mixture for the rearing of their young, though, myself, I prefer to keep a pan of white oats standing in the aviary, and also see that they get as much greenfood as they will eat. You might also give them some pieces of plain biscuit. (2) The Half-moon Parrakeet is also known as the Golden-crowned Conure, and is a handsome bird. I have known them kept with other species of Parrakeets with success, but some individuals are malicious and troublesome; this applies really to all Parrakeets, though Conures seem to earn the title as much as most species. However, if you have roomy quarters for them, I don't think they will harm such as Cockatiels, Rosellas, Redrumps, etc., hut you must protect your woodwork. I should not care to give more than 12/- to 15/- for such a pair as you describe. (3) The Brazilian Parrakeet is any and every Parrakeet that comes from the Brazils, and I do not really know of any species to which the title has been given as a popular name. One of the names by which the Half-moon used to he known was *C. brasiliensis*, so that it is probahly that species advertised under another name.

Parrot Having a Discharge from Nostrils.

B.G.H.—Try for a fortnight and then report result. Bathe its nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline, it will do no harm, if a little is swallowed; use a small camel hair mop brush for the purpose, well cleanse it for each occasion, and also get a fresh portion of the solution. Every fourth day put one tahlespoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into its drinking water. Diet the bird as under: a seed mixture of Canary seed, hemp, dari, wheat, oats and sunflower seeds in equal parts; well mix, and always keep a supply in the cage. Give also ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, cuttlefish, and a little greenfood, leaf of lettuce, etc. Such cases want treating at once; it certainly is not wise to let them run on for two years. Report progress in a fortnight, and keep the bird warmish and out of draught.

Foreign Finches Roosting Out-of-doors.

Novice.—I can only suggest that the "house" part of your aviary is not sufficiently lighted; anyhow the species you name will take no harm if they roost in the outer portion, especially if the whole of it is roofed in. I may say, however, that in my ontdoor aviary, the shed or shelter of which has an open front, all roost under that cover; on the other hand some Indian Doves and larger Finches and Grosbeaks spend a good part of the time under the shed during the day, and roost out in the open at night. The only other alternative than leaving the birds to please themselves, is to drive them in at dusk and fasten them up for the night for a time. I do not think the birds will remain outside and suffer from choice, and I advise you to leave them alone. You can put your food vessels inside, also the bulk of nesting receptacles. Is the shed infested with any kind of vermin?

What Parrakeet?

A.P.—You have either a young Pennant or Adelaide Parrakeet, however, you will easily be able to decide which when it is in adult plumage; if the former, its principal colouring will be rich scarlet, if the latter it will be mostly terra-cotta red. You cannot do better than carry out the whole of your suggested additions as in rough sketch, so constructing same that at any time during the breeding season, by simply closing doors, you can make several enclosures of it. But you must grub out such trees and bushes as lilac, mock orange and laburnum; on the other hand, jasmine, wild clematis, briar, honeysuckle, etc., are quite harmless. Let your pugnacious Sulphur seed-eater take its chance with the Budgerigars, etc. Choose from the following: Gouldian, Long-tailed, Rufus-tailed, or Parrot Finches. The Chinese Quails should do well, as also should the diminutive Diamond Dove and Tanagers. They can be left out all the year round, providing they have a shelter to use in severe weather and for night time. King Parrakeets would do well, but must not be kept with smaller species, and they take a time to settle down before nesting.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Query (J. Pickett).—We understand an answer and explanation have now been sent you.

"A Voice like Thunder" (Scottish Bobby).—Your poetry prostrated us. Coming on top of the hard work entailed by the Birthday Number, we were unable to bear up under it. We dare not—positively dare not—send it to our printers. The sentiments embodied in the lines are admirable; and for this we thank you.

Warning (W. Fleming).—We warn readers almost every week in the year against the practice of sending money direct to advertisers who are unknown to them.

Picture and Cutting (R. Corntbwaite).—Accept our thanks for your kindness in sending us the picture and cutting. We agree that same are very good and interesting.

Judging at Gateshead (A. Hay).—Your queries are not such as can be held to come within the scope of our expert's engagement on this journal.

Return of Entry Fee (A. Clarke).—You can certainly sue for the return of entry fees in the cancelled classes. But why not first try the effect of a letter in our correspondence columns, stating the facts of the case?

A Helping Hand (B. Wharton).—Your good wishes, and promise of a helping hand, are very much appreciated by us.

"Robert Orange" (White Owl).—We have to acknowledge article, with thanks, and we shall hope to print same in the near future.

Cutting (M. Dixon).—Thanks very much for your kindness.

Photo (W. Pawley).—We are much obliged to you for the photograph of your show, but unfortunately same is not sharp (clear) enough for reproduction in our pages.

An Unsatisfactory Transaction (F. H. Cook). The law of libel stands in the way of the publication of your letter. Your remedy is to issue a County Court summons for the money due.

The Norwich Type (Two in a Fog).—We hardly see what advice we can give you—unless it be to stick to those judges who have given prizes to your birds and avoid those who have not. You probably hit the nail on the head when you say that "what suits one judge another will not look at." It is human to differ. And judges are only human.

Linnet Singing and Illustrated Ideas (T. Aitken).—Several letters on Linnets and Linnet-singing appeared in our correspondence columns some short time ago. We will look out the dates and write you. Your suggestion respecting the illustrated ideas is one we contemplated carrying out.

Mice in the Aviary (Montague).—Sorry to hear you are so pestered with these little "varmints." Why not try the Danyaz Virus advertised weekly in our columns? We know of several cases where it has effectually cleared out mice (and rats, too) without the slightest harm to the birds, or to any other animals.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a rep y direct. 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (G. G. Court).—This bird, and possibly the other three, died of Canary fever. Instructions for isolation and disinfection have appeared in columns of Cage Birds from time to time.

Canary (Val).—Softening of liver, rupture of blood vessel of that organ.

Canary (A. N. I.).—Inflammation and hemorrhage of liver, apoplexy.

Yellow Bunting (R. Butlin).—Disease of liver, malnutrition and inflammation of bowels. This indicates some inadequacy in dieting.

Canary (F. M. Palmer).—Inflammation of liver spleen and kidnies, ending with apoplexy. The cage occupied hy this bird should he thoroughly disinfected.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO COLOUR-FEED OR NOT TO COLOUR-FEED?

A Chortle from an Anti-Colour foodite.

Sir,—Goodness gracious, can I believe my eyesight!—a member (an influential member, too) of the staff of Cage Birds actually expressing his admiration of the beauty and colouring of non-fed birds. Oh! what will Mr. Claude St. John and the pepper merchants say? Oh! Mr. Editor, how could you have allowed such an article to pass your eagle eye? Poor Claudie will get no sleep for weeks! Of course, had your poor misguided artist only made a few remarks concerning the Greenies and the Siskins, he could have been forgiven, but when he deliberately contrasts the delightful feathering and delicate colour of non-fed Borders against the coarser plumage of their brethren, the carry-fed Norwich, he is going a step too far, and he will be having his confrere "St. John the Specialist" calling him "Daniel, come unto judgment," or some other fine name. Wishing your bright little journal every success during 1908.

H. Moore.

P.S.—Please tell Mr. Norman to be a good boy in future or he won't be sent to Scotland again.

A NEW CAGE BIRD SOCIETY AT RUGBY.

Sir,—On Tuesday, January 14th, bird fanciers of Rugby and District met at a room in Little Church-street, Rugby, to consider the desirability of forming a Cage Bird Society in the locality. Mr. H. Leng was voted to the chair. It was unanimously agreed to form such a society, and that meetings be held on the second Tuesday in each month at the Moat Restaurant, Albert street, at 8.p.m. Two rates of subscription were agreed upon—ordinary members being required to pay 2s. 6d. yearly and exhibition members 4s., the latter being payable quarterly. Amongst the officers appointed were: Secretary, Mr. Clem F. Savage, 38, Murray-road, Rugby; assistant secretary, Mr. A. J. Hitchcox; treasurer, Mr. G. Towers; committee, Messrs. W. Gilbert (chairman), H. Leng, H. Jennings, W. J. Such, Goddard, W. H. Bond, A. G. Farn, and P. Tysall. The committee were requested to draft rules and also arrange for a table show at the next monthly meeting of the society. It was agreed to restrict the membership to a radius of ten miles of Rugby. At the initial meeting the names of 23 members were enrolled.

C. F. Savage.

A SHOW SECRETARY HITS OUT.

Sir,—Our Malton Show was held on Boxing Day (Dec. 26th) and the 10th of January saw the last of the prize money paid out (a few specials excepted). On the 11th January I received a letter of which the following is a copy:—

> "Dear Sir,—I am very disappointed at your not sending my prize-money on. I should be very glad if you would write and let me know why you have not sent it before now. I always understood that the secretaries should pay prize-money within fourteen days; but you have failed to do so. It cost me 6s. to oblige you at your show, but, if I don't hear from you in a day or two, I shall have to take proceedings that will either make you send the money or someone belonging to show committee. I saw the report of your show in Cage Birds, and I read you had had a successful show, but, if I don't get my money within a week I shall expose you and your show in Cage Birds and tell them what I and a lot more bird fanciers think in Barnsley.—I remain, etc.

I send this for publication to show fanciers generally the kind of thanks that is meted out to us poor show secretaries who spare neither time nor talent to run a show successfully for the benefit of the fanciers themselves, not for any personal gain. But my humble opinion is that a man who will pen a letter as above within a fortnight of the show is not worthy of the name of fancier. Apologising for trespassing on your space.

Geo. M. Horsley,
Secretary Malton Show.

A RIFT IN THE LUTE AT PECKHAM.

Sir,—I shall feel obliged if you can kindly find space for the following in your next issue of Cage Birds. The new committee of the above society met on Thursday night last, when it was decided to hold a special general meeting on Thursday night, January 23rd. They have been successful in obtaining the use of the splendid room attached to the Montpelier, Choumert-road, Peckham, for the purpose. This room is convenient in every way. It has an entrance apart from the house entirely, is very central, being only three minutes from Rye Lane Station and five minutes from the electric cars to all parts. It is hoped members will turn up in full force. It was also decided that the annual show of pairs matched for breeding be held on Thursday, February 13th. Mr. J. Robson has kindly consented to judge. Eight new members were elected, including G. H. Stephens, Peckham; H. Patterson, Clapham; J. Evenden, Bermondsey; A. Goodwin, Kennington; A. Howard, Knightsbridge; H. W. Reeves, Clapham; J. A. Simpson, Kilburn; Mr. J. E. Reeves, Canning Town. Mr. J. E. Reeves and Mrs. J. E. Reeves each sent a special value 10s. 6d. for members at our annual show. In reference to the letter in your last issue, under the signature of Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers, I would like to point out to members that these gentlemen, and others whose names they mention, had the opportunity to allow the resolution to go to the whole of the members by ballot, but they preferred to go to the meeting then, and that being so, ought to abide by the decision arrived at. I shall be glad if any member who has not received his special from the late show or who has any account against the society will communicate with me at once. Members may rely upon the committee doing their level best to carry out the promises made in my report of meeting appearing in your last issue. A capital programme is being arranged for the year, commencing with the pairs show announced above.

W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

PROPOSED CAGE BIRD CLUB FOR MUSSELBURGH AND DIS.

SIR,—A meeting of the above society will be held in Mr. McDonald's restaurant, No. 85, on January 25th, at seven o'clock, to consider the above proposal. It is hoped there will be a large attendance. T. PEARSON.

MEMBER'S POINTS' SPECIAL AT WHITEHAVEN.

SIR,—In your "Twitterings" of January 4th last, Mr. W. J. Douglas (Whitehaven) writes that had the selling class points counted at Whitehaven Show, he would have had five points more than me. This is not right. Had they counted (which they did not) he only had two more than me. In case of a tie, the one taking most prize-money is to win the special, which I get, seeing that it is not a cash special. W. IRWIN.

Harrington.

WHAT KIND OF NORWICH HAVE WE TO BREED?

SIR,—I am greatly surprised at the answer I have received from Mr. Young to my question asking how he makes out Mr. McFarlane's Buff cock a champion. I never asked anything about dogs, or express trains; all I wanted to know was what birds it has defeated and also to give the names of the judges it has won under. I know an exhibitor who only keeps Norwich (so I am told by those who have been in his house), but at a certain New Year Show he scoops the pool in British under a Scotch Fancy man. Would Mr. Young call this exhibitor a "champion" exhibitor of British birds?

A MEMBER OF THE S.P.C.

BUSINESS MEN AND THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Being a fancier for the past six or seven years, it has during that time always been my ambition to visit the above show, but being engaged in a business which compels me to be there Fridays and Saturdays (the excursions running from here on these days), I am practically debarred from visiting same unless I pay ordinary fare, which is about 30s., or, for a party of fifteen, fare and a quarter, 20s. Expenses on the top of this make it a very dear day's outing. The reason I am writing this is if Mr. Ramsden, or some other influential gentleman, could approach the railway companies with a view to running an excursion on Sunday night or early Monday morning from a centre like Manchester I don't think there is any doubt whatever about it paying, knowing there are hundreds placed exactly as myself, and who miss same for the same reasons as stated above. ROCHDALIAN.

THE "MISSING" SHOW AT DEWSBURY.

SIR,—I see by CAGE BIRDS this week that your representative was "had" by going to Dewsbury to report the show which was advertised to take place on January 3rd, but which was postponed for a fortnight. As an exhibitor, I should like others in the fancy to know how I have been treated by the promoters of this show. After sending them four entries and getting four birds, cages, etc., all ready for despatching, I received a very abrupt notice to say the show was postponed till the 17th. I then wrote a postcard asking them to send me back my entry fees, as I could not show on the 17th, but I received no reply. I wrote again last week, and up to the time of writing this I have neither seen nor heard anything of the 6s. entry fees. No wonder they are unable to get up a show if this is the way they treat fanciers, especially we novices, who generally go a long way towards making a show pay. FAIR PLAY.

UNFLIGHTED NORWICH HEN CLASS AT GATESHEAD SHOW.

SIR,—Since writing you last I have received a letter from Mr. Midgley, in which he says we can shake hands on equal terms, and I have notified him that I am willing to declare this a "draw." I notice Mr. Taylor has declared Mr. Midgley's bird the winner. I do not know where his authority for saying this comes from. He also says I was well aware of this fact. I wish to contradict that statement, and say further that neither Mr. Taylor nor any of the committee knew; neither did they know there were two No. 3's in the class until the Sunday, when they were seeking for a missing bird, and they found there was a second No. 3 in Class 9. Had Mr. Taylor made this statement to me sooner, and proved to my satisfaction the truth of it, I should have foregone my claim to any prize-money. Instead of that, he sent me a letter and asked me to please find in it P.O. 2s. prize-money won at our show. Then he writes to you and says Mr. Midgley won the fourth prize in that class. This is very contradictory on Mr. Taylor's part. As to him paying the extra out of his own pocket, I have no objection to this if he wishes, but, sir, I do like a man when writing to a paper to state the true facts. C. CORSTON.

USE OUR PICTURE POSTCARDS FOR YOUR CORRESPONDENCE.

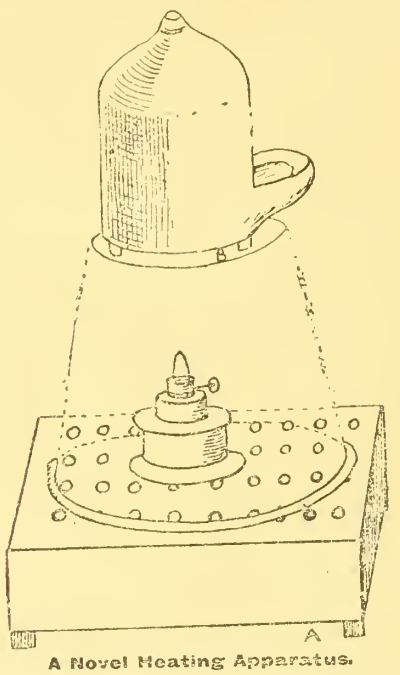
EXHIBITORS AND SHOW CATALOGUES.

SIR,—We would like to know the opinions of a few fanciers on the subject of the payment of money for catalogues. When one goes to a show he can, as a rule, get a catalogue for threepence and a list of awards for a penny, making fourpence in all. But when anyone makes his entries for a show and asks for a catalogue and a list of awards he has to send six or seven stamps for same. We think this is hardly fair to fanciers whose means are limited. It would be fairer to fanciers in such circumstances for the show officials to charge up to them the cost of catalogue and postage, as many exhibitors cannot possibly go personally to the shows.

FAIRPLAY.

HEATING A BIRDROOM.

SIR,—I enclose herewith a sketch showing how I have prevented the drinking-water in my outdoor aviary becoming frozen. It consists of an ordinary air brick raised on four pieces of wood as A, with a small oil-



A Novel Heating Apparatus.

lamp. Over this I place a flower pot with two more pieces of wood, as B. Upon this I can stand the fountain. This is a very simple idea, and the sketch explains itself. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success. The coloured plates I have obtained are the envy of my friends, who are now taking in your interesting paper. J. R. CLARKE.

ALLEGED EXTRAORDINARY STATE OF AFFAIRS AT HUGGLESCOTE.

SIR,—I should esteem it a favour if you would publish this letter respecting the extraordinary state of affairs at Hugglescote Show. I think it is a disgrace on the committee's part not to have given a willing hand. I am sure the secretary has enough to do checking the birds. I know five fanciers who sent birds and they said they had their birds returned the same as sent. I myself was an exhibitor at the show, with winners, but never got a card. I think this matter ought to come before the Cage Bird Union, seeing the show was under their rules, to make them refund the entrance fees. Trusting some better pen than mine will take the matter up. GEO. HUNT.

SIR,—I should like to ask the secretary of this show if he will kindly publish the names of the successful exhibitors in the Cage Bird Section. Considering the birds were exhibited under Cage Bird Union rules, I think the matter ought to be fully inquired into by them, as I understand that this Union is formed to protect the Fancy from having their exhibits treated as, according to your report, they were at this show.

AN EXHIBITOR.

THE BORDER FANCY AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Would you please allow me to draw the attention of Border Fancy breeders to the efforts that are being made to still further popularise the Border Fancy in the South at the forthcoming National Crystal Palace Show? To my mind the Border has never taken the position at the National Show it deserves, considering its popularity in the North, and Mr. Ramsden and myself are endeavouring to put the Border in the same position as the other popular varieties. We have got together a record list of valuable special prizes, and I hope breeders will reward us by giving us their very best support, and I can assure them that their exhibits will have every attention. Now, then, Bordermen, send us a bumping entry! and make the National Show a record for Border Fancies, not only in the South, but for all England. R. BROWNLIE.

WITHHOLDING PRIZE MONEY AT ST ALBANS SHOW.

SIR,—I shall be greatly obliged if you will favour me with a small space in your paper, as I have read many articles in it of open shows not paying. If they all managed them as St. Alban's did, they would all pay—for one year, at any rate; and I should say never more. I see in 18 classes they made a net profit of £2 3s. from the entrance money alone. I see in Classes 158 and 159 there were 15 entries at 1s. each; they withheld first prize money in each class, and paid out 8s., having a clear profit of 7s. from the children's pets, which I consider should be the most encouraged, and so help the young fanciers. In Class 154 they paid only second-prize money, which is 4s.; there were seven entries, net profit 3s. In Class 151 they paid third prize only, 2s.; five entries, net profit 3s. In Class 150 they paid second and third prize money, 6s.; nine entries, net profit 3s. All other classes show a profit of from 1s. to 5s., except two, which lost 2s. If this kind of treatment is going on at many shows, I, for one, will soon give up showing. Only being a novice, and not having much knowledge of show management, it seems to me very unfair treatment, especially for children who send their little pets and money to shows, and have half the money stopped for show expenses. I am one who suffered at the hands of St. Alban's show officials, getting a v.h.c. card instead of second prize.

A. G. LACK.

RARE-FEATHERED BIRDS AT THE SHOWS.

SIR,—Before discussing the points of last week's letter, let me say a printer's error occurred in my last letter, and although we all can make mistakes, yet I hope these errors will be avoided as much as possible while this correspondence lasts, as they tend to alter the original ideas of the writer and change the feelings of the reader. In last letter, lines 36 and 37 should read: "British Birds that enter the Show door," and not as printed. Dealing with last week's letters, let me say I am much surprised at Mr. Weston. If he does not object to a reply, why not give it? His letter deals only with a portion of mine. I put six questions to him, none of which he answers, and no reason for refusing. As a British Bird Specialist in his position, I did expect a reply "satisfactorily," irrespective of any use I might make of his answers. I had a few more to ask, but am compelled to withhold same until he treats group No. 1 with courtesy. So anxious am I for an answer, that I am repeating same this week, but taking his situation into consideration, I am putting them through the usual channel, "Answers to Queries column," when I hope an answer will be given next week. Yes, Mr. W., I will grant you your own opinion; I can't compel you to hold mine, all I want to do is to point out your opinion is wrong. I don't think you stand alone. Any of your colleagues, "I don't know them," that should have been in your place at Gateshead would have had to deal with this case instead of you. I attack your action not through prejudice but because you are the first to disqualify my bird. How any of the three writers last week has the audacity to say my bird was not disqualified beats me to explain; why Gateshead Committee must not be responsible for their own actions in drawing up their schedule; and Mr. W. must never have read it; Rule 1 plainly reads "Birds entered in a wrong class will be disqualified." It is impossible for my bird to be otherwise; you have a right to be pilloried every time you take such action. It is more than a judge's place is worth to wrong class a British Bird at Gateshead unless he is able to state its proper class, one cannot justly do it. In conclusion, Mr. W., if the bird was not worth acknowledging at Gateshead, then you won't acknowledge it at any show while in my possession. Next let me reply to Buck, who represents a wonderful piece of humanity, evidently intent upon taking advantage of my reputation, which is, as stated in my last letter, and entered the Arena to clear away all mist and difficulties, one of the hardest tasks he ever set himself to perform. I don't know him, but whether his experience in the Fancy or his intellectual abilities are in advance of mine, I am open to discuss. But elevated as he may be on the ladder of knowledge, let me say one must know a trifle to realize the immensity of their own ignorance. Evidently G.B. fails to understand the meaning of above remark, or dignity would not allow him to pen such a letter. Readers, judge for yourself whose letters contain the most arrant nonsense. I am perfectly well aware, G.B., committees don't judge birds but pay men to do so. But Gateshead Committee, although engaging one to judge the birds, failed in seeing that he acted on his engagement, and judged my bird, that is where they exceed their duty. My objection is not at the judging, but at the birds not being judged. Yet although they don't judge, they draw up the classification for the judge's guidance, and when Mr. W. asked his steward what course to follow before taking such a step, that steward had no right to tell him to use his own judgment without notifying the committee. All employers of labour are duty bound to tell the employee his duties. It is hard on Mr. W., after soliciting information, yet he ought to have known better, and although he attempts to screen Gateshead Committee from all blame, but he has not that power. Vainly would I give him the lot, but each must carry their own burdens. I do know, G.B., how some shows are managed, but I am beaten to understand how Gateshead is. That Gateshead Committee knew their business in the past, I am not discussing the past, only the present, and re committees only, attending to the requirements of the birds, commonsense should teach him that these requirements is also to see that all birds are judged. An untruth in G.B.'s letter is that any judge led me to believe I possessed an unbeatable champion. I never thought so, and would ask G.B. to guide his words and pen more carefully in the future. One judge, G.B., who has had the honour of judging this bird is that great expert, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Have you any fault with his judging or reputation, if so, state so? Should this letter catch the eye of J.W.B., I hope he will give G.B. his views why he did not disqualify this bird at Kelso, or did he notice it rare-coloured. I would coerce no one in giving their views for or against me, yet I would welcome any letters from judges that have and have not disqualified Albinos and their reasons. Re making a song anent judging, I have a perfect right to, although schedule reads judge's decision will be final. I put a question to Buck, Suppose you possessed my rd and entered it at a show with only one class for British scheduled British A.V. You enter Greenie, you have no right to know what anyone else has entered, but on visiting the show you find o in class. Jackdaw 1st, Seagull 2nd, Raven 3rd, Corncrake 4th, yours disqualified. Do you consider the judging would be to your liking? If so, let me leave you, and address Tom Taylor. Well, Tom, re being off the line, I don't understand you at all. Believe me, the bird was disqualified, and your letter bears out Weston's action, although you told me if you judged the class you would certainly not have wrong classed it. Why you should uphold an action you would not yourself do, I xe explain. There is nothing in your schedule to say class was a normal-coloured one, or that any bird would be disqualified. All birds should be judged irrespective of colour. You cannot put a bird wrong class unless you can produce its right one. Re the Union, I only claim entry fee, that is all I ask them to look after, and they should attend to that without working on our letters. Re attending meeting to hear my grievance, I think you have read it fully. Unfortunately, I am only an A.B. in Gateshead Ship, but to Skipper Taylor I say, Take my notice to date from to-day. I wish to be out of ship before she goes down.

A. HAY.

(We have printed Mr. Hay's letter this week precisely as it reached us, without even grammatical alteration.—EDITOR.)

A BLACK BULLFINCH CAUGHT IN THE FIELDS.

SIR,—It may be interesting to your many readers to know that a black Bullfinch, with white feathers in each wing, has been caught and is alive and doing well. I was on my Christmas holidays, and, as usual, spent a good deal of my time catching birds. One morning before Christmas I caught this bird. It is all black except four or five whole white feathers in each wing, as already stated, and it has become very tame with me. Any reader of your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS can see this bird at any time from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m., except Saturday or Sunday. I think it is a very rare bird. Could you or any reader say if they have seen the like before? JOSEPH BYRNE.

Dublin.

LETTUCE GROWING WHILE YOU WAIT.

SIR,—The following is a novel way to procure green food for fanciers for breeding season; it describes how to grow lettuce while you wait. Take a few lettuce seeds and soak them in alcohol overnight. Take a box or flower pot about six inches deep, in the bottom of which put two inches of well-mixed loam or florists' soil. Then take the soaked seeds, and after putting in two more inches of soil, composed of one part loam and one part quicklime, scatter the seeds all over the top. Now put a little fine loam over them, water the whole, and stand it directly in a strong light—gas if possible. In ten minutes the seeds will burst; in twenty there are two leaves; at the end of the hour (if sprinkled a couple of times) the lettuce leaves will have attained the size of half a crown, and will be found nice and crisp.

A TWO-YEAR READER.

SALE OF BIRDS AT THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—As a Midlander I wish first to congratulate the officers of the Scottish National Show, Edinburgh, on their general fancier-like management and well-earned success. But, secondly, I would suggest that their system of not including the cage in the sale of birds, is not perhaps the best, as frequently it may happen that the exhibitor whose birds have been sold, may wish to leave before the purchaser has a receptacle for them, or has arranged with the committee for the forwarding of the same. Also, would the committee consider the possibility of including the sale of a little stimulant for the Birds' friends? GEO. PETERS.

WITHHOLDING AWARDS & PRIZE MONEY AT KENTISH SHOWS.

In reply to E.H., it is, I consider, unnecessary for me to go over the whole ground again, to try to satisfy him why I picked out Dover. Suffice it to say that Dover withheld prizes without stating the fact in their schedule, in addition to giving only half prize-money in classes with less than eight entries. The other important Kent shows, except the K.C.C.B.A., did not (in cases where half prize-money was given), withhold prizes, and at others, where prizes were withheld, full prize money was paid. I have no doubt all your readers will agree that Dover looked well after their finances, and a little too well after the finances of the exhibitors. I can only hope that the Dover Society will let us know exactly what they intend to do in 1908, and that E.H., if he holds any official position in the same, may by then see, that what he now terms "petty spite," is a genuine grievance. I should like to remark that Mr. Wickham, in his letter, shows very clearly that all the British Hardbills were not inferior in point of merit to the Softbills. I could give the show record of one or two others, but it is scarcely necessary, and I quite agree with him that until Shrike meets Shrike, we can't feel quite satisfied that the Kentish Shrike is not winning on rarity alone. Of this I am convinced, if the Kentish Shrike exists in 1908, the exhibitors of the commoner species, Thrushes, Starlings, etc., will leave the large Softbill class severely alone, unless the Kentish Societies provide a class specially for the Thrush tribe, leaving these rarities to fill the A.O.S. British. I hope the owner of the Shrike will not think I am trying to depreciate his bird, for my sincerest wish is that he will meet other Shrikes at the forthcoming Palace Show, and win. As a final word, I should like to thank all those who have sided with me, and also all those who, although differing with me, have assisted to bring this matter to a conclusion by sensible argument. One or two have apparently written in haste, and have given us "effusions" which have hardly merited replies, but I trust I have satisfied even those. In any case, I have finished, and I trust that the net outcome of this correspondence may be "that Dover will fall into line with the other Kentish Societies in 1908." Such is the sincere wish of

COMMUNE BONUM.

ALLEGED THEFT OF BIRD AT NEATH SHOW.

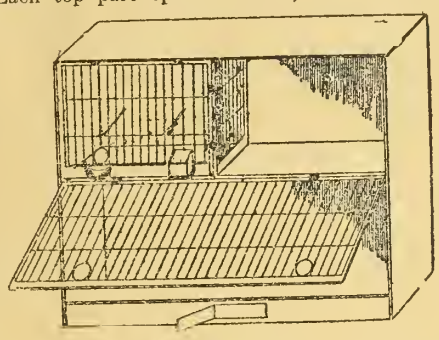
SIR,—I sent four Norwich Plainheads to the Neath and Dist. Show and won 2nd in clears, 1st and 3rd in marks, and also 1st in A.O.V. with a four-pointed Yell. Norwich. To my great surprise when I opened my case I found a note enclosed, as follows:—"In haste, Mr. Taylor (one of the Cage Bird stewards) has just informed me that your cage is empty. How this happened I fail to know. The police now have it in hand. On behalf of the committee I have to state that we are exceedingly sorry.—Yours, W. R. B. Richardson." The bird stood 1st in its class; it was taken out of its cage; how it happened I cannot understand, if the committee in charge were on the look-out. I do not know at present when the bird was last seen until I hear from the secretary. I understand that the police have an eye upon a certain party, and I would advise that person to return the bird at once before the police take the final step, which may have been done before this. All I want is my bird back, but if it is not returned before the police have the person, then I shall press the charge in the police court. I have only recently bought the bird from Mr. J. Houghton (Gloster) at a good figure. I sold my Borders to enable me to purchase it with a view to improving my stock. The bird has won for Mr. Houghton 1st prizes at the following shows:—Gloster Fanciers' and Gloster C.B. Shows; at these shows he took the specials for best in the show; 1st and special Birmingham, 1st Swindon, 1st Eversham, 2nd Manchester, 2nd Cheltenham, etc., all under different judges. The bird is marked on both eyes, neck, shoulder and wings, a buff. I give this information to enable any true fancier to identify him and report to me if they should see it anywhere; their name will be kept private if desired. Such cases as this will have a bad effect upon the show, as exhibitors will not care to send their best birds out for fear of losing them. I hope this will catch the eye of the thief and induce him to return the bird to me. I am only a working man and have had a hard struggle to get a good bird or two together.

D. H. TEDSTONE.

P.S.—A few years ago, when at Hereford, I lost the whole of my stock by trying to save a bird belonging to a fancier. These birds were worth over £30. That loss was a bad one, but through the aid of brother fanciers whom I never saw I was able to start again. Although that was a greater loss than this, I did not take it to heart so much as the present one. Since writing the above letter I have heard from the hon. sec. They have no clue up to time of writing. The bird was taken between 7 p.m. and half-past.—D.H.T.

A NOVEL FLIGHT OR STOCK CAGE.

SIR,—Enclosed is a sketch of my flight or stock cage, with two upper and one lower wire fronts, all hung on hinges to open inwards. When the lower portion is swung back, it forms a bottom to the top half. Each top part opens inwards, thus restricting the bird's room to one quarter of the cage, enabling you to thoroughly clean out, and place baths, etc., in, without interfering with the birds, as they move on with the doors, and are eventually caged in the small portion. This also proves handy in case you want to handle one of the birds.



A Novel Cage.

H. BURDON.

EARLY LIFTING OF BIRDS AT BROXBURN SHOW.

SIR,—As no communication can come direct from Mr. Patterson for a few weeks yet, I beg leave to send an answer to Mr Murray re the above. I do not assume to write so fully as Mr. Patterson would have done, but can give Mr. Murray the following facts, which may convince him that there was nothing underhanded in the matter. The committee had asked Mr. Patterson to judge their show some time previous, but owing to poor health he did not accept that honour; at the same time he promised them all the support he could give, whoever was on as judge. He kept his word, and sent them 19 entries, not 22, as stated by Mr. Murray, who is also in error re wins, as can be seen from the able report of said show in CAGE BIRDS. When making his entries Mr. Patterson wrote the secretary saying he would be obliged if he could get his birds away in time to catch the 4.35 train from Broxburn, if it was favourably received by his committee, and to let him know, and he would come through and see them packed himself, as he expected to be in Edinburgh that day on business, at any rate, and would save them that trouble. If not, there was no harm done, only they would need to keep the birds by them till Monday before sending them home, as we had no Sunday service of trains here. A most courteous reply came back stating that the committee were quite willing to let him have them, and thanked him for his grand entry. Mr. Patterson arrived at Broxburn at about one o'clock, and spent a very enjoyable afternoon among the fanciers there, and was able to enlighten quite a few of them on the different points of this variety. I know it has always been his pleasure to help on willing young fanciers, and new societies as well. I hope the above will answer Mr. Murray. As to the insinuation thrown out by "Even Mark," I am afraid he has had a disappointment, and his remarks are the outcome of it. All genuine fanciers sign their own name to their letters. I am sure that when, by dint of perseverance, courage, and hard study, your two correspondents can bring together such a valuable team of birds as Mr. Patterson sent to Broxburn, they will entirely change their minds re "early lifting." They will not care to leave them to the tender mercies of a railway company from Saturday night until Monday morning (sometimes evening), and then get them quite soft and ruined for the remainder of the season, but will try and get them home with them from show. I wish Broxburn Society every success, and long may they have such a fine body of gentlemanly fanciers to manage their affairs.

CATHERINE PATTERSON.

MY OUTDOOR AVIARY.

(See Photograph in this Issue.)

SIR,—My outdoor aviary or birdroom is one which I erected myself in the early part of the season. I am only a novice at joinery work, so that, having built one myself, no fancier need be afraid of doing the same. He only needs to have time, patience and perseverance at his command. If you think the few particulars given below will be of any service to your numerous readers you are at liberty to publish the same. I have always been an ardent lover of birds from boyhood, and can recall the time (which is more years back than I care to number) when I brought up a nest of young Thrushes upon soaked bread and hemp seed. But thanks now to CAGE BIRDS we know a better and more humane method of rearing them. I did not go in for exhibition stock until about some eight years ago, when I joined the Crewe Ornithological Society, since when I have held the positions of assistant secretary, secretary, and chairman of the same; so that I have been in good harness during most of that time. I have not been a big exhibitor at the open shows as I have not had the time at my disposal for visiting same, but I am hoping to do a little more than I have done. As an exhibitor at our members' show I have been very successful, having won two of the society's gold-centre medals and one silver medal in successive years. I must say that this small measure of success is due to a great extent to the many valuable hints gleaned from the lectures, etc., that have appeared in CAGE BIRDS. Below I give particulars for the construction of an aviary, trusting that they will be of use to many. Dimensions of aviary: Out side measurement, 6ft. by 10ft. by 6ft. 7in.; height, 7ft. from floor to eaves and 8ft. 6in. from floor to ridge. The frame is built of 2 by 1½in. spruce, is raised 4in. from the ground and is made in sections to bolt together, the roof to be in two sections. The window, measuring 4ft. by 3in. and 2ft. by 3in., is made in three sections, the middle one to open. The aviary is boarded inside and out, and the space between the boards is packed with very fine shavings, the sides and roof are both treated in the same manner. By doing this I find it is a deal warmer in the winter and is also cooler in the summer as the heat cannot penetrate the roof. Especially will this be so if a wire door is made to swing over the ordinary one, so that it can be left open. Materials, and cost of same: 1,000ft. matching boards, 4s. 2d. per 100ft., £2 1s. 8d.; 200ft. sparring for frame, 8s. 4d.; a door (second-hand), 2s.; sash styling and bar for window, 2s. 6d.; glass, 1s. 6d.; 110ft. flooring boards, 6s. 6d.; pediment and B boards for roof, 2s.; felting, 4s. 6d.; paint (for inside and out), 5s.; oil-cloth for floor, 4s. 6d.; sundries, 4s. 6d.; making a total of £4 3s. Any working man fancier who is thinking of erecting a bird room will find the size of this one quite ample for his needs (unless he is blessed with a long purse and plenty of spare time) as he will be able to accommodate anything between a dozen and fifty birds in a room or aviary this size. J. W. LAWTON.

SCOTTISH NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB MATTERS.

SIR,—Mr. Smith's action reminds me very much of that of a schoolboy, who, after inciting another to fight, and getting the worst of it, goes off declaring that he, the victor, will catch it for this from his big brother. Our secretary is not going to take me in hand himself, but is handing me over to his agents. And for what? For cornering him in this controversy, not with any words of mine, but with his own words and actions. Now for his letter. All honour to Mr. Hector for starting the contest. He no doubt regrets as much as I do their loss these last two years. I never doubted Mr. H's statement as to there being no such condition as to mixed shows, neither did I contradict D. S. that it was made at the Manchester Show on October 26th, 1906. I contradicted his innuendo "that I would know as I was present at the show." All I can say is, I don't know when or where such a condition was passed, but I will say this: it is a very wise condition. Imagine the cream of both societies' exhibits being put on a lorry and having heavy poultry hampers thrown on their frail boxes, after the manner railway men can throw them. Could you estimate the loss? The English clubs' forethought in adding this one to their conditions is to be commended. When rules are formulated, every eventuality is not provided for. Probably the E.P.C. never anticipated being called upon to exhibit for the contest at a mixed show. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Mackie for the first time at the S.N. Show the other week, and on talking to him about the omission in the minutes of so important a rule as the December one (and which the present secretary says is not minuted), Mr. M. says it is on the minutes. Next, the Press is the only medium by which I could reach my fellow members of the S.P.C., and that, too, at the small cost of a penny a letter, to expose "the circular." Now for the membership question. I sent him my subscriptions for 1906 and 1907, receiving receipt for 1907 on the 29th January, along with a postal order for 2s. 6d., stating that as his books were closed for 1906 he returned my half-crown. This is another example of his business capacity as a secretary. I ask every reader the question: Is there another in the world who would have done the same with a member of some years' standing, and who had given, and would have continued to give, a subscription of 5s. yearly towards its funds over and above my annual subscription, had it been conducted on business lines? Any other secretary would have taken it, although his books were closed, and entered it in book as subscription for 1906. Referring to the Plainhead Club, he says Mr. A. will not get it all his own way. That I never wanted. Last year I said, in one of my letters, "If our secretary would do what was right he would have me as ones of his staunchest supporters." These were not mere idle words. Do you think I would have bothered with this correspondence had it not been to get things put on a truer foundation than they are at present, and I feel confident it will come in the near future. We must have it based on broad and business 'ines. As to fleeting members, he says, in one sentence that "only two left"; and, in the next, "Out of 15 the S.N. received, six were fleeting members." When did these six "fleet"? Next, advertising at Glasgow Show. If, for the sake of argument, we admit the advertising right was solely yours, if you were only half a fancier (and you claim to be a whole one), you never would have pulled down any show bills, no matter to what society they belonged. It is use and wont all over Scotland that bills of coming shows are hung up in all shows being held, without asking permission. I omitted to refer to minutes in turn. I did write that there are no minutes entered in minute-book since February, 1905, till he left in 1906, and neither are there. WILLIAM AITCHISON.

[We regret that considerations of space have compelled us to considerably condense the above letter. We think the points made have now had adequate public discussion, and, with Mr. Smith's reply, if he chooses to make one, the matter may well close, so far as our columns are concerned.—EDITOR.]

PROPOSED YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB FOR SCOTLAND.

SIR,—Some time ago it was suggested by one of your correspondents to have a Yorkshire Canary Club in Scotland. Can it not be so? Surely there is room for the graceful Yorkshire Canary, and it seems to me that it only requires a few enthusiasts to take the matter up and form a club, as was done in the South of England, and in Ireland, both of which clubs are flourishing. It is sad to see at the Scottish National (where they gave six classes) only two or three Scottish exhibitors in the Yorkshire classes. I am aware that is partly due to the fact that they were under the patronage of the Y.C.C., which frightened away opposition. I know it takes good birds to have any chance against those of Messrs. Shackleton, Bailey and Swanger, Wilcock, Hirst, etc. Take another instance, viz., the open show in Glasgow, which was under the patronage of the Y.C.C. for members outside Yorkshire, and much the same thing prevailed. Messrs. Cuthbertson, Broughton, etc., came and scooped up the spoils, and went off to England with them. There are none to stop them. A few other shows venture to put on one or two classes, such as Paisley, St. Andrews, Kelty, Inverness, and one or two others; but in the main they are failures. It is not encouraging to show committees, who have always to bear the brunt. An A.O.V. class usually has to do duty for Belgians, Cinnamons, Lizards, Yorkshires, and even an odd Linnet may find its way into this class, as happened at Dunoon. Now, Scotsmen need not be afraid of taking up the Yorkie, because it is a very hardy bird, and can stand any amount of cold and a good deal of abuse, which all birds are liable to on the railways. Yorkshires are easily bred, and generally make good breeders and feeders. They are gifted as singers, and surplus stock is generally easily disposed of. A good Yorkshire (like the wee Border) is a thing of beauty and a joy, if not for ever, at least for a good few years. For special reasons I withhold my name. Meanwhile, will someone gifted with a ready pen in one of the larger towns, say, Glasgow, Edinburgh, etc., offer to take the post of secretary, and I have no doubt we will get a start made. The Saxons are beating us in the South with the "Borders." Let us be up and doing, and give the Englishmen a taste of our qualities. I am glad to see two Scotsmen at the top of the Yorkshire classes in Paisley. It is some encouragement. Let us hope more will follow.

SCOTSMAN.

Many Letters unavoidably held over.

THE SHOWS.

WALTHAMSTOW.

The cage bird section at Walthamstow on January 9th and 10th, was not so well patronised as usual, neither in Canaries nor British birds. It is somewhat difficult to account for this, unless it be, as some fanciers present suggested, that the phenomenal changes in the weather to which we have been treated of late have made many birds go into soft moult, whilst the severe weather which prevailed just at the time of entries closing made many hold back their entries. In Yorkshires four cock classes were amalgamated into two, and the hen class fell through altogether, whilst only one Novice class filled. Norwich open had three classes made into one, but each of the Novice classes filled, Crests, A.O.V., Selling Pairs, both open Mules, Foreign, and British-Selling were all scratched. All this was extremely disappointing to a committee which has always catered well for cage bird exhibitors, whilst the entry in Britishers was not nearly so good as on some past occasions. It, however, is matter for congratulation that if the entry was not what it ought to have been, the quality right through was splendid, especially in Yorkshires and Britishers. The total entry was 228, an average of twelve on the nineteen classes left standing. The judges announced were Messrs. C. A. House, Canaries, and H. Norman, Mules, British and Foreign, but owing to Mr. Norman having been summoned to attend the Surrey Assizes, Mr. House took the whole. As is usual, the birds were very nicely staged in the gallery, and their needs well attended to by Messrs. A. J. Morley, Mead, junr., and House, junr., who acted as stewards. Mr. C. Mead again held the reins as secretary, and he, with Mr. W. F. Bishop, the treasurer, worked untiringly to further the success of the exhibition; and without in any way wishing to make invidious distinctions, we must speak of the earnestness displayed by Mr. E. J. Voss, the late secretary, and Mr. G. Firkins, the assistant secretary; these two gentlemen worked like Trojans on the show day. The committee of management were Messrs. J. S. Clarke (chairman), C. Burton (vice-chairman), J. E. Robbins, F. Andrews, T. Norris, R. H. Hipkin, L. Rolph, J. F. Rolph, T. W. Beresford, S. A. Willum, F. R. E. Handscombe, J. A. Marley, R. Farmer, H. Farmer, C. Rolstone, F. Clark, J. Dyson, H. King, and L. C. Tasker, all of whom lent willing aid in supplementing the efforts of those specially mentioned. Everything in connection with the show passed off well, except that owing to the huge number of late entries one or two mistakes occurred in the numbering, and the catalogues were not obtainable till some time after tea on the first day.

YORKS. CK. (13): 1, spl, Parish, very finely drawn yellow, neat head, grand shoulders and back, neat wings and tail, handles well, rare feather; 2, Warr, very sweet neck, ticked buff, feathered like a Java and stands like a Guardsman, a grand Yorkie; 3, Webb, lovely quality of feather, splendid carriage, a five-year-old veteran and beginning to show the corpulency that comes with age, still, a good Yorkie yet; 4, Dobson, nice, shapely, stylish, well-feathered yellow, handles well, not so even in colour; vhc, Patrick; hc, Lovell; c, Forse. MKD. AND UNFLI. (15): 1, Parrott, very handsome yellow, sweet head, grand shoulders and back, well braced wings and tail, rare feather and carriage; 2, (11a), we were told was owned by Mr. Dobson, but there was some confusion of numbering, owing to the late entries, and there was some doubt about it, as in Catalogue No. 12 was Mr. Dobson; the bird was a long, slim, well-tapered yellow cinnamon-marked of rare style, and beautiful feather; 3, No. 11, but no such number appeared in the catalogue, the printer having missed it entirely, it was a very neat, stylish, close feathered buff, with grand head and back; 4 (No. 6), Forse, very hot yellow, nice, slim, well-tapered bird, full of nerve, in fact has a bit too much, and when handled is inclined to drop his wings a trifle, with age he should become steadier, and prove most valuable; vhc (No.), Webb; hc, (No. 10), Pattrick; c, (No. 8), Parrott. We give the numbers as they were on the class cards, and the names as in catalogue in this class, so that our readers may be able to correct any mistakes which may have arisen. NOVICE CL., ETC. (12): 1, spl, Wilson, lovely buff, grand head and neck, close fitting shoulders, wings well clipped in, neat tail, as erect as a soldier, beautiful feather and shape; 2, Strutt, remarkably fine feathered buff, of grand carriage, capital head, neck, wings and tail, trifle shorter in body, handles well; 3, vhc, Penton, neck-marked yellow, beautiful, slim, well-drawn body, capital wings and tail, hardly so even in colour; 4, Mead, racy cinnamon-marked yellow, capital shape and style, good body feather; hc, Jefferies; c, Forse. NOR. (16): 1, spl, vhc, Kilby, grizzled tail, yellow, rare shape and colour, feather as close as wax, very short and compact, neat wings and tail; 2, Cooper, neck-ticked buff, rare back and chest, close in feather, plenty of colour, not so neat in head; 3, Rippon, sweet bodied yellow, grand shape and style, very fine in feather and even in colour, bit tucked up in throat; 4, Kirk, grand feathered, neat, shapely buff, does not carry so much colour; hc, Morris; c, Leclair. HEN (7): 1, E. Cooper, beautiful yellow, very silky and tight in feather, rare shape and very even in colour, 2, Rippon, very stoutly-made yellow, splendid feather, not so much colour, looks as though she would be a grand stock hen; 3, Tigg, beautifully feathered, evenly marked buff of nice colour, but hardly so chubby; 4, Marley, another grand quality, even coloured buff, in grand form; vhc, Puxley; hc, Kilby; c, Goodrum. NOVICE CL. (11): 1, spl, Marley, beautiful yellow, full of colour and quality, stands well over perch, shown in rare form; 2, Dalton, another rare bodied yellow, of grand, rich colouring, had been indulging in a bath before judging, and this did not add to his beauty; 3, Isom, another topping yellow, full of quality, nice even colour, very short and chubby, but wants training to the show cage; 4, Billingsley, grandly feathered, nice coloured buff of good shape; vhc, Inch; hc, Brownwick; c, Quelch. TICKED, ETC. (10): 1, Watcham, a fine big, shapely wing-marked yellow, good head, wings and tail, a taking sort, but has a trick of slackening himself out at times; 2, Harvey, neck ticked yellow, of beautiful colour and quality, nice wings and tail, hardly the rotundity of skull of winner; 3, Isom, grand bodied variegated, very deep in chest, as tight as wax, sound level colour, but a shade dull; 4, Bromwich, ticked necked buff, nice head, back and chest, capital colour; vhc, Godfrey; hc, Inch; c, Penfold. HEN (8): 1, Titmus, very stout yellow, grand head and chest, beautifully feathered, nice colour; 2, Isom, cheek ticked yellow, hardly the substance of first, but full of quality, and nice even colour, a useful sort; 3, Penfold, wing marked yellow, very short and chubby, capital wings and tail, nice colour, not so tight in feather; 4, Handscombe, wing marked buff, capital shape, colour, and feather, not quite so clever with her wings; vhc, hc, Billingsley (No. 2), Inch, the High Wycombe special winner, was ill at judging time, and later in the day died. This is a sad blow to Mr. Inch. High Wycombe was his first show, and he naturally was delighted with his success; now his joy is turned to sadness, such are the ups and downs of a fancier's existence. Mr. Inch has our sympathy. SELL 15/- (13): 1, Isom; 2, Dobson; 3, 4, Harvey; vhc, Webb; hc, Goodrum; c, Tompkius; absent 2, Chat. MULES.—NOVICE (8): 1, c, Mead, grandly feathered variegated buff, beautiful colour, nice shape, and shown to perfection; 2, Godfrey, dark yellow Greenfinch-Canary, wonderful colour and quality of feather, not one of the largest, but a regular little swell; 3, hc, Botting, yellow variegated of nice colour and feather, rather small and soiled; 4, Penfold, good dark buff Greenfinch-Canary, splendid colour and feather, nice shape; vhc, Luck. BRITISH GOLDFINCH (25): 1, Harris, a beauty, rich bright lustrous colour all through, large deep-cut blaze, capital cheeks and collar, lovely back and bars and breast; 2, Baker, another wonderful headed Finch, splendid colour and depth of blaze, better buttons than winner, but hardly so rich on back and breast; 3, Jupe, magnificent blaze for shape, colour and size, grand cheeks and collar, hardly so bright in body colour, splendid feather and very steady; 4, Prior, a regular little swell, very rich and bright in his colouring, grand buttons and bars, feathered to perfection, had broken one of his flights; vhc, Herbert, grand colour and feather, hardly so racy in shape; hc, Forse; c, Cooper. BULLFINCH (13): 1, Vincent, not a large one by any means, but magnificent breast colour, very large deep glossy cap, lovely back and bars, grand shape, in rare fettle; 2, hc, Jupe, larger, very chubby, beautiful cap, grand back and bars, hardly so rich in breast colour, lovely feather; 3, Kew, very fine, large, lustrous cap, beautiful breast, nice back and bars, splendidly feathered, not so deep in chest; 4, Lovell, fine big fellow, grand shape, beautifully feathered, clear in his mauve and bars, not so rich on breast; vhc, Handscombe, very shapely, nicely marked hen; c, Botting. LINNET (15): 1, spl, Lovell, wonderfully rich and bright in colour, very clear and distinct in marking, stands like a soldier, and feathered to perfection, takes special second best British; 2, Shaw, beautiful shape and feather, rich, nutty brown colour, shows well, hardly so clear in marking; 3, hc, Prior, another little gem, beautifully marked, grandly feathered, and very steady; 4, Botting, fine shape, size, feather and colour, hardly so clear in marking; vhc, Fullbrook; c, Temple. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Marley, not one of the largest, but feathered to perfection, grandly marked, very steady, capital wings and tail; 2, c, Hillens, much larger, grand shape, most brilliant colour, very steady; 3, Wickham, another romping big bird, of rare shape and colour, stands well, but like 2nd lacked the tightness of feather of the leader; 4, Godfrey, rare shape, grand wings and tail, capital feather and steady; vhc, Kew; hc, Fullbrook; absent 11, Wright. BRAMBLE, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Prior, Bramhle and Chaffinch, a toss up as to which was first, two grandly feathered birds, of rare shape and size, the Bramble excels in colour and spangling, and the Chaffinch in markings, both remarkably steady, a truly grand pair; 3, Williams, large, beautifully marked Chaffinch, grandly feathered, very showy; 4, Darvel, Chaffinch of superb colour and feather, shows remarkably well, not so clear in his markings; vhc, Ireland; hc, Wickham; c, Hillens. REDPOLL, ETC. (10): 1, Lovell, very large Redpoll, magnificent colour, beautifully marked, very steady and shows well; 2, Prior, most charming Twite, rich bright colour, as tight as wax in his feathering, very steady, grandly marked; 3, Russell, rich bright coloured, well marked Siskin, deep, glossy black cap, in lovely feather; 4, Acland, another very smart Siskin, grand colour, markings, and feather, but has lost two toe nails, and was lame; vhc, Lowne; hc, Hillens; c, Shaw. A.O.V. HARDBILL (10): 1, vhc, Prior, beautifully marked Yellow Bunting, clear and bright in his yellow, very rich and lustrous in his brown and black, capital shape and size, and feathered to perfection, vhc large, well-marked, rich-coloured Hawfinch, bit rough on bead; 2, Hinds, very handsome Meadow Bunting, very evenly and distinctly marked, capital colour, feathered like a Java, beautifully marked, and as steady as a Crow; 3, Brett, large, shapely Hawfinch, very clear in marking, deep, solid bib, very clearly cut, grand back and wings, and in perfect feather; 4, Fowell, very handsome Snow Bunting, in splendid feather, nicely marked, and a very free shower; hc, Forse; c, Loune. A.O.V. LARGE (6): 1, spl, for best British, Morris Bros., remarkably fine great Grey Shrike, beautifully marked, splendid colour, feathered to perfection, the manner in which he was shown reflecting the highest credit upon his youthful owners; 2, Forse, rich, deep coloured, glossy Blackbird, very bright crocus coloured bill and cere, in grand condition; 3, Heritage, rich, bright coloured Waxwing, good shape and size, in lovely feather, but whoever saw a Waxwing out of feather; 4, Brett, another great Grey Shrike, not so large as winner, nice colour and marking and in good feather; vhc, Handscombe. A.O.V. SMALL (11): 1, spl, third best British, Rowntree, very large Grey Wagtail, magnificent colour and feather, beautifully marked, and a rare shower; 2, Cook, one of the best Bearded Tits we have ever seen, magnificent colour and feather, very distinctly marked, wonderful beard; 3, 4, Gardner, most charming Lesser Whitethroat, and a Long-tailed Tit, both in grand feather, nicely marked and good showers; vhc, Morris Bros., beautifully marked Meadow Pipit, nice colour and feather; hc, Brett; c, Fowell, wrong class; 3, Ireland, Yellow Bunting, which should have been in the A.O.V. Hardbills.

BOLTON AND DISTRICT C.R.C.S.

The third annual singing contest took place on January 10th and 11th at the Joiners' Arms Hotel, Bolton. Messrs. J. Lyons (Blackburn) and J. Netherwood (Wakefield) judged, and points were awarded by both. Entries, numbering 73, were rather less than was expected, but the show was well patronised by visitors from other towns. The secretary, Mr. J. Stringer, had the arrangements well in hand, and deserves credit for his able management of the show. Mr. Kremner won silver cup given by Mr. Whittaker for most points gained by a member throughout the show, silver and bronze medals given by Mr. Roche of London, and song box given by Mr. Bramhall (Great Lever), besides class specials. Mr. W. Whittaker won silver cup given by Mr. Kremner for best bird fed on Sefried's Patent Egg Bread, and 2s. 6d. special given by Mr. Leach for best 1907 rung bird shown by a Bolton member, besides class specials.

CLASS 1 (20): 1, 3, spls, Wilsdon, 1st; hollow roll, 4, 4; schockel, 2, 2; bell roll, 2, 2; deep flute, 3, 3; water roll, 2, 2; excellence, 2, 2; total, 30 points. 3rd: hollow roll, 4, 4; hollow bell, 3; schockel, 3, 2; bell roll, 2; deep flute, 3, 3; excellence, 1, 2; total, 27 points. 2nd, Whittleston: hollow roll, 6, 4; hollow bell, 2, 3; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2, 1; deep flute, 3, 2; water roll, 2, 2; excellence, 2; deduct faults, 3; total, 30 points. Vhc, spl, Rochrick: hollow roll, 6, 5; bass roll, 1, 1; hollow bell, 3; schockel, 4; deep flute, 2, 2; excellence, 1, 2; total, 27 points. Hc, spl, Steigart: hollow roll, 4; bass roll, 3, 2; hollow bell, 2; schockel, 3, 4; bell tour, 2; deep flute, 2; excellence, 1, 1; deduct faults, 2; total, 22 points. C, Whittaker: hollow roll, 5, 2; schockel, 3, 2; bell tour, 2; bell roll, 2, 2; excellence, 3; total, 21 points. CLASS 2 (14).—1st, Wakefield: hollow roll, 6, 5; bass roll, 5, 4; schockel, 2, 2; bell tour, 2, 2; excellence, 3, 3; total, 34 points. 2nd, Whittaker: hollow roll, 6, 5; hollow bell, 2, 3; schockel, 4, 3; bell roll, 2, 1; excellence, 3, 4; total, 33. 3rd, Whittleston: hollow roll, 6, 5; hollow bell, 2; schockel, 4, 3; bell tour, 2, 1; deep flute, 2, 2; water roll, 2, 2; excellence, 3, 2; deduct faults, 4; total, 32. Vhc, Percival; hollow roll, 5, 5; bass roll, 2, 2; hollow bell, 4, 4; schockel, 3; bell tour, 2, 2; deep flute, 1, 1; Gluck, 1, 1; delivery 2, 3; deduct faults, 6; total 32. Hc, Oldroyd: hollow roll, 6, 3; schockel, 3, 2; bell tour, 2, 2; bell roll, 2, 2; deep flute, 2, 1; excellence, 1; delivery, 2; deduct faults, 2; total, 26 points. C, Wilsdon: hollow roll, 5, 4; hollow bell, 2, 3; schockel, 4, 2; bell tour, 2, 1; deep flute, 2, 1; excellence, 2; delivery, 2; deduct faults, 2; total, 26 points. CLASS 3 (19).—1, 2, Kremner; 1st: hollow roll, 4, 5; bass roll, 2; hollow bell, 2, 3; schockel, 3, 4; bell roll, 2, 2; deep flute, 2, 3; water roll, 2; excellence, 5; delivery, 2; total, 41 points. 2nd: hollow roll, 4, 5; bass roll, 2; hollow bell, 2, 4; schockel, 4, 5½ bell roll, 2, 2; deep flute, 2, 2; excellence, 4; delivery, 2; deduct faults, 2; total, 38 points. 3rd, Banks: hollow roll, 4, 4; hollow bell, 2, 3; schockel, 3, 1; bell roll, 2, 1; deep flute, 2, 2; excellence, 3; delivery, 1; deduct faults, 1; total, 27 points. Vhc, spl, hc, Massey and Ridings; hollow roll, 3, 4; bass roll, 3, 2; bell roll, 2, 2; deep flute, 2, 2; excellence, 4; delivery 2; deduct faults, 1; total, 25 points. Hc: bass roll, 2, 2; schockel, 3, 3; bell roll, 2, 2; deep flute, 2, 2; excellence, 1 3; delivery, 2; total, 24 points; c, Crook: hollow roll, 3, 4; schockel, 2, 2; deep flute, 2, 3; excellence, 2, 3; total, 21 points. CLASS 4 (13).—1, 2, 3, vhc, Kremner; 1st: hollow roll, 4, 4; bass roll, 3, 2; schockel, 2, 2; bell roll, 2, 2; excellence, 3; delivery, 2; total, 26 points. 2nd: hollow roll, 3, 3; schockel, 2, 2; bell roll, 2, 3; deep flute, 2, 2; delivery, 2, 2; total, 24 points. 3rd: hollow roll, 3, 4; bass roll, 2; hollow bell, 3; schockel, 2; bell tour, 2; deep flute, 2, 2; delivery, 1; total, 21 points. Vhc: hollow roll, 3, 3; bell roll, 2, 1; total, 9 points. Hc, Foulds: schockel, 2; bell tour, 2, 1; deep flute, 2, 2; total, 9 points. C, Whittaker: hollow roll, 4; bell tour, 2; bell roll, 2; total, 8 points. CLASS 5 (Members') (7).—1, hc, Massey and Ridings; 1st: hollow roll, 4, 4; schockel, 2, 3; bell tour, 2; bell roll, 2, 4; deep flute, 2, 2; delivery, 2, 2; total, 29 points. Hc: hollow roll, 4; bass roll, 2; schockel, 3; bell tour, 2, 1; deep flute, 2, 2; excellence, 1; delivery, 1; deduct faults, 2; total, 20 points. 2, 3, vhc, Bramhall; 2nd: hollow roll, 4, 2; schockel, 3, 2; bell tour, 2, 1; bell roll, 2, 2; deep flute, 2, 2; deep bubbling, 2; water tour, 1; excellence, 2; delivery, 2; total, 29 points. 3rd: hollow roll, 5, 4; schockel, 3, 3; bell roll, 2, 1; deep flute, 2, 2; excellence, 2; delivery, 2; deduct faults, 3; total, 23 points. Vhc: hollow roll, 4, 2; schockel, 3, 2; bell roll, 2, 1; deep flute, 2, 2; deep bubbling, 1; water tour, 1; delivery, 2; total, 22 points.

NEATH.

Held at the General Market on Jan. 9. The Market makes a very decent place in which to hold a show, but it happened to be an extremely cold day and the judging was delayed in consequence —some of the birds being very much affected. Mr. W. R. B. Richardson makes a very capable and courteous hon. sec., and deserves great credit for the manner in which things were carried out. Messrs. Taylor and Jenkins looked after the Cage Birds and everything possible was done by these gentlemen to secure the comfort of their precious charges. Mr. Melhuish (Cardiff) placed the cards, and gave great satisfaction. We regret to state that up to the time of leaving, the winning buff Norwich owned by Mr. D. H. Tedstone (Brecon) was missing —in fact by what we could gather, was stolen. It was no doubt the best Norwich in the show. This sort of thing seems to be getting somewhat general, and it is time that something was done to prevent the recurrence of these practices.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 4, Harber, a pair of toppers, grand size, type and colour, staged to perfection; 2, Tedstone, another clear, grand-bodied one, good short flights and tail, a neat model; 3, Love, another beauty, close up, good substance, well clothed; vhc, c, Jones; hc, Scott. BUFF (7): 1, S. Tedstone, former grand buff, exceptional substance, grand quality of feather; 3, another typical specimen, nice quality of feather; 2, Jenkins, very pretty clear, good head, neat cobby body; 4, vhc, Harber, we liked, good size and quality; vhc, hc, G. T. Jones; c, Love. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, Baker, neck mkd., good length and position neatest of wings and tail, put down in best of trim; 2, 3, Keegan, couple of right goods birds, straight as gun-barrels, staged with nice taste. BUFF (6): 1, spl., Fryer, good quality of feather, well moulded throughout, neat wings and tail, wins well; 2, Lovell, clear, lovely position and carriage, rare lengthy gentleman, in grand order; 3, Baker, stylish one, best of positions, put down in A1 style; 4, John; vhc, hc, Evans. BORD. FCY. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Jenkins, pair of well known ones, neatest of wings and tails, hard to separate, pretty models; 3, Taylor, very pretty model, good style and movement, in the best of feather; 4, Hocking, lovely grassy green, beautifully feathered, correct type; vhc, Owen; hc, Prosser; c, Trott. BUFF (60): 1, 3, Jenkins, possibly two of the best Buffs seen in South Wales, grand little models, good wing and tail carriage, staged in well-known style; 2, 4, Taylor, extra neat one, finest of quality, nicely put down, latter the Carmarthen winner, not looking quite his best to-day; vhc, Trott; hc, Owen. SCOT. FCY. (4): 1, 3, Longden, well known pair, buff leading, tremendous top, works in quiet style, best of movers; latter yellow, beautifully sided, good reach, gets tail well under; 2, 4, J. H. Jones, well-known couple, 2nd grand-sized buff, beautiful outline, good top. A.O.V. (6): 1, Tedstone, well-known evenly-mkd. yell. Nor., grand colour, size and type, good win; 2, 4, Edwards, good-sized crest, lovely droop, well centred, staged with taste; 3, Hocking, rare little, even-mkd. Bord., beautiful type, full of quality; vhc, Kostromin; hc, Green. MULE (7): 1, Thomas, Redpoll Goldie, nice quality and size; 2, 3, Edwards, 2nd evenly-mkd. yell Goldie Mule, nice size, shows blaze and bars prominently; 3rd, good Goldie Greenie, no mistake in parentage here; 4, Thomas; vhc, c, Jenkins; hc, T. Morris. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, White, nice size and colour, good-sized blaze, nice tans; 2, Ford and Son, good face; 3, M. Thomas, neat cut face; 4, Taylor, some preferred for 2nd place. BULLFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, B. and D. Prosser, good-coloured black-legged Bullfinch, neatly cut cap, good front and bars; 2, Gay, Chaffinch, slasher for size and colour; 3, 4, Jeffries, moulted Bullfinch and Chaffinch, in grand fettle; vhc, Kostromin. LINNET (7): 1, Lovell, beautifully pencilled, nice size, good sound ground colour, steady as a top, wins well; 2, Gay, good-coloured one, well laced; 3, Jeffries, grand, bouncing bird, good colour and size; 4, Thomas, a good quality one; vhc, Bancroft; hc, White; c, Scott. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Longden, large Twite, good size and colour, well staged; 2, Jeffries, grand-coloured Siskin, good cap and eye marks; 3, S. E. Jones, Redpoll, good size, colour and markings, any of above might have won; 4, Bancroft, grand Siskin, good size and colour, well-defined bib; vhc, B. and D. Prosser. A.O.S. HARDBILL (4): 1, Jones, lovely-coloured Hawfinch, grand wax-like plumage, well out bib, wins easily; 2, Edwards, good Yellowhammer, good head markings, well fed; 3, Whitely, Hawfinch, nice condition; 4, Ford and Son. A.O.S.: 1, 2, spl, A. Jones, grand Chough, shown without a feather out of place, wins spl best bird. FOR. SMALL (3): 1, Thorne, Scarlet Tanager, well known, needs no comment; 2, Edwards, Goldfinch, good size, grand expansive blaze; 3, Barclay. SELL. (7): 1, D. and B. Prosser, pair of trim Borders, soon claimed at catalogue price; 2, Baker, Yorks., a very sweet exhibit at the price; 3, hc, Jenkins; 4, Bancroft; vhc, J. H. Jones. A.V. (Cage Birds) MEMBERS (6): 1, 4, hc, Taylor, Border leading, neatly got up; 2, 3, vhc, Jenkins, former Scots. Fancy, good colour and position; 3rd, Linnet Mule, nice size and finish.

BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A members' Roller contest was held on January 11th in the Textile Hall. Mr. C. Tattersall (Burnley) judged. ANY AGE (13): 1, Blackburn; 2, hc, Lord; 3, Austin; 4, Hamer; vhc, Waring; c, Wheatcroft. 1907 (members' own breeding) (15): 1, Hamer; 2, Burton; 3, Waring; 4, Wheatcroft; vhc, c, Lord; hc, Beesley. SELL. (25/-) (9): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Waring; 4, Brough. (15/-) (12): 1, spl for best bird in show, 3, Waring; 2, Beesley; 4, Taylor; vhc, hc, Austin; c, Lord.

DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.

A Members' Table Show was held at the Club House, the George Hotel, on January 4th. Mr. T. Wright (York) judged the specimens staged as follows:—

OPEN NOR.: 1, Oliver; 2, O'Connor; 3, Black; vhc, Oliver. YORKS: 1, 2, hc, Cuthbertson; 3, vhc, Cooper; c, Wilcock. BRIT. HARDBILLS: 1, 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 3, Robinson. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Mrs. Cooper; 2, vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins. A.O.V. CAN: 1, Black; 2, 3, Wilcock. NOVICE NOR.: 1, O'Connor; 2, vhc, Oliver; 3, Black, YORKS: 1, vhc, Black; 2, Mrs. Cuthbertson; 3, Metcalfe; hc, c, Ridley. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Robinson; 2, vhc, c, Mrs. Cooper; hc, Mrs. Cuthbertson. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Mrs. Cooper. Special for best Canary, T. Oliver (Norwich); special for best British, Wildsmith and Hawkins (Linnet); special for best bird shown by a Novice, H. Robinson (Bullfinch).

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

The last of the season's Members' Shows was held on December 26th, when 123 birds were staged. Mr. R. Sutcliffe (Windhill) judged. The final points for specials are: T. Murgatroyd and Son, 1st, (value £1) with 64 points; W. A. Cowgill 2nd (value 11/-) 60; W. Crabtree 3rd (value 6/-) 57; T. H. Inman 4th, (value 3/-) 41. In the Novice section, A. Pratt was 1st with 52 points (value £1); W. Hellwell 2nd, (value 11/-) 42; G. A. Bennett 3rd, (value 6/-) 41; Wood Dobson 4th, (value 3/-) 32.

YORKS. CL. YELL: 1, Wallbank; 2, Cowgill; 3, Clifford; 4, Pratt; vhc, Graham; hc, Dobson, c, Crabtree. BUFF: 1, Crabtree; 2, Turner; 3, c, Pratt; 4 hc, Greaves; vhc, Cowgill. TICK. YELL: 1, Armstrong; 2, Hellwell; 3, c, Cowgill; 4, Wallbank; vhc, Pratt; hc, Clegg. BUFF: 1, Cowgill; 2, Armstrong; 3, Crabtree; 4, Bennett; vhc, Turner; hc, Armitage; c, Clegg. YELL HEN: 1, Cowgill; 2, Clark; 3, c, Crahtree; 4, Graham; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Murgatroyd and Son. BUFF: 1, Wood; 2, Pratt; 3, Mail; 4, Murgatroyd and Son; vhc, hc, Cowgill; c, Crabtree. CINN. MKD. YELL: 1, Pratt; 2, Walbank; 3, Clark. BUFF: 1, 3, Greaves; 2, Graham; 4, Jewitt; vhc, Bennett; hc, Clark. HEN: 1, Greaves; 2, 3, Jewitt; 4, Dobson; vhc, Hellwell; hc, Bennett; c, Clifford. NOR. HEN: 1, Helliwell; 2, Clifford; 3, Clark; 4, Inman. PAIRS: 1, Mail; 2, Wallhank; 3, Dobson; 4, Armitage. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Cowgill; 2, Inman; 4, vhc, Clark. SELL. (12/6): 1, Wood; 2, Wallbank; 3, Mail; 4, Murgatroyd and Son; vhc, Bennett; hc, Clegg. HEAVILY MKD. YORKS.: 1, Helliwell; 2, Clifford; 3, 4, Graham; vhc, Cowgill. BRIT.: 1, Clegg; 2, vhc, Wood; 3, Inman; 4, Cowgill.

TREDEGAR.

This show was held under the auspices of the Tredegar F.S. on December 27th, the venue being the Judges' Room. The exhibits were nicely staged, and were well looked after by the stewards, Messrs. Hale and Tippins. Mr. Gladwin placed the cards. Yorkies were a nice lot throughout, and British also were of good quality, the winning Goldie being a clinker, a remark that also applies to the winning Linnet. It came as a surprise to one to see so many classes cancelled. The cause undoubtedly was that exhibitors at a distance did not care to send birds off at a time so near Christmas, when traffic on all railway lines is so great. Had the show been held earlier, there would have been a bigger entry. Another year no doubt the committee will alter the date. There were a good number of local fanciers present, and a large attendance, and we hope the show will prove a financial success. The cage bird section opened with Norwich, for which three classes were provided, but these were cancelled.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, Davies, splendid length, slim, good flights, and colour cl.; 2, Jones, fine colour, straight, capital flights, close up, clear; 3, Sherman, nice type, lengthy, nicely feathered; r, Beavan; vhc, Edwards, Davies; hc, Tippins; c, Perry. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Cross, slim and straight, stands well, nice flights and tail; 2, spl, Jones, capital length, grand feather and colour; 3, Tippins, nice flights, back and tail, winners clears; r, Freeth; hc, Edwards, Owen. HEN (12): 1, spl, Freeth, yell., excellent length, straight as a gun barrel, nice flights; 2, Tippins, cheek marked yellow, splendid type, stands well; 3, hc, Jones, clear yell., nice length and colour; r, spl, Beavan; vhc, Cross; hc, Perry; c, Long. CREST OR C.B., SCOT. FCY., A.O.V. CAN., MULE, ETC., LIGHT, DARK: All these classes cancelled. GOLDIE BRIT. (15): 1, spl, Hale, capital size, well cut, lustrous blaze, good bars and buttons; 2, Collins, another good Finch, rich in colour; 3, Thomas, good bars, nice blaze; r, Williams; vhc, Beavan, Lake and Walkley, Powell; hc, Butt, Williams and Sons, J. Williams; c, Durnford. BULLIE, ETC. (13): 1, spl, Jeffries, Bullie, splendid breast colour, good frontal and bars; 2, Tippins, Bullie, splendid cap, excellent colour; 3, Jeffries, Greenie, good size and colour; r, Edwards; vhc, Williams and Son, Beavan, Davies, Bethel, Lake and Walkley, Hawkins Bros., Long; hc, Jones; c, Hawken Bros. LINNET (9): 1, spl, Jeffreys, best of shape, nice colour, well marked; 2, Tippins, good back colour, nicely laced; 3, Edwards, nice colour; r, vhc, Williams and Son; vhc, Hall, Jones. SISKIN, ETC., A.O.S. HARDBILL. SOFTBILL: All cancelled. FOR., LARGE: Cancelled. SMALL (12): 1, spl, 2, Thorne, splendid Scarlet Tanager leading, lovely colour, 2nd a Superb Tanager; 3, Meredith, Parson Finches, nice quality pair, well shown; r, Hall; vhc, c, Gower (2); hc, c, Thomas.

ST. HELEN'S O.S.

St. Helen's show held Jan. 10th, must ever stand out in the records of the cage bird world as one of the events of the year. This year, almost a new staff of members have been brought together, and most of these have not had to pioneer and work out the problems and ins and outs of an open show before. Some of the old hands, as well as some of the new hands rendered yeoman service to make the show a great success. 64 open and 15 members' classes were provided, and these were well arranged, but the Lancashires, Crests and Cinnamons, had to be cancelled. Norwich had a very liberal number of classes, 11 in all, and as usual turned up some trumps here. But the big surprise was to see the clear buff cock class cancelled. Time was, a few years ago, when 40 to 50 entries in this class were to be seen at St. Helen's. But then Prescot used to be a very strong centre for Norwich, and Mackley Bros, Jno. Wright, Jas. Lewis, J. H. Thackray and many other noted exhibitors used to send great teams. Some good teams were sent on this occasion, but 87 in 10 or 11 classes is not what Norwich men are capable of doing. Yorkshires, with less classes, did well, and with a little better classification a large increase in entries should result. Mr. P. V. Williams staged a fine cinn. marked yellow Yorks. which, if it had been in its right class, might have won. It is a gem, and had hard lines to get into the wrong class. The Greens came up very well on the whole, but a long way below the average of most of the shows where Green Club classes have been put on. This section made a good show. Seven Border Fancy classes were put on, and this section made a fine show of merit, although there were not so many as there might have been. Some were claimed at £3, £3 3s., and so on, so that there is plenty of life and go in them, and we hope another year will bring more entries. Some capital value was shown in the Selling classes, and many birds were claimed, and plenty of business was done. Hybrids brought out a few champion noted dark birds. Britishers came up very well, and were undoubtedly the success of the show, all the classes containing birds flowing with quality and condition. The £1 1/- special prize brought together the creme de la creme of the Kingdom in the British Goldfinch class, and 25 such marvellous Finches are not seen in one class every day. Members'classes were comparatively small, but in Crests and Cresthreds, some birds of real, fine merit were to be seen. About 80 special prizes were given, and one or two of these were of especial value. Hyde's winner, Mr. A. Lea: best Members' Canary, spl, Mr. R. Gibbie: and best bird. Members' spl, Mr. H. R. Lover. The hall is a grand one. Owing to a ball being held in the hall the night previous, extra work was entailed in fixing up in the early hours of the Friday morning. The secretary, Mr. T. Nore, together with Mr. Lomax and Mr. Case, got this work done, and had the birds all staged ready for judging soon after nine in the morning; they deserve great praise for the hard work they did in so short a time. What might have been a serious delay, was got over by the able secretary and these two assistants, who tackled the work admirably. Messrs. Lover, T. Lloyd, W. Vose, and J. T. Mills also rendered good service and helped to prevent delays. Mr. C. Kinns kindly supplied and fed the birds, and carefully saw to their needs. Mr. Robson judged Norwich, Yorks, Borders, Greens, and Members' Canaries, and Mr. Houlton the Gift, Selling, Hybrids, British and Foreign, and Members' British and Hybrids.

Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Thompson, very cobby bird, compact, good colour, nice condition; 2, e, Coventry, very like first, good all round; 3, Ellison, fine colour, head and feather; vhc, Hirst, nice type; hc, Bentley, big, fine bird. BUFFS cancelled. TICK YELL. (7): 1, Hillman, tick left wing, fine feather; 2, Bixter, tick right wing, lovely type, good head, nice colour and quality; 3, Cleminson, tick on head, superior shape and quality, nice size, good condition; vhc, Hindley; he, Barker and Abbott; c, Hopkins. BUFF (6): 1, Wade, ticked eyes and wings, cobby shape, fine bloom and quality all over it; 2, Coventry, var, typical, good size, full of colour and condition; 3, Turner, marked head and wings, fine bouncing bird, rare bloom and condition; vhc, Bixter, big bird; hc, Andrews; c, Lover. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Barker and Abbott, tick wing, grand shape, feather and condition; 2, Seed, very chubby, var, nice colour, carriage and feather; 3, Hillman, clear, fine condition; vhc, Bixter; he, Southward; c, Ellison. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Cleminson, grand pair, full of bloom; 1st, marked head and wings; 2rd, clear, tight feather and condition; 2, Coventry, compact, clear, full of quality and condition; vhc, Hillman; hc, Andrews; c, Dyer. UNEVEN YELL. (10): 1, Cleminson, grand clear, A1 shape, feather and condition; 2, Southward, clear, nice condition and type; 3, vhc, Bentley, clear, fine, bold, big bird, grand feather and finish; hc, Thompson; c, Wade. BUFF (15): 1, Issott, clear, grand head cobby body, fine bloom and condition; 2, Coventry, nice condition and head, clear; 3, vhc, Wade grey tail, very nice feather, good condition; hc, Hirst; c, Hillman. NON-FED (5): 1, 2, Hopkins; 3, Andrews; vhc, Houghton; hc, Leach. YORKS YELL (8): 1, Cavanagh, fine long drawn, breedy, well up on legs, tight condition; 2, Hirst, nicely rounded, fine drawn, nice quality; 3, Dykes, tight condition, good bird; vhc, Burton; hc, Coulson and Bradley. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Coulson and Bradley, capital all round typical birds, great merit, A1 condition; 3, Cavanagh, splendid quality and condition; all these well up, well rounded, full of style and position; vhc, Smith; hc, Knowles; c, Lodge; good all round lot. HENS (13): 1, 3, Brooks, very slim and stylish pair, breedy, nice stand, neat all over; 2, Knowles, cinn, tick, fine quality; vhc, Dykes; hc, Burton; c, Cavanagh. CINN. MARKS (5): 1, Knowles, very typical, tick check and wings, grand carriage, neat head, wings and tail, nice legs and good position; 2, vhc, Rodgers, fine feather; vhc, nicely drawn, very breedy; 3, Hirst, A1 all over it, ticked wings; hc, Gore. GREENS SELF YELL YORKS. (18): 1, Vernon, fair in tail and head, good colour; 2, 3, Clayton, fine quality nice colour, good type and position; 3rd, body properties and colour good; vhc, Fielder; hc, Waddale; c, Tempest. BUFF (14): 1, Hughes, fine, sound colour and good all round type, in grand condition, and stands A1; 2, Deacon, fine condition, deep, sound colour, grand type and markings etc.; 3, Rowlands, good body, nice colour; vhc, Clayton, pretty type and colour; hc, Metcalfe; c, Carswell. FOUL YELL (7): 1, Rowlands, foul wing and tail, good all round bird, grand colour etc.; 2, Clayton, foul wing nice colour and type, tight in condition; 3, Metcalfe, foul tail, nice type and good condition; vhc, Doughty; hc, Deacon; c, Carswell. BUFF (11): 1, Helliwell, foul tail and wings, grand type, good back, etc, A1 condition; 2, Hughes, foul tail, deep colour, nice tone; 3, Deacon, foul over eye, grand colour, good shape, fine all round bird; vhc, Tempest, foul wing, very prim bird; hc, Metcalfe; c, Vernon. NOR. GREEN, SELF YELL (11): 1, Harrison, deep colour nice type, good size, nice condition; 2, Barker and Abbott, fine size, nice type, good colour, heavy bird; 3, vhc, Reding, big, good one; hc, Walker; c, Hales. BUFF (10): 1, Ryno, big, heavy bird, good colour, wing carriage and condition; 2, Moss, rather light colour, nice feather, etc.; 3, Hawkes, nice condition; vhc, Walker; hc, Barker and Abbott, many thought looked like a foul yellow in wrong class, good bird, able to win in its own class; c, Davies, foul yell in wrong class; No. 6 wrongly classed, many took to be a good buff in its right class. FOUL YELL. (10): 1, Ryno, foul tail and throat, cobby shape, colour and condition good; 2, Jenkins, foul throat and tail, like a good hen; 3, Harrison, cobby foul tail; vhc, Deacon; hc, Hales; c, Moss. BUFF (14): 1, Johnson, small, nice feather and condition; 2, Harrison, another good bird; 3, c, Hales, heavy foul rare colour and type, fine size and A1 condition; vhc, Hadwin; hc, Murray. CRESTS cancelled. C.B. COCK (5): All Hesketh (local) good lot too. Why were there no C.C.C. men sending for C.C.C. specials here? HENS (6): 1, Walker, clear buff, small, plenty feather; 2, Lomax, green, fine body and length feather; 3, vhc, hc, Hesketh, green, good head, fine feather, etc. LANCS. cancelled. BORD. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, Wilson, typical pair, small, compact, neat and clean, tight as Javas; 2, Poole, grand feather and condition; vhc, Bailey; hc, Ellwood; c, Hopper Bros. HENS (8): 1, Levason, grand typical bird all over, claimed at £3 3/-; 2, Wilson, very good clear, slim and compact in all detail; 3, Ellwood, clear, small, very compact, tight in feather; vhc, hc, Poole, both very smart; c, Hopper Bros. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Hopper Bros., clear, graud type, in the pink of condition; 2, Poole, clear, in very fine condition, claimed at £3; 3, Lewthwaite, clear, small, lovely type and condition; vhc, Wagstaffe; hc, Walker; c, Levason. HEN (6): 1, 3, Hopper Bros., pair of beauties; 2, Roberts, nice feather and condition; vhc, Wilson; hc, Bailey; c, Lewthwaite. EVEN MARKS. cancelled. UNEVEN (9): 1, 3, Wilson, grand conditioned pair, first carries lots of colour. A1 feather both; 2, Roberts cinn. ear. yell. grand type, A1 condition; vhc, Cleminson; hc, Walker; c, Bailey. GREEN, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Wagstaffe, green, grand type, and cinn. neat; 3, Drinkwater, grand shaped green, very well up; vhc, Stovis; hc, Hadwin; c, Walker. CINN. cancelled. SELL. (30/-) (10): 1, Simpson; 2, Grice; 3, c, Procter; vhc, Cherry; hc, Bentley. (20/-) (12): 1, Bloor; 2, Wagstaffe; 3, Law; vhc, Rodgers; hc, Bixter; c, Titchard. (12/6) (16): 1, Riding; 2, Wilson; 3, Smith; vhc Simpson; hc, Williams; c, Hesketh. EXTRA STOCK, cancelled. GIFT (5): 1, Hesketh; 2, Helm; 3, Rodgers; vhc, hc, Bullough.

The Other Open Classes.

CL. HYB. cancelled. DK. GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, Issott, very cobby buff Linnet-Canary, good size, grand markings, rare body and feather condition; 2, Ridley, smart yell Gold-Canary, rich colour, good size, nice blaze and markings; 3, W. Coffey, grand Linnet-Canary; vhc, Beattie; hc, Davies; c, P. V. Williams. A.O.V. DARK (9): 1, c, Leigh, well-known dark yell Greenfinch-Canary, in best possible condition; 2, hc, Lover, takes spl., also for best members' bird, well-known fine yellow cinn. Greenfinch-Canary; 3, Lea, grand sized Siskin-Canary, lovely colour, markings, feather and condition; vhc, Davies, excellent cobby Greenfinch-Canary. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, Ward, noted Linnet-Bullie and Redpoll-Bullie, in order named, former more perfect and better standard cross, in splendid feather and condition; 2, Johnson, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, medium size, nice colour, good condition; vhc, Davies, good size, nice colour of a Goldie-Bullie, plenty head feather; hc, c, Lover, neat Chaffinch-Bramblefinch and pretty Goldfinch-Redpoll. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (25): Most perfect lot as a whole; 1, and £1 1/- spl. for best Goldfinch, A. P. Hurst, well known winner, the "Pride of Liverpool"; he was the pride of St. Helen's too, in his best possible form; 2, Axe, wonderfully good Finch, fought one of the hardest battles; 3, Albert Hirst, this isn't a Yorks, but a genuine good Goldfinch, grand, deep, rich, well-defined blaze, good body shape, pretty even moons, good bars, well tanned body, good runner up; extra 3, Bower, practically equal in all respects to 3rd; vhc, Law, fine hird for shape, very rich in body brown, good moons and bars; hc, e, W. J. Beattie, grand shaped birds with very massive rich, well-defined blazes; many birds here worthy of much praise. BULLFINCH (14): 1, Woods, real chubby, typical Welsh type of Bullfinch, capital width of head, cap, shoulders, back and breast, very bright, rich and clear in all its colours; 2, Hurst, fine shape, steady, in good feather; 3, Coffey, very like 2nd in all points, grand feather, steady; vhc, Beattie, another real good bird, runs close up; hc, Chick, bold, big hen; c, Walsh; very neat all round lot these. LINNET (19), grand lot too; easily two sets of good winners to he found: 1, Walsh, a genuine, good all round Linnet, colour, size, shape, markings and condition, all there, steady, well shown; 2, 3, Bower, pair of gems, often described, and looking very fit, grand head on 2nd; vhc, Coffey, capital length, size, colour and markings; hc, Pickles, bonny length, size, colour and markings; c, A. Hirst. GREENCHESTED hird, fine markings; c, A. Hirst. GREENFINCH (15): 1, 3, A. P. Hurst, pair of well-known gems, first stormer in every way; 2, Beattie, real good one, in great form and condition; vhc, Bower, excellent size and shape; hc, Coffey, lovely colour and condition, nice size; c, Leigh. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, 3, Hurst, large Jonque Redpoll, grand condition to-day, wins well, and looks no worse for his Scottish defeat; 3rd, well marked, good coloured Siskin, fine size and shape; 2, Chick, grand, cobby-shaped Twite, rare chest, full of markings, in very smart condition; vhc, Hampton and Billington, pretty Twite, good colour and markings, glossy; hc, Leigh, pretty well-conditioned Siskin, rare colour, cap and feather; c, Perry. BRAMBLE, ETC. (13): 1, Beattie, capital all round Chaffinch, size, cap, shape, markings, colour and condition all of the very best, well glossed; 2, Jones, real, fine Bramble, full of good spangling, very glossy in condition; 3, Hurst, well-known Chaffinch; vhc, Almond, another well spangled Brambling; hc, Hampton and Billington, fine marked Chaffinch, well drawn; c, Coffey. A.O.S. SEED EATERS (14): 1, 2, Axe, Hawfinch and yell. Bunting, both excelling in gloss, markings and condition, pair of real gems; 3, Beattie, another excellent Hawfinch; vhc, Hurst, grand yellow Bunting, a bit off bloom and condition to-day; hc, Cherry, very large Hawfinch, grand shape; c, Walsh, smart, slim, but prim yellow Bunting, splendid glossy feather. THRUSH, ETC. (7): 1, Axe, "Lady Stanley" Thrush, well-known bird, in its best condition to-day; 2, Grice, very good Blackbird, in all points, size, dense colour, good eye eere and rich beak; 3, Law, very fine Missel Thrush, in best of feather and condition, well shown; vhc, hc, Mort; c, Langtree. A.O.S. LARGE (5): 1, Chick, noted Chough, improving in size and substance, very fine feather, very steady; 2, Weedall, grand Redwing, a picture; 3, P. V. Williams, fine, upstanding Chough, well shown, tight body feather; vhc, Pellegar, very good Magpie, well shown. SMALL (9): 1, Chick, wonderful Wheatear, in magnificent condition to-day, perfect picture to look at, and admired much by all present; 2, P. V. Williams, very fine Nightingale, well shown, rare size, good colour, nice condition; 3, vhc, Walsh, capital Wryneck, with broken tail feather, or might have stood higher; hc, Horne, pretty pied Wagtail; c, Vose, good Robin. FOR. PARROTS: 1, Sherlock, good Bulla Bulla, in grand condition to-day; 2, 3, Hadley, pair masked, and a pretty blue Mountain Lory, all in good feather and condition; vhc, Brownbill, very nice Alexandrine Parakeet. FOR. FINCHES: 1, Beattie, very smart pair of Black-headed Gouldians, well shown; 2, Miss M. Saxon, lovely pair Zebrafinches; 3, vhc, hc, Conqueror, pair Cutthroats, and two pairs of Black-headed Nuns, nice condition. OPEN NOVICE CLASSES: YELL. NOR. (5): 1, Lingard, nice size, good type, tick nape of neck, full of colour and quality; 2, Grice, big clear yellow; nice shape; 3, Emmett, grand shape, nice colour and quality, ticked on neck; vhc, Rodgers; hc, Coupe. BUFFS (5): 1, Lingard, bonny substance, nice feather and bloom; 2, Coupe; 3, Emmett; vhc, hc, Knowles. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, 3, A. Lea, first takes Hyde's spl., very clean, finely drawn tight feathered var. Yorks.; 2, Grice, cinn. var., tight in condition; vhc, Nelson; hc, c, Myers. BUFFS (5): 1, 3, Morgan; stylish pair, first best shape and feather, well up on leg; 2, vhc, A. Lea, very neat and typical; hc, Rodgers. MULES (11): 1, Tichard, var. yell. Gold-Canary, dark saddle, clear breast, nice size, good colour and tight condition; 2, vhc, J. Lea, fine yell. Siskin-Canary, good colour and markings, tight condition; vhc, good Greenfinch-Canary; 3, Isaac, bonny big dark Goldfinch-Canary, fine blaze, colour and condition; hc, Miss F. Hampson, Twite-Canary, foul tail, nice shape, feather and condition; c, Grice.

Members' Classes.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Chesworth; 2, Grice; 3, Sherbert; vhc, Gibbie. BUFFS: 1, Grice; 2, Sherlock; 3, Rodgers; vhe, Dickenson. HENS: 1, 2, Gibbie, first grand shaped yellow hen, good in all points, takes spl. for best member's Nor. in show; 3, vhc, Grice; hc, Rodgers; c, Chesworth. UNFLI.: 1, Chesworth; 2, Grice; 3, Gibbie; vhc, Lomax; hc, Lover; c, Dickenson. NON-FED: 1, Grice; 2, Gibbie. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Lover; 3, Grice. BUFFS: 1, Dickenson; 2, Rodgers. HENS: 2nd, Grice. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lomax, very good team, the young birds should later on do some good if got about; be, Parry. CRESTBRED: 1, 3, vhc, c, Lomax, another team well above the average, one or two of them have pretty dome shaped skulls and very dense and profuse length of head feather; the right sort to stick to for breeding class birds; 2, hc, Parry, good pair, former being rich in its wealth of feather, and neat condition. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Gibbie. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, J. Lea, good dark Yell. Siskin-Canary, and pretty Greenfinch-Canary, both in nice condition; 2, hc, Lover, buff dark Gold-Canary, nice size, blaze, colour and condition; vhc, Grice, var. Gold-Canary. BRIT. HARDBILL (6): 1, hc, Grice, nice Linnet and Bullie, medium sized; 2, Lover, Chaffinch; 3, vhc, Lomax, very good Lesser Mealy Redpoll, grey as a badger, and in grand feather and condition; vhc, nice sort of Goldfinch; c, Helm. SOFTBILLS: 1, 2, Lomax, Blackbird and Robin respectively. FOR.: 1, 2, Lomax, nice Saffronfinch and Orange Bishop respectively.

E CLESHILL.

The annual exhibition of this society was held in the lecture room of the Mechanics' Institute on January 10th and 11th, but was only a moderate show in regard to the number of entries, averaging slightly over 10 per class. The quality throughout was, however, quite up to the standard of Yorkshire Union Shows, under the rules of which the show was held. The room is an excellent one, lofty and well-lighted from three sides; it is quite capable of holding three times the number of birds staged at this fixture. Messrs. Ashworth, sec, and J. E. Clark, asst.-sec. deserve every praise for their able management, and Messrs. J. Clarke and W. Hollings, stewards, attended to the wants of the birds, and had all eards up soon after each class had been judged. Messrs. Wilcock, Bailey and Swanger, Shackleton, Ackroyd, Slater, Clifford, Holmes and Clark were the winners of the various sectional specials. Mr. R. Carr judged.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, grand, long-sided bird, good shape, position and quality; 2, Gibbons, good shape and quality, hot colour; 3 Ogden Bros., lengthy, nice shape, grand quality, very clean front, good wings and tail; 4, Shackleton, hot colour, nice shape and quality, good position; vhc, c, Wilson; hc, Wilcock. BUFF (10): 1, hc, spl, Bailey and Swanger, nice size, grand position, colour and quality; 2, Shackleton, excellent shape, nice quality and position, straight as a pipe; 3, Crabtree, very slim, neat quality, and shapely; 4, Stebbings, long, slim drawn bird, good position, quality and shape; vhc, Ogden Bros.; c, Hurrell. TICK YELL. (6): 1, spl, Wilson, tick wing and neck, nice length, good position and shape, fine quality; 2, Shackleton, tick head, very lengthy, good shape and quality, well up in position, red hot colour; 3, Bailey and Swanger, good length, shapely, good quality; 4, Walsh, tick head, slim, good shape and quality; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Mortimer. BUFF (13): 1, 4, spl, Bailey and Swanger, good position and quality, plenty of colour; 4th, tick check, extra fine quality, nice shape and position; 2, Walsh, grand shape, slim, nice quality, well up in position; 3, Brayshaw and Jowett, grand type, lovely colour and quality, very clean made; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Radley; c, Wilson. UNEVEN, ETC. (9): 1, c, Armstrong, buff, marked one wing and eyes, grand shape, full of quality and colour, very stylish; 2, Ogden Bros., yell, grand length and position, shapely, fine quality; 3, vhc, Murgatroyd and Son, another yellow, lovely shape and position, neat quality; 4, Wilcock, yellow, lengthy, typical, nice quality; hc, Stebbings. UNFLI. (11): 1, Radley, yellow, good length, nice shape and quality, plenty of leg; 2, Cowgill, buff, good shape and quality, nice head and back; 3, 4, spl, Wilcock, 3rd, neat yellow, grand type and quality; 4th, buff, good shape, quality and style, grand back; vhc, Elamhe, Lingley; c, Mail. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 3, spl, Shackleton, winner long drawn lady, nice shape and quality, grand position, plenty of leg; 3rd, another long one, good shape and position; 2, Radley, noted tick wing, grand shape, feathered like wax, lovely wings and tail; 4, Walsh, tick checks, nice quality, shape and style; vhc, Wilson; hc, Mortimer; c, Stebbings. BUFF (13): 1, 4, spl, Bailey and Swanger, winner grand type and quality, very stylish; 4th, ticked neck, grand shoulders, fine position and quality; 2, Cowgill, nice length, quality and style, good wings and tail; 3, Walsh, ticked wing, hot colour, beautifully frosted, nice quality and style; vhc, Wilson; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Mail. CINN. TICK ETC., CK. (10): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Wilcock, grand team, winner yellow, very lengthy, grand shape quality and colour good cinn. coloured markings; 2nd, buff of grand shape, quality and style; 3, Bennett, yell., extra good shape, nice quality, good wing carriage, plenty of length behind; 4, Ogden Bros., buff, neck and saddle marked, good shape and quality; hc, Towers; c, Armstrong. HEN (9): 1, 2, spl, Wilcock, grand shaped yellow, lovely quality, well up in position; 2nd, buff, slim, neat shape and quality fine position; 3, vhc, Towers, yellow, nice shape and quality; 4, Murgatroyd and Son, yellow, fine position and quality; hc, Brayshaw and Jowett; c, Cowgill. NOR. CK. (7): 1, 2, spl, J. Wilcock, grand cobby shaped yellow, good substance, lovely quality and colour; 2nd, buff, lovely quality and shape, rich colour, plenty of size and substance; 3, hc, c, S. Wilcock, buff, red hot colour, neat quality and shape; 4, Woodhouse Bros., buff, grand size, thickset, nice feather; vhc, Moorhouse. HEN (7): 1, 2, spl, Thackray, big, bouncing buff, grand shape, quality and colour; 2nd, also a buff, marvellous substance, short and cobby, nice quality; 3, 4, Wilcock, nice shaped buff, good quality; 4th, yellow, nice substance and quality; vhc, hc, S. Wilcock; c, Moorhouse. A.O.V. cancelled. SELL. YELL. (41) (7): 1, spl, Cowgill; 2, Murgatroyd and Son; 3, Lane; 4, S. Wilcock; vhe, J. Wilcock; hc, Coates; c, Lane. BUFF (13): 1, hc, spl, Slater; 2, Hurrell; 3, Coates; 4, J. Wilcock; vhc, Shaw Bros.; c, Cowgill. YELL. HEN (12/6) cancelled. BUFF (12/6) (5): 1, spl, Drake and Son; 2, Woodhouse Bros.; 3, Cowgill; 4, Hargreaves. NOVICE CLASSES, YORKS. CL. ETC., YELL. (17): 1, spl, Ackroyd, long, well drawn exhibit, grand shape and quality, well braced wings and tail, looking in the pink; 2, Brown, nice all round bird, neat shape and quality; 3, Greenwood, hot colour, nice type, quality and position, leggy; 4, Chippindale, nice length and shape, well up in position, nice quality; vhc, c, Robertshaw; hc, Wilson. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Robertshaw, grand type, splendid position, feathered to perfection, tight as a drum; 2, Shaw Bros., nice colour, quality and shape, good position; 3, Chippindale, slim, good shape and quality, very clean feathered; 4, Leach, grand position, neat quality, good wings and tail; vhe, c, Frankland; hc, Elsegood. UNEVEN, ETC. (12): 1, spl, Leach, lengthy yellow, grand shape, nice quality, stands well; 2, Shaw Bros., buff, grand position, neat shape and quality; 3, c, Ackroyd, Cinn mkd. yell., nice shape and position, fine quality, good wing carriage; 4, Townsend, good shaped buff, nice quality and style; vhc, Greig and Pearson; hc, Lodge. UNFLI. (18): 1, spl, Lodge, buff, good long bird, grand shape and quality, well up; 2, Shepherd, very lengthy yellow, nice position and type, good feather; 3, c, Frankland, buff, slim, neat shape, lovely quality; 4, Morris and Shackleton, grand drawn bird, typical, fine position and quality; vhc, Clark; hc, Ackroyd. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN (19): 1, Morris and Shackleton, grand straight bird, well up on legs, good shape, position and quality; 2, hc, spl, Frankland, long, slim, splendid position, quality like silk; 3, Townsend, grand quality and shape, stands well; 4, Livesey, slim, straight as a rush, plenty of leg, nice quality; vhc, Pollitt; c, Drake and Son. BUFF (14): 1, hc, Ackroyd, grand type and quality, well up on legs, neat wings and tail; 2, Lodge, neat lady, nice quality type and position; 3, 4, Allen and Swaine, both ticked wings, nice shape and quality, good position; vhc, Robertshaw; c, Myers. NOR. CK. (10): 1, 4, vhc, spl, Holmes, winner buff, ticked head, immense size and substance, good colour and quality; 4th, another buff, grand shape and substance, nice cobby build, quality and colour good; 2, 3, Clifford, leader yellow, good heavy build, short wings and tail, grand head; 3rd, buff, grand substance, colour and quality; hc, Clark; c, Mottram. HEN (13): 1, c, Mottram, buff, grand colour and quality, good substance; 2, vhe, spl, Clifford, good size buff, neat shape and quality; 3, hc, Hammond, yellow, good size and substance, nice quality, pale colour; 4, Holmes, ticked wing buff, grand shape and colour, very neat.

HERNE BAY.

The sixteenth annual show was held on January 9th, and proved to be the best show of Canaries ever held by this society. Dr. Bowes staged a grand team of 14 Border Fancies, which were much admired. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged.

NORWICH, COL.-FED: 1, Rollington, bonny-shaped yellow of good quality; 2, Unstead, yellow, nice quality. NON-FED: 1, 2, 3, Holness, very nice trio, winner exceptionally good in shape and quality of feather; vhc, Carter and Son. NON-FED BUFF: 1, 3, Gandy, very good type, tight in feather; 2, Harris, grand shape and quality; res, Holness; vhc, Moss. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Unstead, both good-chested birds and stylish; 3, res, vhe (2), Holness, very nice type and quality; vhc, Carter and Son, and Gandy. CRESTS OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Eagleton, 1st and 2nd both dark Crests, nice centre and droop; 3rd a large grizzle Crest, very well groomed; res, Smith; vhc, Gandy (2). BORD. FCY., CKS.: 1, 2, 3, res, hc, Bowes, really grand team, staged in splendid form; vhc, Unstead; hc, Rowland. HENS: 1, 2, 3, res, vhc, Bowes, another beautiful team, very well shown. MULES, a small class, headed by Miss Unstead, Gold-Can. that has done some winning at Kent shows. BRIT. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Unstead, Goldfinch, with lovely blaze, moons, and bars, 1st followed by a rare-coloured Greenie in rare form; 3, Horne, Bullie, grand cap and breast, very steady; res, vhc, Unstead. A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, res., Unstead, Linnet, Siskin, Chaffinch, and Bramblefinch respectively, all very well shown; vhc, Hudson. FOREIGN: 1, 2, Unstead, winner, three-coloured Mannikin; 2nd, Whiteheaded Nun; 3, Hudson, Budgerigar; res, vhc, Unstead.

PWLLGWAUN, PONTYPRIDD & DIS.

A grand show took place at the New Town Hall, Pontypridd, on January 9th. As usual the exhibits were of a high standard, and some keen competition took place, which gave Mr. Hodge (who judged) no easy task. The light was not as good as it might have been, and the birds ought to have been staged elsewhere. One feature, for which the committee deserves high commendation, was that a room with fire was specially engaged for birds which became affected with the cold. Unfortunately, a few birds did go a little wrong, but, owing to the accommodation in the room referred to, they were soon brought round again. A word of praise is to be given to the stewards, who spared no pains in looking after the exhibits; the whole lot were cleared from the hall in good time, enabling them to be got home with the least possible delay. There was a very fair attendance, but not what might have been in such a town.

YORKS. (9): 1, hc, Martin; 2, Challenge; 3, vhc, Wilkins and Son. NOR. (14): 1, Williams; 2, 3, res, Brown; vhc, Llewellyn and Howell; 4, Caddy; c, May. A.O.V. (13): 1, 4, Jones; 2, Edwards; 3, Farrow; res, Lewis; res, vhc, Jelly; hc, Hocking. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, spl, Edwards; 2, Williams; 3, Norton; 4, Hotchkis; vhc, Woodall; hc, Price; c, Llewellyn and Howells. LINNET (10): 1, Thomas; 2, Edwards; 3, Gilbert; vhc, Gordon McLucas; hc, Johnson; c, Lucas Bros. LARK (3): 3, Jones; vhc, James; hc, Johnson. BULLFINCH (11): 1, spl, vhc, Norton; 2, Bobbett; 3, Edward; 4, Gordon McLucas; hc, Porter; c, Llewellyn and Howell. FINCH MULE (8): 1, Hocking; 2, Thomas; 3, Caines; 4, G. Edwards; vhc, Woodall; hc, Gilbert; c, Norton. PARROT (7): 1, Davies; 2, Howell; 3, T. Williams; res, Ridley; vhc, Mrs. Prosser, Lewis; hc, Loveridge. A.O.S. BRIT. (12): 1, Jones; 2, Norton; 3, Bobbett; 4, Jones; res, vhc, Lewis; hc, Edwards; c, Sheppard and Evans.

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BATHGATE.

This society held their annual show on January 11th, and it was well up to former years for the number of entries, while the quality was all that could be desired. Norwich entries were scarcely as numerous as formerly, but what was lacking in numbers was fully balanced by the high-class quality of the exhibits, and in the majority of classes the awards were very keenly contested. Crests and Crestbreds were a superb collection. This section was judged by Mr Chalmers, and his awards were received with general satisfaction. The entry in Borders was about the usual, the birds on the whole being a grand collection, and many good ones had to be content with minor awards. The B.F.C. medal went to a nice yell. foul cock, shown by Mr. Dixon. This section was judged by Mr. W. C. Duncan, and his awards were well received. Mules, British, etc., were the feature of the show. Bathgate is well known in British bird circles as being the home of many noted winners, and the classification allotted to their favourites met with a hearty response and brought together one of the finest show of Britishers that has been seen in Scotland. Mules were also a splendid collection, as there were to be found present some of the cream at present on the show bench. Mr. Laidlaw, of Langholm, and Mr. Leigh, of Warrington, both made a satisfactory debut as judges at a Scotch show. The former judged the even and the latter the odd number classes. When referring to the management one has only to mention the familiar name of the genial and worthy Secretary, Mr. R. Bald, who had everything in apple pie order, and to add that he was ably assisted by his no less worthy assistant, Mr. C. M. Bald, while the cash department was under the jurisdiction of Mr. Livingstone. The committee were as follows, and everyone who visited the show can only agree with us that such a combination of genuine workers can hardly be found. The following is a full list of the officials; Hon. President, J. Macnab, Esq.; President, Mr. I. Wark; Vice-President, Mr. T. Barkhouse ; Treasurer, Mr. J. Livingstone ; Secretary, Mr. Robert Bald; Assistant Secretary, Mr. M. Bald; Committee, Messrs. Connachan, Cain, Drake, Gentleman, Strang, Allan, Forrest, Strachan, Flood, Haldane, Brown, Kerr, Brannan, Brown, Nicol, Nicholson, Peel, Johnstone, Gardner, Russell, Sinclair, Stevenson, Smith, Wilson.

The Norwich and Cinnamon Sections.

CREST CK. (6): 1, Godley, very fine top piece, grandly centred, nice radiation and well drooped in front, good body, in rare bloom; 2, Shillinglaw, another good one, dense and lengthy feather, well filled in centre, and nicely groomed, not quite such a droop as winner; 3, Clark, had unfortunately been washing when we took our note; 4, Buchanan, fine body and a good all-round top piece, well groomed, but fails in length; 5, Jamieson. CREST HEN (8): 1, 2, Adamson, leader not the largest, but a gem for head gear, splendidly centred crest of leafy feather, with grand droop, in tip-top bloom; 2, a green, grand shape and body, nicely finished in head; 3, Clark, frontal crest, comes well to end of beak, nice quality head feather, a shade rising at side, good otherwise; 4, Watson, fine shaped bird, nicely groomed, fails trifle in length of feather; 5, Shields; 6, Easton; 7, Frew. C.B. CK. (7): 1, Godley, vgtd., a topper of the first water, grand size and well lashed, noble entrance and plenty of substance of body; 2, Shields, fine width at entrance, grand head, fails trifle in length of lash; 3, Adamson, fine headed, grand at back and lash well carried to head, slightly shorter in length of feather, nice quality; 4, Shillinglaw, shapely, fine full head and neat entrance, well up in lashing; 5, Frew; 6, Muirhead; 7, Easton. C.B. HEN (5): 1, Adamson, fine substance for a hen, grand head, nicely cushioned, neat, wide, entrance and lashed to perfection, well carried behind; 2, Calder, good entrance, and nice skull, fails a little in length of feather, good at front and well up in size; 3, Watson, nice length of feather and good substance, fails a little in entrance to leaders; 4, Frew, nice substance and quality; 5, Clark. NOT CL. OR TK. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Dick, rare shape, as round as possible, fine depth of body, grand head and splendid wing carriage, rare tone of colour; 2, Sloan, good colour, in fine bloom, not quite the depth of winner, but all there for style and carriage; 3, Jarvie, shapely bird, good head and neat wing carriage, a shade smaller in build; 4, Buist, nice substance and colour, fails a trifle in head; 5, Agnew. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Marlin, grand substance, full chest, nicely rounded, beautifully tapered underneath, tip-top wing carriage and all there for style; 2, Roberts, nice style, well cut, very neat in head and grandly filled on neck, scarcely so full at chest as winner; 3, Dick, good colour, fine depth throughout and in lovely bloom; 4, Small, a wing tick., grand head and well rounded in front, splendid wing carriage, fails a little underneath to winners; 5, Jennie; 6, Sharp; 7, Brown. NOR. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (10): 1, McFarlane, "par excellence" for a buff, very short in feather, beautiful head, lovely wing carriage and a beauty for shape; 2, Marlin, hot colour, good shape, very nicely finished off, well up in size; 3, Paterson, good substance, nice quality of feather, grand head and neck, but fails a little in body formation; 4, Brown, grand size, and well up in shape, good back and wing carriage, not quite the finish of winners; 5, 6, Bowman; 7, Pollock. NOR. CL. OR TKD. BUFF HEN (11): 1, McFarlane, a stormer for size, grand shape, round, and full, nicely cut and teeming with quality; 2, Dick, lovely quality of feather, neat head and grand wing carriage, full of bloom; 3, Sloan, rare stamp, very chubby, good colour, nice short feather, little on the small side compared to winner; 4, Godley, plenty substance, and well built, fine front, nicely tapered, good in wing carriage; 5, Roberts; 6, Crewar; 7, Hutcheson. NOR. UNFLI. CK. (12): 1, McFarlane, yellow, good stamp, well rounded, splendid head and tip-top wing carriage, well up in colour and plenty of substance; 2, Paterson, buff, a strong made bird, grand colour throughout, good head, fine neck; lacks just the finish of winner; 3, Jarvie, hot-fed yellow, well moulded, in full bloom, a shade lighter than winner; 4, Godley, good yellow, rare tone of colour and lovely feather, just a bit longer in side than winners; 5, Roberts; 6, Paterson; 7, Godley. NOR. UNFLI. HEN (13): 1, Marlin, fine type, splendidly tapered off, full rounded front and lovely wing carriage; 2, McFarlane, head foul, very deep colour and grand substance, strong throughout, but well finished, just a shade faulty in wing carriage; 3, Mitchell, varieg. buff, nice stamp, well moulded, very nicely tapered; 4, Taylor, good-bodied yellow, grand head and neck and nicely finished; 5, Roberts; 6, Gardiner; 7, Jarvis. NOR. A.O.V. (13): 1, Dick, nice shape and substance, good front, grand wing carriage, a splendid shower; 2, Bowman, well built throughout, good wing carriage and very neat in head, fails a little in depth of colour, and scarcely the size of winner; 3, McFarlane, yell. varieg., fine substance, good head and bold in neck, fails a little in shape and finish to winners; 4, Sloan, fine size, a shade narrow on front, but splendid feather and finish; 5, Sharp; 6, Paterson; 7, Godley. NOR. NAT. COL. CK. (11): 1, Sloan, yellow, a shade small, but a gem for quality, well rounded throughout; 2, McFarlane, varieg. buff, plenty of substance, rare front and grand wing carriage, lovely condition; 3, Dick, foul yellow, rare-fronted bird, and well drawn, rather free in feather; 4, Marlin, varieg. yell., all there for shape and quality; 5, 6, Roberts; 7, Grewar. NOR. NAT. COL. HEN (11): 1, 2, Marlin, leader varieg. yellow, grand type and quality, fine front, well rounded and nicely cut, neat head and lovely wing carriage; 2nd, a varieg., good substance and feather, but beaten in wing carriage; 3, Roberts, buff, very close-feathered, nice head and good wing carriage; 4, Livingstone, grand-bodied bird, as round as a marble, and very forward in condition; 5, Roberts; 6, Flood; 7, Dick. CINN. (14): 1, 2, 4, Godley, a grand trio, leader a Jonque, grand size, deep tone of colour throughout, lovely pencilling on back, very distinct, shape and finish, all that could be desired; 2nd, a buff, another beauty for colour and shape, rare substance and well laced; 4th, also a buff, good colour and well marked, fails a little in depth and finish to winner; 3, Robb, Jonque, nice pencilling, good solid colour throughout and rare shape, a shade smaller but well built; 5, Robb; 6, McFadyen; 7, Fife.

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CL. OR TK. SELL. CK. (17): 1, B.F.C. medal, Dixon, finely moulded, grand head, well filled in neck, beautifully tapered, correct size and weight, slightly ticked on wing, staged to perfection; 2, Gilchrist, head foul, stronger in body but well rounded, grand wing carriage, not quite the jaunty carriage of winner; 3, Hislop, good back and wing carriage and well drawn, but heavier in shoulders; 4, Bennet, nice position, not quite the front and bloom of winners; 5, Anderson; 6, Craig; 7, Dunsmore. CL. OR TK. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Bennet, grand stamp and position, fine head, good front and taper wings, nicely met, good quality throughout; 2, Alexander, little longer in body, but well rounded, good wing carriage and well drawn, in fine order; 3, Bennet, good quality of feather, nice size and position, trifle flat on head; 4, Walker and Stirling, a shade stronger in get up, but a gem for quality and finish, grandly rounded, nice short feather; 5, Lambie and Sons; 6, Boag; 7, Shearer. CL. OR TK. BUFF CK. (14): 1, 4, Bennet, fine shape, grandly rounded, neat head and well cut in front feather, like wax; 4th, another gem for feather, but fails a little in shape; 2, Gilchrist, rare bloom, grand wing carriage, not quite the taper of winner, but grandly built; 3, Hislop, head tick, good body and lovely feather; 5, Leach; 6, Alexander; 7, Peel. CL. OR TK. BUFF HEN (10): 1, Gilchrist, a little gem of the first water, rare rounded head and splendid body, lovely taper, and feathered like wax, a marvel for condition; 2, Bennet, good feather and grand size, a good 2nd; 3, Shields, good-headed bird, well rounded on top, nice neck and wing carriage; 4, Craig, typical bird, a shade short in appearance, but well drawn, good feather and condition; 5, Hislop; 6, Boag; 7, Forrest. EVEN-MKD. (7): 1, Gilchrist, the noted buff, grand eye and wing markings, and staged to perfection, still as fresh as ever; 2, Shearer, grand shape, splendidly cut, and feathered to perfection, fails just a little in eye markings; 3, Lambie and Sons, nice quality of feather and grand style, not quite the equal of first in markings; 4, Dunsmore, a good all-round yellow, nice markings, hardly so good in finish; 5, Forrest; 6, Whitelaw. A.O.V. (7): 1, Alexander, varieg. buff, fine style and carriage, grand back and wing carriage, and in A1 bloom; 2, Dixon, grand head and finely drawn, well balanced wings, a little plainer on back than winner; 3, Lambie and Sons, Jonque, rare ground colour and pencilled to perfection, a shade soft in feather; 4, Peel, nice typical green, well marked, the correct size and colour, well staged; 5, Gilchrist; 6, Shields; 7, Bennet. SELL. CK., 7/6 (14): 1, McAdam; 2, Lambie and Sons; 3, Bennet; 4, Dunsmore; 5, Craig; 6, Taylor; 7, Boag. SELL. HENS 5/6 (14): 1, 3, Bennet; 2, Lambie and Sons; 4, Shields; 5, Shearer; 6, Leach; 7, Craig.

Mules, British and Foreign.

DK. GOLD OR LINN. AND CAN. (11): 1, 3, Duncan and Logan, leader Jonque Goldie, grand size, fine depth of colour throughout, teeming with quality; 3rd. rattling Jonque, rare size and colour, and well laced; 2, McQuiston, another good Jonque, grand back and wings, well placed; 4, Marlin, Jonque Goldie, grand size, hardly the depth of colour of winner; 5, Bald; 6, Hamilton; 7, Coffey. DK. VARIEG. MULE (6): 1, Duncan and Logan, the noted Canary-Bullie, a gem for size and colour; 2, 3, Marlin, Jonque Greenie, well up in size and colour throughout; 3rd, Jonque Siskin, splendid lacing and teeming with quality, grand size; 4, Stewart and Milne, a Grecnie, nice size and good quality of feather; 5, Thomson; 6, Cuthbertson. LIGHT MULE OR HYBRID (8): 1, Duncan and Logan, nearly clear Goldie, grand size, nice wings and fine flush on face, in good trim; 2, Sharp, well-known Greenie-Bullie, fine size and good colour, rare cap and wing bars, very steady; 3, McFarlane, varieg. Jonque Mule, fine size and colour, will improve yet; 4, Stewart and Milne, Goldie-Linnet, a beauty for size, splendidly marked; 5, Brown; 6, Jamieson; 7, Henderson. A.O.V. HEN MULE OR HYBRID (5): 1, Cunningham, clear Goldie, fine size and well up in colour and feather; 2, Duncan and Logan, varieg. Canary-Bullie, a monster for size; 3, McFarlane, good varieg. yell. Goldie, nice size and very forward in colour; 4, Cooper, Goldie-Greenie, good quality of feather and nice colour; 5, McFarlane. SELL. MULE, 7/6 (30): 1, Cunningham; 2, Duncan and Logan; 3, Livingstone; 4, Henderson; 5, McLaren; 6, Hepburn; 7, Nicol. BULL. CK. (28): 1, 2, Jackson, leader dense colours, lovely cap, tip-top wing bars and clear back, grand sheen, and lovely feather; 2nd, larger in size, hardly so deep in breast colour; 3, Gow, well up in size, nice cap, a shade paler in breast colour, a gem for feather; 4, Paton, close up, large-bodied bird, deep crimson breast, and rare glossy cap, grandly marked on wing bars, a hot one all over; 5, Ford, another good one, fine chubby shape, good cap and breast, rare bloom; many noted winners without a card; 6, Livingstone; 7, Aitken. BULL. HEN (14): 1, Buchanan, a topper, dense cap, of grand size, fine breast colour and bars, round body and plenty substance; 2, Marlin, nice type, a shade smaller but well marked; 3, Murray, another hot one for colour, deep breast and fine glossy cap, neat size and well conditioned; 4, Livingstone, a grand exhibit, good wing bars and dense cap, good body colour, teeming with quality; 5, Strachan; 6, McDonald; 7, Bald. YOUNG (9): 1, Bald, a beauty, splendid tone of colour throughout, cap and bib perfection, wings, size and condition a treat, greatly admired; 2, Barcley, a well-known winner, has size, and a good cap, not quite so well cut in bib as winner, still a good exhibit; 3, McFarlane, in tip-top order, full of life, smaller than winners, and fails a bit on bib; 4, Cunningham, dense bib, well cut and in fine order, fails a trifle in cap and size, but well forward in colour; 5, Henderson; 6, Marlin; 7, Stanners. GOLD. (21): 1, 3, McQuiston, leader the best in size, good expansive crimson face, free from ticking, nicely tanned checks, good buttons, and very fine wing bars, grand shape and in lovely bloom; 3rd also deep in colours and well made; 2, Raine, dense blaze, finely out cheeks and grand nut-brown throughout; 4, McDougal, nice shapely Finch, neat flush face, not quite so rich in tannings, but in grand bloom; 5, Gow; 6, Colbron; 7, Brown. LINN. (15): 1, Colbron, chubby shape, grand ground colour and splendidly marked on front, good head, and well forward in wing bars, steady; 2, 3, 5, Marlin, a grand trio, leader splendid whites and good depth of colour, finely laced on front, good back; 3rd, good colour, and well up in markings, lacks the sheen and finish of winner; 4, Calder, grand throughout, fails a little at throat, but well carried markings in front; 6, McMorris; 7, Wilson. LINN., FIELD-MOULTED (21): 1, Wilkinson, grand size, chubby in shape, well pencilled breast and rare wings, good deep tone of colour and very steady; 2, Aitken, distinct pencilling, grand head and back, good quality; 3, Calder, another gem for breast-work, and well forward in size and colour; three good ones hard to separate; 4, Livingstone, lovely wing bars, but rather dark in ground colour. GREENFINCH, FED (11): 1, Marlin, grand size, shape and wing bars, solid colour, rare head, and well rounded in front; 2, Cunningham, hot colour, lovely wing bars, well up in size, and teeming with quality; 3, Aitken, a shade paler, lovely tone of colour, good size and grand body; 4, Aitken, lovely quality of feather, hardly the colour of winners; 5, McQuiston; 6, Paton; 7, Calder. GREENFINCH, NON-FED (31): 1, Sharp, a "surprise packet," a gem of the first water; 2, Brown, another hot one, fine size, good solid colour throughout, forward in wing bars, and teeming with quality; 3, Smith, nice colour, rare finish, steady; 4, 5, Bald; 4th, grand size, a regular stormer, fine depth of colour, but lacks polish a little; 6, McCulloch; 7, Buchanan. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (9): 1, McQuisten, Twite, hot colour, rare size and markings, in rattling condition; 2, Marlin, another hot one for colour, and also well laced; 3, Malcolm, Mealy Redpoll, well up in size, and teeming with quality; 4, Milne Bros., Twite, good colour and nicely marked; 5, Neilson; 6, Russell; 7 (no name). LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, Livingstone, grand tone of colour, nice front, markings and bib, rare size; 2, Coffey, dense bib, and grand ground colour, rare sheen and markings; 3, Marlin, rare size, and all there for markings, lovely shade; 4, Cairns, nice all-round exhibit, well staged; 5, Carter; 6, Strachan; 7, Bald. BUNTING (9): 1, Lawson, a Yellowhammer, great depth of colour, fed to perfection, nice head, grand back, pencilling, and tone throughout, staged to perfection; 2, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, not the largest, but a gem for markings and colour, steady and well staged; 3, Raine, a well-marked Cirl Bunting, fine size, steady and well staged; 4, Gentleman, a Yellowhammer, plenty of size, and very nicely pencilled, good back and wings; 5, Millar; 6, Bowie, jun.; 7, Brown. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF. (21): 1, Coffey, a Bramble, in tip-top form, good head, well spangled on back and fine wings, good breast colour, splendidly finished; 2, Reid, a very nice Chaffinch, fine shape and size, good deep breast colour, and well defined wing bars, lovely slate-blue head, and grand sheen, steady; 3, Henderson, a very sweet Bramble, deep tone of colour throughout, fine breast and grand head; 4, Bowie, jun., a Bramble, plenty of size, and well spangled; 5, Gill; 6, Bowie, jun.; 7, Colbron. SOFTBILL, SMALL (6): 1, 4, Montague, leader, a Wryneck, fine size and well marked; 4th, a Grey Wagtail, in nice colour, but needs a rest; 2, McDiarmid, a slashing Pied Wagtail, lovely crescent and in very fine order; 3, Ford, Bearded Tit, good colour and size, getting nice and heavy in face, steady; 5, Milne Bros.; 6, Cooper. LARGE (10): 1, Milne Bros., charming Blackbird, dense colour on body, and lovely eye cere and bill; 2, Bowie, jun., Hawfinch, fine size, good head and bill, grand colour; 3, Brown, a nice Fieldfare, dense colour and well laced, very steady; 4, Livingstone, a Green Woodpecker, interesting exhibit in very fine feather; 5, Brown; 6, Muir; 7, Gilmour. A.V. SMALL HARDBILL HEN (12): 1, Bald, well-known Greenie hen, looking grand; 2, McDougal, charming Yellowhammer, rare size, colour and markings; 3, Livingstone, a sweet hen Siskin, grand size, well marked and staged; 4, Brown, a rare Linnet, lovely pencilling and good colour; 5, Millar; 6, Livingstone; 7, Martin. BRIT. SELL., 5/6 (21): 1, Smith; 2, Storrie; 3, 4, Strachan; 5, McAdam; 6, Henderson; 7, Bald. GREENFINCH, SELL., 5/6 (15): 1, Bald; 2, Neilson; 3 (no name); 4, Sharp; 5, Mitchell; 6, Connachan; 7, Fyfe. FOR. GOLD. (17): 1, Sharp, dense blaze, of great size, lovely colour, deep pure nap, and grand tannings on breast, fine back and wing bars, and champion buttons; 2, Goodfellow, slightly thinner, but forward in colour, not so large in blaze as 1st; 3, Marlin, high-coloured Finch, deep blaze and sweet style, well built; 4, McKenna, good all-round Finch, not so large in face, but splendid in body and wings; 5, McQuiston; 6, Livingstone; 7, Murray. FOR. BULL. (4): 1, McDonald, a gem, rare breast, noble cap, deep back colour, and well defined bars; 2, McGill, dense-coloured Finch, lovely cap, wings and condition; 3, Jackson, well forward in colour and size; 4, Wilkinson, fine size, hardly the bloom of winners. A.O.V. CAN. NOT CLASSED (6): 1, 3, 5, Fortune, leader a raking Yellow Yorkshire, fine length of side, and well up on leg, good wings; 3rd, a buff Yorkshire, again all there for position, in fine order; 2, 4, Gillies Bros., 2nd a nice buff Scotch Fancy, fine top end, good depth throughout, and free to position; 4th a yellow, nice substance, grand top end, but fails a little in reach and length of side; 6, Livingstone.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Tahlo show held at headquarters, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High-street, January 8th. Mr. E. Noakes judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. OPEN, NORWICH YELL. (except unfli.) (11): 1, Heighton; 2, West; 3, Stevens; vhc, Claypole; hc, Gray; c, Edwards and Smith. NOVICE DITTO (2): 1, Dent; 2, Waudley. A.V. CAN., PAIRS (except Norwich) (3): 1, 2, 3, Tyler.

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COVENTRY (Godiva).

This society held its first open show of Canaries, Mules and British birds on January 11th, in the Assembly Room, at the Chequers Hotel. The room is a very suitable place for a cage bird show, being well lighted and free from draught; everything possible was done for the comfort of the exhibits. Councillor Curzens, who is an old fancier, kindly opened the show, and in the course of his speech remarked that he had never seen a finer lot of Canaries in his life. The hon. secretary is Mr. W. H. Bray, and the hon. show manager Mr. J. Blackshaw, upon whose shoulders fell the great share of responsibility in the arrangement of the show. The following officials deserve, with them, great credit for the admirable way in which they made the show a success:—President, J. Busby, Esq.: vice-presidents, Messrs. Blackshaw and Symonds; show stewards, Messrs. Wright, Bent, Ward, Needham, A. Symonds, Roberts, Edwards, J. Symonds, Holden, Fitzhugh Cooke and Tansley; treasurer, Mr. J. Busby. Mr. J. Robson judged.

Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL (7): 1, Davis, grand colour, good type, wing carriage, head, and neck, looks like Hinckley winner; 2, 3, Symonds and Son, leader fine in shape, very hot colour, may be a trifle smaller, but a rattling bird, 3rd fails a little in colour and quality to winners, but good shape; vbc, A. Symonds; c, Needham. NOR. CL. BUFF. (7): 1, Cooper, grand colour, lovely quality, good type, nice head and neck, carries its wings well; 2, A. Symonds, good type and quality, nice even wings, hardly the colour of winner, a good one; 3, Bent, just a shade longer in body, but rattling quality; vhc, Symonds and Son; hc, Spann; c, Wright. NOR. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Davis, cap and wing marked, nice, clean-cut bird, of grand colour; 3, Bent, not so rich in quality, and rather longer, but a bonny bird; hc, Wright; c, Blackshaw. NOR. TKD., ETC., BUFF (7): 1, Gilbert, varieg., grand type, good head and neck, nice, even wings, splendid quality, the Leamington winner; 2, Wooton, ticked on head, grand quality, good type and colour, just a little inclined to cross its wings, yet all round, a taking bird; 3, Davis, varieg., good type, grand quality, lovely colour, all three grand birds; vhc, Mullis; hc, Symonds and Son; c, Cooke. NOR. HENS (16): 1, Wooton, lovely buff, very typical, nice short wings and tail, grand quality, shown in spotless condition; 2, Cooper, variegated yellow, another gem, winner of CAGE BIRDS competition at Wolverhampton, splendid colour and quality; 3, A. Symonds, again good colour and quality, scarcely so typical, but a gem of a hen; vhc, c, Judd; hc, Lawrance. NOR. YELL. UNFLI. (12): 1, vhc, Cooper, not a large one, but grand colour and quality, nice even wings, and short tail; 2, Growdridge and Son, good colour and quality, nice even wings; 3, Symonds and Son, nice even colour, not quite so full of quality as winners, but very typical; hc, Hall; c, Swingler and Blackwell. NOR. UNFLI. BUFF (7): 1, Gilbert, the Birmingham, Northampton and Wellingborough winner, in grand form, hard to find fault with; 2, Corrall, heavily variegated, grand quality, good wing carriage, nice short wings and tail; 3, G. H. Edwards, grand type, with good head and neck; vhc, Tissaman; hc, Houlden; c, Geo. Edwards. NOR. NAT. COL. (7): 1, Symonds and Son, yellow, good, large, thick-set bird, fine head and neck; 2, Bushy and Tansley, scarcely so full of quality, a little free, but fine type; 3, Vaisey, a neat bull; vhc, c, Dingle; hc, Wright. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Champion, the leader a lovely specimen of the Yorkshire, a clear yellow, grand in colour and quality, nicely drawn, neat wings and tail, followed by a good, lengthy bird, hardly its equal in point of quality; 2, hc, Dykes, the former a stylish Yorkie, nice even colour; c, Spann. YORKS. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Dykes, the leader of lovely quality, grand colour, nice, neat head, good wing and tail carriage, wins comfortably; 3rd a fair sized bird, of nice position; 2, hc, Chapman, good lengthy bird, of position; vhc, Wells; c, Symonds and Son. A.O.V.: 1, Gilbert, even marked Norwich, grand colour and quality, nicely marked eyes and wings; 2, Peters, clear Crest, large body, nice, neat even crest; 3, vhc, Symonds and Son, even-marked Norwich, fairly good colour and well marked; hc, Mrs. Jeacock; c, Wright. DK. CAN. MULE (11): 1, Hingley, Redpoll-Canary, large for its variety, well marked, and of good colour; 2, Wells, Linnet-Canary, good size, nice colour, well marked; 3, Symonds, Greenfinch-Canary, good size and colour; vhc, Jeacock; hc, Ward; c, Hall. A.O.V. MULE OR HYBRID (7): 1, 2, hc, Lawrence, Canary-Bullfinch, well-known, leading followed by a Greenfinch-Bullfinch of good colour, and in fine condition; 3, Dickinson, Linnet-Bullie, of good colour and nicely shown. PAIRS, 42/-: 1, Keech; 2, Growbridge and Son; 3, Waring. SINGLE, SELL 30/-: 1, Davis; 2, Lawrance; 3, Keech. SINGLE BUFF, 30/-: 1, Davis; 2, Jeacock; 3, Turrall. SINGLE UNFLI. 30/-: 1, Symonds; 2, Hall; 3, Lawrance. SELL. 25/-: 1, Bush and Tansley; 2, Symonds; 3, Rowley. SELL. 15/-: 1, Davis; 2, Symonds and Son; 3, Bodley. GOLDIE BULL, ETC. (23): 1, vhc, Osborn, Goldfinch, good blaze, splendid colour, good bars and moonings, very steady; 2, vhc, Dickinson, Bramblefinch, in splendid condition, good colour; 3, c, Blackwell Swingler, Goldfinch, grand blaze, good colour throughout, very steady; vhc, Wright; c, Lucas. LINN., ETC. (7): 1, hc, Caunt, Twite, good colour and size, nicely marked; 2, Osborn, good sized Redpoll, lovely colour and well marked; 3, Waring, nicely marked Linnet; vhc, Fullbrook; c, Bray. BRIT. LARGE (7): 1, Gilbert, well-known Blackbird, in lovely condition; 2, Burrows, Hawfinch, good colour, bars and bib; 3, Tissaman, nicely-marked Yellowhunting. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, Booton; 2, Fulbrook; 3, Bray.

HUCKNALL TORKARD C.B.S.

The Society held their annual members' show and supper in the Coffee Tavern on January 4th, when eleven members showed 66 birds. Mr. W. Vardy placed the cards and gave general satisfaction.

NORWICH YELL. NON-FED: 1, Marshall; 2, Pepper. BUFF: 1, Asbury. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, Severn; 2, vhc, Twine; 3, Pepper. BUFF: 1, 3, Twine; 2, Mason; vhc, c, Pepper; hc, Marshall. CL. YELL.: 1, Severn; 2, Mason. BUFF: 1, Pepper; 2, Twine. TICK. YELL.: 1, Severn; 2, Mason; 3, Twine; hc, Faux; c, Marshall. HEAVILY VAR.: 1, Faux; 2, Severn; 3, vhc, Twine. BUFF, DARK CREST: 1, Richardson. UNFLI. CRESTBRED: 1, Mason; 2, Marshall; 3, Richardson. YELL. C.B.: 1, Marshall. BUFF: 1, C. Twine; 2, Richardson. CREST HENS: 1, Mason; 2, Marshall. CREST STOCK PAIRS: 1, Mason. NOR. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Severn; 2, Asbury. MULES: 1, Bailey. SMALL BRIT.: 1, Bailey; 2, 3, Asbury. LIMIT (30/-): 1, vhc, J. Jacklin; 2, Marshall; 3, Severn; hc, Twine. CREST (20/-): 1, C. Twine. C.B. (15/-): 1, Jacklin; 2, Richardson. NOR. (12/6): 1, Twine; 2, Severn; 3, Jacklin; vhc, Faux; hc, Marshall; c, C. Twine.

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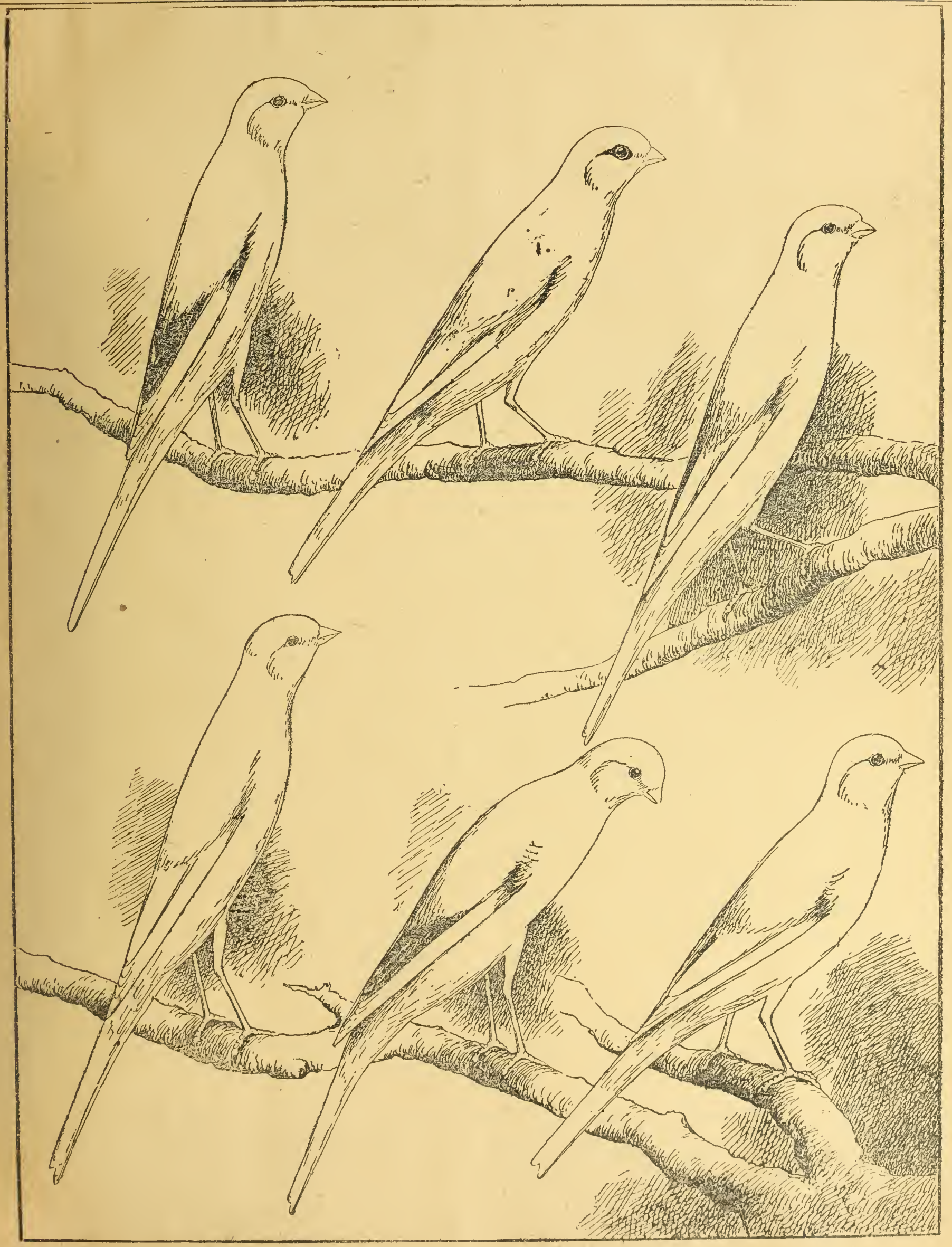

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Hints for the Breeding Season.

By J. PATTERSON.

Some Tips from an Old Hand to the young Beginner, with special reference to the Border Fancy Canary.

An important point, and one often overlooked by the beginner in the breeding of the Border Fancy, is the necessity of properly mating the birds before finally putting them together in the breeding cage. By this I mean letting the couple get accustomed to each other. Once you have room, and breeding cages all cleaned up and ready, run the hen into the cage you mean her to occupy during the season and see that each cage number corresponds with the entry concerning its occupant in your stud book. Then put the cock (her mate) into a show cage, and place this end across so as to come close up to the end of her cage. Now divide them by a piece of cardboard. Cut this board the size of the end of the cage, and make two holes through three inches apart. Then take a piece of wire six inches long and bend it downwards one-and-a-half inches at each end. Pass this through the holes, then turn it in a circular direction so as to hang on the end of the cage. You have now a good dividing partition which keeps each pair from seeing through to the others. Treat all pairs that are ready in this manner, but in case both birds are not ready it will be better to postpone matters a few days until you see signs of them wanting to breed. Let each pair remain as placed for three days, which generally tends to strengthen the attachment already formed, and usually they at once get to business when put together after the above treatment, whereas if you put birds together all at once, you may find a lot of pitched battles taking place. One cannot be too particular on this point, as it can make or mar a season's breeding, in various ways, upon which I will not dwell.

Having satisfied yourself that the birds forming your pairs have taken an out and-out fancy for one another let them run together. The first three eggs you will remove each morning as the hen lays them and substitute a dummy. On the evening of the day she has laid her third egg you will return all of them. If the hen is a bad builder make her a new nest. Take a hot hard-boiled hen's egg and form some cow hair into the shape of a nest with this. You will find you can make a neat nest by the above method; indeed much tidier than most hens. I have found some of them good builders, but the majority only build a little and then pull it all out of the nest pan again. I should mention that you must put a nest-bag, sold at the bird shops, or a little dry moss and a few small feathers in the bottom of cage for building material, also never forget a good supply of shell gravel. I prefer this fresh gathered from the sea, as the salt it contains is very beneficial to their health. A little old mortar taken from any old decaying wall should be mixed amongst the gravel. Put a piece of cuttle-fish bone between the wires of the cage for the birds to pick at, and this should be replenished when needed, as it is of great help to young birds when they come out on the perches.

After you have your nest formed, well dust it with insect powder and place the three eggs in it by lifting them by the ends between your first finger and thumb. But you must be careful you do not break any, and when one has not had much practice it is safer to take them out in a teaspoon and put them back in the same way. Now enter in your stud book the date on which you set her (say, Tuesday, April 16th) on the three eggs, and if she lays four or five, just make a note of this. Don't disturb the sitting hen for a week, unless you have suspicion that everything is not going right; then you may take a look at her nest to convince yourself. It is also advisable to pay marked attention to the cock, and see he is not troublesome to the hen or her eggs. If his conduct does not satisfy you, remove him to a single cage, and if necessary cover this up on three sides with a piece of light-coloured cloth, so that he may not take up with any other hen, especially one who may not perhaps be pleased with the mate you have given her.

Where the breeder is running a cock with two hens it will be different. You will then need to run him with the second hen. But I am not a believer in this method, and never try it unless I have a cock bird which is very forward, and I find it advisable to run him down to quiet him; or where any mate of another hen may have died or proved unsatisfactory. I firmly believe in "one cock, one hen," if you want to be successful in the breeding season, and also if you intend to show the cock the following season; for if you run him down by two or more hens you will have more trouble to moult him satisfactorily.

However if the cock bird conducts himself well during the period of incubation, which is nearly always fourteen days, you may in all probability trust him with newly-hatched young also. I have had some cocks which had to be watched for the first five days of the chicks' life, as some of them will devour them stump and rump; others may be content with a wing, leg, or beak, which is just as bad.

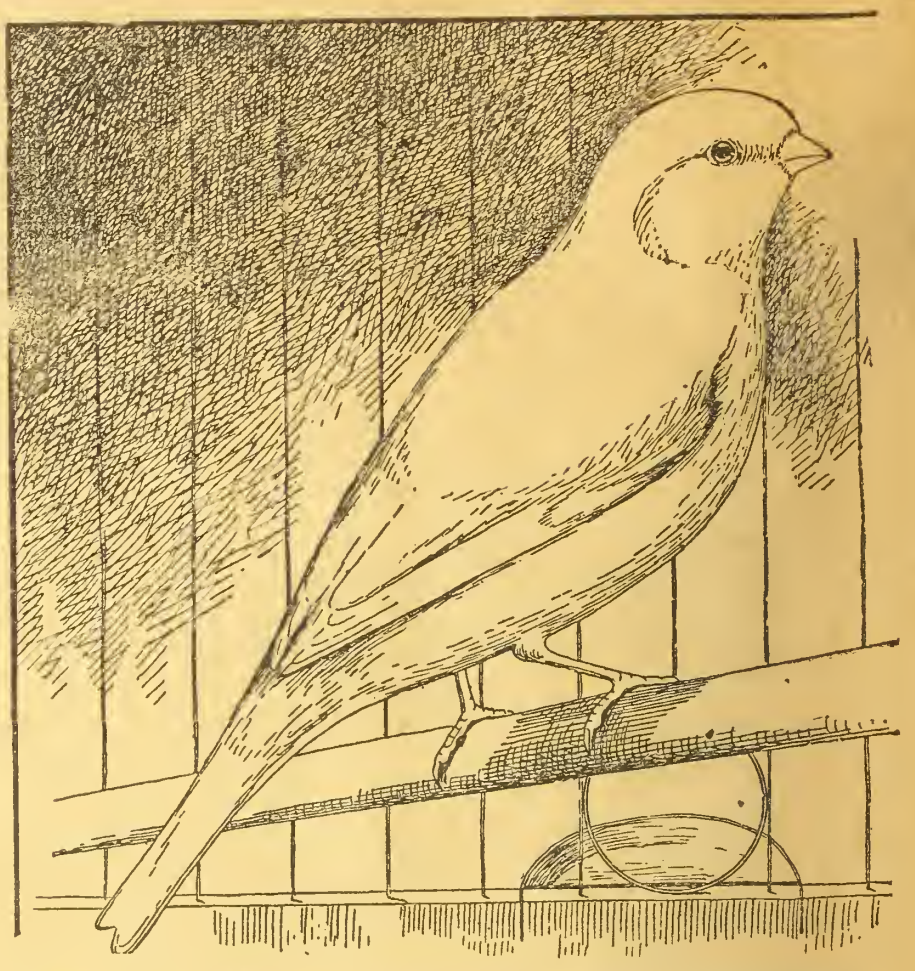
If he should misbehave, remove him and let the hen bring up the brood until they are from ten to twelve days' old, then return him and watch from some quiet corner of the room, out of sight, how he proceeds in the feeding and attending of his youngsters; some cocks will not feed if you are in sight. If he feeds them let him remain; if not, you must separate him again, and let the hen finish off the brood herself, and only re-introduce him when she is ready for another nest. Many cocks behave badly with the first nest only, and may be trusted at the latter end of the season. So you must have patience with him until you are sure he is not an out and out cannibal.

Another point which may require your attention with another pair is the laying of clear eggs, or eggs that may have gone wrong. In the case of the former you will know by holding them up between your finger and thumb long ways in a strong light. If they are clear they will look the same as when newly laid; if addled they will look dazed, and the dark portion will have a muddy appearance. If the egg is moved slightly round you will observe that the dark portion will follow in the same direction. Others may be found to have dried up in the shell, and you may know this by observing the air space at the end to be perfectly clear to about half way down; the decayed matter at bottom will be black. But if good, the eggs if looked at in the same way will appear to have at first a few dark spots adhering to the yolk. As they advance in incubation these specks will be found to have given place to one solid-looking substance, filling up the egg in all but a little space at the small end; this is the air space, and will be clear to look at.

For the benefit of new beginners I will touch on one or two more of the difficulties experienced in breeding, and will point out my method so far as I am able.

In the first place never put up any birds that are not robust and in vigorous health. If you do you are only courting disappointment. You will easily know by the cock birds being in full song, and dancing after the hen along the spar with their wings down. The hens may have taken to the bottom of the cage. You will also know by the hens bounding briskly from perch to perch and flapping their wings. Either of these two is a sure indication of good health and spirits.

But if, on the other hand, they appear dull and listless, it is a sure sign of delicate health, and these should either receive special treatment or be discarded, however good in type and quality. Otherwise you will find the progeny (if you get any) strongly affected with the same trouble, and they will die during the process of moulting. I also find that if a hen is not in good health the generality of cocks illtreat her. They seem to like to see their mates as spruce and as fresh as themselves.



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Another trouble which may come mostly from the same cause (at least I have traced it so) is the "sweating" of the young by the hen. You will never find a healthy, tidy hen do this, although good and attentive mothers may sweat their young during very hot weather. But I find "sweating" is mostly among young hens who are very nervous, and altogether too fond of their charges, and afraid something will come over them. The best remedy is to remove the hen every morning and give her a bath in water which contains a little essence of quassia. While she is out remove the young from the nest and put them into a new and clean one, having a few holes cut in the bottom by the points of a pair of scissors. This will let in more air. At the time you replace them in the old nest, add a few oak-nuts, the number depending on the size of the brood. If there be four youngsters, one or two nuts will be found to be sufficient; but where there are only two young ones, another nut may be added. These nuts serve to keep the hen up, and also enable the young to get more air.

If you have none laid up (I always save some in the autumn) make a few pieces of wood of the same shape as an egg, but larger. I prefer a wood knot to anything, as it is much lighter and allows the young to move about in the nest; it is also cool, and does not heat up as a dummy egg or marble does. The above may not always prove successful, but you will find it will pay you to keep the hen clean in such cases, and also the nests, by removing the excreta of the young every morning after the chicks are seven days' old, as the mother by this time does not remove it.

When the young are about 18 days' old, you must put in another nest, and give the hen some more moss and feathers to build with. You must also tie to the top of the cage some cotton wool for her to pull at, so that she may not pull the feathers out of her young—a very bad habit with some hens, and one not easily stopped. The habit is often the result of not having sufficient building material. You will most likely find that she will shift her young into the nest you have just put in, and will be taking a thought to begin building operations in the old one.

(To be continued.)

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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While drivin' the kye hame frae the mair, I came across a Mavis perched under the bield o' a rock unable to flee, wi' a broken wing. I took it hame and tended it carefully and noo' its mendin' quickly, and in a few weeks 'ul be a' richt again. I think its a cock by its honnie speckled breast, and o' hoo coy he looks when I gae him his fare! Father says we'll be well repayed should ho sing us a canty sang when the blythe spring days come roon.—JOHN C. ANDERSON (age 13½ years), Hillside Cottage, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

** A Clever Magpie.

Last summer we had a Magpie which was taken from its nest when quite young, and a more mischievous bird would be hard to find. He soon learnt many tricks, and would often perch on my shoulder and remain there till I moved away. When anyone planted anything in the garden he would set to immediately, pull it up, and then fly off to a tree, seeming to enjoy the fun. He was very fond of butter and would often spend his time trying to obtain this dainty morsel. When I went to school he would follow me, but return home when in sight of the village. He soon grew to be a fine bird, and was taken away one day by a man who was, however, obliged to give up the bird, which died soon after, much to our sorrow.—From MABEL DUNN (age 13), East Lodge, Coxhoe Hall, Co. Durham.

* Some Winter Visitors.

During the winter months our garden is visited by a number of birds, which come for food. I throw seeds and oatmeal on the lawn, and conceal myself. Suddenly I hear the twitter of the Blue Tit, and when I move he flies to the apple trees and runs along the branches as fussily as possible. After the Blue Tit has gone the Chaffinch comes for a feed. He is a very beautiful little bird, and not at all shy, waiting till one gets within a foot of him before he flies. While he is feeding the Thrush and Blackbird come, only to be too greedy, by running after the "Spink" (as we call the Chaffinch here). The snow on the ground and the lovely plumage of the birds help to form a beautiful picture of nature. The favourite bird is the Blue Tit, because he amuses one as he runs along the branches twittering a little song.—Sent by ALBERT HEMSLEY (age 15), 8, Beeston Road, Old Lenton, Nottingham.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Interesting Chat Family.

By "TYRONE."

A trio of charming softbills—the Wheatear, Whinchat, and Stonechat—are dealt with in this article.

The Wheatear *(Saxicola Ænanthe).*

Anyone walking on the Sussex Downs, especially near Eastbourne, must have noticed the dainty little birds posted watchfully on large stones or clods of earth, from which, on the approach of a strange human being, they flit to a similar point of vantage a little further away. They have a habit of flitting their wings and tails in a manner that shows a white patch on the back, which is concealed when the bird is motionless. These little birds are Wheatears, and the colours of the cock when in spring plumage are a beautiful blending of black and white, and soft blue-grey. His wings, the tip of his tail, and his ear coverts are black; the forehead and patch on the back is pure white; while the back is bluish-grey, and the breast a pale buff colour. When he is out of plumage, during the autumn and winter, he very much resembles his mate, who is browner in colouring, with buff markings.

Wheatears come to England in the early spring, arriving sometimes as soon as the beginning of March, and some have even been seen before February was gone; and they leave us again some time during October. Soon after they arrive all their energies are directed to the important business of nest-building, and for this the favourite sites are either a hole in the ground (perhaps a deserted rabbit burrow), or a snug cranny among rocks, or even a spot out in the open field, sheltered only by a clod of earth The nest is very snugly and softly lined, and generally contains five or six pale blue eggs. There are usually two broods reared; one may expect to find young birds in the nests in May and July. But the Wheatear's nest is very carefully hidden, and is difficult to find.

These unlucky little birds are considered a great delicacy for the table during harvest time, when they get very fat, and great numbers of them are captured for the London markets. The shepherds on the Sussex Downs catch them, for a good price is given, especially now that there are fewer birds to be obtained in the South of England, because cultivation is encroaching on the sheep walks and commons; but in the North they are still quite common, especially in some of the wilder parts of Scotland, and they are also to be found in sand and gravel pits.

Wheatears are insectivorous birds, and in a wild state feed on various insects, such as larvæ, butterflies, small flies, and beetles, grasshoppers, spiders, and small snails.

They should never be caged unless their owner knows something of their habits, and is prepared to feed and house them suitably, for they are not easy birds to keep in captivity. Many adult Wheatears can never be accustomed to cage life, and these should be released. Young birds reared from the nest, or captured very young, will be more easily reconciled; but if adults are taken at all they should be caged in autumn when the moult is over.

They should be kept in a large cage, with a canvas top to prevent injury to their heads if they attempt to fly upwards. The cage should have three perches, the highest being in the middle, and of course the food and water vessels should be inside the cage. In addition to the perches the Wheatear will probably be glad to have a good-sized stone to rest on, such as he would be likely to choose if he were at liberty.

The wild-caught birds should, at first, be given a very liberal supply of live insects until they are accustomed to eating the artificial insectivorous food; and here mealworms and house black-beetles come in very handy when spiders and "wild" insects are scarce. A Wheatear may safely be given twenty-five mealworms a day at first, but when he is thoroughly accustomed to the artificial food, the number may be gradually reduced to five or six. But at all times he will be the better for having plenty of spiders and live insects of various kinds, and these are especially necessary if the bird is kept through the moult, but be careful that the insects are not taken from poisonous plants or shrubs.

Wheatears are not usually great bathers, but all birds are more healthy for bathing in suitable weather. As almost all of these birds migrate to warmer countries for the winter (although it seems generally admitted that a few stragglers remain), Wheatears in captivity will need to be kept fairly warm in winter, and the temperature should not be allowed to fall for long below 50 degrees. The cocks have a gay little song, which generally improves in captivity, and if the bird is suitably fed, he will sing almost all the year round. Both cock and hen have a sharp alarm note that sounds like "Chat," which probably gives rise to their local names of "Clod Chat," "Fallow Chat," etc.

Wheatears are very likely to injure their claws when they are kept in cages. This is probably done by catching them in the wires, as the claws are very much curved. They also get sore feet, and therefore the perches should be covered with something soft.

There is a good deal of difference in the size of Wheatears, some birds being considerably larger than others, though similar in colouring, and therefore some people think there are two varieties; but this seems to be doubtful. The smaller birds are about 5½ inches long.

The Whinchat *(Saxicola Rubetra)*

The Whinchat is another interesting summer migrant which is common in many parts of England, though its quieter colouring does not attract so much attention as the more decided markings of the Wheatear. And yet it is decidedly a pretty bird, the prevailing brown of its plumage being relieved by distinguishing markings. The cock has a white mark passing from the bill over the eyes, and a little white on the throat, wings and base of tail; on the cheeks there is a black mark, and the breast is fawn colour shading almost to white; the back is specially brown and the wings dark brown. The hen is as usual duller in colouring than the cock, and the marks above her eyes are buff instead of white; the young birds are like her. In winter the cock loses his more ornamental markings, and resembles his wife and children.

Whinchats generally arrive in England in April, and leave again in September or early in October, when many of them go to parts of Africa, or even as far as India. In England they frequent commons, meadow lands, and railway embankments where they are very fond of perching on the top twigs of hedges, hawthorn, or furze bushes. When harvest time comes they visit the harvest field, and may be seen sitting or hanging on the sheaves, and it is probably from this habit that in some parts of the country they are called "Barleyears." They may also be seen sometimes in the autumn searching among the roots and cabbages for caterpillars and small insects.

These little birds seem often to roost among the tangled undergrowth of gorse bushes. Just as dusk is falling they are sometimes very busy catching some favourite insect food in the manner of a Flycatcher, darting from a favourite perch to catch its prey, and returning to the perch to eat it and await another.

Its foods consists of various insects, small worms, beetles, small flies, caterpillars, spiders, etc., and wireworms, found on fallows in the spring.

The Whinchat has a pretty little song—cheerful and sweet, and low in tone. It frequently sings while it is hovering in the air. When its nest is threatened by any danger it has also an anxious note—a sound like "peep." It builds one nest in the season, and this is placed among the heather, in the middle of a furze bush, or among the grass of the middle of a field or near the hedge. The nest is generally made in a little cavity in the ground, the outside is made of dry grass, moss, and a few odd straws, and the inside of rootlets and horsehair. There are generally from four to six eggs.

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The Art of Cage-Making.

By A. W. CURTIS.

Before entering fully into the above, I ask to be allowed to give extracts from a communication received from the Editor in reply to my letter asking for instructions and suggestions.

A Matter of Practical Moment.

The Editor wrote as follows:—"What we want is an article giving complete directions, in as simple a manner as possible, how the average fancier can make himself a plain, yet good and servicable, single cage, or a two or three-compartment breeding cage. The fault of most of the contributions on this subject seem to us to lie in the fact that the writer assumes the reader will have a knowledge of tools and the method of working them. This should not be so, for we feel sure the average fancier, to whom we wish such an article to appeal, has but a faint notion of the correct way to use joiners' tools. In short, we want an article which really begins at the beginning, telling the man what to get for use, and g i g fully in o the matter u til the cage is complete to hold his bird."

I feel sure readers will appreciate the Editor's ideas and suggestions, and I will endeavour to the best of my ability to carry out his wishes, although it is somewhat difficult to fully explain on paper the proper way to handle tools.

I would advise readers, not having any knowledge of the use of tools, to take advantage of the first opportunity that presents itself to watch a joiner at work, as an hour or two spent in a joiner's shop will be of great value to a would-be cage-maker. If the joiner is employed preparing and setting out material, take particular notice of the way he holds and uses his plane, saws, chisels, square, marking gauge, etc., and especially note the position of tools in his hands during the sharpening processes. Strict attention should be paid to every detail connected with the sharpening of tools, if one would make a clean cage.

I may be accused of walking past myself at this early stage. My only object, however, is to give readers every opportunity to gain whatever knowledge they can at the earliest possible moment.

An Interesting and Easy Occupation.

I know of no more interesting pastime to a fancier during the winter months than that of cage making, and for the benefit and encouragement of those who have never tried their hand at it, I may say that I have seen some grand cages turned out by novices who have persevered and mastered the use of tools. I have in my mind at the present moment one fancier in particular, who makes all his own cages, and the workmanship and finish in some of them is streets in front of the workmanship displayed in a number of the so-called joiner-made cages, which I have seen.

The fancier referred to is blessed with an abundance of patience, and mostly succeeds in whatever he attempts to do. I would advise a novice to go and do likewise; persevere and don't let the first failure dishearten you. If dissatisfied with your first attempt, don't take your hammer and smash it to bits, but take notice where your cage is faulty, and set to work and make another, trying your best to avoid making the same mistake in the construction of your second venture, and I feel sure the improvement will be very noticeable.

Before purchasing tools, it will be as well to determine whether or not you have the necessary room to stand a bench on which to prepare your stuff before making your cage. To those with plenty of room at their disposal, I would say by all means have a bench, and those who cannot spare the space will find a good substitute in the kitchen table, but for peace and quietness sake I would advise that a planed board about 6ft. long by 11ins. wide by 1in. thick be placed on top of table to prevent damage being done to the same, as it is hardly fair to expect that the mistress of the house will consent to the boring of holes in the top of her favourite table, especially when she takes such pride in keeping it spotlessly clean.

The Contents of the Tool Chest.

I will now give a list of tools required in the making of a good cage:—A jack plane; a smoothing plane; 1 square, 12in., and one ditto, 3in.; a panel saw, 20ins.; a back saw, 12in.; a brace; a ¾in. centre bit; a rose countersink bit; a marking gauge; a turnscrew, ¼in. wide at end; and another, 3-16ths in. wide at end; an oilstone; a hammer, No. 2; a pair of cutting pliers; a flat file, 6in.; some bradawls; a firmer chisel, ¾in.., and one 2ft. 4-fold rule. Our illustrations will help to familiarise the beginner with the form of all these tools.

I trust the above list of necessary tools will not frighten readers. No man can work without tools, and I would not advise anyone to start making a cage with a pocket knife and glass paper only. Every tool referred to will be required in the making of cages, of which I hope to give details in the course of this article.

When one has once mastered the use of tools, there are other bird-room requisites which may be attempted, such as travelling cases, drying-box, egg-rack, seed-hoppers, etc. In fact, there is no limit to the number of little jobs which can be done by anyone handy with the saw, plane, etc.

To those with limited means, a good plan would be to purchase one or two tools as they can afford them, and which can often be picked up very cheaply, second-hand, at establishments exhibiting (free of charge) the three golden globes. Good second-hand tools will be found more serviceable and workable than cheap new ones. To those who can afford it, I would say purchase new tools an have the best; they will prove the che pest in the end.

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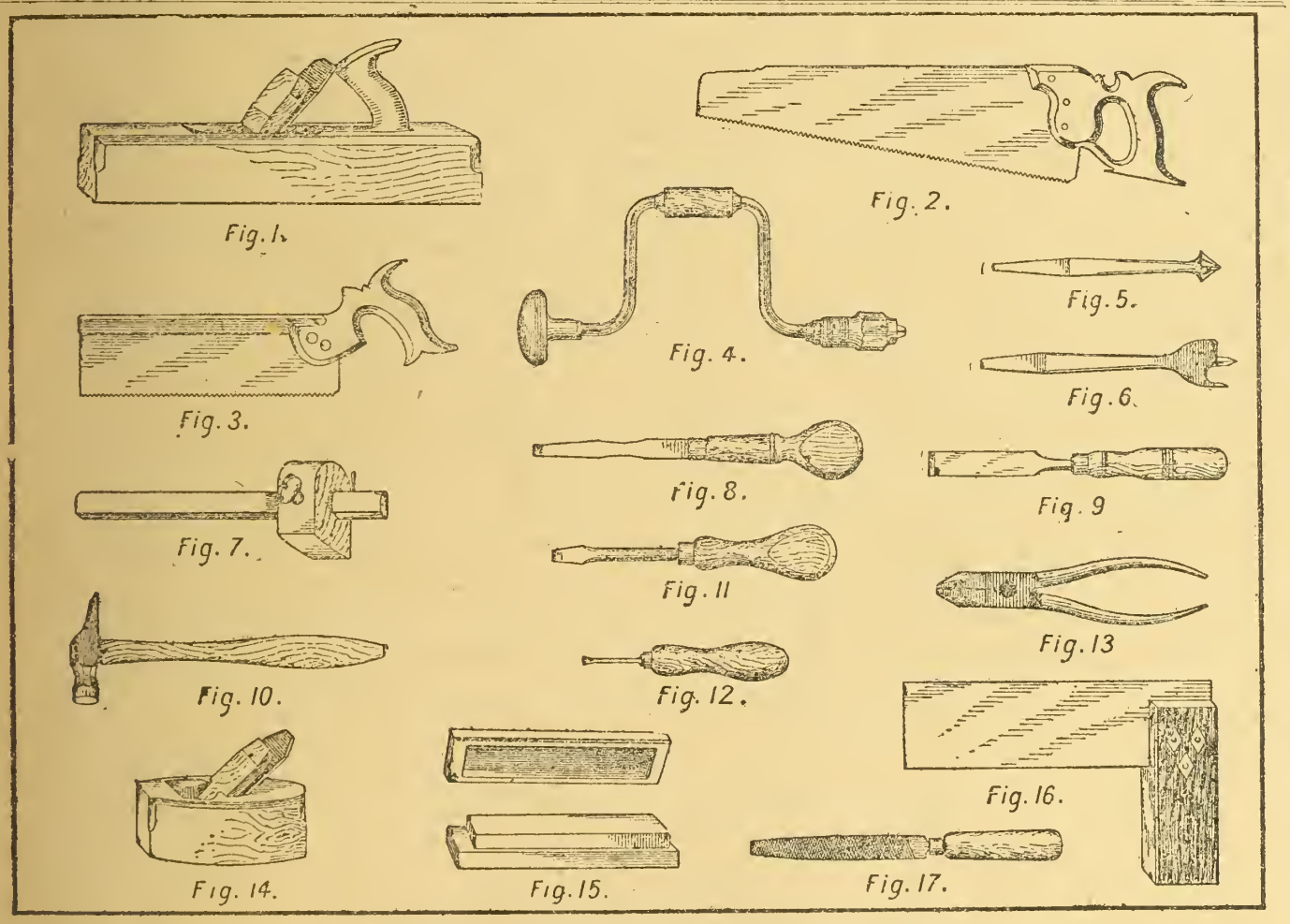

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

ECCLESHILL Show on Friday and Saturday last was a surprising failure in regard to entries, only a total of 256 in 25 classes, two classes being void and six standing with half prize-money. Fancy a show within a penny tram ride of Bradford Town Hall only receiving seven entries in the Clear Yellows and six in the Ticked Yellows, with the selling class for Yellow hens at 12s. 6d. void and the one for Buffs with five entries! Does this look like being the hotbed of the Yorkshire Fancy? Or can it be that the shows are going on too long? Anyway, the society must suffer a considerable loss on this show.

MOST of the talk amongst the birdy men this week-end has been on the subject of the Yorkshire Union officials, and discussing the pros and cons with regard to certain proposed alterations of rules, etc. One of the principal points in respect to the latter is that of reducing the number of shows to be held, as it is thought that most, if not all, shows held after Christmas stand little or no chance of paying their way, and that should a small society lose on their shows for two or three years in succession they would not be able to stand the strain, and would have to "wind up," thus weakening the Union to a certain extent.

VARIOUS ways of meeting the difficulty are being mooted, one being that where one should hold a show one year and the other the following year, terms, etc., to be arranged by the respective societies. Another suggestion (and, to the writer, a very feasible one) is that the shows should be arranged for both first feather and winter shows, all competitions, etc., to run through both sets of shows.

DURING the last few years the number of societies holding first feather shows has dwindled down to two, whereas at one time from six to eight shows were run during June and July in Bradford and district. It is thought that, as there are now 25 societies in the Union, and probably 18 to 20 of these will wish to run an open show, it ll be best to put a few young shows on, instead of keeping a society from holding any open show whatever during a whole season. This is a question that will need a lot of discussion and thought to thoroughly thrash out to best advantage for all concerned.

BRADFORD East O.S. had a most enjoyable gathering on Tuesday, January 7th, the event being a tea and social for the distribution of prizes won at the members' shows during the past year. The competitors have shown well all through the season, and, of course, turned up in strong numbers at this, their first jollification.

WIBSEY O.S. held the first of their series of members' shows for the 1908 season on Saturday last, and a very good entry was obtained. Some valuable specials are being offered for competition, and, as usual at these fixtures, some keen showing is expected.

IN my notes last week I made reference to a case at Manningham Show where a novice exhibitor of Norwich had got his birds into their wrong cages, thereby exhibiting cocks in hen classes and vice versa. This case was brought before the Yorkshire Union at a meeting held at Eccleshill Show on Saturday last, and after a little discussion the exhibitor himself put the matter straight by acknowledging his mistake and offering to forfeit the prize money gained by the two birds which were in their wrong classes, thus terminating in a proper spirit the disqualification.

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The Management of Belgian & Scotch Fancy Canaries.

By THOS. SMITH.

While this series of articles is directed to the management of the Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries, it will, in many instances, be found to be very helpful in the breeding and rearing of other cage birds, there being much in the management of Canaries generally which is common to all sections. The acute stage these birds have reached must be taken as the chief reason for the publication of these notes.

The Old and the New Belgian.

For the last half-century, more or less, care has been bestowed upon the Belgian Canary, which has been most useful in crossing with the old Glasgow Don, or "semi-circle," for the purpose of securing erect posture, heavy prominent shoulders, depth through the chest, and downward droop of the head, qualities which are absolutely essential in an up-to-date Scotch Fancy Canary. And in these days of smart journalism, when knowledge is easily diffused, every breeder aims at having an up-to-date stock.

The Belgian Canary as it was known twenty-five years ago is now almost obsolete, and in its place there is the miniature tight-feathered specimen. It is neat, but has not the substance necessary to keep up the size wanted everywhere.

A breeder who can put up a large pair of Belgians of quality and produce young of substance and quality would be handsomely rewarded. He would have no difficulty to dispose of his stock and secure good prices. He would, in fact, be regarded as a benefactor to the Scotch Fancy Canary World.

Standard Points in a Belgian Fancy.

The standard points in a Belgian Canary are:—

Head: Small and Neat;
Neck: Long and thin, or slender;
Shoulders: High, broad and massive, padded between the pinions;
Back: Long, broad and straight;
Body: Long, straight and tapering;
Chest: Clean cut in front and deep through from back to front:
Wings: Long, and carried close to the body, meeting neatly and evenly at the tips;
Tail: Long, narrow and straight, stiff and compact;
Legs: Long and straight, thighs well covered;
Feather: Smooth and close fitting.

Standard Points in a Scotch Fancy.

The Scotch Fancy Canary should have many of the properties of the Belgian, and may be described thus:—

Head: Small and neat;
Neck: Long and slender;
Shoulders: Elevated and well padded between the pinions;
Back: Long;
Body: Long and circled;
Chest: Clean cut in front and deep through from back to front;
Wings: Long, circled and fitting closely to the body, meeting evenly at the tips;
Tail: Long and free, and brought well under the perch;
Legs: Long and so set that the bird can grip the perch and show itself.
Thighs: Well covered with feathers;
Feather: Both shaggy and smooth are allowable; I prefer smooth.

January practically ends the show season, and attention has to be directed to Stock. Scotch Fancy Canaries have not become numerous enough to permit of their being on sale to any extent in a dealer's shop. As a rule they pass direct from the breeder to the purchaser; not that there is a saving in the price. It has been the custom, and is still maintained; in fact bargains are often struck before the Scotch Fancy has entered into the moult, though delivery is deferred until it has passed through that critical period in life.

Leading breeders have been known to have stock spoken for from a particular pair before eggs were laid: it must not, however, be supposed that every breeder is in that fortunate position, which can only be attained by a long course of care, and hard work. There is no royal road to the front ranks even in Canary breeding.

Fanciers who have come through success, with all its brightness and encouragements, enter upon the New Year with high hopes. Those who have passed through failure in exhibiting and those who are entering upon the voyage for the first time, have equally ardent expectations, and visions of success. It is well that it should be so. Hope in the future is the Fanciers' guiding star. What one has done, another may attain unto; "Never venture, never win."

"IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME."

This humorous appreciation of coming joys for the Scotch Fancy Canary breeder is taken from a sketch by Mr. Alexander Purves, of Edinburgh.

What to Feed on.

Food is an important factor, and great care should be taken to have the best and most wholesome that is in the market. In almost every district there are merchants who bestow special attention upon the selection of seeds, and upon keeping them inaccessible to vermin. A great deal more depends upon this than the average bird-keeper is aware of.

The principal seeds for Scotch Fancy and Belgian Fancy Canaries are: Canary, hemp, German rape, millet, inga or niger, maw, and linseed. For birds in their normal condition for the time of the year, the chief fare in January should be Canary seed with a pinch of rapo seed daily, adding thereto every second or third day a little hemp seed. In very cold weather a little maw seed or mustard seed may be given occasionally; but hemp, maw and mustard should not be given on the same day, but on different days.

A small supply of egg food (less than a teaspoonful per bird) may be given, say, twice each week on the days most convenient to the owner, at as near as possible the same intervals apart between the supplies. In practice I have found a piece of ripe apple every second or third day of great benefit. Occasionally I substitute for the apple boiled carrot, fixing both between the wires to keep clean, and removing what is left over at evening, or at the latest early on the morning following the day when given.

The birds are passionately fond of the apple, but some have to be educated to appreciate the carrot. When they get accustomed to the taste they eat it freely. I recommend the giving of carrot as a weekly fare of diet, being convinced that there is nothing better for the maintenance of condition.

Housing Accommodation.

Many fanciers believe in keeping birds at this time of the year in flight cages—the cocks in one cage and the hens in another. I prefer to have them in pairs, as I purpose breeding them, in good-sized cages, broader and longer than an ordinary show cage. They agree quite well, and in my experience they do not start to breed so early as those that are put together in March.

When the birds are together in a large flight they quarrel, and it is no uncommon sight to see the strongest of the lot darting after the others, and with his beak getting hold of one by the head or elsewhere, and tearing out a bunch of feathers. At this period this conduct has a tendency to increase, and the cure is to put them in pairs in separate cages.

A mutilated bird is not only unseemly to the eye, but it may be spoiled for breeding. There is no saying what may arise from wounds of this kind. It is pleasant to see put into cages and nests birds spic and span in appearance, with no symptom of pain or ache about them; the slightest mar in a Scotch Fancy is easily detected.

Perfect Plumage Important.

To have the pair in perfect plumage in January is of paramount importance, and the owner should be alert in watching the dropping of feathers, which usually begins from the head, and may go on until it becomes a false moult. And every fancier knows what a false moult may mean—the loss of the pair for most of the season, if not the whole of the season.

In addition to the usual diet give a little ground farthing Abernethy biscuit, and a little grated raw carrot of about equal proportions mixed together, every second day; also twice a week on a blank biscuit and carrot day supply a pinch of maw seed with ten drops of tincture of steel in the water daily, continuing the treatment till the bird gets into its normal condition.

I recommend a fairly large-sized cage to enable the out-of-condition inmate to take plenty of exercise, for that, after all, plays a far more important part in recovery than is generally admitted.

A very excellent plan is to run hens into a flight cage, or say, three good-sized cages with the end doors fastened up to let them fly from end to end; it puts them into condition for the incoming breeding season.

Should a hen manifest evidence of being in a forward condition by plucking feathers from her neighbours for the purpose of building a nest, remove her at once, put her into another cage, and to an entirely different part of the room or, still better (where it can be done), to another apartment. Change of position will keep a hen from starting to lay eggs too early.

In my opinion an early start should be avoided by every possible means. Hens, however, do well when wintered in pairs—i.e., with the mate she is to breed with.

Bird-room and Aviary Precautions.

The room should be a nice square one, large and airy, with a window exposure towards the east or the south. An eastern window has the advantage of rousing the hens to their maternal duties in the early morning; the sun beaming into the aviary has that effect. The next to be desired is the southern; the sun reaches the room later on in the day. But towards midsummer, if the summer is warm, the room is apt to become too hot, and this puts the birds early into the moult. With western or northern windows there is not the same chance of success as with those already mentioned.

Where it is possible to have an outdoor aviary it is an advantage to the good lady of the house. But there is the danger of outside houses being broken into. Indeed in the year 1907 three outdoor aviaries of the most unlikely character to be attacked were broken into, and nearly every inmate taken away—a very heart breaking occurrence to a genuine fancier. Every precaution should be taken by the application of strong bolts and bars, and the aviary should be fitted up with electric bells so as to warn the owner the moment the aviary is interfered with by an unauthorised person.

A far-seeing fancier will safely guard the building at the start, and not lock the door of the stable after the horse has been stolen. An inside room may be entered in the absence of the owner. A wise plan is not to proclaim on the housetop that valuable birds are kept.

It is really difficult to conceive a motive for a robbery of this kind and character, because it is well-nigh impossible to find a market for well-known stock, and there is a big risk in keeping them for breeding, they being always liable to identification.

I think that nothing excels in usefulness a inside cosy room or two. One of the finest rooms I was ever in was an attic of large dimensions, having a nice large skylight in the middle of the ceiling. It was nicely varnished. The sun beamed in all day long, and the birds bred freely. Indeed this attic was famed for the breeding of healthy and vigorous stock.

Heat Not Necessary.

If it can be at all avoided it is preferable not to put artificial heat into use in a bird-room. Healthy stock can endure cold snaps without seeming to be any the worse. I recollect some time ago having to remove ice from the drinking-glass three times in a single day, and the season following was one of the most successful I ever had in the breeding and rearing of Scotch Fancy Canaries. And these same birds founded a reliable winning strain.

There are cases where artificial heat may be an absolute necessity. A coldly-constructed room, or one where damp gets easy access, needs to be heated judiciously; it may help certain birds. Care must be exercised, however, to keep as even a temperature as possible, as a rise or fall in the temperature is apt to lead to a false moult.

(To be continued.)

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OUR CRESTED CANARY PLATE.

Mr. W. Radley's Variegated Buff, and How He Bred It.

With reference to the variegated buff Crest depicted so skilfully by Mr. Norman on one of the three coloured plates accompanyiug this week's Birthday Number, Mr. W. Radley, of Skelmanthorpe, the owner and breeder, writes: The Crest, which you inform me is appearing on your coloured plate, I bred from a yellow green Crested cock and a buff variegated Crest-bred hen. The former has a nice even crest, and the latter a good round head with plenty of feathers at the root of the beak. It won me the first prize at Manchester, and in addition to this has put many other prizes to my credit. I have been, I may say, a breeder for about 25 years, and my experience is that to produce high-class birds you must get Crests as large as you possibly can, with plenty of substance and long fronts (short fronts are useless). The birds must be very short in beak; I don't like birds with large beaks. Crests weak at the sides should be mated to Crest-breds extra well lashed over the eyes with broad leafy feather—not feather thin and wiry. The Crest-breds should be as broad in head as you can get them, with a wide entrance and good rise; avoid those with pinched fronts. Personally I like to inbreed, as, in my opinion, it is the royal road to success if you have the stock fairly good in all points. It is a bad policy to buy a bird here and there; far better get them from a good reliable strain. I may say that I have tried Double-Crest breeding several times, with very poor results—when it is bred in it wants breeding out again. If the young could speak they would say "don't breed me double Crest agaiu; it makes my head sore!" Pairing Crest to Crest-bred I have found much the best way to produce nice even Crests. My cages are 20 by 18 by 10 inches. I feed on good plain seed, with fresh egg and bread, soaked rape, and dandelion in breeding season.

NOTES ON SOME OF OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

The interesting little photograph of three Goldfinch-Canary Mules was sent us by Mr. W. Oliver, of Edinburgh. The birds all came out of one nest, and when "snapped" had only reached the tender age of 18 days. Perched on the spray of hawthorn, they make a pleasing picture.

photograph of the extraordinary nest of the Gold-crested Wren, built in a most unusual position, lodging flat on the bough of the fir tree, instead of, as is generally the case, being suspended from it, reached us from Mr. J. H. Cullen (Clevedon) the well-known enthusiast in all that appertains to the life of our small, delicate, insectivorous species. This clever picture is the work of Mr. E. H. Hazell, of Clevedon, to whose studio nest and branch were taken, it being impossible to photograph them *in situ*.

The pictures of the cage of a Hybrid-breeding couple come from Mr. W. Ward, of Dover, and are an excellent piece of work, considering the natural difficulties of the subject. The first one shows the cage all ready for operations to begin, with the corner containing the nest screened from possible prying eyes with tall grasses, and also to ensure the Bullie hen that privacy with which she likes to surround her domestic duties. Her partner, a fine Siberian cock Goldfinch, is to be observed eyeing the photographer from behind the cage bars. In the second photograph is to be seen the nest the hen Bullie built, and containing five eggs. Concerning this, Mr. Ward says: "I find the hen Bullfinch will readily mould her nest if the bottom of the cage is covered with about two inches of fine sun-dried chickweed." These two photographs should prove a useful object lesson to beginners in the gentle art of producing Hybrids.

"My bird-room," writes Mr. F. Cullington (Norwich), "is on the ground floor, and well ventilated, and my birds are very healthy in it. I keep Norwich, Crests, and British. I have 35 double breeding cages on one side of the room, and my flight cages on the other. They are all fitted in racks, so that I can take out any one cage without disturbing the others, a great advantage when cleaning them out."

The figure of the Red-backed Shrike, Mr. Beeson informs us, has been enlarged from the original photograph about five and a half times. This bird, as many readers will doubtless know, is often called the Butcher-bird from its habit of impaling bees, beetles, etc., on thorns, then pulling them to pieces.

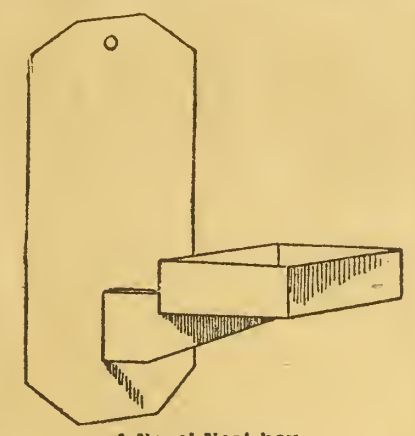
ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 171.
A NOVEL CANARY NEST BOX.

Sent by T. G. Mandeville, Brookfield, Arnold, Notts.

The enclosed sketch shows an improved form of a Canary nest-box, suitable for an indoor aviary or a large breeding cage. I find the birds take to this kind of box very



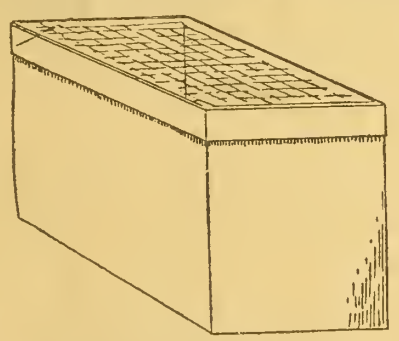
A Novel Nest-box.

readily, and as they have access to all sides of the box they build a much better nest, and the walls are kept much cleaner than with the old soap-box variety. The box is attached to the bracket by a single screw through the bottom, and can be easily removed for cleaning purposes.—T. G. Mandeville.

No. 172.
CHEAP LIVE FOOD FOR SOFTBILLS.

Sent by P. Jackson, 222, Clockface Road, near St Helen's, Lancashire.

I enclose a sketch of my method of procuring a cheap diet for soft-billed birds, when mealworms are most expensive, from spring to autumn. It consists of a chocolate box with a wire netted lid as shown in sketch. The lid is made slightly larger than the box so that it will fit over the top after the manner of a biscuit tin lid. This acts as a preventive against cats' stealing. The contents consist of scrap butcher's



Box for breeding gentles.

meat, or dead birds. Place the box inside a larger one, turned on end; this keeps the rain out. Turn them towards the sun and soon you will observe your friends arriving on the scene in the shape of Blue-bottle flies. They enter through the netting and deposit their eggs on the contents. In course of a few days you will have a supply of large full-grown maggots. These I place in a glass pickle jar, containing bran; leave there for about three days, no longer, or each one will turn into a chrysalis and soon after turn into the real fly and escape. Being thus treated, you will find they have got rid of the slimy substance and are turned from a dirty looking object into an almost pure white one. They are then eaten readily by most insectivorous birds. Of course you cannot get many in the winter; my last batch is undergoing the cleaning in bran.—P. Jackson.

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Across the Downs.

King Frost still reigns. In the early morning the fields and meadow lands are covered with a thick coating of rime almost as white as a fall of snow. At mid-day we have had nearly ideal winter weather, a bright sun overhead, and good firm ground beneath—just the thing for walking and getting about in the by-ways and across the fields. Leaving the village we crossed the railway bridge, following the embankment down to the farm. Although the weather is severe, we noted a big harvest of privet berries waiting to be gathered, also haws and hips of the dog rose; these latter berries are eaten when perfectly ripe (not before) by the Starlings. They do not pull them off and devour them as the privet berries are eaten, but somehow manage to eat the pulp from the branch, just leaving the end of the fruit and a jumbled mass of seeds. Out in the fields upon either side of the road, Blackbirds and Thrushes were scattered about looking like big balls of feathers, and away on the higher ground, where some refuse from the farm buildings had been dropped, a score of Starlings were fighting fiercely among themselves over some morsel which they would probably not deign to look at in better times, but when hunger pinches the Starling is almost as omnivorous in his feeding habits as any of our wild birds. Patches of snow lay here and there upon the downs, showing how heavy must have been the fall; or the rain which followed it, and the sunshine would have cleared it by now. What fine open places these furze-clad uplands are; even in winter, when they look at their worst, there is still the feeling of space; still the wide expanse of hills and dales, wood and meadow land. We sadly miss the summer birds, the Warblers, Chats, and Pipits, for in no place that we know of are these birds so plentiful as here; every bush, every patch of furze has its feathered frequenter. Now, a few solitary Hedge-Sparrows with shrill piping notes are the most conspicuous; wonderfully sleek and tight in feather they look. In fact, no other bird just now can compare with them in this respect, and possibly no partly-insectivorous bird passes the winter with less discomfort than this shapely little fellow. He is perfectly hardy, and can apparently live and thrive where others starve. When home for the holidays in our youth we netted and trapped, as country lads do, we noted then that the Dunnock was always in good condition, although others were mere skeletons. Redwings have not been very plentiful with us this winter, but huge flocks of Fieldfares are about upon the higher ground; they are very shy and wary, and wheel about overhead for a long time before settling again after being disturbed. About fifty of them settled in the low trees at the edge of the wood; quite a picture they made with fluttering wings and ruddy breast, the brown underwood as a background; the afternoon sun was shining full upon them, so that through the glasses every movement was discernable. It is no trouble to distinguish the Fieldfare from the other Thrushes; when upon the wing he proceeds with a series of flaps and pauses; he very much resembles the Blackbird in shape and size, his longer tail distinguishing him from the other Thrushes; as he settles he jerks his head upwards, at the same time dropping his tail.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Roosting Fieldfares.

As a rule these winter visitors roost upon the ground, which, to us, appears a strange habit when we compare it with the doings of other Thrushes. Occasionally they will choose the edge of a wood, but this no doubt is only selected when suitable open ground is not available.

The Late Robin.

The Robin is undoubtedly one of the last birds to go to roost; one can hear him calling when it is almost too dark to see. He has a curious habit of bathing at roosting time, and no doubt frequently goes to bed with a wet jacket. One would naturally think such a habit would be dangerous, and yet Master Bob is as perky and bright in the morning as any of them.

Flocks of Starlings.

Cold, wintry weather is not the only thing that causes a flock of Starlings to leave its native and usual haunts for others known only to themselves, although many people are disposed to think it is. Whole numbers of Starlings have been known to congregate simply in order to pay a lasting visit to some distant cherry orchard. Especially is this the case in the south of England, where they are often regarded as a real scourge. Fancy divesting a whole tree of its fruit as if with one fell swoop. Yet that is by no means uncommon. From one orchard, it is said, they will brave the shots of outraged farmers and fly to another, greed being their only guide. Thus whole flocks travel from one part of the country to another, and their migrations are not therefore the result of approaching cold weather, which many believe them to be.

The Kingfisher.

The Kingfisher is again with us, and may be seen daily upon the pond in the centre of the village; he is shy and wary, and keeps to the side farthest from the roadway, where the trees grow to the edge of the water. Possibly he has spent the summer some way inland, in some secluded spot far from the haunts of men.

The Hawk's Swoop.

Kestrels, Sparrow-Hawks, and Terns drop at a tremendous speed upon their prey. I have seen it somewhere stated that this has been estimated at 150 miles an hour. Do the birds actually drop as a stone would, or do they in any way assist their speed? One is inclined to think that if a stone was made to fall at the same time as the bird that it would reach the ground first, the extra buoyancy of the live bird would no doubt tell against it in the race.

A Blackbird in Winter.

As the winter sun sets the noise from the gardens and shrubberies of the roosting birds is quite noticeable. Chief among these is the Blackbird. He is as restless as an old hen, flying from bush to bush, and garden to garden, chinking and cackling the whole of the time. So noisy is he that some people cannot put up with it, and sally forth to drive him away. One of the most noticeable things about the Golden-bill is his short, weak flight. One never sees him fly any distance. If he attempts to cross a meadow he generally stops in the middle, or if he manages to struggle across, flying very low, he settles in the nearest bush, at once, looking backward to the starting point, as though measuring the distance, and no doubt complimenting himself upon the achievement.

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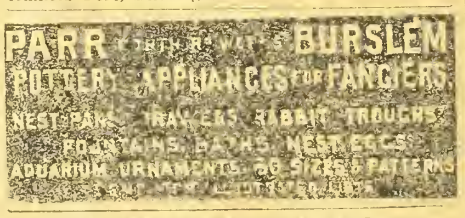

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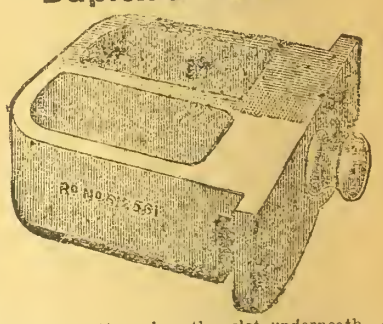

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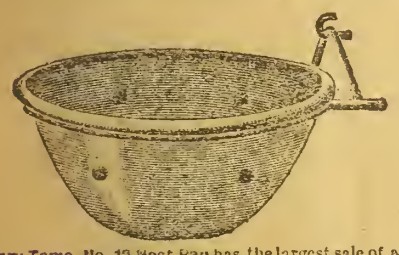

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SOME Crests and crest-breds for sale, grand birds, young and healthy, at sacrificed prices to clear.—James Findlay, Glendoich House, Glencarne, Perthshire.

GOOD pair Crests, 15/-; or exchange good exhibition British Hardbill; approval; also Norwich Plainheads, cheap.—R. Beard, Ashurst Cottage, Plumpton, near Lewes.

CREST and Crest-breds, same blood as my winners, Duufermline, 10/6 to 20/-; stamp particulars; few feeding hens, 2/6 each.—Wm. Campbell, Leishman-square, Alva.

GIVING up Crests; no room; stock pairs, cost treble, 12/6 to 15/-; Norwich Plainheads, last season's cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/6; from prize strain.—Weeks, Grocer, Bath.

FOR sale, two Crested cocks and seven Crestbred cocks, Brown's strain; what offers in cash, or exchange boots or clothing.—William Mellor, Nook, Holbrook, Derbyshire.

CRESTS. Giving up. One green crested cock; 2 evenly-marked crested cock; 2 green C.B. hens; 1 crested hen; the lot £10 10/-; a bargain.—Wyatt, Winton, Bournemouth.

CRESTED and crestbred Canaries for sale, good birds, cold room, from winner, 1st Tonbridge; also hen, vhc, lady giving up from ill-health.—Simpson, Bank House, Tonbridge.

GOOD clear body dark Crest hen and variegated Crestbred cock, winners first Chelmsford, 25/- pair; also variegated Crestbred cock, 12/6.—Collicott, Primrose Hill, Chelmsford.

J. HANDS has three Crestbred hens, two Crestbred cocks and one crested cock, all 1907 bred; the above are from high-class parents; approval.—7, Simpson-street, Crookhill, Ryton.

GIVING up the breeding of Crests; all stock for disposal; 10 Crestbreds and 9 Crests; 12 cocks among them; £7 lot, or offers.—G. Thompson, 78, Poolsbrook, Staveley, Chesterfield.

CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale; pairs from 20/-; from my winning strain; few first cross Lancashire and Crested, Yellow Crested cocks and hens, 10/6 each.—J. Palmer, St. Ives, Hunts.

LARGE Crests and Crestbreds, King and Roberts' strain, from 7/6 each; also few good Yorkshires, from 6/- each; Ogden and Radleys strain; approval. Wood, 32, Linden-road, Gloucester.

CHAMPION Crests, Crestbreds overstocked; show and stock sale; grand stock; chance for change of blood; some of the very best.—Professor Selkirk, 55, Southdean Gardens, Southfields.

WALLACE, breeder of twenty-five years' standing, winner at leading shows, including Palace, can supply matched pairs, single cocks, hens, 12/6 to 60/-; approval.—115, Rosemount Place, Aberdeen.

GRAND stock hens, Crests and Crestbreds, for disposal, from 20 - each; pairs well matched from 10/-; inspection invited; approval.—Gibbons, 11, Rosford terrace, Shepherd's Bush, London.

J. AND J. SYMONS 1, Brisbane-terrace, Liskeard, Cornwall, winners of Crests and Crestbreds, can spare few pairs of grand stock birds from 30/- to [illegible] birds from 10/- upward; approval; stamp.

FOLLOWING young, strong, healthy cocks, 10/6 each; approval, deposit:—Evenly-marked dark Crest, lovely centre and droop; clear body Grey Crest, good centre and droop; wing-marked dark-capped Crestbred, exceptional colour; Green foul tail feather to bill end.—White, Queen-st., Desborough, Harborough.

A few good Crest and Crestbred cocks from 10/- upwards; 4 pairs Yorksbire hens 5/-; cocks 7/-; these are all bred from winners; approval; money returned if not satisfied.—Green, 9, West-street, Wisbech.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, strong, healthy bred from or related to birds of my own breeding, that have won hundreds of prizes; approval.—H. Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. Johns, Park-rd, Blackheath, London, S.E.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world, winnings well known, challenge bowls Barnstaple, Bristol, Plymouth, etc., single cocks, and properly matched pairs from 60/-; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

CRESTBREDS, variegated, good size birds, bred from best blood. Having so many cocks for next breeding, will sell a few cheap, or willingly exchange for hens; approval.—Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-road, Plaistow, Essex.

GOOD Norwich Crests from 15/6; pair clear Yellow Crestbreds from 8/6 each; good Cinnamons, non-fed, from 11/6 pair; exchange above for new household linen; approval, deposit.—Edwards, 100, Beresford-rd., Lowestoft.

W. H. BALE has several large, healthy, 1907 crestbred cocks and hens, bred from my noted winning strain, from 20/- upwards; buff dark Crest cock 20/-; approval and particulars sent willingly.—55, Newport-road, Barnstaple.

G. PENNINGTON has high-class Crests and Crestbreds for sale; no little rubbish; all strong, healthy, young birds of the best blood; pairs 25/- to 60/-; useful exchange entertained; approval, deposit.—87, Harrington-street, Grimsby.

W. G. FRENCH, 28, Seymour-avenue, Plymouth, winner of silver cup for best Crest or Crestbreds, 1907, bird, 3 firsts, 3 seconds, 4 third, 3 fourths, Plymouth show; few Crest and Crestbred cocks to part with from 10 - to £3.

HEAVILY feathered matched pairs, crested, 12/6, 15/-, £1; crested and crest-bred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; ditto hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- upwards; travelling cage 3d. extra; approval; cold-room bred.—S. Roberts, 59, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

QUICK sale prices, dark crested buff cock, 10/-; green crest-bred hen, 7/6; pair 15/-; very neat crested buff hen, 8/6; crested green hen, 6/6; green crest-bred hen, 7/6; feathery, healthy birds; straightforward dealing; approval.—Beeston, Ross-on-Wye.

CREST, Crestbreds, Joyce's strain, Norwich Plainhead, 27, many winners, strong, healthy, in outdoor aviary breeding, nursery, flight, show cages, appliances, large quantity, £12 lot, or nearest offer; worth double; giving up Fancy.—Hogbin, Draper's Farm Cottages, Margate.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, green and variegated cocks from 30/-, 40/- and 50/- each; a few grand, green and variegated Crestbred hens from 20/-, 30/- and 40/- each; young, strong, healthy birds; same strain as my noted winners; all my own breeding; three day's approval.—Walter Radley, Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield.

ONE clear buff, grizzle Crest hen; one dark Crest wings, marked yellow hen; one variegated Crest hen, 15/- each; one clear buff, grizzle crest cock; one variegated dark crest cock, 20/- each; hand-reared Bullfinches, Greenfinches, 5/- each; wanted ½-plate camera and outfit; exchange quarter-plate ditto and Crests; mutual approval.—Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham.

DARK Crested, 2nd prize, 23 in class, hen to match, £5 10s the pair; large clear body dark Crested hen, paired to grand Crestbred cock, winner 4th prize, 52 in class, pair £5; Crestbred cock, 3rd Lowestoft, hen to match, 60/-; several other good birds cheap; state wants, approval.—Hart, Lowestoft (see Norwich).

MONSTER variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6; ditto, beauty, 7/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 9/6; massive variegated ditto, 7/6; monster variegated, Crestbred cock, 10/6; massive ticked ditto, 7/6; massive variegated Crestbred hen, 9/-; ditto, beauty, 6/6; splendid value; all grand stock birds; Barnett's strain; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

SPECIAL! Special!! Heavily-feathered Crests and Crestbreds of the very highest and best strains; buy reliable stock of the actual breeder, and at the same time save 25 per cent; please state requirements in odd cocks or hens; Crested or Crestbreds, judiciously matched pair, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards; all cold-room bred, and willingly on approval.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

FOR sale, Green Crested cock and Buff variegated Crestbred hen, 35/- pair; also Green variegated Crested cock and Buff marked hen, 30/- pair; a wing-marked dark Crested hen, crest to end of beak, 40s Bolton, 50/-; a Grey Crested hen, 30/-; two Buff Crestbred hens, 15/- each; all bred from my winners at Leeds, Bolton, and Manchester; on approval.—Wm. Wilkinson, 9, Grafton-st., Clitheroe, Lancs.

F. G. BALE, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, winner first, special, two thirds Plymouth, first Cheltenham, third Nottingham, two firsts, medal, two seconds, four thirds Barnstaple (open); can spare large 1907 Crestbred cock, 1906 Green Crested hen, £5; Green Crestbred cock, dark Crest, wing marked hen, 70/-; dark Crest cock, variegated Crestbred hen, 70/-; bred same as my winners; approval; stamp.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Coronation-rd., Cheltenham, has few Crests and Crestbreds left; fanciers requiring these should send envelope for list; they have been carefully bred for nearly 40 years, and they and their ancestors having won upwards of 7,000 prizes; the largest stock in the possession of any amateur, and nearly everyone of them bred by himself; can be seen and selected from by appointment; not a dealer.

WALLBANK, 20 years a breeder of champion Crests, has a few good stock birds for sale; large Crestbred cock, even wing-marked, dark cap, 30/-; clear Crestbred cock, 25/-; nearly Green Crestbred cock, 25/6; two nearly Green Crestbred cocks, 15/6 each; two Green Crestbred cocks, 15/6 each; Grey Crested hen, 15/-; nearly Green Crested hen, 18/6; lightly-marked Crestbred hen, 15/6; clear body, dark cap, Crestbred hen, 12/6; variegated Crested cock, 12/6; approval first.—35, Withers st., Blackburn.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest-class Crests, Crestbreds: Barnett and Joyce's strains: monster variegated dark Crest cock, perfect crest, £1; massive heavy-feathered Green ditto, 15/-; monster wing-marked dark Crest cock, 16/-; monster clear Crest hen, perfect crest, 13/6; massive heavy feathered Green ditto, 11/6; massive feathery wing-marked ditto, 12/6; monster clear Crestbred cock, 15/-; massive feathery variegated ditto, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered Green ditto, 12/6; massive variegated Crestbred hen, 16/-; monster clear ditto, 12/6; large heavy feathered variegated ditto, 12/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

HIGH-CLASS birds at moderate prices.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

CRESTS and Crestbreds. Buy from the breeder and save dealers profits; only a few left; Barnett's strain; cold room bred from 20/- per pair upwards; approval.—Inspector Storey, Police Station, St. Ives, Hunts.

CHAMPION CRESTS,

bred from my winners at London Provincial Ornithological Society, 1906, including championship, diploma, and medal winners; also Norwich, Crystal Palace, etc. I have a few as low as 15/6 pair and upwards; state price. Note.—I am not a dealer; absolutely all my own breeding and carefully matched, which is impossible to obtain elsewhere other than a breeder; cold room; approval, stamp.—A. Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich.

MRS. E. L. A. CROW, LOWESTOFT,

has for disposal two 1906 variegated crested hens, 15/- each, 1907 variegated crested cock, 10/-, 1907; almost clear body, dark crested cock, 20/-; heavily variegated C.B. cock, 30/-; ditto, 20/-; head and wing marked, ditto, 25/-; variegated, ditto, 10/-; green C.B. hen, 15/-; all 1907; low prices to clear quickly; all closely related to winners, Palace, Nottingham, Norwich, Cambridge, Diss, Lowestoft; approval.

WICKS BROS., NORWICH,

offers grand Crested and Crestbred cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, upwards; ditto hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; selected pairs matched for Crest breeding 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, upwards; approval; simply state wants; correspondence a pleasure; send for current price list of birds and catalogue of all appliances, post free.—Postal and telegraphic address, Wicks Bros., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS CRESTS.

I have some good crests and crest-breds for sale. Many that can win at our very best shows, and some grand stock birds; I don't exhibit now. I breed for my customers to win. Best blood in the fancy; many winners sold by me; 20 years breeder; approval, and before payment, to any fancier I know.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-rd., Nottingham.

GENUINE BARGAINS

in champion Crest blood, winning hundreds of prizes, cups, medals, etc., having won over 70 prizes this season alone; blood will tell; all nice, veiny feather; good birds; can spare the following: Clear body and grizzle Crest hens, 1907 birds, 35/- and 30/-; nearly green Crest cock, 1907 bird, good crest, 35/-; marked Crest hen, dark crest, nice droop, 32/6 to clear; 1907 bird, wing marked, nice dark, veiny feather Crest hen, 32/6; yellow var. Crest cock, Crestbred hen, pair 38/6; cheap; marked dark Crest cock, 1907 bird, 25/-; another 18/6; marked dark Crest hen, 1906 bird, nice bird, 32/6; all on approval; cash or deposit; state wants; stamp reply.—Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

SENSATION

of Gateshead show, 14th December, was C. Robert's Crests and Crestbreds winning two firsts with two birds and several specials again on January 1st and 2nd at the great Scottish National show. I won 4 firsts with special for best Crest in the show; also special for best Crestbred and gold medal for best in the section, see reports, which say undoubtedly the best ever seen on a show bench, wins hands down, beating the great Crest Satiety, which won first at the Crystal Palace two years in succession. Hurry up fanciers if you want the blood that breeds winners; few to clear, cheap, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-, the pairs; single birds from 20/-.—67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frills of great merit; illustrated list free. W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Greens.

GREEN Yorkshire cock, 10/6; pink-eyed cock, 8/6.—183, Thorold-road, Ilford.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire Greens, Yellows and Buffs; cash or deposit.—Batchelor, 60, Tanfield-rd., Croydon.

UNFLIGHTED foul-green, yellow cock 10/-; another 7/6; approval.—Bairstow 18, Tennyson-street, Lee Mount, Halifax.

I HAVE a few good Yorkshire Greens to spare, single or pairs, best blood obtainable, reasonable; approval.—Metcalfe, Brythen-st., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, singles, pairs, carefully matched; few good show birds.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, splendidly matched pair, winning strain, 15/-; cock worth money; also Yellow Cinnamon hen; stamp.—Ackroyd, 52, Eric-st., Oldham.

THROUGH having to give up the Fancy, I have to part with 40 Yorkshire Greens, self and foul, and a few clears, a grand lot; prices reasonable.—J. Fawcett, 38, Olivia-st., Bootle.

YORKSHIRES, greens and clears, breeding cages, first-class birds from the noted winning strain; reasonable price; approval; stamp.—Caples, 41, Hughes-street, West Derby Road, Liverpool.

A FEW good Yorkshire Greens for sale, single or pairs, reasonable; my own breeding; see show reports Manchester, Derby, Wigan, Scottish National, etc.—Carswell, Clifton-grove, Egremont, Cheshire.

YORKSHIRE Greens. P. Clayton, 15, Lee Mount-rd., Halifax, winner of championship diploma and silver medal at last Crystal Palace Show for best Green Yorkshire, has a few for sale, cheap to clear; stamp; deposit.

HAVING won the Green Canary Association Cup, can spare a few Norwich and Yorkshire greens, own breeding; see reports, Barrow, Palace, St. Helens, and other shows from 7/6; stamp reply.—A. Johnson, 21, Salop-street, Walton-road, Liverpool.

SOME big, foul-green cocks and hens, good feather; also one pair cin. (Self buff cocks and yellow) hens and 5 clear buff cocks, Norwich 1907; same strain; Grey's winners; see Birthday Supplement; cheap deposit.—Myers, Hairdresser, Morpeth.

YORKSHIRES, all colours, including greens, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 upwards, cold-room bred; 7 days' approval —

SAMUEL DEAN,
Crossley Street, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

NOTICE TO READERS!

Have some of the very best Crests and Crestbreds in the Fancy at moderate prices. This strain is well known to every fancier. Champion pairs, 17/6 20/6, 25/6, 30/6, 35/6, 40/6, 50/6; single birds, 12/6, 15/6, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6. No value like it.—Approval willingly.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

Lancashires.

A few pairs left from 25/-; young and healthy.—West, Tweedale Street, Rochdale.

GOOD Lancashires, Plainhead and coppy; illustrated list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

BUFF Coppy cock, 12/-; Buff Plainhead cock, 10/-; young birds; approval; stamp.—Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES, matched pairs or odd birds, from my winners; stamp; deposit.—Rushton, 102, Buxton-rd., Macclesfield.

THREE buff coppy hens from 10/-, yellow coppy cock, yellow Plainhead hen, young birds.—Hughes, Tailor, Tweedale-street, Rochdale.

GIVE 20/- cash for cock and two Yellow hens, young Plainheads; offers odd birds; deposit.—Richardson, 6, Lower Orebard-st., York.

I have for sale 2 buff coppy hens; 2, buff Plainhead hens, 1 yellow Plainhead hen, 1907; on approval. For particulars, stamp.—Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-street, Macclesfield.

CLEARANCE sale of Lancashires either in one lot or in pairs; prices reasonable; also few Lizard cocks 8/- and 10/- each; approval.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-road, High Compton, Shaw, Oldham.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Lizards.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards, some of the best; illustrated list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

1906 CLEAR cap Gold Lizard cock, good stock bird, 7/6; or exchange Border hens.—60, Marroway-st., Birmingham.

I have a few good Lizards to dispose of; best blood obtainable; reasonable; approval. — John Hamer, 17, Evelyn-street, Oldham.

LIZARDS, lightly broken-capped Gold cock, 8/6, worth double; also clear-capped Gold hen, 5/-; Baker and Whipp's strain.—James, 78, Bolton-rd., Bradford.

FEW pairs left, same strain as Rochdale, Manchester, Mansfield, Notts, Oldham, Derby and Horticultural Hall winners, from 15/- pair; see reports.—C. E. Fisher, Surrey-st., Glossop.

Norwich.

PRIZE bred Norwich, 8/- pair; hens 3/-.—Reeve, 69, Cambridge-street, Norwich.

FEW good Norwich for sale; stamp reply.—Tweddle, Balaclava-st., Blackburn.

A few Norwich Canaries for sale; cheap.—Lee, 32 Burbridge-street, Beswick, Manchester.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, have a few yellow hens from 5/- each; also buff hens.

BUY from the breeder; Norwich Canaries from 3/-.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

SIX splendid Yorkshire hens, 1907, 18/-, or 3/6 each.—E. B., North View, Buckhurst Hill, Essex.

THREE Norwich hens, 3/- each, or 8/- the lot.—C. Outten, Chapel-place, Townfield-st., Chelmsford.

GOOD, stout Norwich for sale, cocks (in full song), 5/6; hens, 3/-.—Sharp, 6, Parker-st., Newark, Notts.

GIVING up Norwich; some grand thick-set birds left; pairs, 15/-; cocks from 8/-.—Lindsay (see Yorkshires).

GOOD Buffs, cocks and hens, from my winning strain; state wants.—Neal, 163, Junction-rd., London, N.

NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks 3/6 each; cock and hen 5/6; approval.—Stewart, Pouter-place, Castle-Douglas.

HIGH-CLASS Plainhead; cheapest and best in the world; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

TWO pairs typical Norwich 17/6 and 20/-; also few odd hens cheap.—Crawford, 11, Braeside-street, Glasgow.

NORWICH Canaries for sale; pairs 6/9; separate cocks 5/-; hens 2/6.—G. Brown, 44, Bartholomew-st., Leicester.

GRAND Norwich songsters for sale from 6/-; hens from 3/6; all healthy.—Denker, 57, Leman-street, London, E.

YELLOW Norwich cock, 1907, sell 7/6; or exchange Yellow Yorkshire cock.—Welland, Station-rd., Haslemere.

NORWICH cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens from 3/-.—F. Kirk, 21, Dareshury-st., Greenhill, Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

FOR sale, high-class, large unfed yellow Norwich hen, 1906 bird, 7/6.—Smith, 6, Caskgate-street, Gainsborough.

HAMMETT and Son, Victoria Lawn, Barnstaple, breeders and exhibitors of high-class Norwich; a few pairs for sale.

LARGE selection of Norwich for sale, cocks, 15/-, hens, 12/- to 15/-, 1897 birds.—Thomas Brown, Scatt-st., Brechin.

CAN spare few grand Norwich hens, own breed, from 3/-; muling Finch wanted.—321, Wilmot-st., Bethnal Green.

TWO Buff cocks, two Buff hens, one Yellow hen; same strain as my winners.—Lugg, 5, Longhurst-rd., Lewisham, S.E.

TYPICAL cocks, big birds, wonderful quality from 10/6; a few good hens from 5/-.—Miss Gwyn, Somerville, Ramsgate.

SIX Norwich hens, 3/- each; six Norwich cocks, 6/- each.—W. J. Hampshire, 66, Grafton-rd. N., Plaistow, Essex.

CLEAR and variegated yellow cocks, buff cocks, and hens, cheap, to clear.—Smeaton, 63, Summerlie-st., Prestonpans.

THREE Norwich hen Canaries, in good condition, for sale, cheap; 1907 birds.—Pheby, 53, Bramber-rd., West Kensington.

NORWICH; Nutt's strain; see show report; pairs 15/- to £3.—Dallman and Sons, Derby-road, Melbourne, Derby.

CLEAR yellow Norwich cock, 3rd Luton, 12/6; another ditto, 10/-; £1 the two; approval.—24, Jubilee-street, Luton.

PAIR Norwich, 15/-, related to my winners; also six hens, 2/6 each; approval, deposit.—Jenner, Teston, Maidstone.

GRAND lot of Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; splendid breeding Norwich hens, only 3/6 each.—Varney, Angel-lane, Stratford.

NORWICH cocks from 6/6; hens from, 4/-; colour-fed; on approval; deposit, if required.—Wood, 92, Churchgate, Stockport.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

SIX Norwich cocks, 1907, full song, colour-fed, 6/- each; 30/- lot; approval; deposit.—Murphy, 24, Cross-street, Morecambe.

LARGE, buff eye-ticked cock 10/-; buff ticked cock, yellow cock, 7/6 each; deposit.—6, Norwood Gardens, Ashford, Kent.

50 GRAND Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; sure to please.—Miss Sawbridge, Lutterworth, Leicestershire.

PAIR Norwich 6/; hand-reared cock Bullie 3/-; hand-reared cock Linnet 3/-.—John Starling, Barney, Dereham, Norfolk.

DEALERS' supplied with any quantity of large, healthy Norwich; price list free.—Geo. Brown, 44, Waterloo-road, Norwich.

CHAMPION Norwich Plainheads, yellow buff cocks and hens, unflighted, from 15/- each.—W. Buist, 80, Crighton-place, Edinburgh.

1907 Prize winning strain (Sandiford) yellow and buff cocks, 7/6; 1906 buff cock, 5/-; stamp.—Bosworth, Sheldon, Birmingham.

STILL supplying. Norwich cock 6/6, 7/6; hens 3/-, 4/-; pairs properly matched 7/6, 8/6, 10/6.—Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich.

NORWICH Plainheads, cocks, from 5/6; hens from 2/6; travelling cages, 3d. each.—W. M. Dickson, Corn Stores, King's Lynn.

S. JONES can spare few hens, 5/-, 7/6; cocks, 7/6 to 15/-; winning blood; outdoor aviary.—c/o Richards and Jones, Lynton.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich from my first and special Norwich, 1907 cocks from 10/-; hens 5/- upwards.—Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich.

TWELVE large Norwich hens, 6/- each; ditto cocks, 10/6; smaller, 7/-.—Ewing, 318, Cumbernauld-rd., Alexandra Park, Glasgow.

GRAND Norwich cocks, some winners, 10/- to 15/- each; hens to match; stamp; approval.—Calam, Brunswick-st., Whitby.

THREE pairs buff cocks, yellow hens, will win, Spillman's strain; price reasonable; approval.—Pavey, 4, Gavin-st., Plumstead.

NORWICH cocks, from 5/-; Yorkshire, 6/6; hens, 2/6; mules, 4/-; Linnets, 1/-.—Coles (side door), 109, High-st., Borough, London.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, Vardy strain, from 7/6; also pairs from 12/6; approval.—Silver, Peel-st., Winson Green, Birmingham.

BUY from the breeder Norwich cocks from 6/6; Yorkshire cocks from 6/6; 7 day's approval.—G. Wye, The Aviaries, March, Cambs.

CHAMPION Norwich, 15/; £1 pair; 20 hens; inspection invited; approval; stamp.—Rorke, 50, Ringmen Avenue, Munster-road, Fulham.

NORWICH bred songsters, rich colour, cold room, large stock; cocks, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6.—L. Baker, 67, St. Tubyns, Hove, Sussex.

SIX Plainhead hens, 1907, good size and healthy Buff, 2/6 each, or 14/- lot; approval, deposit.—Newson, Hairdresser, Fakenham, Norfolk.

1907 Bullfinch shaped Norwich, hens yellow and buff rung 5/-, 6/- each; parents cost pounds; approval.—Harry Smith, Connah's Quay.

GOOD, young Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/- each; five young hens 1/9 each; cold room; bred healthy.—C. Leventon, Thorpe-road, Melton Mowbray.

NOTICE, extra grand pair Norwich Canaries, sure winners, 15/-; approval; easy payments taken.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I have a few Buff cocks and Buff hens for disposal; stamp reply.—Seed, 23, Linton-st., Preston, Lancs.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

NORWICH hens, three yellow, one variegated, 1907, 5/- each; one yellow, 1905, 3/6; all good, healthy birds.—Nicholas, Riverside, Ambergate.

VARIEGATED buff cock, clear yellow hen, 60/-; yellow cock, buff hen, 30/-; two clear buff cocks 20/- each.—Stacey, 14, Belle Vue-road, Nottingham.

LARGE selection, good Norwich Canaries, all colours; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6; for breeding.—Isaacson, "Woodside," Coldfall-avenue, Muswell Hill.

A FEW good 1907 Yellow Norwich for sale; cocks from 10/-; hens from 6/-; approval; stamp.—F. Tesseyman, St. Matthew's School, Camp-rd., Leeds.

HEALTHY Norwich, in song, cocks 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens 3/-, 4/-; cold room; approval; deposit.—Wall, Tankersley-lane, Hoyland Common, near Barnsley.

TWENTIETH annual sale; good stuff; cocks 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; pairs 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; approval.—Fred Burchnall, High-street, Enderby, Leicester.

LARGE Yellow cocks, also Buffs; really good stock birds from cock 1st prize Leicester and Cardiff, £1.—Barrows, 13, Grosvenor-crescent, St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

A. HUMPHRIES has for disposal yellow and buff Norwich cocks; also hens; good size, colour and quality; approval; stamp.—The Lodge, Acomb-road, York.

FOX'S champion Norwich have been winning for 30 years, the country through, some genuine bargains; approval.—Curzon-st., Long Eaton, Nottingham.

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H. BALL AND SONS, Castle Donington, near Derby, has some grand Norwich cocks 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each, hens 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; approval; deposit.

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Ticked or Variegated Buff ..	7/6,	8/6,	10/6,	15/6
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Clear Yellow	4/6,	6/6,	8/6,	10/6
Ticked or Variegated Yellow ..	4/6,	5/6,	8/6,	10/6
Clear Buff	3/6,	4/6,	6/6,	8/6
Ticked or Variegated Buff ..	3/6,	4/0,	6/6,	8/6
Evenly-marked Yellow	10/6,	15/6,	21/0,	30/0
Evenly-marked Buff	9/6,	14/6,	20/0,	25/0

Norwich Crested-bred Plainhead Hens.

Clear Yellow	8/6,	10/6,	12/6,	15/6
Ticked or Variegated Yellow ..	7/6,	9/6,	11/6,	15/6
Clear Buff	6/6,	8/6,	10/6,	15/6
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Ticked or Variegated Buff, with Dark Crest	8/6,	10/6,	12/6,	15/6
Grey Crested Buff	8/6,	10/6,	12/6,	15/6

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Ticked or Variegated Yellow, with Dark Crest	10/6,	12/6,	15/6,	21/0
Grey Crested Yellow	7/6,	10/6,	12/6,	15/6
Buff, with Dark Crest	8/6,	10/6,	12/6,	15/6
Ticked or Variegated Buff, with Dark Crest	6/6,	8/6,	10/6,	15/6
Grey Crested Buff	6/6,	8/6,	10/6,	15/6

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Clear Yellow	10/6,	12/6,	15/6,	21/0
Ticked or Variegated Yellow ..	9/6,	11/6,	14/6,	18/6
Clear Buff	8/6,	10/6,	12/6,	15/6
Ticked or Variegated Buff	8/6,	10/6,	12/6,	15/6

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Few more unsolicited testimonials given below; for others see last week's Cage Birds, or send furniture van for more. Please notice dates and full address with each. "7, Campbell Street, Rhos, Jan. 6.—Sir,—Schoolmaster arrived safe, and started to roll out its song within 15 minutes of arrival.—Yours, W. Price." "3, Cwmanne Terrace, Lampeter, Jan. 8. Sir,—Two years ago I had a Roller from you which commenced singing 10 minutes after arrival and has been singing ever since, even all through the moult. A friend of mine (Mr. Terwyn Davies) bought a Roller from you about a month ago, and he was such a beauty that I bought it off him next day. Please send me two Roller hens to match them.—Yours, E. Davies." "Longley House, Rochester, Jan. 8.—Sir,—Roller received safely Friday last, and is quite satisfactory.—Yours, V. Gordon Conway." "32, Portland Street, Leek, Jan. 12.—Sir,—Hartz cock arrived safe; he is a good loud songster; he seems never to be tired and will keep you alive.—Yours, W. Leedham." "55, Warner Street, Walthamstow, Jan. 12. Sir,—Canary arrived safe, and I am well pleased with same, and have instructed Editor to hand you deposit.—Yours, F. Boon." "Wakefield Road, Pontefract, Jan. 13. Sir,—Roller you sent is a fine bird, both in health and song, and am more than satisfied with it. Thanks for prompt attention. Please send another at 8/6.—Yours, J. Higgins." Hiawatha, Wallingford, Jan. 14. Sir,—Hen Canary arrived safe and seems well, and lively. I beg to thank you for prompt attention, and I shall always now come to you for anything I want.—Yours, R. Harvey." "5, First Cross Row, Ludworth, Jan. 14. Sir,—Received Roller, and am well pleased with it. It commenced singing same night. I shall give you another order shortly.—Yours, A. Worthington." "Dawley, Salop, Jan. 15. Sir,—Roller arrived safe and in good condition. It is splendid to hear him singing for he has not rested since he came.—Yours, J. Bradburn." "9, South Street, Brighton, Jan. 16. Sir,—Birds arrived safe. The cock started singing immediately I put him in cage. I am quite satisfied with him, and shall recommend you to others.—Yours, H. Oakshott." "88, Main Street, Egremont, Jan. 16. Sir,—Bird arrived safe and in good condition. Thanks for quick dispatch.—Yours, J. Jenkinson." "31, Whittaker Street, Derby, Jan. 16. Sir,—Roller arrived safe yesterday. I am very pleased with him. Just the bird and song I should have chosen myself, and is in every way equal to your advertisement. Will recommend your birds and promptness to my friends.—Yours, W. Barnett." "Aberfau, Jan. 17,—Sir,—Roller arrived safe at 4.30 p.m. I am very pleased with him; he was singing 10 minutes after being unpacked, and has such a soft sweet song.—Yours, T. White." "73, Peel Street, Crewe, Jan. 17, —Sir,—Please send two Roller hens. I gave ——— 10/6 for a pair of Hartz Rollers and the cock is not worth finding. I have bought better at 3/6.—Yours, V. Clutton." 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I have some extra good birds for sale, all bred from my winners at all the leading shows; see the reports of all the leading papers; this strain has stood all tests; no better blood can be obtained; pairs from 10/- to 60/- per pair; cocks from 5/6 to 40/- each; hens from 5/6 to 30/- each; if you will send me the price you want to give; I will guarantee to give you satisfaction, or full money returned; all birds sent on three days' approval, cash or deposit.—14, Chapel-st., Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire.

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Coppies and Plainheads very moderate price considering the quality. Pairs from **15/-.** Lancashire Cocks, Coppies and Plainheads at **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-**; Hens at **7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-.**

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Jan. 19, 1908.—You will be pleased to hear the Parrot is going on splendidly. I would not take £10 for it now.—W. R. Steggall to W. Rudd.

26, Nestergate, Nottingham, Jan. 17, 1908.—I am very pleased to tell you I received the 4 yellow Norwich hens safely, and I should also like to say I am very pleased with them. Wishing you every success in your business.—J. Eggleston to W. Rudd.

Would not touch other kinds.

6, Priory Street, Milford Haven, Jan. 16, 1908.—The goods arrived safe last night, and I was very pleased with them. One thing I would like to mention is that the Eggertine both my birds seem to enjoy. I have had other egg foods which they would never touch.—B. Stoddart to W. Rudd.

Astounding everyone.

Preston, Jan. 16, 1908.—Please send tin of Eggertine. I am pleased to tell you that the bird is in perfect health and is astounding everyone who sees it.—G. R. to W. Rudd.

33, Dennetts Road, Peckham, London, Jan. 9, 1908. Birds to hand quite safely; am very satisfied with them, and also prompt delivery.—H. Purkiss to W. Rudd.

Everything pleases alike.

Bewshaugh, Kielder, Jan. 9, 1908.—Cage and drinkers safely to hand, and same give every satisfaction. Thanks for prompt despatch. — W. Heoly Jr., to W. Rudd.

Do all with you.

42, Bruce Street, Lochmaben, Jan. 7, 1908.—Birds arrived safe and sound after their long journey. I have to say I am highly pleased with them. They are a splendid pair. Thanks also for honest dealing. I shall do all my dealings with you, and shall ask my friends to give you a trial.—J. Kennedy to W. Rudd.

Prompt despatch again.

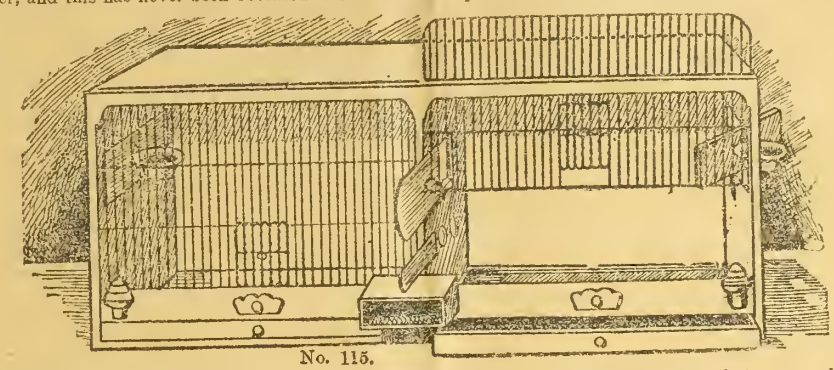
5, Branksea Street, Fulham, London, S.W, Jan. 10, 1908.—I received birds quite safe. I am pleased to say I am quite satisfied with them. Thanking you for prompt despatch.—W. E. Jackson to W. Rudd.

Delighted.

Bank Street, Malvern, Jan. 14, 1908.—Please accept my best thanks for Norwich Plainheads, which arrived safely this afternoon.—S. Shaw to W. Rudd.

28, Marlock Road, St. Peter's Park, Paddington, London, W., Jan. 14, 1908.—Received the bird in good condition and started singing as soon as he was taken out of his cage. I am quite satisfied with the same.—W. Clark to W. Rudd.

This Cage supplies what I believe to have been a long-felt want. All will agree that it is necessary to keep a watching eye on the young Birds when in the nest, to see that they are being fed well, to take out at once any youngster that may have died, besides taking away eggs as they are laid until the hen is put down to hatch. Here, then, comes in the great improvement over all others, as it will be seen at a glance that you only have to open the door and you have your nest pan outside the Cage, and yet the door shut. See the three examples shown below. Many Birds are very nervous; the less frightened they are the better, and this has never been obviated before so well as by these doors, as no hand enters the Cage at all.



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They are mouse proof. The fronts are of very superior make. It is also well known that too much room cannot be given for exercise, and the Birds are admittedly the better for it. Hence I have made up this very large Breeder for those who can afford to give it the space. Everything about this cage is most simple, convenient, and complete—comprising Sand Drawers, Sliding Doors, two Swivel Doors, Seed Hopper, two White-ware Nest Pans, two White-ware Drinkers, two Egg Pans, and Nesting Material Rack,

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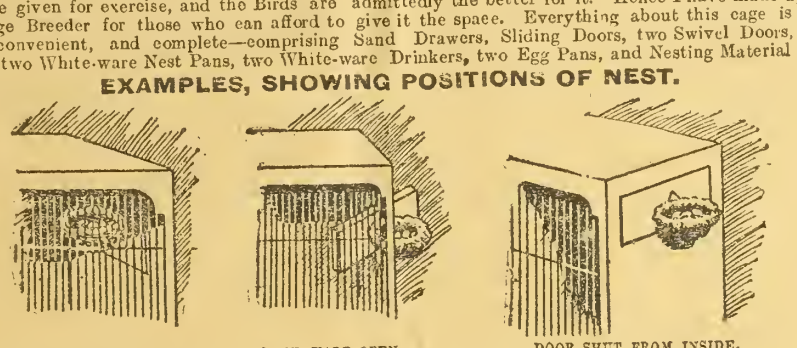

NEST INSIDE. DOOR HALF OPEN. DOOR SHUT FROM INSIDE.

Size : 40 in. long, 11 in. wide, 16 in. high. Price 10/6. Single, 20 in. 5/6.

A FEW LETTERS FROM DELIGHTED CUSTOMERS.

Quite satisfied with bargain.

142, Renfrew Street, Glasgow, Jan. 13, 1908.—Hartz cocks arrived in good condition, and I am quite satisfied with the bargain.—T. Dunlop to W. Rudd.

Prompt way served.

Stansted, Essex, Jan. 7, 1908.—Thanks for nice letter. Bird arrived safely and am highly satisfied with it, and thank you for the prompt way in which you have served me.—T. Mascall to W. Rudd.

78, North Street, Okehampton, Jan. 11, 1908.—Bird arrived safe, Jan. 8; I am very well satisfied, thanking you for your prompt attention.—J. Palmer to W. Rudd.

Worth Double the money.

28, Mafeking Street, Gateshead, Jan. 8, 1908.—Received Norwich songster yesterday, and am very pleased with it. It was only in the cage about five minutes when he started to sing. I am sure by what I have seen already it is worth double the money.—J. S. Atkinson to W. Rudd.

Another very pleased.

47, Nelson Street, Limerick, Jan. 10, 1908.—Bird arrived safely to-day. I am very pleased with him. He began to sing when I removed him into a larger cage.—T. Downey to W. Rudd.

No need for deposit system with you.

Sacriston, Jan. 18, 1908.—Birds arrived safe and in is in nice condition, and I think there is no need of the deposit system when dealing with you. You can expect more orders.—Thos. Robinson to W. Rudd.

Best seen anywhere.

170, Bracebridge Street, Birmingham, Jan. 14, 1908.—I received breeding-cage in splendid condition. It is the best cage I have seen anywhere; it is so well finished.—J. Turner to W. Rudd.

Aviary grand for price.

New Road, Chilworth, near Guildford, Jan. 18, 1908. Received Crystal Palace aviary quite safe, and I must say it is a grand cage for the price.—T. H. Skelton to W. Rudd.

Quickly sent, etc.

Oxted, Jan. 15, 1908.—Bird arrived safe and in good order, and I am very pleased with them. Thanks for sending order on so quickly, if any time wanting any more birds or knowing anyone will recommend you.—W. J. W. to W. Rudd.

40, Watson Street, Patricroft, Jan. 15, 1908.—Birds arrived quite safe; I am highly pleased with them; am glad to see you deal straightforwardly and give such prompt attention. I will do my best to get you orders.—E. Edwards to W. Rudd.

I have, too, a Double Breeding Cage fitted complete at 3/6; also a good Double Breeder, about 28 ins., fitted with Sanitary Furniture, Sand Drawers, etc., ready for immediate use, only 5/-. For many others, including all Metal Breeding Cages, my Three Compartment Mule Breeding and Combination Cage, send for my

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Clear Yellow, 6/9, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards; Clear Buff, 6/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; Ticked or Variegated 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, upwards.

PLAIN-HEADED NORWICH HENS.

Clear Yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-,7/6,10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; Clear Buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- Evenly Marked Yellow or Buff, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; Ticked or Variegated, 2/9, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- Pairs Norwich Plainheads Matched for Breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6.

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47, Rose Hill, Brightside, Jan. 8, 1908.—Birds, cage, etc., arrived in perfect condition, and I am very well satisfied.—G. Bamforth to W. Rudd.

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Longden, Shrewsbury, Jan. 10, 1908.—Your birdlime is the best I have ever used. Having used it on the warmest days, it has no effect, neither does fog nor frost. I have not missed a single bird.—T. Brown to W. Rudd.

Exceeding good value.

Kilmainham, Dublin, Jan. 9, 1908.—I beg to acknowledge receipt of birds, which arrived safely. I am quite delighted with them, especially the cock. He looks grand. I consider I have received exceedingly good value for the money sent. I thank you for your straightforward and honourable way of doing business, and for the care, kindness and trouble; trusting I may be the medium of your receiving further orders. It will not be my fault if you don't.—M. Ralph to W. Rudd.

23, West Street, Minehead, Jan. 10, 1908.—I am pleased to say the bird arrived safe, and gives every satisfaction. Thanks for promptness.—H. Shipton to W. Rudd.

18, Woodfield Lane, Balhey, Doncaster, Jan. 13, 1908.—The cage arrived safe, and it is a grand one. I am well satisfied.—H. Cutler to W. Rudd.

More recommendations.

29, Mount Nod Square, Lewisham Road, London, S.E., Jan. 14, 1908.—I received Yorkshires all right, and well satisfied. I shall recommend you to all I know requiring birds.—M. Maddams to W. Rudd.

Barnstaple, Jan. 9, 1908.—The birds, etc., arrived safely and I am very pleased with them, especially with the crested hen.—G. M. E. to W. Rudd.

9, Cornwallis Grove, Lower Edmonton, London, Jan. 9, 1908.—Cock bird arrived safely, and I am highly pleased with him, also with the prompt manner in which you have dealt with me. You will hear from me again.—G. Weald to W. Rudd.

Never saw cleaner.

25, Alpha Road, Chesterton, Cambridge, Jan. 10, 1908.—Birds arrived safely on Thursday. Am perfectly satisfied. Never saw cleaner birds.—F. E. Sanderson to W. Rudd.

Cage above expectations.

47, New Houses, Penrhys Road, Ystrad, Rhondda, Jan. 14, 1908.—The breeding cage to hand, and I am pleased to say above my expectations.—Rees Thomas to W. Rudd.

Excellent.

Station Road, Epsom, Jan. 13, 1908.—I desire to thank you for the excellent Canary you forwarded at my request, also for your prompt and kind attention, and hope to have the pleasure of other transactions.—T. Oliver to W. Rudd.

230, Ynpcynon Road, Trealaw, Jan. 16, 1908.—Will you kindly send price list; I am very much pleased with the Goldfinch. He is a beauty, and is singing splendid.—A. W. Brain to W. Rudd.

Worth looking at.

Ash Tree House, Meadowfield, Jan. 8, 1908.—Just a line to let you know the young green crested cock arrived all right. He is a splendid bird; I am highly satisfied with him. He is worth looking at.—J. Peacock to W. Rudd.

Advice always proved correct.

Adbolton, Nottingham, Jan. 7, 1908.—At other times I have written you for advice, and it has always proved to be correct. I again should be much obliged if you could give me information on the following subject. . . .—H. Pickling to W. Rudd.

More than pleased.

30, Merryland Street, Govan, Jan. 14, 1908.—The birds arrived here all right on Saturday. I delayed writing, so as to know if I was pleased with them. I really must say I am more than pleased. They are far above what I expected for the money, 7/6.—M. Neilson to W. Rudd.

67, Montgomerie Lane, Ardrossan, Jan. 7, 1908.—Received birds in good condition. Well pleased with them; will do my best to recommend you to anyone I hear wanting good birds.—J. Blackwood to W. Rudd.

Promptness again.

West Cottage, Duns., Jan. 15, 1908.—Birds arrived all safe this morning. I am very well pleased with them, and must thank you for your promptness.—W. Duns to W. Rudd.

Another kind of testimonial, and one which relates to recent purchase of Yorkshires.

West Haddon, Rugby, Jan. 17, 1908.—Dear sir,—Very many thanks for the prompt and honourable way in which you have executed this sale of birds. Never before have I met with a dealer who has been so prompt at sending the money. You are at perfect liberty to use my name.—Yours sincerely, Arthur Harris to W. Rudd.

All arrived full song in Africa.

155, Pound Street, Shirley, Jan. 20, 1908.—I am very pleased to be able to write to say that the birds which I had from you in November to take out to Brazils, South Africa, one pure bred Norwich and H.M. Roller gave great satisfaction, and arrived at their destination in good condition and full song. I hope to give you a larger order later.—W. Dear to W. Rudd.

Quickly and well.

10, Rosebery Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn, Jan. 16, 1908.—I received the Asthmarine and tried it on two of my birds, and found it acted very quickly and well. Please forward. . . .—W. G. Biggs to W. Rudd.

NOTE.—All Amateurs should try my Special Matched Pairs of Prize-bred Norwich Plainheads at 10 6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-. Crested ditto 15/-, 20/-, 25/- and 30/-. Yorkshires 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Those are the BEST VALUE ever offered, and such value can only be supplied by me.

TRAVELLING CAGES, with proper Food and Nourishment for Journey, 3d. extra,

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EXCHANGE crest-bred cock, 1907, and Crest hen for 1907 buff Norwich hen, sell 15/-; approval, hen sent first.—R. Gilchrist, 6, Harbour-rd., Larne Harbour.

EIGHT cocks, 15 hens, Canaries, pair Goldfinches, pair Redpolls; exchange adult Budgerigars, yellow and greens; offers.—Dudley, 56, Occupation st., Dudley.

EXCHANGE pair Borders, yellow cock, variegated buff hen, for good yellow Norwich hen; sell 9/6.—Williams, Glasgow-rd., Burnbank, Lanarkshire; hen first.

GRAND large stout variegated buff Norwich cock, 1907 bred, good stock bird, splendid songster, 10/6, bargain.—F. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

EXCHANGE pair of Yorkshires, cock full song, for good Norwich cock, or three good cock Goldfinches.—Jeffries, 55, Meeson-rd., Portway, West Ham.

FOR sale, two Seifert hens, 5/- each, or would exchange for two equally good, parents carry B.R.C.C. rings.—14, High-st., Fenny-Stratford, Bucks.

FINE Norwich cock, value 7/6; exchange Siberian Goldie; offers; also two-compartment aviary; exchange anything.—14, Temple-villas, Palmerston-rd., Dublin.

TWO large Norwich hens, untried, 2/6 each; pair Warwick special first grade road racers, 28 by 1½, good condition, 6/-; offers.—Toms, 73, Victoria-rd., Watford.

SIX hen mules, 6/-; one Greenfinch cock, 1/6; one Yellowbunting cock, 1/6; or exchange 1907 Canary hens.—W. Abbott, 206, Bellsize-avenue, Woodstone, Peterborough.

EXCHANGE Buff Yorkshire cock for Yellow Cinnamon-bred Yorkshire hen; also three hen Canaries for large Yellow Norwich hen.—Passifull, 9, Papillon-rd., Colchester.

HIGH-CLASS clear Buff Norwich cock, 15/-; var. Yellow cock, 12/6; exchange to value large Yellow Norwich hen; must be good.—Taylor, Caithness Cottage, Stonchaven.

EXCHANGE Norwich cock, or two hens for pair adult green Budgerigars, crested cock or two hens, for pair yellow Budgerigars. — Pover, Roman-rd., Faversham, Kent.

GRAND Buff Yorkshire cock, champion stock bird, from winners, 10/6; or exchange for good Yellow or Buff-marked hen; approval.—Perry, 305, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

WOULD exchange grand pair Border Fancies, even marked and even-marked bred for Goldies, Siberian preferred; or would sell.—Robert Dyer, Haystoun Farm, Peebles, N.B.

CAN spare few more of my surplus, same strain as my winners; cocks from 6/-; hens from 5/-; approval, deposit.—Monkes, Shoulder of Mutton Yard, South Normanton.

NORWICH, large Buff cock, Yellow hen, 15/-; Yellow cock, Buff hen, 12/6; exchange grocery, drapery, anything useful.—Gribbin, 58, George-st., Newcastle, Staffordshire.

FOR sale or exchange, three cocks, six hens, all Norwich, and two Goldfinch mules, 50/-; exchange Welsh terrier bitch or fowls.—Shaweross, 20, Chapel-st., Didsbury, Manchester.

SMART, slim, healthy Yorkshire cock (1907), sell 7/6, or exchange for long, slim, variegated or Belgian-Yorkshire crossed hen to value.—Peters, Braepark, Bargeddie, near Glasgow.

TWO 1907 cock Canaries, cock Bullfinch and cock Linnet; exchange for 1907 yellow Cinnamon cock Norwich type, or sell 12/6; cock sent first.—Harte, 9, Harbour-rd., Larne Harbour.

LARGE 1906 yellow Yorkshire cock, 10/-; three buff cocks, 7/6 each; few hens, 5/-, 6/-; or exchange Norwich or Cinnamons; no rubbish.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires from my winners, Cleator Moor, Egremont, Whitehaven, Cockermouth, Barrow; exchange blankets, boots, draperies, offiers. —Ferguson, Newtown, Whitehaven.

LARGE 1907 Norwich cock, variegated yellow, grand condition, 20/-; or exchange for large dark yellow cock Goldfinch mule to value; Finch note.—Sadler, 64, Jenner-rd., Stoke Newington.

EXCHANGE good pair Crests, value 15/-, for good exhibition British Hardbill; approval both ways; also Norwich Plainheads cheap.—R. Beard, Ashurst-Cottage, Plumpton, near Lewes, Sussex.

EXCHANGE green crest-bred cock, ditto lightly variegated crest-bred cock, Robert's strain, for a matched pair Norwich, or sell 30/-; approval.—J. Young, Church-rd., Oare, Faversham, Kent.

WILL sell for 25/-, or exchange, for dark Goldfinch mule, evenly marked Border Fancy hen, Norwich hen, and Greenfinch, all prizewinners; approval, cards sent.—Bell, 16, Wellington-st., Hawick.

SEVEN pair Yorkshires, very large birds, yellow and buff, outdoor bred and keep, cocks, 5/6, hens 3/6; two hen Linnets, mules, 1 - each; exchange.—Dunsford, Calder-grove, Crigglestone, Wakefield.

NORWICH Plainhead cock, yellow, unflighted, good neck and head, exchange buff cock and ticked yellow hen or two buff cocks; sell 25/-; approval.—A. Jones, Billesley-lane, King's Heath, Birmingham.

LARGE buff self green Norwich cock, 12/6; two yellow, two buff foul cocks, 10/- each; all unflighted; or exchange Norwich or Cinnamons; no rubbish.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

SEVERAL splendid type Yorkshire Canaries, fit to breed winners, 12/6 pair; or exchange long lace window curtains, white counterpanes, eiderdowns, or anything useful for house.—Crathorne, Clarence-rd., Bridlington, Yorkshire.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich buff cock, winner, 12/6, genuine muling Linnet, an unflighted hen, pair, 8/-; or exchange large unflighted yellow Norwich hens for muling; on approval.—Apply, 3, Clare-villas, Singlegate, Merton, S.W.

1905 YORKSHIRE cock, winner of 3rd 1906; Cinnamon marked Buff cock, winner; two Buff Yorkshires, hens, 1906; all good birds; exchange for good large Buff Norwich hen, 1906, or sell £2.—Webb, Fairmantle-st., Truro, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE buff cock, fed, clear buff hen, marked cock, variegated hen, good green, hen, all Norwich, marked Yorkshire hen; exchange good yellow Norwich cocks or hens; offers, muling Goldfinches.—33, Aldron-rd., Lower Tooting.

EXCHANGE gent's cycle, good condition, new inside tubes, covers once run on, for two pairs Border Fancies, yellow and buff cocks, must be good; or sell 30/-; birds to be sent first.—Witbers, 11, Londoun-rows, Galston, Ayrshire.

EXCHANGE large clear buff Norwich hen and yellow Cinnamon hen, for clear cock Canary, singing; also four-compartment breeder, loose fronts and partitions, six feet long, 10/-, bargain.—Llew. Smith, 26, Woodville-rd., Walthamstow.

GIVING up the fancy, grand pair of Yorkshires, direct from Mundell, pair of Norwich, breeding, flight and show cages, cheap to clear; or exchange cock Linnet, brown, house-moulted, price 4/-.—Palfreyman, Gosberton Clough, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

A FEW Border Fancies, Yorkshires, yellows, buffs (Yorks colour-fed) cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/- upwards, all prize and prize-bred; also one buff and one buff-pied cocks, Scotch Fancies, 1906, 1907 bred, winners; or exchange for good yellow Scotch Fancy cock; approval.—Welsh, Police Station, Auchencairn, Castle-Douglas.

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TWO hen adult Cockatiels, one cock Burgerigar; offers in Canaries wanted.—David Pedlow, Lurgan, Ireland.

EXCHANGE pair Madagascar Lovebirds, for pair Crest, or Cinnamons, or sell, 7/6.—Richards, 15, Mary-st., Taunton.

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GRAND South African Parrots and cage, been in England over twelve months, 50/-; or part exchange. —Hall, 56, Wellington-rd., Walthamstow.

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GOOD pair of spangle Bantams; exchange Scotch Fancies, British.—Bell, Dalston Hall, Carlisle.

EXCHANGE large aviary for two singing cock Canaries.—M. Kerins, 220, Thistle-st., Glasgow.

TICKA camera, cost 8/6; what offers in Canaries? —Rhodes, Wensleydale-rd., Thornbury, Bradford.

23 BEAUTIFUL art coloured plates, eight birds, exchange; offers.—Legg, 51, Parish-lane, Penge.

WHAT offers in Canaries for good Irish setter dog? —Freshwater, Castle Inn, Llangennech, Llanelly.

OFFER 150 copies of CAGE BIRDS for two yellow Border hens, 1907.—Hamilton, 12, Ruthven-st., Glasgow.

LOOK! Seven flying Homers (pedigree), collie-greyhound: offers; stamp particulars.—Holmes, Liphook.

WILL exchange converted rifle for pair of good Norwich Canaries.—R. Prosser, 28, Fothergills, New Tredegar.

DOG and bitch ferrets, polecat, and white, sell 9/-; or exchange Canaries.—Berridge, Rammoth-rd., Wisbech.

WHAT offers in Canaries for two pairs beautiful black Fantail pigeons?—Yorkshire, Walton, Upton-on-Severn.

PAIR pile game Bantams, 10/-; Lark's cage, two show cages, 5/-; or exchange.—Clark, 26, Queen-st., Peterhead.

EXCHANGE fox-terrier puppy for Canaries or British birds; value £1.—Gale, Stables, Kingswestou, Bristol.

GRAND new brass metal mantle-rod, sell 21/-; exchange anything.—Jones, "Custodian," Town Hall Dudley.

WHAT offers in Canaries for cage fronts, sizes to order, work guaranteed.—Baldwin, 60, Marroway-st., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE well-bred Dandie Dinmont bitch Pepper for Canaries or cages.—Alex. Richardson, Park-st., Hawick.

EXCHANGE, silver lever watch, pair Canaries, warranted five years.—Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE pair opera glasses in sling case for common Canaries, sell 7/-.—Garland, 47, Elsley-rd., Lavender Hill, S.W.

WHAT offers, hen Canaries, for new pair steel "Kondor" Skates? Birds first; stamp.—Stirling, 25 Main-st., Alexandria.

EXCHANGE 29 ½-plate printing frames, set of brass scales, and small weights; exchange anything. —8, Broad-st., Barry.

WHAT offers in Canaries for two pairs black and white Jacobins; also two Cinnamons?—Hussey, 26, Frogmore, Wandsworth.

SALE or exchange 10 Homing Pigeons (flown Gloucester) for Canaries, or sell 30 -.—Clarke, 44, Victoria-st., Fleetwood.

EXCHANGE grand wirehaired terrier bitch, nine months, for good yellow Norwich cock; or offers.—H. Fortnam, Fairfield, Bury.

FOR sale, wire-haired Scotch and fox-terrier dog, 21/-; good ratter; or exchange Canaries.—A. Sollom, Bright-st., Longton.

REARER, 100 chick size, with run, cheap at 15/-; what offers large Norwich hen Canaries?—Williamson, Bassingbourn, Cambs.

LURCHER dog, 15 months, five Yorks. hens, one crested hen; exchange cocks, Rollers.—Fred Garside, 10, Erie-st., Oldham.

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QUARTER-PLATE hand camera, ¼-plate Kodak lense, 100 photo mounts; exchauge birds.—Hayward, Great George-st., Godalming.

CRICKET bag, once used, cost 18 -; exchange for unflighted Norwich hen; sell 10/-.—Park, 443, Westgate-rd., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, brown Linuet, pair Yorkshires, Norwich hen, for phonograph or fowl.—Jones, 23, Mount-st., Coventry.

100 NEW 1d. picture postcards, 5/-; ¼-plate camera, 15/-; or exchange Yorkshire Canaries.—Welland, Station-rd., Haslemere.

FOR Sale, cock and hen and five pullets, near laying, cheap, 12/6; or exchauge anything useful.—Mitchell, 41, Solva-st., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE ¼-plate hand camera, with all accessories, for Canaries; or sell; stamp particulars.—Castle, 325, Wandsworth-rd, S.W.

PAIR 1906 Canary-reared Greenfinches, 16 coloured plates; exchange cock Goldfinches.—Particulars, Lydyard, 60, St. Nicholas-rd., Bristol.

CURLY retriever dog pup, two months, well bred, 7/6, or exchange two Norwich hen Canaries.—Williamson, Postmaster, Bassingbourn.

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EXCHANGE two dozen phonograph records; also 150 Hobbies' fretwork designs for 1907 hen Canaries. —Allum, 35, Beren's-rd., Kensal Rise.

FORTY-FIVE feet of armoured garden hose, for two selected cock Goldies, pair Bullies; or sell, 14/-. —Street, 29, Claremont-rd., Highgate.

SELL fox terrier bitch; also pup, 10 weeks; silver Geneva watch; or exchange Canaries.—Lovatt, 35, Long-row, Madeley Heath, near Keele.

GRAND set boxing gloves, new, cost 15/-; sell 10/-; exchange cage birds; offers.—Lambert, 13, Redding's-lane, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE good mandoline, lock-up case, cost 37/6, sacrifice 15/-; or exchange for singing birds. —Crook, York-terrace, Wells, Somerset.

UMBRELLA stand (6 holes), phonograph records and 4 feet cupboard for Goldfinches or clear Canaries.—159, Waldegrave-rd., Teddington.

PAIR 1906 prize-bred black Pekins; exchange large cock Goldfinch or steady cock Linnet; offers.—A. E. Gardner, Parkfield Lodge, Potter's Bar.

PAIR clap nets, 12 yards, 5 feet, complete; exchange for good Schoolmaster or Hartz cocks, singing.—Buckmaster, 5, Violet-rd., Leyton.

PHONOGRAPH records, exchange flight cage, double breeders, grey or green singing Finches, cocks or hens.—Shedden, Flemington, Motherwell.

WILL exchange splendid air gun, value 7/6, for singing Norwich cock; bird on approval.—George Wallace, 13, Stephen-drive, Govan, Glasgow.

WHAT offers in Crests for full plate camera, 2 D.D. slides and tripod (no lens), value £2 10s.—Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester.

FINE Dalmatian pups, 6 weeks, well spotted, good pedigree, £1 each; exchange Canaries, mules. —James, 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

NINE white Rats, six nearly full-grown, two old does, one buck, good wheel cage; exchange birds; offers.—Mulcahy, 19, Hamboro'-rd., Streatham.

EXCHANGE H. M. Siskin, and 60-candle Falcon oil lamp, cost 27/6, for common cock Canaries, 1907, full song; offers.—26, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

GOOD woollen cycle sweater; exchange yellow Yorkshire hen; or sell 5/11; approval both ways.—James Clayton, High-st., Dawley, Shropshire.

IRISH terrier dog, winner 2 seconds, tip-top pedigree; sell £3; exchange Yorkshire Canaries; approval.—Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

SLOW combustion stove, nearly new, cost £5; suit school or warehouse, 35/-; or exchange good Edison records.—Woods, 34, Morris-st., Oldham.

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TWO male French poodles, 5 months old, for sale, or would exchange for Canaries or something useful.—Mr. Short, 124, Castlemain-rd., West Southbourne.

CYCLE saddles, new, Brookes, B 90, value 12/6; Brampton Multicoil, cost 7/6; exchange Canaries, Budgerigars; offers.—Grocer, 54, St. James'-st., Birmingham.

PENNY slot polyphones, 17 tunes, cost £7 10s., sell 45/-; or exchange Edison phonograph, Standard preferred, or anything useful.—Sutcliffe, Eastboro, Dewsbury.

EXCHANGE gent's gold-filled double albert, stamped every link, for Roller cock Canary, good singer; approval.—Mrs. Taylor, 117, Stansfield-st., Blackburn.

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BEAUTIFUL fine Staffordshire china tea service, 40 pieces, complete, 34/-; exchange Canaries, cages, Parrot; offers.—Mitchett, 27, York-st., Newcastle, Staffordshire.

WANTED, Canaries, either sex; exchange suit length value 18/-; dress length, 10/-; also £3 3s. lever watch, 30/-; offers.—Weston, Wolverhampton-rd., Bilston.

EXCHANGE Tylar pocket camera, slides and leather case, costing 50/-, for pair really good Yorkshires for breeding.—Rooke, 43, Frithville-gardens, Shepherd's Bush.

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2 lb. DANDELION, 2 lb. thistle seeds, clean; Faber's stylographic pen, new, cost 3/6; exchange cage birds.—Mrs. Gormall, 173, Cumlodden-drive, Maryhill, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE wire fox terrier bitch pup, two months, champion pedigree, for two Yorkshire or Norwich cocks, in song, sell £1.—John Younger, 6, Gayfield-st., Glasgow.

WILL exchange guitar-toned zither, 25 melody strings, and six full chords, with instruction book and music; nearly new, cost 20/-.—A. Rogers, 79, High-st., Wem, Salop.

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SEED boxes, sliding glass fronts, 2/- dozen, three dozen 5/6; 200 new penny bird drinkers, 5/6; exchange birds, anything.—Smith, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields, London, S.W.

NICE, small portable oil stove, solid brass reservoir, enamelled body, new condition, very thing for aviary, 8/6; or offers in exchange.—Farley, 46, Upton-rd., Newport, Mon.

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SPLENDID China tea service, 40 pieces, decorated, gold and blue, on pure white scolloped and fluted body, cost 18/6; sacrifice 12/6.—Thos. Clarke, 14, Paynter-st., Fenton, Staffs.

GRAND collie dog pup, three months, black with white markings, bred from prizewinners and grand workers; sell or exchange Goldies.—Robert Dyer, Haystoun Farm, Peebles, N.B.

FOR Sale, pair of cycle wheels, 28 by 1½, new, complete with covers, Edie back-pedalling brake, cost £3; exchange Rollers, or toy terriers.—Mitchell, 41, Solva-st., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE pair hollow ground razors in silk-lined case for one cock or three hen Canaries, or three cock Goldfinches; approval.—Robert Simpson, 10 ct., 4 House, Fawcett-st., Sheffield.

SIX Yorkshire show cages, 6/-; Yorkshire travelling case, hold three cages, 3/6; Knight's training cage, 4/-; exchange Norwich Canaries.—Wraight, 3 St. John's-rd., Faversham, Kent.

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IRISH terrier bitch, seven months, 6/-; black and white collie dog, eleven months, 7/6; exchange either, cock Canary or hens.—J. Staniforth, 49, Chelmsford-st., Attercliffe, Sheffield.

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EXCHANGE splendid ½-plate camera, with tripod, 3 D.D. slides and bag, cost £5, for winning Yorkshires; matched pairs; quality not quantity wanted. —Baldwinson, 24, Sepham-st., Wortley, Leeds.

WILL sell or exchange eight red, one yellow Tumblers, pear eyes, for Yorkshire hen Canaries or Goldfinches, Bullfinches or anything useful; approval.—S. Hogg, St. Luke-st., 6, Luke-ter, Hull.

FOX terrier dog, well bred, 11 months, 15/-; or exchange Yorkshire or crested hens; also ½-plate Lancaster hand camera, 20/-, cost 50/-; exchange anything.—Macdonald, 87, Oldfield-rd., Willesden, N.W.

LARGE Crystal Palace aviary, cost, £3, 12 acclimatised foreign birds, 35/-; large lemon-crested Cockatoo, 25/-; exchange groceries; drapery; anything useful.—Gribbin, 58, George-st., Newcastle, Staffs.

NEW eight-day marble clock, six pillars, strikes hours and half-hours, sell £2 10s., or Canaries; full-sized Ayrshire blankets, 20/- the pair, or Canaries, boys' suits.—Walker, 34, Hathaway-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

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EXCHANGE grand sporting spaniel puppie bitch, three months, brother taking 3rd, silver medal Kennel Club Show at Aberdeen, for two mule hens or two good exhibition Goldfinches, must be good, sale £1.—G. Coutts, 74, Union-st., Dalbeattie.

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LOOK! giving up pigeon fancy, will give three grand pairs of stock birds, flown Didcote, 136 miles, in exchange for muling cock Goldfinches, or singing cock Canaries; no rubbish wanted.—J. Hawnes, No. 5, East-st., Goldthorpe, Lane ends, near Rotherham, Yorkshire.

HIGH-CLASS Bradbury's treadle sewing machine (latest principle), rotary shuttle, reversible stitch, new condition, most suitable for dressmaker, or family use, original cost £8 5s.; sell, £3; or offers, Canaries, mules; offers.—Wood, 120, Worningtonrd., Notting Hill.

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HIGH-CLASS pen of silver-laced Wyandotts, cock, one hen 1906, and four pullets, laying, cost 10/- each, not common fowls, sell 40 -; four white Leghorn pullets, large combs, yellow legs, 5/- each; no room; exchange Canaries.—Smith, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields, London, S.W.

BFLL terriers, white, pair very highly-bred, dog, 30/-, bitch 20/-; collie dog, sable and white, very handsome, 25 -; Irish terrier dog, kill anything, 10/-; another, good pedigree, 20/-; fox terrier dog, nicely marked, 10/-; another champion bred, 20/-; very typical Yorkshire terrier dog, beautiful ladies' pet, 35/-; Pomeranian dog, ideal companion, 30/-; exchange anything.—Pearson's Aviaries, Greenwich.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Contests at the King's Head, Shannon-street, Leeds, January 18th, when 12 Linnets competed. Some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1st and 2nd prizes, C. Biss; 3rd prize, shared by T. Stead and T. Johnson. Judges, T. Chadwick and T. Smith. January 19th: 20 birds sang, and some extra good singing there was. 1st prize, C. Biss; 2, W. Fisher; 3, T. Johnson. Judges, T. Crane, C. Cooper.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Small Bird Protection and F.A. held their week-end singing contest, Jan. 11th, at the Club House, Old Red Lion. 12 birds competed for three prizes. Winners: 1st, Topping; 2nd, James; 3rd, Blackshaw.—RD. HAYHURST, Sec.

The S.B.P. and L.F.A. held week-end Linnet singing contest, January 18th. A great number of birds competed. 1st prize, James; 2nd, Rostron; 3rd, Blackburn. General meeting, January 25th, at the Club House, Old Red Lion, Snigbrook, at 8 o'clock.—R. HAYHURST, Sec.

YORK.

At the Crown Inn, North-street, when 23 birds sang. The following were the principal prize winners: 1st, Horwell; 2nd, Grainger; 3rd, Watson; 4th; Massheder; 5th, Horwell. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, J. Mason.—J. W. SMITH, Sec.

Linnet singing contest, at the Bricklayer's Arms, January 18th, when Mr. William Empson gave six prizes. Upwards of 30 birds faced judge. The following were the principal prize winners:—1, 3, 4, J. Limbert; 2, Evans; 5, Moleywarp; 6, Key. Judge, J. Paver; timekeeper, J. Limbert, senr.—WM. EMPSON.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

A successful contest was held at the Enterprise Inn, West Hartlepool, on January 4th. The host, Mr. Yallow, presented for competition a copper kettle, and the winner, a smart bird belonging to Mr. G. Elliott, had little difficulty in carrying off the spoil. There were nine competitors. Much enthusiasm was evinced throughout, and at the close a club was formed, to be known as the "West Hartlepool Linnet Singing Club."—M. I. ROBINSON.

CHAFFINCH v. CHAFFINCH.

The match arranged between Mr. H. Edwards (White Nab) and Mr. Frank Rab, through CAGE BIRDS, was contested January 12th, and 14th. First heat at Simmonds' "The Blue Anchor," Shoreditch, before a packed house, the "Bee Hive" bird proving the winner. Mr. Simmonds presented Henry Hack, the owner of the bird, with a silver cup, an act which caused applause. The final heat took place at the "Bee Hive," January 14th, when the house bird again won. The fancy this time came from all parts. Henry Hack took the stakes, £4, and silver cup. "Bee hive" is open to race three birds against three, challenge through CAGE BIRDS. F. Westmore, timekeeper.

CLUB REPORTS.

BRADFORD & COUNTY B.B. & M.C.

A meeting of the committee was held at Market Tavern on January 14th. The proposal "that seeing Mr. Cowgill officiated as judge at Otley, and is debarred by rule from judging at Brighouse, Mr. Chittenden be put in to judge the British classes" was carried. It was decided that we allocate the special prize fund at a committee meeting to be held on January 28th.—W. R. MYERS, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

At a meeting held at Lockbart's Cafe, January 14th, it was decided to hold a table show of field-moulted Hardbills at our next meeting, February 19th. Entrance, 6d. per cage. Each competitor will judge the class, and the bird gaining highest number of votes will be adjudged the winner. No exhibitor will be allowed to vote for his own bird. Anyone wishing to join the club will be eligible to compete on sending name, along with subscription 2s. 6d., to J. R. Slack, Hon. Sec., 115, Stanhope-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

The annual general meeting of the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association was held on January 9th, in Oldham Hall, Oldham-street, Mr. F. Hanley in the chair. A goodly number of members were present. The balance-sheet for 1907 was passed after discussion, the association being 17s. 9d. in debt. The following officers were elected for 1908:—President, R. Bolton, Esq.; vice-presidents, Messrs J. Walker, T. Rowlands, T. Ryno, T. Wardale, H. Nimmo, J. Gore, W. Thompson, Capt. A. P. Hurst; chairman, Mr. F. Hanley; vice-chairman, Mr. H. J. Isaac; treasurer, Mr. J. W. Metcalf; committee, Messrs. R. Bratherton, H. Barratt, H. T. Hawkes, C. Christall, W. H. Cain, J. Abbott, J. Royden, A. McMillan; auditors, Messrs. W. J. Davies and J. Walker; assistant-secretary, Mr. P. Moss, 25, Loxdale-street, Liverpool; secretary, Mr. A. Thompson, 205, Smithdown-lane, Liverpool.—A. THOMPSON, Sec.

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GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

The last meeting of the year was held on January 15th, when there was a good muster of members. A deal of correspondence in connection with our late show was gone into and discussed. The annual general meeting was fixed to be held on February 5th, when the balance-sheet will be presented and other important business gone into, and we hope for a large attendance.—T. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

Additional specials are being offered by Mr. E. Godley in the four Champion Cinnamon classes at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show, which are alloted as follows:—10s. for the most points; 6s. for the second most points; 4s. for the third most points. The highest bird in each class to count Donor and Mr. G. Dormer not competing. Novice members competing for the club's specials, Nos. 101 to 111, must show in the champion classes, as the novice rule governing this show does not co-incide with ours.—R. J. PRETTY, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

The annual general meeting was held on Jan. 4th. A very successful balance-sheet was presented, showing £55 7s. 7½d. in hand, which was highly appreciated by the members. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, A. Ross, Esq.; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Lee, H. W. Walsh, J. H. Greenwood and W. Speak; Sub-committee, Messrs. B. Garside, H. Whitaker, W. H. Ball, J. H. Greenwood, G. H. Murgatroyd, S. Hirst and H. Maude; Auditors, Messrs.) F. Lee and J. Robertshaw; Steward, Mr. B. Benton; Secretary, Mr. J. F. Thackray; Assistant Secretary, Mr. H. Whitaker.

THE ORMSKIRK AND DIS. C.B.S.

In order to give the novice fanciers an insight in the art of washing cage birds, previous to our competition next month, an exhibition of "tubbing" birds was given on Jan. 6th, at headquarters, by Mr. T. Johnson. Two birds were put through the bath in his usual expeditious manner. Subsequently one of the novices (?) tried his hand at the job, with some success, some of the "markings" being obliterated with the second application of the brush. But the balancing feats of his bird on the mat during the drying process caused much amusement to those present. Four new members were elected, and preliminary arrangements were made for a table show of breeding pairs at the March meeting.

T. H. TIFFEN, hon. sec.

LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held January 7th, Mr. Gibbon in the chair. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. A. W. Gibbons; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. J. McCarter, A. H. Jones, C. W. Walton; committee, Messrs. J. Needham, J. Allen, H. Kilsby, W. Neal, W. Hales, W. Smith; trustees, E. Noakes, E. Hulse; secretary, Mr. Chas. Draper. The awards for table show were as follows:—Class 1, T. Sandars, 1st and c; A. H. Jones, 2nd and hc; J. McCarter, 3rd. Class 2, A. Bent, 1st; Hunt, 2nd; Kelsby, 3rd and vhc. Class 3, Gamble, 1st; McSandars, Kilsby, and Gamble taking most points for special in each class. —CHAS. DRAPER, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE AND DIS. C.B.S.

The annual meeting adjourned from the 4th inst., owing to small attendance of members, due chiefly to the holidays, was held on Jan. 11th. A goodly number turned up. Mr. J. Hands presided. The balance-sheet was submitted and unanimously adopted. Each successive financial statement since the Society's formation in 1904, has shown an increase in funds. The balance on this occasion was £5 9s. 10½d., although we had the misfortune to loose £1, owing to prize-money to that amount miscarrying in the post. This brings our total cash-in-hand to £11 14s. 2½d. The past year, in fact, has been a record one for our Society in every respect. The entry was larger than ever, and the attendance by far the largest and apparently most interested ever seen at our show. D. A. OGILVIE.

SCOTCH FANCY CLUB.

A meeting was held at Glencairn, Leeds, on January 16th, Mr. Cobb in the chair, and a good number of members being present. Mr. Cobb (Glasgow) and Mr. Love were elected members of the society. Letters were read from Messrs. Harden (London), Willison (Barrow-in-Furness), and Little (Newcastle). The balance-sheet was read, and showed a balance of £1 10s. 8d. on the right side. Reference was here made to the late secretary, Mr. Pretty, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed in recognition of his long, untiring efforts on behalf of the club. The election of officers was next proceeded with. Mr. E. Harden, president; Mr. W. B. Cobb, vice-president; council, Messrs. Brown, Little, Willison, Smith, Banks; J. Hamson, secretary and treasurer. After much discussion the rules were revised and brought up to date. Further discussion followed as to the best means of encouraging our members, and it was finally decided to secure an oak timepiece of not less value than three guineas, to be competed for next show season by birds bred 1908, to be won right out in one season. The special for old birds has been left for further consideration. A subscription list was opened in the meeting, and was readily responded to. A vote of thanks to the chairman, and to Mr. and Mrs. Cobb for the cosy room provided, closed a successful meeting.—J. HARRISON, Hon. Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held on January 2nd, a fair number of members being present, and Mr. J. Shepherd presiding. The balance-sheet, which was submitted, showed the society to be in a flourishing condition, having a balance of £10, and having stands valued at £5 10s. It was decided to drop the name "Good Intent," and in future our society will be known as the Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S. The following office-bearers for the year were elected:—Chairman, Mr. J. Currah; vice-chairman, Mr G. McPartling; committee, Messrs. T. Robson, J. Hubbuck, M. C. Potts, J. Maddison, J. R. Slack, J. Macdonald, J. Bertram, A. Storey, T. C. Crawhall, J. Contts, R. Young, Geo. Taylor, E. White, J. Mackenzie, and J. Shepherd. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Shepherd for his past services as chairman, which position he has held since the society was formed. Entrance fee, 1/-; subscription, 2/6. Information may be had from the joint secretaries and treasurers, Messrs. W. Curry and J. G. Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor garden, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Winners of Mr. W. J. Taylor's special over the following six shows—Newcastle, South Shields, Blaydon, Wallsend, Sunderland, and Gateshead; first prize, Mr E. Godley, 572 points, a beautiful tea and coffee service; second, Mr J. Maddison, 317 points, pair of bronzes and marble timepieces; third, Mr. Lister, 2[illegible] points, 10/- in money. The specials were given for most points over the whole show.

WHERE DO THEY DIFFER?

Some Opinions of Competitors.

Last week we promised a selection from the postcards sent in by competitors for the competition in connection with the two pictures of suggested model Norwich Plainheads which appeared on the art plate given away with our Christmas number. We think our readers will find this selection, which is duly given below, very interesting, and not a little amusing, for the replies differ widely, and some take a quite unexpected turn in the opinion put forward.

Olla Podrida.

No. 1 is a yellow, No. 2 a buff, and larger, yet I like No. 1.——The right-hand bird is the best in head and neck properties, otherwise they are equal.——In my opinion the model on the left is slightly roach backed, but the model on the right in my opinion is a perfect specimen.——The beak.——The two models differ in their flights.——Practically the only difference in the two Norwich models is in size, the unshaded drawing being a little larger in nearly all respects, and longer in tail.——In size; the bird on the right being larger all over.——One is a yellow and the other is a buff and one is a ¼ of an inch longer and one ⅛ stouter in chest; in fact it is larger right through and not so good in quality.——Right-hand bird is larger in every way with five feather curves above tail; left-hand bird circle around the eye and slight arching of the back.——Left-hand bird is printed without an overlay; right-hand bird is printed with an overlay (evidently this competitor is a printer himself.—Editor).——The point on which the two suggested Norwich models differ is type.——The bird on the left is better in beak, better in forehead, deeper in chest, better placed eye, better position, better shape, and has the appearance of being softer and more silky in feather.——The one on our right-hand side the best model. My reasons are, that this bird is standard length, excels in skull, well filled in neck and back, nice rounded chest, stands well over perch, and well cut away, with nice carriage, and good bold appearance, which I consider is the bird required; whereas the small bird fails in length, also has a small head, fails in neck and back, and as a model I don't consider him an ideal bird.——The birds on Plainhead model plate differ at back, as first bird is a little hollow.——I say there is one more wing feather shown in the etched Norwich than in the wash drawing.——I have examined the two Norwich Plainheads and find the left-hand bird fails in many points from the right-hand bird, namely in shape and size of head, neck too narrow, not deep enough in breast, and in length and size; the right-hand bird I think is nearly or quite perfect.——Judging the bird on the right, the head is wider than the bird on the left, the body is wider, the tail is longer, and the legs are also longer, and the perch is at a different angle.——The first bird is a yellow, and nicely cut away. The second bird is a buff, and a longer sided bird, also shows a bit more thigh.——The left-hand bird is a yellow hen, the right-hand bird a buff cock.——Two Norwich birds: one is the cock and the other is the hen.——I should say of the bird on the right that its tail is too wedged shaped and not such a good tail as the bird on the left.——The two models differ in their eyes.——In my opinion the difference is: The bird on one's left (looking at the picture) has been colour-fed, the other one has not.——The right-hand bird's legs are set too far back and it is too squatty and drops its tail rather more than the first bird.——My opinion is that one bird has a much brighter eye than the other.——The bird on the left has a rounder finish on the top of beak.——I consider the model on the right is perfect; the one on the left is slightly "roach-backed."——Shaded bird wins; unshaded bird three-eighths of inch longer in tail.——Bird on right is rather longer sided and looks slack in waist.

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TWITTERINGS.

The Bolton and Dis. C.B.S. will hold an open show on Oct. 16 and 17, writes Mr. J. Stringer, Sec.

It is reported that a male Waxwing in fine plumage was found dead in the Keswick Valley on New Year's Eve.

Our Show date for this year, writes Mr. J. W. Marsden, Sec. Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S., is November 6 and 7.

I had over 36 replies to my last advt. in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Mitchell, Liverpool, and I think yours a grand paper.,

The Vale of Conway and District F.A., writes Mr. A. T. Johnson, the Secretary, will hold a members' show at Conway, on April 18th next.

I have quite sold out, writes Mr. F. Johnson (Leicester), thanks to CAGE BIRDS. I am having to send money back to all parts of the United Kingdom.

Kindly note that I am now Secretary of the City of Bradford O.S., writes Mr. F. Rhodes, and my address is 4, Falmouth-avenue, Otley-road, Bradford.

The annual show of the Potteries and Dis. C.B.A. has been fixed to take place on October 22nd, 1908, under C.B.U. Rules, writes Mr. J. Simcock, Secretary.

We hear, just as we go to press, that Great Horton Show has an entry of 600 birds, and that a great treat awaits all visitors to the exhibition.

Report of Walthamstow Show credits Tiger 3rd, even marked Norwich hen, writes Mr. D. Pigg (Hemel Hempstead). This should have read 3rd Pigg, clear buff hen.

Palace Show.—Exhibitors showing birds fed on Ramsden's pure peppers, should note that they must write R.P. against all entries competing for Ramsden's specials.—Advt.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. H. Fenwick, Sec. of the Houghton-le-Spring and Dis. C.B.S., from 3, Market-place, to 66, Quarry-row, Houghton-le-Spring.

I find much pleasure in reading CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. H. Hall (Epworth). I would not on any account be without it week by week. Thanks for its help in the sale of my birds.

Kindly state in the next issue of CAGE BIRDS that it was my Meadow Bunting that was 3rd in Bunting class at the late Bathgate Show, and not Cirl Bunting as reported. writes Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart).

I am removing from Herne Hill to 11, Josephine-avenue, Brixton Hill, on January 27th, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the well-known manager of the Crystal Palace Bird Show, and L. and P.O.S. official.

The Secretary of the Welsh Cage Bird Club, Mr. D. H. Tedstone, once again sends an appeal for all fanciers' in Wales and Monmouth to join the club, and so compete for the huge display of cups, medals, and other specials on offer at the forthcoming show.

The 1907 balance sheet of the Hastings United C.B.S., a copy of which has reached us from Mr. A. E. Godden, the Secretary, shows a cash balance of £7 4s. 9d., which is a pleasing advance on the previous year, and shows the Society to be in a prosperous state, and in capable hands.

We have perused a large batch of testimonials sent us by Mr. T. Bennet, the well-known breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshire Canaries, of Bradford, Yorks., and these communications from delighted customers speak eloquently as to the good value and high quality of the birds he sends out.

My small stud of cinnamon Crests, advertised in CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. J. W. Compton (London, S.W.), has been quickly sold in "one lot." I could easily have sold more had I got them. Answers came from Scotland, Wales and England. Every success to CAGE BIRDS.

At the recent Hyson Green (Notts) annual show, the Crests and Crestbreds were adjudicated upon by Mr. G. C. Ley, the well-known Nottingham enthusiast upon the variety, and vice-chairman of the Nottingham and Notts O.S. His decisions seemed to give all-round satisfaction.

Palace Show.—Entries close 25th. No whip up cards. Post your entries at once. To meet the wishes of the specialist clubs, Mr. Dobson will judge novice Crest section, and Mr. Mundell the cinnamon ticks. The judges' lunch on first day of show is open to all. Ladies specially invited. Tickets 2s. 6d. each.—Advt.

Owing to business pressure during the past two years, writes Mr. Robt. Lambie (Whitburn) I have had no time either for exhibiting or judging. But having changed my occupation, I am now perfectly free again and will be pleased to judge all varieties of cage birds, and especially Crests, Crestbreds and Border Fancies.

I wish to thank fanciers' for sympathising with me, in my loss at Walthamstow, writes Mr. F. Inch, of Wotton, Aylesbury. I may state it was not my first and special bird, but my vhc hen in class against cocks. The committee at the show did all they could for her. Better luck next time. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

In our report of the recent St. Helens show, our printers unfortunately mis-spelt the name of Mr. T. Vose, the hard-working secretary, to whose untiring energy the great success of the fixture was largely due.

Palace Show, specials for Cinnamons, 10s., 6s., 4s. First, second and third most points gained by four birds, the highest up bird in each class to count. Messrs. Dormer and Godley not to compete.—Advt.

I am pleased to inform you, writes Mr. R. Hanford (Derby) that my sales through CAGE BIRDS are splendid. I have had orders from all parts, as well as applications for birds from Holland, South Africa and Canada.

The dates of the next show, writes Mr. John Bryson, Sec. of the Aberdeen O.S., are fixed for the 25th and 26th December. Fanciers kindly take note. Popular judges have been nominated for Norwich and wild bird sections.

Mr, F. Steeple, of 133, Balfour-st., Oldham, writes informing us that he has taken over the secretarial duties of the Oldham and Dis. C.B.S. from Mr. Ackroyd, who had to relinquish the post through pressure of other work.

The Exeter and Devon P.P. and C.B.S. have decided to hold their next open show on Oct. 14th, write Messrs. Cornish and Adams, Hon. Secs. It will be open throughout and members resident in Devon will be allowed to enter at a reduced fee.

I am pleased to say I have had orders from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, and Canada, all mentioning my advts. in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. E. Cross (Knaphill), and also testimonials from the same places.

The Jarrow and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. T. Carrick, the Secretary, has now changed its name and will in future be known as the Jarrow and Hebburn and Dis. C.B.F.S. It has advanced the fees to 6s. per annum, including a 1s. entry fee.

OBITUARY.

MR. E. J. PHILPOT (Faversham).

We regret to learn from the columns of the daily press of the sad death of Mr. E. J. Philpot, of Faversham, which occurred on January 16, under the following circumstances:—"At Broughton, between Canterbury and Faversham, Mr. E. J. Philpot, a motor and cycle agent, was in the act of winding up the starting wheel of his motor-car, when it suddenly started forward and ran over him. Mr. Philpot, who died from his injuries, was at one time a successful cycle racer." We may add that the deceased gentleman was very successful on the show bench in recent years with the Norwich Plainhead, and a member of one or two fanciers' societies.

Correct mating of the birds is the secret of success in breeding. Visit the City and Surburban A.C.B's Pair Show and inspect the Canary and Hybrid couples on view. Held today, Saturday, January 25th, at the Church Institute, Paddington-street, off High-street, Marylebone, and easily accessible by 'bus, tube, or rail. Open 2 p.m.—Advt.

An attractive illustrated catalogue of birds and appliances reaches us from Mr. J. B. Rees, Glantaf Aviaries. Abercanaid, Merthyr Tydvil, South Wales. It is very complete in all respects, and while the prices are very moderate the quality is guaranteed of the best. A large number of testimonials testify to the satisfaction Mr. Rees gives his customers.

Mr. W. Gore, the Roller importer of Goochstreet, Birmingham, has just received a quantity of choicest Seifert Rollers, which are advertised in Roller columns of this issue. He desires to call the attention of Roller breeders and connoisseurs to this special importation as they are without doubt the best collection ever put on the English market.—Advt.

"Bird Notes" for January reaches us from the publishers, and well maintain its excellence, both in the matter of illustrations and literary contents. Among the contributors are the Hon. Mrs. Somerset Ward and Messrs. J. McDonagh, M.R.C.S., F.Z.S., F.L.S., W. T. Page, F.Z.S., etc., and A. Savage. Four admirable photographic plates of Mr. Page's aviaries and some of their inmates are given.

Entries up to the present do not average one per class, writes Mr. J. G. Leech, joint sec. of Dudley Show, and I must appeal for help. Our show will be held in one of the finest rooms in the Midlands, free from draughts, lighted at night by electric light, heated by hot water pipes, and with only one pair of doors at one end. In fact, it is an ideal room for a cage bird show. I hope fanciers will send us a good entry as this is our first open show.

REMEMBER.—Our Essay Competition (£8 8s. in prizes) CLOSES on Tuesday next, JANUARY 28. Post your entries in time. For particulars and rules see page 15 last week.

The balance sheet of the Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth) shows the society to have had a highly satisfactory season, a balance remaining in hand of £47 3s. 10d., an increase on that of the previous year. The annual, nest-feather, pair, etc., shows were all very successful, the former, indeed, breaking the W.C.O.S. record. Altogether the W.C.O.S. is to be congratulated on an excellent year's work.

Many British bird fanciers from far and wide sent good teams to St. Helen's Show, writes "One Who Was There," and many present expressed their wonder why the N.B.B. and M.C. refused its patronage to this fixture. It certainly did not stop a fine entry being obtained, and Mr. Houlton and the committee feel flattered with this loyalty to the British section of the show. It is claimed that British Bird Clubs had their origin here.

Do not fail to visit the London and Counties Canary Breeders and British and Foreign Bird Association's Show of Pairs matched for breeding at "The Bay Malton," Great Portland-street, W., on Saturday next, the 25th inst The show is within five minutes' walk of Portland-road Station, Oxford Circus, Euston-road, and Regent's-park Stations on the tube railways. Motor omnibuses pass the door.—Advt.

Great National Cage Bird Show, Crystal Palace, 1908. R. A. Newley begs to announce that he will have a fine exhibition of bird-cages, aviaries, and sundries of all kinds on his stall at the above show. Inspection and patronage of fanciers and public visitors is respectfully invited All goods can be taken from stall at time of purchase. Everything best quality; no fancy prices. Gentlemen wishing to exhibit their specialities on the stall during the show should write early. Terms on receipt of particulars. All communications to R. A. Newley, 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W. —Advt.

Be in Time.

Intending exhibitors at the forthcoming great Crystal Palace Show must not forget that entries definitely close this week-end, as the official announcement states that no late entries will be received, or "whip up" cards, or other appeals, sent out. Be in time.

Crested Canary Club.

The annual general meeting will be held in the Garden Hall at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, February 8th, at 3 p.m. Members desiring any business brought forward must notify the secretary in time.—J. TYSON, hon. sec

No Show; Money Back.

"No show at Dewsbury; entrance money returned." Such is the brief but comprehensive message which reaches us from our local representative, who last Saturday travelled once again to Dewsbury in search of the show that had been postponed from a fortnight ago.

At Bathgate.

All prize-money is paid for Bathgate show, writes Mr. R. Bald, the Secretary, but not all the specials yet. I would like any exhibitor, whose entries were refused at Bathgate show, to make it known through CAGE BIRDS, as Bathgate gets the name of sticking the classes at seven. I also thank the exhibitors who gave us their patronage, and so made the show a success.

Water Joke!

Mr. Frank Finn draws our attention to a very fine "bull" he unconsciously managed to perpetrate in his article, "Popular Parrots," which appeared in last week's Birthday Number. Concerning these birds and water he wrote: "Parrots . . . very much appreciate rain, so that in fine weather it is as well to stand them out occasionally and give them the benefit of a shower . . . ." "Fine" weather, of course, should have read "warm weather."

A Move at Morecambe.

At a meeting of the cage bird section of the Morecambe Fanciers' Association, held January 7th, writes Mr. J. H. Ireland, it was unanimously resolved to separate from the M.F.A., and form a society for cage birds alone, to be called the Morecambe Cage Bird Society. The annual show to take place on November 4th and 5th. 1908. Mr. Pickles was elected Chairman, and myself again elected Secretary, and we hope by a continuance of good prize money and good classification to have a continuance of the favour of fanciers.'

Death of a famous Winner.

My King Parrakeet (of which you gave such a true illustration as your frontispiece on the 17th ult), writes Mr. Wm. Young (Barnstaple), I am very sorry to say I found dead this morning (Jan. 11th). He was looking splendid when I saw him on the previous day, so you may imagine my great surprise. He has been a good old chum for over six years, and for years has won the principal prizes at the Barnstaple Great Show, being such a grand bird and a general favourite. I quite believe his death is due to over-kindness.

We Think Not.

A friend of mine has just informed me, writes Mr. R. W. Littler, that you were offering a £1,000 for anyone who could breed a Chaffinch and Canary-Mule. I think, he said, it was made about this time last year. If this is so and the offer is still open, would you kindly let me know, as I should like to compete for it.

We regret to have to say to our correspondent that he has been misinformed, and that honour and glory and a crop of prizes alone await the producer of a Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid. We enquired of our British bird and Hybrid expert whether he had offered the £1,000 prize, but he only sadly shook his head. How the "rumour" arose we know not.—EDITOR.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

Report of Council Meeting held January 11, 1908, at Manchester, at which Messrs. Bladon, Wilson, Parker Robinson, Pretty, Nadin, Garner, Rhodes and secretary were present. The balance sheet to date was read, showing a balance of cash-in-hand of £65. The resignation of the Rev. W. Rickaby as representative on the Council for District No. 1, was accepted and the secretary instructed to send out papers for his successor.

Report of No. 1 District Committee was read, and the suspensions of Mr. J. T. Dove, of Newcastle, until March 1, 1908, and Mr. J. W. Nicholson indefinitely, were confirmed.

Letters were read from Mr. A. Hay, asking for the Council's ruling as to the liability of the Gateshead Society for return of his entry fee for an Albino Greenfinch which had been disqualified, and a resolution was passed that Mr. Hay, having entered the bird under the Rules of the Show, and seeing that the disqualification was made by the judge, whose decision was final, in the opinion of the meeting Mr. Hay had no claim against the Gateshead Society. The opinion of the meeting also was that the question of Albino British birds being allowed to compete in British bird classes when there was no special class provided for them, was a matter that could very properly be dealt with by the National British Bird and Mule Club.

A claim made by Miss F. Davies, of Llandilo, for a Novice Cup, competed for at the Dulwich and Peckham Show, was discussed, and after reading the correspondence and report from Mr. Woolhouse, a resolution was passed that on the evidence submitted, the meeting decides that Miss Davies is entitled to the Cup. A report from No. 12 Committee in reference to this show was read.

The Council decided to recommend that Rule 4 be altered so that the minimum subscription of 5s. be paid by March 1 in each year, and that provision be made for each District Committee to hold a meeting at an early date in the Union's year, to fix show dates and avoid clashing of shows; only such Societies as had paid the minimum subscription to be eligible to attend the meetings.

The secretary read the correspondence in reference to the action (previously reported) of the L.C.B.A. in cutting off the advertisement from the Union's Show Rules. The members present expressed strong disapproval of the L.C.B.A.'s conduct, and letters were read from absent members of the Council coudemning their action.—After discussion it was unanimously resolved that this resolution should be sent to the L.C.B.A. and published in the papers.

"That in the opinion of this meeting the officials of the C.B.A. were guilty of a breach of faith and acted contrary to the interests of the Union in removing from the Union's Show Rules issued by the Secretary, the advertisement surrounding such Rules, after having had a clear and definite intimation from the Secretary that the only rules issued by the Union had attached thereto such advt.; and unless the L.C.B.A. could see their way to using the Rules as issued the only course open to them was to reprint the Rules in their schedules; and that after such intimation the Secretary of the Union was asked by the L.C.B.A. Show Secretary to forward 1,500 copies of the Rules, which he did. And this meeting desires the L.C.B.A. and all other Societies under the Unions' jurisdiction to understand that any printed matter issued by the Union for circulation must be circulated exactly as received from the Secretary."

Mr. Pretty brought forward a question on behalf of the L.C.B.A. as to a novice who won a prize between the time of entering and exhibiting at a show, being allowed to compete as a novice. It was agreed that an exhibitor so entering was entitled to show as a novice, and to obviate any question it was suggested to amend the definition of a novice by adding at the end the words: "Up to the date of entry."

The Secretary was instructed to write the Union's solicitor to ascertain the best course to adopt in presenting a petition to the railway companies in regard to their charges, etc.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the annual general meeting of delegates at Manchester on Saturday, February 22nd. Notices of this will be sent the delegates in due course and nomination papers for offices of President and Secretary.—Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, Sec.

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OUR GREAT BIRTHDAY NUMBER: Some Opinions from Readers.

The Birthday Number and plates are A1.—R. Hanford (Derby).

The Birthday Number is a magnificent production.—A. E. Cross (Knaphill).

I am very pleased with the Birthday Number.—H. Denman (Old Kent-road, S.E.).

I think your splendid Birthday Number was a great "hit" this time.—David T. Shedden (Motherwell).

I congratulate you on the really splendid Birthday Number issued this week.—P. J. Edwards (Streatham).

I think your Birthday Number with its three coloured plates beats all former records.—W. Perrin (Kettering).

The Birthday Number excels all others, and the Art Supplement is a perfect treat.—Wm. McMillan (Dumfries).

I think the Birthday Number a great success. Wishing your valuable paper every success.—W. Shorter (Highgate).

Am delighted with the Birthday Number of Cage Birds; the plates are extra good.—John Farrer (Sunderland).

Am delighted with Birthday Number. It is the best 3-penny worth I have had for many a day.—Robt. Gardiner (Walthamstow).

Hearty congratulations on the Birthday Number of Cage Birds; it is quite unsurpassed.—Geo. E. H. Bellamy, junr. (Wisbech).

To say anything upon the lovely coloured plates in the Birthday Number would be like gilding refined gold.—V. Wynn (London, W.).

I got a surprise with Cage Birds this week. The plates were beautiful. Wishing Cage Birds every success.—Walker and Stirling, (Brechin).

I feel I must thank you for your most lovely Birthday Number. It is most delightful even to look at the lovely plates.—C. A. Swyer.

I compliment you on your Birthday Number, which is really excellent. The coloured plates are splendid, and the reading matter is highly instructive.—A. G. Marshall (Morpeth).

The Birthday Number is A1. It couldn't be better. The article on the Bearded Reedling is especially fine. Wishing you further success, Morris Bros. (Ilford).

I think the Birthday Number of Cage Birds is the cheapest three-penny worth I have ever bought. I showed the plates to a lady friend of mine and she kept them, so that I had to buy another.

Allow me to compliment you on your Birthday Number, which is a huge success—stronger than ever. The plates are really grand. Many happy returns and good luck.—Jon. Harris (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The Birthday Number is a marvel. The plates, given with same, are even better than those given with Christmas number. Great credit is due to your artist, Mr. Norman. Wishing Cage Birds further success.—J. Sharp (Ossett).

Your Birthday Number beats all records, and the plates are absolutely grand, and are beautiful works of art. I cannot imagine what the next will be like if, as usual, it eclipses the previous one. Success!—F. Jeffrey, Secretary, Bromsgrove Show.

I wish to compliment you and your expert artists on the production of such a grand Birthday Number, which my new reader friends are eagerly devouring. I wish our weekly Cage Birds many happy returns of the day.—E. Wheeler (Birmingham).

Well, this issue fairly beats all past numbers. It is truly worth four times the amount charged for it. The coloured plates speak for themselves. Taken all round it is a beautiful production. Many happy returns to the one and only Cage Birds.—H. Rees (London, S.W).

The ladder of fame is a high one and Cage Birds has reached the top of the ladder. The coloured plates and the supplement in the Birthday Number are the best it is possible to have. Other papers simply cannot give such gems as does Cage Birds.—A. H. C. Legg (Porth).

To the bird lover, breeder and exhibitor, there is a real feast in this week's colossal issue of Cage Birds. From cover to cover there is a huge, interesting and valuable mine of information to meet the wishes of the most fastidious. Articles on almost every phase of bird life are admirably written by the most competent authorities, whilst the illustrations are superb.—"Rex" in the "Dewsbury Reporter."

This week's issue of Cage Birds, the anniversary number, is splendid and cheap at threepence. The coloured plates are masterpieces of artistic painting The whole number is a credit to the authors and publisher. As a constant reader of Cage Birds, I long to see each week's number: it is always new and welcome, not only to me but to all fanciers. Allow me to wish it and your other publications every success and prosperity during 1908.—J. T. Carrick, Hon. Sec., Jarrow and Hebburn and Dis. C.B.S.

I am delighted with your birthday number; it is well worth the money. The plates are a marvel as works of art; they are exquisitely finished and a true likeness of the various specimens. Futher, what a fund of information of a general kind, and what a volume of advertisements are presented to your readers—worthy of the attention of fanciers and non-fanciers. The progress of the different sections of Cage Birds is a perfect wonder. Your journal has done more than any other to develop our Fancy. Hearty congratulations.—Thomas Smith (Glasgow).

Your Birthday Number is excellent. The three plates are grand; the one of "Two Feathered Mimics," especially is far and away the best of a Softbilled bird art plate I have seen. Wishing you many happy returns.—E. S. Lugg (Lewisham).

I think your Birthday Number is splendid and well worth 3d. The plates are a marvel of art and workmanship. It is always a pleasure to read your bright little paper and I wish C.B. many more prosperous years to come.—Joseph Durham (Harrogate).

Just a line to congratulate you on your splendid Birthday Number. Many happy returns. Such value for money was never known before; it puts all other bird papers right out of it. This is no empty flattery, but a sure fact, as all who take it will agree. The three superb plates are A1.—F. J. Rook (Chichester).

I was highly delighted with the Birthday Number, it was simply grand. It was only one of those surprises you give us fanciers which we have to thank you for. My wish is that you will still go on, as without a doubt Cage Birds is on its own as *the* paper for our hobby.—W. Curry, Sec. Newcastle-on-Tyne, C.B.S.

I was very pleased with the Birthday Number. The coloured plates were superb, and well got up; they do your artist great credit. I have posted three copies to my fancier friends in Canada, for I know how pleased they will be to receive the Birthday Number. Hoping the circulation will still more greatly improve by it.—J. Jones (Dudley).

Accept my heartiest thanks and good wishes. I feel very grateful to be the possessor of a copy of your excellent Birthday Number. The special article on "The Goldie" is splendid and all that could be desired by any novice like myself. The different sketches and the simple way each point of the bird is shown, is worthy of the highest praise.—W. H. Deverall (Ilford).

I am immensely pleased with your superb Birthday Number of Cage Birds. The plates are magnificent. My favourite is "Two feathered mimics." I have a good collection of your plates, which I am going to have framed. Though not a fancier, I take a great interest in your paper. This beautiful number I think is better than any previous one.—A. H. Butterfield (Ilford).

I am a regular reader of Cage Birds, from which I receive useful information, and also an artist. I have just received this week's Birthday Number. The plates are just lovely, and I fail to see how you can give the quantity of information and the extra plates for the price of this week's issue. Wishing Cage Birds a most successful new year.—E. Fenton S.W

I can't let this opportunity pass without giving you the highest praise in putting out to your large number of readers such a special number of Cage Birds as your last. I wish your staff long life and prosperity to give us many more Birthday Numbers. I only wish we could have two such Birthday Numbers instead of one yearly.—R. V. Raine (Cathcart)

I was very much surprised on opening the Birthday Number of Cage Birds, to see my own photograph therein. This Birthday Number is a marvel. I have always given the palm to the Yorkshire as the handsomest of the Canary tribe, but when you give us such coloured plates as this last one it makes us begin to wonder which really is the most handsome.—J. W. Lawton (Crewe).

Allow me to congratulate you on your beautiful Birthday Number of Cage Birds. The plates were exquisite and the articles very good. I was more than pleased with the very beautiful and most instructive plate dealing with the different points of an exhibition Goldie; also the article by Mr. Weston. The Goldfinch has been my favourite bird for a number of years, and I have been fairly successful in showing. I hope Mr. Weston will favour the readers of Cage Birds with more instructive advice, which I am sure will be greatly appreciated by a large number in the Fancy besides myself.—G. H. Binney (Oswestry).

Phew! Oh dear! Excuse the rush; I am fairly out of breath. It is all through the Birthday Number of Cage Birds. I have had three of my friends chasing me; one wanted the coloured plate, another the supplement, and the other the Cage Birds. And if I don't give them up they want my life. They say they cannot see how you can give such value for the money. I wish Cage Birds (also "Poultry World") every success.—J. F. Siveter (Kennington). P.S.—I may say that two of my friends, Mr. H. Hollins, Battersea, and Mr. J. Chandler, Battersea, subscribe to the above opinion.

Kindly permit me to heartily congratulate you upon your Birthday Number. It, in my opinion, quite eclipses all previous records, if that be possible, seeing the high-class character of your previous specials. And you must have gone to enormous expense in getting together such a quantity of interesting and useful matter. The three coloured plates are works of art, and well worth a place in any fanciers' room. My sincere wish is that your great enterprise will be fittingly rewarded, and that your numerous readers will help you, as they can do, by "pushing" the paper amongst their friends, birdie and otherwise.—J. B Waterman (East Dulwich, S.E.).

We heartily thank the many kind readers who have sent us letters of appreciation, and regret pressure on space prevents all being given this week. EDITOR.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S. — Feb. 1, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Election of officers, etc.—H. Foden.

Bromley and West Kent F.S.—Jan. 28, at Co-op. Hall 8 (adjourned). General meeting. Date of show, election of judge.—H. F. Wraight.

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dist C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Co-op. Hall, Blaydon, 7.30.—D. A. Ogilvie.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Jan. 25, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 8. Adjourned meeting, business Yorks. Union; members' shows for year. Annual tea; Social.—H. Clegg.

Bristol C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Headquarters, The Crown Hotel, Lower Castle Street. Annual General Meeting. Most important business of the year. Members' Matched Pair Show, at Headquarters, Feb. 15. Schedules at next meeting. Arrangements are being made for lecture by the judge. All interested heartily welcome at both show and lecture.—J. Munro.

City and Suburban.—Jan. 27, 60, Paddington Street, 8.15. Adjourned general meeting, payment of prize money and specials. Lecture by G. Gardner, Esq., entitled "The Lessons of 1907, as they apply to the Fancy."—V. Wynn.

City of Wakefield.—Jan. 28, Coffee Tavern, 8. Arrangements for Members' Show, and other important business. New members invited.—Parker and Atkinson.

Cambridge C.B.S.—Annual business meeting, Jan. 29, at "Black Swan," Guildhall Street. Secretary's report, and general business; very important.—T. S. Moore.

C.M.V.C.C.—Jan. 25, Butchers' Arms, Great Horton, 5.30. Arrangements for Smoker, and Presentation of Prizes.—R. Garnett.

Dalkeith and Dist. C.C.—Feb. 1, Ship Inn, 7. General business and enrolment of members. New members are specially requested to join at once. All are welcome.—Thos. Briggs.

Exeter and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Oddfellows' Hall, 3 to 9 p.m. Great sale of surplus stock of Canaries and cage birds.—R. H. Folley.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Headquarters, Town Gate, Gt. Harwood, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers.—F. Sharples.

Hebden Bridge and Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 28, Exchange Restaurant, 7.30. Important to all members.—A. Pickles.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 25, Griffin Hotel, 8. Yorkshire Union business.—J. F. Thackray.

Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Jan. 29, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond Street, Jarrow, 7.30.—J. T. Carrick.

Kent County C.B.A. — Annual meeting, Feb. 11, Headquarters, 7.30 p.m. Balance sheet, election of officers; secretary's report and general.—G. Sanderson.

Liverpool O.S.—Jan. 27, 8.45, Roscoe Rooms, Colquith Street; adoption of rules and election of officers.—Geo. B. Daniels.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Feb. 1, Royal Oak Hotel, 2. Members' Show; birds staged at 2 prompt. Judge, Mr. R. Carr.—J. Pownall.

Larkhall C.B.C.—Feb. 1, Miners' Hall, 7. Usual business and entries to be made for Table Show on Feb. 8.—G. Kirk.

Macclesfield and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 30, Daybrook Street School, 7.30. Election of officers.—F. Broadhurst.

N.B.B. and M.C.—Jan. 30, "The Napier," High Holborn, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Feb. 5, Cobden Hall, 8. Annual General Meeting; election of committee and officers, etc.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—Jan. 29, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8. Annual General Meeting. Election of Officers, revision of rules, presentation of cup and medals.—T. C. Crawhall.

Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Names for Annual Party, held Feb. 1.—F. Steeple.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Jan. 27, Chapel Street Hall, 8. Alteration of rules and balance sheet.—W. Jackson.

Portobello C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Masonic Hall, Tower Street, 8. Mr. Dunn, vice-president, will give Washing Exhibition; fanciers cordially invited.—J. Leach and W. Leckie.

Reading and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Palmer Hall, West Street, 8. Annual General Meeting, election of officers; fix date and select judge for show of November next.—G. A. Charles.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan. 27, Club Room, 8. Committee meeting; important.—J. Butterworth.

Stockport B.F.A.—Jan. 28, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Very important business.—W. Stafford.

South-West London C.B.S.—Jan. 30, Plough Hotel, 8.30. Something that will interest novices and amateurs.—Lilley.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—Jan. 25, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Union business.—E. Broadley.

Warrington C.B.S.—Jan. 30, Blue Bell, 8. Balance sheet, 1907, and February Show.—J. Emmett.

West of Scotland.—Feb. 1, Nelson's Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. An exhibition of cage-making, by Mr. Munro.—G. Smart.

Wombwell and Darfield C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Royal Oak Hotel, 7.30. General meeting. Election of officers, etc.—W. Ross.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 30, Station Hotel, Wallsend, 7.30. Correspondence from nominated judges and election of same for Nest, Feather and Annual Shows. All members requested to come and vote.—J. Johnston.

Sale Open O.S.—Jan. 28, Sale Hotel, 7.45. Table Show of Norwich, 8 classes, with lecture on same, by Mr. J. Raynes.—G. F. Hardcastle.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Jan. 27, Elephant and Castle, 8. Important business.—J. Netherwood.

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Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.**
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
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Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand in Hand.**
Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 20 and 21. **Hinchley F. and F.S.**
Nov. 21.—**Perth**

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Rules see Issue of January 18th.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

"Shaky" Norwich.

Appleton.—I think your bird is simply troubled with long-standing constipation. Give only canary seed, with a small piece of bread dipped in milk two or three times a week, and a free supply of green food or fruit daily. Give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the water daily until the bowels operate freely, then give water three times a week with twenty drops of whiskey added for another fortnight.

Breeding Songsters.

"Nerco."—For singing purposes, pure and simple, the Roller is, of course, the best. You would need to keep this variety only if you wished to keep the pure Roller song. There is no reason why you should not succeed in breeding in your ordinary living room, which you say is large and lofty, and free from draughts. Many birds are bred under such conditions. You should keep the cages in a well-lighted position, but not where they would be exposed to any draught from a door or window when open; and not too near the kitchen fire, as in that position there would probably be great fluctuations in day and night temperature, and you must try to avoid this. Our new feature, specially intended for such as you, will doubtless prove helpful. You should get fair quality Roller cocks for singing at from 10s. to 20s. each; Roller hens about 2s. 6d. each. Yorkshires are very fair songsters compared with the ordinary run of Canaries, and are better looking than the Rollers, but good birds would cost more to buy. As regards crossbreds, a Roller cock and a marked Yellow Yorkshire hen would produce both good singers and a nice-looking bird.

A Hen for Muling.

A.E.—Yes, by all means, you should get a brood of pure Canaries from the hen which has bred a nest of light Mules. A clear or very lightly ticked Yellow cock would suit you. But I would not be too particular about the colour if I had some brothers, either full or half-blood brothers, or the male parent. Provided they were all strong and healthy, I should mate the hen to one of these, selecting the nearest approach to a clear rich-coloured Yellow.

Aconite.

Rajah.—The chemist was quite right who told you that this drug was a deadly poison. Nevertheless, it is often prescribed for Canaries suffering from colds, and if one does not mind the risk of having a really dangerous drug about, and uses it with proper care, it is useful enough in some cases. Two drops in an ounce of water will do no harm. At the same time, twenty drops of whiskey, and five each of tincture of tolu and glycerine, would be far safer and do just as much good.

Yorkshire Not Singing.

W.M.—Your letter is much clearer this time, and it confirms my previous suspicion that the bird is probably a hen. Continue giving the gum and glycerine for a week, and if there is no improvement by that time, ask the gentleman you bought it of to look at it (if you live anywhere near him), and he will doubtless rectify matters if a mistake was made about its sex. Such errors occasionally are quite unavoidable. You should see a considerable swelling and throbbing in the throat when the bird sings, if it is a cock.

Yorkshire Cock "Soft."

Black Cat.—This is another doubtful cock, I fear. Is the absence of song all you have to make you think the bird is out of condition? Give it as much ammoniated citrate of iron as will lie on a threepenny-piece and fifteen drops of glycerine in the drinking water every second day for a week, feed sparingly, and give green food or fruit freely. If it does not then commence singing, get some fancier friend to look at it and tell you its sex.

Swollen Gland.

T.C.—You may drop the maw seed previously advised, feed plainly, and give a piece of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea in the water twice a week. Continue to lightly anoint the gland with the boracic ointment every day, and carefully extract four long feathers from the tail. This ought to be sufficient without any further interference. If the red swollen part appears to have a "ripe head," like a "boil," you might prick it slightly with a fine clean needle, but give the above a fair trial first. Shall be glad to hear result in a fortnight.

Lazy Yorkshire.

A Subscriber.—I imagine the bird is simply "blocked up" with fat. Treat and diet him strictly for a few weeks as follows:—Food: four days a week give a small teaspoonful of canary seed and a spray of green food only; two days a week give a little less canary seed, and half a teaspoonful of soaked rape, and a little green food or fruit of some kind; once a week give a teaspoonful of canary seed and a small piece of bread dipped in milk. Regulate these items so that it has something different each day, and do not give anything else in the way of food. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and afterwards five drops every second day for a fortnight, but at the end of each week omit the buckthorn one day, and give some twenty drops of chemical food instead. Recovery will probably be slow; therefore, persevere.

Norwich Plainhead.

Tom.—The bird has probably had a chill. Keep it warm, and away from all draughts and damp, and give five drops each of syrup of squills and tincture of tolu in its drinking water every other day for a week or so. Do not give the mixed seed quite so often and instead of giving egg food twice a week, as you are now doing, give it once, and substitute a piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it for the other serving of egg food.

Seed Samples.

S. Booth.—No. 1: Canary; a very fine sample, large, bright, clean, and of a nice sweet flavour. No. 2: Canary; also nice and clean, and sweet, but much smaller. No. 3: home-grown canary, is nice, clean and bright, and large, but is pale in colour, probably from lack of sufficient bright sunshine whilst ripening. Although quite sweet, it is decidedly inferior to Nos. 1 and 2 in the characteristic canary flavour. Whether that is any serious detriment I cannot tell. The taste of the birds and chemical analysis would have to decide that point. No. 4: Canary; is small, rather poor in colour, and decidedly musty; hence it is unfit for the food of cage birds. I should place these four sample in the order given for the first three, and reject the fourth altogether. If the birds appear to like No. 3, I see no reason why it should not be used freely. No. 5: marked German summer rape; I believe to be a mixture, and not pure rape. No. 6: wild seed mixture, appears to consist largely of something like plantain, poppy, and, perhaps, toadflax seeds. It may be useful to give a small pinch occasionally to cage birds, but I should prefer using it in aviaries where the birds are flying at large.

Canary Panting.

T.O.H.—You do not say how the bird is fed, but I suspect it is overfed. Give plenty of green food but be careful it is not frosted, and give as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence in the drinking water three times a week for a fortnight. During this time feed on plain canary seed only, with a teaspoonful of scalded rape once a week, and one day in each week give a small piece of bread dipped in milk. Keep it free from draughts. Is the bird restless after going to roost at night? If it is, look well after red mite.

Two Yorkshire Cocks.

W.T.N.—Vary your diet in this way. In addition to the staple of canary seed, give a teaspoonful of the mixed seed you mention once a week only, once also a little egg food, and once a bit of bread dipped in milk. Give these extras on different days, and not oftener than just mentioned. A little green food may be given every second day. For the bird that wheezes give the medicine as advised to "H.S." in last issue, in the drinking water; the other that is loose in feather give a little Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards five drops of tincture of steel in the water three times in one week.

Roller and Norwich.

Norwich Fancier.—You admit the Norwich cock has had a chill, and I fear the Roller which has lost its voice has suffered similarly, and is also probably exposed to draughts. The voice of Rollers is exceedingly apt to suffer from exposure to cold or chills. You must now keep it fairly warm, and quite free from even a suspicion of draughts, and instead of the milk sop, give it, twice a week, a little piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry sprinkled over it. Mix as much chlorate of potash as will stand on a threepenny piece in a small teaspoonful of honey, add sufficient hard-boiled yolk of egg to make a paste, and give the bird a piece the size of a large pea in the wire each day. Discontinue the coal tar solution. As regards the Norwich, you say it developed a nervousness, but mention no other symptom. Sorry I cannot even guess what may be wrong with it, without a more definite guide. Better write again and say how the bird is affected.

Another Troubled Roller.

Jebedee.—It seems a little doubtful whether the bird you bought in song, early in October, had moulted. But in any case your treatment is not very suitable. Linseed and hemp and eggfood, two or three times a week is not a very good diet for maintaining good singing powers. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary and one part summer rape seed, with a spray of greenfood or sweet fruit every second day, and give a little sponge cake, and also the honey mixture as advised to "Norwich Fancier" in this issue. This should soon put matters right, unless the bird is about to moult. See that it is quite protected from draughts.

Making Aviary.

S.W. Aviary.—Your query may be better dealt with, I think, on our Novice page; watch that for a few weeks. Some points in your letter are not very clear. You want the Canaries, I presume, to breed flying loose, and you ask what species of British bird to procure for breeding, and say you shall include a few Canaries. If you contemplate breeding pure Britishers, I would advise you to give up that idea, and only add British birds with the object of some chance mules springing up. Say a cock Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, and Siskin, and no hens of these species. A hen Redpoll and Greenfinch might be added, and, of course, hen Canaries. But pure bred Britishers, I fear would not be quite as plentiful as blackberries in an aviary of this kind.

Breeding for Profit.

F. Wild.—You do not say what class of birds you wish to breed, nor whether you have had any experience at all. Still, as your aviary is an out door one, you could scarcely think of any of the high-class Canaries as a profitable undertaking, even if you had the necessary experience to manage them properly. Under the circumstances, I should say an ordinary type of Norwich Canary or common stock, or a selection of cock Finches only, and hen Canaries to raise mules would be best. But if you desire to go in for Mules, British, or Foreign birds you had better address a query to Messrs. Weston or Page respectively.

An Opinion on Canary Seed.

In Doubt.—The sample of seed submitted is only of poor quality, and is too small to be really economical even at 5d. per quart, as the amount of husk is so large in proportion to the grain, and birds do not eat the husks. It is, however, sweet, and appears clean, although the latter point can only be fairly judged from a fair bulk of the seed. A good large seed is the cheapest, even if it costs a trifle more per quart.

Some Yorkshire Queries.

Ireland.—It is too early yet to begin to feed up hens for breeding. Wait until the beginning of March and you will still be in time to get the hens in good breeding condition by the time you should begin mating—say, the end of March or beginning of April. For the present, give the hens a pinch of inga seed twice a week, and go on with the usual plain diet for a few weeks longer. When you begin to feed up give a pinch of a mixture of hemp, rape, maw, inga, and linseed, three times a week, a teaspoonful of eggfood twice a week, and a small leaf of dandelion on days when neither of the above are given. You will not then need to give any inga by itself. 2. Arrowroot biscuits may be used in preparing eggfood, but Osborne do quite as well, and Maizena wafers are very good. Almost any plain biscuit may be used. 3. In mixing eggfood about twice or three times the bulk of egg yolk should be added in biscuit powder or bread crumb. 4. The size of breeding cage for Yorkshires, as with other varieties, may be largely regulated by the space at disposal. It should not be less than 20ins. long, 11ins. deep, 10ins. high, for single cages, twice this length, and the same depth and height for double cages. This is about the regulation size.

Yorkshire with a Bad Foot.

A.I.M.—I think it likely your treatment may be the cause of your trouble, with the exception of the bad foot. Bathe this bird's foot for a minute or two daily in a warm solution of boracic acid—say a small, unheaped teaspoonful of acid in a teacupful of warm water. Dry carefully on a bit of soft rag, and anoint the foot very sparingly with zinc ointment. Keep the cage floor and roosts quite clean, and see that the roosts are of proper size and shape. For the diarrhœa, give first a little Epsom salts in the water for one day, and the next two days give a teaspoonful of chalk mixture in a teacupful of water for drinking. Withhold all green food for a week, and afterwards give the tender tops of the inner stalks of celery in preference to cabbage. Do not give any green stuff at all, that is wet or frosted. You must not expect to see the birds constantly posed in the typical show posture. If in good health and properly trained, they should quickly get into position when you begin to notice and talk to them. Your birds will doubtless improve in this respect when toned up a little. You should not have cocks and hens running together now.

On Keeping Colour.

Orby.—Has bought a pair of Crests which have been colour-fed, and wants to know if they will require colour-feeding in future in order to retain their colour. Certainly, "Orby," if you wish to keep the colour you will have to colour-feed at every successive moult, and must begin with colour-food a week or two before the birds drop into moult. Unless you do this when the moult takes place, the new plumage will be reproduced in its natural tone. For the present feed on Canary only as a staple, and give a little egg-food once a week. Once a week also give a teaspoonful of mixed seeds per bird, and a piece of bread dipped in milk. Give each of these on separate day with green food or fruit on the intervening days. To feed for breeding, see reply in this issue to "Ireland."

A Yorkshire Cock Unwell.

W.H.E.—There is little the matter with your feeding. If it errs at all, it is on the side of being a little too generous for a bird kept in a small cage in a warm position. I assume you are satisfied it is not exposed to any cold draughts, and am strongly inclined to think that its condition is due to being pestered with red mite. Examine its cage carefully for signs of these, probing any cracks, joints of door, etc., with a pin on to a piece of white paper, and if any mites are found, give the cage a thorough overhaul and eradicate them, and the bird's condition will soon improve. If you discover no mites, give the bird as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence in its drinking water every second day for a week, and then give a dose of five drops of tincture of steel and fifteen drops of glycerine three times during the next week.

Class for Border.

"Cee, Jay, Dee."—I have not a Palace schedule by me, so cannot tell how all the classes are worded. But from your description, the yellow hen is undoubtedly entitled to compete in the class for "clear or ticked yellow hens." The grizzled feathers in the wing would certainly not destroy its chance of winning, though it might tell against it a little in strong competition. The "tick" question is rather a ticklish one. Dark feathers in the flights, when not sufficient to constitute a "mark" or in the wrong position for marking, generally pass as a "tick."

Non-singing German.

R. Mather.—It's a wrong 'un, I'm afraid. This Roller? cock, bred last season, and in good health, which has not started singing, but is so interested in the vocal efforts of its neighbours, as to be literally smitten with ecstacy, probably never will begin on its own account. You can do nothing for it, poor dear! It's sex is wrong.

Roller with Bad Notes.

S.P.—The good singing Roller which has the misfortune to possess some very bad notes cannot be cured of them. Its song will now be fully acquired, and deterioration is so much easier than improvement, when the birds leave their tutors, that it is fairly safe to expect it, rather than hoping to cure them of faulty notes. You do not say what the faulty notes consist of. If it sings merely too loudly and vigorous, there is just a chance that covering it over when it starts singing loud or harshly may do a little good. But if it is guilty of harsh "choppy" notes, it is quite hopeless.

Norwich Hoarse and Moulting.

Boss Bec.—I should imagine the birds are exposed to damp or draughts, though your letter gives no clue to how or where they are kept. These things either singly or combined are deadly foes to the welfare of Canaries. See that the birds are well protected from both, feed as frequently advised here for general treatment, and give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week. For the hoarseness give five drops each of glycerine and paragoric in the drinking water every second day for a week, and during the next week, give five drops of tincture of steel in the same manner on three different days, with at least one day's interval between each.

Watery Eyes.

H.D.—Are you quite sure the bird is not worried by mites, which causes him to scratch and rub his head about his perch? Examine the cage well, and you will probably find the cause of the bird's appearance. Meanwhile you may bathe the eyes a few times with the boracic acid lotion which you will find prescribed in several places in this column, and add a little essence of quassia to the bath.

Failed Last Year.

Vanguard.—The fact that your birds' condition has improved so much since moving them to the new place, should prove to you that their situation last year was at the root of all your difficulties and failure. A situation in a window, and two feet away from gas, is not the place to attempt Canary keeping, much less breeding, and to make matters worse you mated them more than a month too early. Plainly your difficulty was of your own making. By all means, now the birds are in good song and condition, you may try them again, and will probably meet with success. But do not mate them yet awhile. Good luck t'yer.

Yorkshire or Norwich?

Seville.—On the whole there is not much to choose between the hardihood and singing power of these two breeds. In hardihood, the Norwich would get first place, but in song, it would rest with individual taste. Taking a general view of the breeds, the Norwich would be the loudest and most vigorous singer; the Yorkshire would sing just about as freely, but not quite in such an ear-piercing key as a healthy Norwich is capable of doing. Both breeds are very free singers. As regards the German hen, see she is not exposed to draught, and give five drops each of oxymel of squills and tincture of tolu in the drinking water every alternate day for a week. She will be quite fit for breeding when the proper time arrives, if she is still healthy.

Some Eye Trouble.

"Blind."—Give the boric acid lotion a trial for a few days, and if no improvement is seen, ask a chemist to mix you one ounce of rose water, five grains sulphate of zinc, and ten drops of laudanum. Add a teaspoonful of this mixture to two tablespoonsful of lukewarm water and bathe the eyes gently once a day. Throw away the lotion used each time, and do not let it get in the bird's mouth, as it is poisonous. Do not try to make the stock mixture yourself. The quantities are too small for you to handle, and any chemist will mix it for you for a very few pence. Give the birds as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water twice a week.

High and Low Norwich.

"New Reader."—I think this may perhaps aptly describe the condition of your two birds. To reply to your second question first. The cock, I fancy, is simply in too high a condition. You are not giving the steel regularly, I hope. That would account for its behaviour now. If you are, stop it at once, and give nothing but Canary seed, green food, and, once only, a little bread and milk, for a week, and add a little Epsom salts to its water twice during the week. As regards the hen, it is quite possible that damp walls may have caused her to begin dropping feathers. You did quite right to bring her into a warmer room, but you must be careful not to overdo it and keep her too warm. Keep her free from cold and draughts. See if she is troubled at all with mites, and give twenty drops of chemical food in the water three times a week. There is nothing wrong with your feeding.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Two Canary Seed Samples.

A. G. Marshall.—The Turkish is a moderate sample, clean and bright, but very small in kernel. Of course, you could not expect anything special at the price. The Spanish is much superior, and both looks and tastes well, and should answer all usual purposes. You can get at some places a superior seed, at a somewhat higher price.

Proud Tailor or Goldfinch.

E. Allsop.—I really thought everyone knew that "Proud Tailor," was but another name for the Goldfinch. I certainly should not have thought anyone could be found who would bet it was not. Will you let me know the name of the other bird it was considered the term "Proud Tailor" belonged to? This local name may have arisen through the Goldfinch's beautiful workmanship in the building of its nest, coupled with its natural "swagger." It may be, however, that the last word ought to be spelt "tailer," and the coming into being of the name be attributed to the well-known swaying (or "swaggering") movement of the tail indulged in by the bird, which is well calculated to convey the impression that Master Goldie is well pleased with, or "proud of," himself.

Goldfinch Queer.

Trier.—Get two ounces of taraxacum (dandelion juice) from a chemist, and for three days stir a half-teaspoonful into two tablespoonsful of drinking water. Afterwards, for a week or ten days, dissolve in the water a tiny piece of citrate of iron (size of a small pea). Has your bird moulted? If not, then this fact may be at the root of the trouble. If he has moulted, however, then the beak, "white to the tip," points to him having been kept in a heated room and over-indulged in oily, stimulating seeds. If the latter surmise be correct, then you are paying the penalty.

Scales on the Legs.

South Wales.—Undoubtedly scales on the legs cause birds very great inconvenience, and sometimes pain. That your Bullfinch suffers by reason of the state of his legs is proved by his action in holding them up and showing in other ways signs of being troubled. It is not difficult to remove the scales (especially when so very pronounced), the only essentials being ability to hold a bird properly, and a disposition not unduly nervous. The legs should be steeped for a short time in salad, or olive oil, make fairly warm by standing it in very hot water. This will soften the scales, and they can be removed (gently "peeled off," as it were) by one's finger nails, moistening with the warmed oil as necessary. The blade of a penknife can be employed, if desired. A little Zam-buk rubbed on the legs after the operation is over will remove any possible soreness. I operated on a very bad case the other week, for a friend of mine, and had no trouble whatever when following out the above directions.

Concerning a Cheveril.

Wintonian.—In my own opinion, neither a Pea-throat nor a cheveril Goldfinch is of any use for exhibition purposes. However, we judges do not all think alike. I notice that only the other week, at a Welsh show, a Pea-throat actually won first prize in a class of 27 Goldies. A cheveril or a Pea-throat, if a really good Finch, might get a prize in a class for rare-feathered birds, but in the latter, competition is generally very keen now-a-days, some very uncommon Albinos, etc., being usually found therein. Goldfinches, mis-marked like yours (viz., a cheveril—a streak of white dividing the under-blaze) are comparatively common. It used to be held that they were of special value as breeders of light Mules, but this view is not widely supported to-day. Still, they are, if otherwise good specimens, nice birds to have in one's breeding room, though I certainly should not use one if I were trying to breed exhibition dark Mules. I have used both Pea-throats and Cheverils with hens that threw light Mules when mated with normal-plumaged Goldies, but I did not get Mules any clearer in colour by doing so. I have heard (and read) others say differently—we must all speak, however, from our own experience.

Pairing Birds.

Montague.—Neither Chaffinches nor Bramble-finches have been conclusively proved to have bred with Canaries. Chaffinch-Canary Mules have been recorded at odd times in the Press, though the young have failed to live to an age at which they might be viewed with some chance of determining the accuracy of their "family tree." The same may be said of the cock Bullfinch, hen Canary mating, it has been claimed to be successful. Nothing, of course, can be accomplished without trying, and you need not let the above statements discourage you from attempting what should be interesting experiments. The usual mating for the

last-mentioned Hybrid is Canary cock to Bullfinch hen. The Siskins and Goldfinches you can, of course, mate with hen Canaries with comparative ease. Hybrids have been produced with considerable ease from the mating of Chaffinch and Bramblefinch in outdoor aviaries, both ways of mating being equally successful. Your question is a very general one, however, and difficult to answer in the space here at my disposal. Could you not specify one or two particular points you desire enlightenment upon?

Various Goldie Matters.

H. L. Thomas.—A small white speck in the black band on the skull would not count very hardly against an otherwise excellent Goldie. It might, of course, peg him back a little in competition with equals. It might possibly moult out. British Goldfinches usually show a slight dirty-white (or brownish-white) break between the brown of the back and the black band which comes over the skull. It varies in extent, and in some cases is whiter than in others. But it certainly should not be a pronounced white all round (running into the cheeks). Those birds with very white collars and cheeks are generally of continental origin—in other words, Germans, Russians, or Siberians, though their large size also serves to easily distinguish the latter. It is dangerous to show a very light-coloured Finch in a British class (even though you catch it in your own back yard), for the judge may pass it as shewing "foreign charactcristics." Young Goldies invariably have "brassy-looking" blazes; full colour is attained at the second moult. You will find this, and many other points, dealt with in the article in last week's CAGE BIRDS, written round Mr. Norman's drawing.

Throstles Bald.

J. W. Clarke.—It certainly looks like trouble resulting from the irritation of red mite. If you are quite sure this is not the case, then you cannot do better than get a small quantity of mild sulphur ointment from a chemist, and smear a little on daily. Immediately you feel new feathers pushing through, leave the ointment off: If the birds have to put their heads through holes to their food and water, are the said holes sufficiently large? The neck feathers of birds often get into a sad state by reason of the owners' unthinking lapse in the latter direction.

More Muling Matters.

Penrith.—Your query is partly answered in another reply this week (so far as cock Bullie and hen Canary are concerned). You can certainly try a cock Canary with the hen Siskin; a very good light Siskin Mule was so bred last season. The cock Greenfinch would only be of use to mate with one of the hen Canaries. He could be tried, of course, with the hen Siskin, but for producing this Hybrid, I would personally sooner mate a cock Siskin with a hen Greenfinch. The cock Bullie hen Canary mating, by-the-way, is well worth trying, if you have a hen Canary to spare, but if you take a hen for this purpose, you must make up your mind to let her run with the cock Bullie right through the season, whether anything be "produced" or not, for often it is in the last, late clutch, that the fertile eggs appear.

Colour-feeding, &c.

Lover of Birds.—To speak candidly, I certainly think it is necessary to colour-feed Song Thrushes for present-day competition. Most of the winners possess a wonderful colour (if it is natural). Anti-colour foodites can say what they like on this subject (I am not an advocate myself for colour-fed British birds), but there can be no question that the use of colour-food not only enhances the colour of a bird, but it enhances the bloom, or polish, on the plumage. That it has this effect, however, is due to the oil it contains, and thus this could, in my opinion, just as easily be obtained by adding oil (or linseed meal) judiciously to the soft food during the moult. With your Thrush, you have only to mix the tasteless "sweet" pepper, advertised in our columns during the season, amongst its stock food, in the strength advised by the seller of the colour feed. Commence with a tiny pinch, about the end of July (earlier if needs be), and gradually work up to full strength. When the moult is over, gradually leave it off again. All vendors of colour-food send out instructions with the same. To colour-feed Finches is not an easy matter; they don't care much for soft food, and have thus usually to be forced (or driven by hunger) on to it. But Finches that have been used for Mule breeding, having thus acquired a taste for soft food, almost always are ready to eat it afterwards. These it is not difficult to get a little pepper in to. It is quite unnecessary to colour-feed a Goldfinch, and it is questionable whether Bullfinch, Chaffinch, or Greenfinch are improved thereby. If you put the colour-feed into the large cage with the Britishers, it will quite likely go untouched.

More Marriages.

The Ass.—You write a letter that belies your nom-de-plume—you are, I should imagine the sort of person a fair friend of mine calls "a delightful old donkey" (no, the asinine individual is not myself). As regards the pairing of the birds, you will see from another answer given this week, that you are most probably entering upon an unprofitable undertaking in mating the cock Bullfinch with one of the two hen Canaries. I don't think they will do any good. If you want to see a few youngsters with some approach to certainty, you should pair the Norwich cock with the nondescript hen (type unknown and unknowable), and the Goldfinch with the young Norwich hen, daughter of the above cock. The Norwich cock could also be run once more with the same hen as last season. Or you could try the Goldie with two hens, though I think I should let him strike up an acquaintance with the young hen, and then leave the two together for "weal or woe" the whole of the season.

Breeding Throstles.

J.P.—I admire your pluck. You have got a difficult job on hand—the breeding of Throstles. What are you going to try in? A very large, well-shrubbed outdoor aviary is about the only really likely place, I should think, for the experiment to succeed in—such a place as they could collect some natural food in. Have never heard of Thrushes being bred in cages. You might give me some particulars of the methods you purpose following, and I will give you an opinion on same with pleasure. Any book dealing with British birds in their native wilds, will give you information concerning the natural habits of Thrushes. Try a good second-hand bookshop; or order "A Handbook of British Birds," by Mr. Frank Finn, price 6/-.

Brevities.

A Question of Identity (G.E.D.N.).—I am unable to add anything to my previous reply. It is certainly curious that neighbouring fanciers fail to identify the bird after seeing it. Shall be pleased to look it over any time convenient to you. It should be kept in a box-pattern cage.

Twite and Siskin (Novice).—If you are following the advice given "A Woman" and "Archie P." last week, you are feeding quite correctly, and your birds should thrive. When moulting, don't forget the supply of wild seeding heads of various plants.

Mate for Goldfinch (Devon).—The best hen you can get, to have a good chance of breeding a light Mule will be a clear Lancashire Plainhead, or pink-eyed Yorkshire, the latter from as clear-bred a strain as possible. Let the hen be a yellow, if possible. The "lovely cream and pale yellow" Mules want a lot of breeding, I can assure you, but there is nothing like trying. Most breeders who produce such from time to time have a special strain of in-bred hen Canaries; but they don't part with them very often.

Dry Lark Food (Dennis and F.G.).—The ordinary mixture I recommend for Larks can be given dry, providing the biscuit (if used) is crushed finely. The autumn and early part of the winter are the best times to buy fresh-caught Larks. Don't leave it too late. Many recipes for German paste were given in CAGE BIRDS some time ago. I will try and look one up for you. Use so little of it myself, that I never bother to make it.

A Mating Matter (J.P.).—I should not advise you to try mating the hen Linnet with the cock Goldfinch while the cock Linnet remains in the same room. My own experience leads me to strongly advise you to remove the cock Linnet out of sight and hearing of the hen.

Another Mating Matter (Not Experienced).—A hen Canary will mate with any male bird she "takes a fancy to," whether cock Canaries are in the same room or not. The odds are, however, that she will choose a Canary mate if she gets the option. If possible, let your Linnet and Canary couples become on good terms before you take them into the breeding-room containing the cock Canaries.

With Wild-caught Birds (E.J.).—Yes; it certainly is possible to breed with "wild-caught" birds (i.e., not house-moulted). Many Mules and Hybrids are produced every season from such. But they don't want to be too "wild." Give a very large cage, fitted as seen in the photographs in last week's supplement. Watch "The Novice's Note-book" for further hints.

A Blue Tit (P.J.E.).—Your feeding is excellent. The only alteration I could suggest is that you give the same maker's other insectivorous mixture, a rather higher quality feed. Blue Tits are not long-lived in a cage, and need live-food liberally. You should give it its liberty the moment it shows signs of drooping; they can't be "pulled round," The species is good for a card, but not rare enough for prizes in keen competition. Close-wired box cage, with well twigged branch for perches, is most suitable.

Bowel Trouble (Larkist).—How are you feeding the Lark? You should have told me this. Mix as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a shilling into two tablespoonsful of drinking water for one day. Mix among the soft-food daily a small teaspoonful of rice flour. Let the bird have plenty of live food if you can possibly get it—mealworms, some very small black beetles, one or two well scoured gentles, or even a few very small earth worms. He should pull together on this treatment. Take care the cage is hung out of all possible draught.

A Loss and a Cross (Hybridiser).—I am not quite sure from your letter exactly what advice you want—is it merely to state the way of mating? I should not hesitate to pair either cock Goldfinch to hen Redpoll, or cock Redpoll (especially a big Mealy, if I could get one) to hen Goldfinch, with preference to the former way. This is a very pretty cross, and a good one to try for. Canary-Bullfinch, and often Linnet and Goldie-Bullfinch Hybrids are quite easily reared, without any particular trouble, in fact. Sorry to hear of the loss of the cuttings. I shall be very pleased to try and help you at any time. State your "wants" clearly and concisely.

Siskin Objects to the Cold (C.B.).—Siskins are not usually susceptible to cold. Are you sure no draught can play upon the bird, and thus make him "mopy" on cold days? Severe changes of temperature might affect him, of course. I suspect that he merely appears to eat a great deal, but in reality wastes a lot of the packet mixture on the cage floor. Feed as advised "A Woman" in last week's number. If excreta is really not as it should be, give one or two doses of dandelion juice, as advised "Trier" this week.

Goldfinch "Gasping" (Novice, G.D.).—Your trouble is not easy to determine, but possibly the recent severely cold weather has caused the temperature of the kitchen to vary enormously between the daytime and the night-time, and that this has affected the bird. Turn to our advertisement columns of medicines, and try one of the remedies for colds there offered for sale. Cover cage over at night.

Hybrid Couples (Quite a Novice).—Well, the four "best" crosses you can try, with reasonable prospect of success, will be, 1: a big, well-built, rich-coloured cock Goldfinch; 2: a very large, high coloured, well-marked cock Siskin; 3: a "ditto" cock Redpoll (a Mealy, if you can drop across one); 4: a large, cobby-built cock Cinnamon Canary, either self or foul, and a yellow if possible. To each of these mate up a big, shapely, good-coloured Bullfinch hen, of lively (not sluggish) disposition. Don't get her too big for the Siskin and the Redpoll. If you get youngsters from either of these couples you are likely to be well repaid (both from the monetary and all other points of view). See "The Novices' Notebook" from time to time for further hints.

W. H. Shoobert.—I will give you a full answer next week; sorry for delay, but have been exceedingly busy lately.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Grey Parrot Ailing.

L. Freeman.—I very much doubt if any bronchial affection is the cause of the trouble. This, I should imagine, arises from some injury, the result of the accident you name. Stop the milk diet as soon as possible, and put the seed mixture back in cage, feeding the bird exactly as advised, regularly. Keep it warm, quiet, and out of draught. Get from your chemist the following mixture: Oxymel of squills, Ipecacuanha wine, and glycerine in equal parts, put one teaspoonful of this mixture in two table-spoonsful of water, and for a week do not give the bird any other drinkables. If the bird is a valuable one, by far the best course is to let a vet. see it, so as to ascertain extent of any possible injury. The bird must have enough to eat, but do not give milk sop a day longer than is necessary, or the bird will become a confirmed feather eater. If it cannot eat dry seed, let it have some boiled maize for a short period, noting that all soft food must be renewed daily, and that food vessels are kept strictly clean. If there is any sign of constipation, give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia over its boiled maize; its bowels should move freely without being watery loose. It will be better for you report progress in a week's time.

Cockatoo Pulling its Feathers.

F.G.—Unwholesome diet is the main cause of the trouble with your Lemon-crested Cockatoo, and I can only advise you to persevere with quassia solution, and continue to give the Dinneford's Magnesia as often as possible, at the same time not sufficiently often to cause its bowels to become watery loose. The drinking can be well coloured for a time with Parrish's Chemical Food. Put it on the following diet: Seed mixture, Canary, wheat, oats, maize, hemp, dari, and sunflower seed, one part each of hemp and sunflower seeds, and two parts each of the others, well mix, and let this be your staple diet. Also give so as to vary the "menu," ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, raw carrot, boiled potato; sops, animal food, or other table scraps should not be given. The reprehensible practice of giving bread soaked in coffee, tea, etc., you must discontinue at once. You will have to exercise patience; it is very difficult to break a bird of eating or pulling its feathers, once the habit has been acquired. Report progress in two or three weeks' time.

Naming a Bird.

Perplexed.—I shall have to ask you to give me a few more details before I can name your bird, as there are several species of Amazons, very similar in plumage. If you describe the plumage of the head, sides of face, neck, butts of wings, and flight feathers, I shall have much pleasure in naming it for you in next issue.

Grey Parrot Wheezing.

Reynold, Bristol.—All tea, coffee or milk sops are very unwholesome, and you must discontinue same at once. Do not keep your bird in a dry heat; at the same time, it must be protected from draught; neither must it be kept in a vitiated atmosphere. For one day give him a crust of bread which has absorbed one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, repeat the dose after an interval of four days. Get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts, put one teaspoonful of this into its drinking water daily. If this does not give some relief in a week's time, you had better write again with fullest possible details.

Some Sweet Singers.

F. Bowler.—Keep the bird out of draught, and as far as possible, avoid sudden changes of temperature, and for the next month or longer lightly colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food; if this should cause constipation, make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts, which should give relief. The Green Singing Finch is the strongest singer, but the Cape Canary is the sweeter, in my opinion; both of them are certainly good songsters, but in every species there is a good deal of variation in individual specimens. Their song is at its best during the spring and summer months. Your Yellow-rumped Serin will undoubtedly come in song again this spring.

On Keeping Waxbills in Cages.

E.H.S.—It will be better to keep twelve birds in health than as many again in an unsatisfactory condition, and I advise you to keep the first-named number, or at most 15, in your C.P. aviary cage. You would find pairs of Green Avadavats, Orange-cheek Waxbills, cock Grey Singing Finch, and a pair of Grey Waxbills would give you a very nice collection, vivacious, handsome and brightly coloured, and from them, as a combination, you would get a fair amount of soft and sweet melody. The seeds you name could be given to them, but many Foreigners will not touch such; in fact, any such, not actually poisonous, are permissible as occasional changes. Such birds as the above, however, will, I expect, confine themselves to canary, millet, and spray millet, and to green food, cuttle-fish, and a few ants' eggs scattered on sand which try occasionally, and if kept out of draught (they don't need coddling), for draught will kill anything, will thrive and be long-lived. The samples of seed received are of good average quality. Fasten a cocoa-nut shell nest in each dome.

Green Cardinals with Finches.

Cardinalis.—In a space but little larger than you name, I have kept the Green, Red-crested Pope, and Yellow-billed Cardinals, and though the Green chaso (yellowish or green birds especially) about a great deal, they have not as yet been guilty of the crime of murder. However, knowing from experience the variability of the temper of individual specimens, it certainly is not wise to keep such mixtures, and, if so kept, should be under regular observation so as to avoid loss. I have not found them satisfactory breeders; they are ready enough to nest and hatch out several broods a year, but very few are reared. Personally, I find it almost impossible to keep up the supply of insect food they require at such times. In a small aviary to themselves it could be done; in a large aviary, containing a mixed series, it is almost impossible. It is a pity the young hybrid Cordon bleu and Firefinch did not live; it should have been a handsome and interesting specimen. In similar circumstances in the future, supply blighty foliage, live ants' eggs, and any other small plant bugs you can capture.

What Weaver?

"Teesdale."—It is either the Redbilled Weaver, often called the Blackfaced Weaver or Russ's Weaver. I am of the opinion it is the former; if so about May or June, when it has put on breeding plumage, it will have a black mark; if this is missing, and the sides of the face remain fawny, it is Russ's Weaver. It is either one or other of these two species; and you will have to wait till it is in nuptial dress to finally settle the point. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, a few crushed oats, green food, and an occasional mealworm. It should thrive, prove hardy and long-lived on such treatment.

Tonics and Medicines.

"Grimston."—If hygiene is attended to, the birds protected against draught, provided with a shelter they can return to, as a protection from wet and cold when they desire; tonics and medicines should be very seldom in demand. (1) Those I should recommend to keep on your shelf are Dinneford's Magnesia, Parrish's Chemical Food, and Epsom salts; a dose of the former or latter should soon put a puffy bird right if taken in time, while the Chemical Food is an excellent tonic, and will not harm any bird; in cases of colds, the mixture of ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts is also usual, but proper housing, hygiene, and wholesome food should render all the above almost unnecessary. (2) In such a case the Chemical Food will be helpful, and it will not harm the other birds sharing the aviary. It can be used daily, but I prefer to give clear water at least one a week.

The Breeding of Budgerigars.

"Budgerigar."—In such space you should have the best of luck. Suspend a good number of husks from the ceiling, with the openings of same towards the light; keep the middle of the room open, but fix up plenty of branches round the walls. It will be necessary to fix a framework of wire-netting over the window in such a manner that the window can be readily opened for ventilating purposes—the birds will not thrive without *fresh air*. Zinc is not expensive, and you would find it good policy to cover the floor of the room with same, and over this put about an inch of gravelly sand and coarse mortar rubbish. (No. 2). You would find adult birds the best to commence with, and I should advise you to get three pairs—each pair from a different source—and should advise two pairs Yellow and one pair Green; 1907 bred birds would nest during 1908, and so on. (3). Yes, but sometimes take longer to settle down. (4). You would have ample space in your room for pairs of Cockatiels, White-eared Conures, and Red Rosellas, as well as the Budgies. They would all breed after they had been in the room a few months. I should advise constructing a wire-netting lobby just inside the door, so that you could view the birds from without; the fireplace should also be netted over.

Sexing Java Sparrows.

G. A. Meyer.—Sexing these birds is not easy at first, as the eye needs a little training to pick them out; in plumage they are identical, but the female is very slightly the slimmer bird. But the distinguishing feature is the beak; that of the female is narrower and more tapering than that of the male. This distinction is more readily seen when the bird is viewed in profile. If you make a study of them, as you see them in quantities in the dealers' shops, you will soon become accustomed to readily recognise the sexes, and very seldom err in picking them out. Budgerigars and Finches are not good company for one another, but I never had a Java Sparrow injured by the Budgies. Javas are well able to look after themselves, as also are Cardinals, which do well when associated with Budgerigars. For the Javas, put up a travelling cage, box, or husk, supply hay and long grass, and when they have young to feed, give a little soft food. Diet: Canary millet, paddy rice and green food.

White-eared Conures.

Conures.—I have seen several true pairs, the sexes of which were almost identical in plumage, but the female is usually not so intense in the lines of her plumage as the male; the whites of her plumage are also not so pure, and the red areas more or less suffused with green. But there is a good deal of variableness with individual specimens, and age counts for a great deal; supposing such to be about equal, you will find the outward sexual about as stated. It is quite impossible for me to say definitely whether yours are a true pair, but it seems very probable they are two males. However, unless they are very young birds, their demeanour one to the other should soon determine this for you.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Plate (F. J. Rook).—We have not forgotten this matter, but, of course, preparations for our plates have to be made a long time in advance of their publication.

At the Palace (A. B.).—We shall not be so busy at the Palace that we cannot spare a moment to chat with you, or any other kind friend of CAGE BIRDS. By all means, make yourself known to us—even though we seem more "busy and on the go" than you have ever seen us before.

Article (Robert Orange).—We have duly entered your article amongst the competitors for our prizes.

A Feature (Terrier).—There is nothing of the kind in our back numbers, but you can confidently anticipate more in future issues.

Palace from Liverpool-street (W. Turner).—To get to the Crystal Palace from Liverpool-street is an easy matter. A 'bus outside Liverpool-street Station will take you across to London Bridge Station (fare 1d.), when you book direct to the Crystal Palace. There are frequent trains, practically ever few minutes.

Not Until Saturday (D. T. Shedden).—There is no reason whatever why you should not get your copy of CAGE BIRDS on Friday, the same as you used to do. We have made no alteration in the publishing. If you will kindly let us know the name and address of your newsagent, we'll make enquiries.

What is a Dealer? (Glasgow).—Yours are awkward questions, and the following replies, as opinions differ, are given for just what they may be worth. A certain London society had a heated debate some little time back concerning this matter. 1: A "person who works at a trade through the week and sell birds in an open market on Saturday," we should (if the birds are bought to sell at a profit) term son who works at a trade through the week and sells them off as his 'champion strain,' to his financial benefit" is dishonest; we should also term him a dealer. 3: A "person employed in the bird trade" (earning his living) is not necessarily a dealer, for it may be his labour that brings his salary, and not any actual dealing in birds on his own behalf. 4: The above answer applies to the case of "a son of a dealer working for a salary in the business." To sum up, any person buying quantities of birds for the purpose of selling again at a profit, is likely to be held to be a dealer in societies that take account of such distinctions.

A Common Error (W. M. Warnett).—Like many another reader, you do not realise that the law of libel renders impossible the publication of letters such as yours. If you will conform to rule 8 under "Questions and Answers," we will write on your behalf to person concerned.

An Unsatisfactory Award (A. D. Duncan).—We have always made it a rule not to print correspondence relating to judges' awards where only personal difference of opinion is concerned. If an exhibitor thinks a judge did not treat his bird as its merits deserved, his remedy is not to exhibit under him again. If any question of malpractice were concerned, we would, of course, take the matter up. But differences of opinion there will always be.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Parrot (Rose).—Death caused by inflammation of liver, but of much longer standing than to have been caused by recent removal to new cage.

Chaffinch (A. P. Turner).—Softening of liver, inflammation of lungs. No food found in stomach or gizzard. Some insectile food should be given to such aviary birds.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR WESTMINSTER.

SIR,—Kindly spare a space in your most valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, calling up the fanciers of Westminster with a view to forming a society for Westminster and district. I should be very pleased to name a time to meet any fanciers who may be interested. Trusting to hear from some fellow-fanciers at an early date. TOM RONEY.

39, Page-street, Westminster, S.W.

GAS AND CANARIES.

SIR,—In reference to the letter which appeared in CAGE BIRDS concerning gas and Canaries, I would like to say that I have been a breeder of Canaries, have had gas in the room, and have never had any die through the use of gas. I have five Canaries at the present time, and gas in the room, and they are all strong, healthy birds. I have them hanging a little higher than the gas. I should think Mr. Canworth has got mice in the room; I don't think it is the gas. If you get any seed at which the mice have been having a go the dirt will cause them to die.

WILLIAM BOLT.

A LIZARD SOCIETY FOR GLOSSOP.

SIR,—At the last meeting of the Glossop and Hadfield C.B.S. it was decided to call a meeting on January 26th at the Howard Arms, Glossop, at 6.30 p.m., for the purpose of forming a Lizard Society. More Lizards are bred in this district than in any other part of the country, and our Lizard breeders think it is about time something was done to develop this breed of Canary. We had at our last meeting 14 members most anxious that a society be formed, and we have also a good many novices ready and willing to take up this Fancy. All breeders, exhibitors, and those interested in the Lizard Canary are kindly asked to attend if possible, or send in their names. I will be pleased to answer any communication. FRED GREIG,

Hon. Sec. pro tem.

Hurst Lodge, Glossop.

WHERE DO THEY DIFFER?

SIR,—I think a fine subject for a friendly discussion in your valuable journal arises out of the recent competition connected with the plate in your Christmas number. I have read with interest Friend Payne's description, and when he considers there is no real difference between the two birds as regards type, I wondered if I had lost all ideas, for I actually thought I could see all the difference between a high-class specimen and a waster in them. Mr. Payne says the one on the right is a little stonter in body, neck, waist, and a little longer in tail—all faults in my opinion when they exceed a certain limit. Now, to open this discussion I will give your readers my idea of the two birds. The one on the left I can hardly find a fault in; if one, he might have been a little fuller in head. The one on the right has, in my opinion, a most ugly beak, the appearance of a broad flat head, and long body, and its position gives the appearance of the long-sided specimens we used to see winning under some judges ten years ago. I should like other fanciers to give their opinions. J. BASTOCK.

ANOTHER THEFT OF A SHOW BIRD IN WALES.

SIR,—Since writing last week I have sustained another loss. On Monday night, Jan. 13th, I despatched four birds to Llanelly Show. On the arrival of the case one bird was missing. The secretary wired: Cage, Class 1, empty. This fairly upset me; I scarcely knew what to do, and the telegraph department at the post offices did not help me, for a wire was handed in at Llanelly in reply to one of mine, which took exactly an hour to come from one post office to the other. The next best step was to go to the station and let them deal with the matter. Both they and the police are at work. The bird taken took 1st, 2 spls Morriston; 1 and spl Carmarthen; 2nd Merthyr; and 2nd Neath—a clear yellow. Why these dastardly tricks are being played upon me I fail to understand, as I have not had a split with anyone; neither is there any ill-feeling existing that I am aware of. I have declined to sell the yellow, also the four-pointed, but I don't suspect these parties. The only reason that I can come to is that my winnings have been watched by some person or persons, and they have made a raid on my birds in order to get something good on the cheap, which is a dirty, mean way of doing it, and one which is calculated to land them into safe hands. I hope to do this soon. I wish to thank those who have written expressing their sympathy; they are too many for me to reply to. I trust that they will accept this as a reply. One gentleman from the North offers to lend me his champion or a son for a nest. I am sure all will agree that it is a very fancierlike way of expressing his sorrow.

D. H. TEDSTONE.

BRISTOL FANCIERS AND THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—A number of our members are desirous of visiting the Crystal Palace on February 8th, and would like to form a party as last year. I should be pleased to hear not later than the 31st from anyone, member or otherwise, who would care to make one of this party, so that the railway officials can be approached re reduced fare.

J. MUNRO,

Hon. Sec. of the Bristol C.B.S., Pretoria Villa, St. John's-lane, Bedminster.

A HOMING CHAFFINCH.

SIR,—It may interest the readers of CAGE BIRDS to know I have a cock Chaffinch which I have twice liberated—once during the severe weather of a few days ago and again on a bright and sunny afternoon. Each time, after being absent for some hours in the fields back and front of my house, he has returned to his cage hanging on my summer-house. He is very wild when caged up, hence my reason for giving him his liberty; he, however, refuses to take it. Such an instance of the apparent love for his cage of one of our wildest British birds, only proves the fallacy of some faddists' opinion that all singing birds should be free in the air—an opinion only recently expressed in my hearing by a gentleman who had been asked to become a vice-president of a certain society.

H. THOS. LUCAS.

YET ANOTHER LAMP DISASTER.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS to deal with my sad loss on January 10th. I lit an oil stove, as usual, in my bird room about 7 p.m., and all went well till 10.30, when I retired to bed. I turned it a bit lower for safety, as I thought, but on going to the room next morning I was so struck that I could hardly speak, for the room was black, and all my birds were dead and as black as possible. This is a lesson to me in using stoves for the future. My loss is 42 birds, Norwich Crests, Plainheads, Yorkshires, and British, £25. It has taken me five years to get them. The only ones I have left are an old Crest, nearly blind, a songster, and two Norwich hens, which I had in the kitchen as they were not very well, or they would have been with the rest. I am trying to get another start, as I am so lost without my birds, but it comes very hard, as I am only a working man, with a wife and five young children. If there are any kind fanciers that could help me I should be very thankful. Wishing your paper, of which I am a constant reader, every success. S. W. KEARL.

9, Woodstock-terrace, Ringwood, Hants.

PROPOSED SCOTTISH YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—As the original correspondent that Scotsman refers to (?), I would be pleased to take on the duties of secretary, until arrangements for the proper working can be made. Since my letters appeared in the columns of CAGE BIRDS I have been doing my best to advance the merits of the Yorkshire Canary amongst friends and fanciers I have come in contact with. With my last appeal I received the names and addresses of ten fanciers willing to join should such a club be started. Thinking the number not sufficient, I wrote those fanciers explaining the matter, advising them to go on steadily improving their stock, and I would bring the proposal up at some future date. I feel sure the time has now arrived to form a club for the graceful Yorkie, especially after the lessons we have learned from the present show season. The splendid classification given at the late Glasgow, Edinburgh and Paisley Shows should be a spur to other Yorkshire breeders, as well as to those who had the courage to be beaten but not disgraced by some of the best birds from England. The club could be worked on the same principle as the Scottish Plainhead Club, annual subscription 2s. 6d., business and voting to be done by writing, with a movable annual meeting. We could also restrict our patronage for a few seasons to shows giving classes open to Scotland only, thereby giving members a chance to build up their strain before competing openly against the Englishmen. If Scotsmen and other fanciers interested would kindly send me their addresses it may be possible to get a start made before the breeding season is far advanced. I trust this will meet the eye of those fanciers who so kindly forwarded their names on the last occasion. FRED BOWMAN.

5, Parkview, Tollcross, Glasgow.

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A BLACK BULLFINCH CAUGHT IN THE FIELDS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Byrne's letter concerning the black Bullfinch, I have one which is entirely black except for a few brown feathers on the breast. It was caught quite recently, and already accepts tit-bits from my fingers. F. SENTANCE.

EARLY THRUSH'S EGGS.

SIR,—I have pleasure in sending you a cutting from a contemporary of January 11. It reads: "Mr. M. Banner, gardener to the Rev. W. E. Yates, M.A., vicar of St. Michael's, Louth, on Monday last week found a thrush's nest with two eggs in it in the Vicarage garden." I wonder if they are record late eggs, or record early ones? One would think the weather we have had lately would knock all nesting notions away. With best wishes for the continued prosperity of your valuable paper. J. H. WILLOWS.

A GREAT EXHIBITION OF BIRDS AT BERLIN.

(An English correspondent in Berlin has favoured us with the following account of a great show held in that city on January 10 to 14 last.—EDITOR "C.B.").

SIR,—The Berlin Exhibition of Canaries and cage birds was opened on January 10th, and remained open till January 14th. Large numbers of visitors patronised the Exhibition, the most crowded day being Sunday, when a constant stream of people poured in from nine o'clock in the morning until nine at night. On the day following the close of the Exhibition, January 15th, there was a lottery of Canaries, 201 splendid birds being offered as prizes. Twelve thousand lottery tickets at sixpence a piece were on sale, and up till the Monday morning £175 worth of lottery tickets had been sold, that is to say, considerably more than half. This lottery was an excellent and genial way of closing the Exhibition. The idea of getting a splendid Canary for 6d. was too much for the economical spirit of many a German, and great excitement was manifested at the drawing of the lottery on the Wednesday. The Exhibition was held in the Rosenthaler Hof in Rosenthaler-street, Berlin, one of the spacious halls being devoted to Canaries, the other to Parrots, Cockatoos, and rare varieties of Oriental birds.

To speak first of the Canaries. They were exhibited in stands of six partitions, each partition being provided with a glass door, six cages being in each stand. Owing to the intense cold prevailing in Berlin, the glass doors of the partitions were invariably kept closed. This arrangement conduced to the comfort of the birds, but not to the convenience of the visitors, who could not see the birds, unless they took the trouble of opening and closing the little glass doors which shut each of them in. The doors were unfortunately made of ground glass, probably to prevent the birds being frightened by the sight of the visitors: but the enjoyment of the Exhibition was very much diminished by this arrangement, nor was it possible to compare one bird with another or to take a general view of all the exhibits, owing to the difficulties in the way of the spectator. However, we carefully inspected cage after cage until we could do so no longer, and began to find comparison difficult. As the result of our survey, we may at once say that a finer collection of birds we have hardly ever seen. All sorts and all varieties of Canaries were represented, yet we could not but be struck by the German preference for green or partially green birds. Green top-knots were to be seen on several of the prize winners, and the entirely yellow Canary—which finds such favour in England—was in a minority. Yet of the latter class there were many fine specimens, some of them of so brilliant a yellow that we fear they were examples of the cayenne pepper treatment. This was all the more likely from the fact that these glaring yellow birds did not seem so hardy as their other brethren in the show. Top-knots, as we mentioned, were largely in evidence, some of them grotesque and some graceful and pleasing. We also saw some good examples of feathered feet on some of the birds, though we ourselves have no partiality for this style of beauty. Some wild Canaries were on show, whose colour was more olive green than yellow, and was also profusely mottled with brown.

Nine gold and forty-seven silver medals were awarded, besides a number of bronze and honourable mentions. These medals and prizes were awarded not so much on account of the excellence of the breed and the beauty of the bird as on account of its song. To satisfy a German ear the song must not be too loud, but must be musical, and particularly must it be long and continuous. The continuity of the song is considered the great object at issue by the Fancy, and to attain this object they are willing at any time to sacrifice symmetry or colour, and to cross a strain with an ugly bird which has a more continuous and a softer song than its fellow. The length of the song is determined by points, each point being about the value of one second, or a little less. Some birds sing without interruption for forty and fifty seconds, and score that number of points. But that greater continuity than this is obtained may be gathered from the fact that the song of some of the gold medal prize winners in the Exhibition must have averaged eighty-two points, or as many seconds, apiece. The six birds in each of the stands were understood to form a chorus, and, each having been individually tested, the total lengths of all the six were added together, and the prize awarded to the largest sum total. The highest score made by a chorus of six birds was that which took the gold medal of the Society of Canary Breeders of Berlin. The six birds belonged to Madame Hintze, of Berlin, and their united song scored 496 points, or, in other words, lasted over eight minutes. The next score was only four points behind this, and received a large gold medal as a solatium. The six birds belonging to Mr. Kedeinis, of Berlin, sang for 492 seconds, and thus narrowly missed attaining the first place. P. Reigel, of Schöneberg, was awarded a gold medal for a band of six Canaries which sang for 483 seconds. Next came E. Matzdorf's six, which made 456 points, and won their owner a gold medal. Next in the list was G. Schilling, of Steglitz, whose six birds made 439 points and earned a gold medal for their master. Other gold medals were awarded, while several hundreds of birds were awarded silver and bronze medals for their vocal feats of a less extraordinary character.

In addition to the Canaries there was a large show of foreign birds in an adjoining hall, where also all sorts of bird foods were exhibited, including the new "egg bread" and "egg biscuits," which are beginning to be used very much in Germany. Here also were cages of every conceivable variety, and all the appurtenances necessary to the bird fancier. Monkeys, Flying Lizards, and other out of the way animals found their place in this hall, but, of course, were merely decorative additions to the Exhibition, and found no place in the official catalogue.

The promoters of the Exhibition must be congratulated on the very great success which has attended their efforts, and I hope that next year may produce a similar Exhibition of Canaries on the same scale, and with the same satisfactory results. J. F. R.

SCOTTISH NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB MATTERS.

SIR,—I wish to again thank you for allowing me space for this, my closing letter in answer to Mr. W. Aitchison. I confess it has been a most unpleasant job for me, opening up old sores which I thought were buried and forgotten. After all, I can console myself with the thought that it was none of my seeking. Mr. Aitchison says I am like a schoolboy; I trust I shall ever remain a diligent scholar. I am not above learning yet, and I hope never will be. I trust you will soon be able to leave the infant department, Mr. A. I wish the readers of CAGE BIRDS to take careful note of Mr. A's letter in CAGE BIRDS of November 30th, and compare it with last week's. He now says and has to confess he is wrong about conditions of contest, but in case I should forget, he has a ray of hope left yet. Re minutes on December Rule, I trust he will keep this in mind at the annual meeting of the S.P.C. Your whole accusations have been founded on your own imaginations, and have tumbled down one after the other. To lend colour to them you have dragged into the fray the affairs of the Scottish National, in which I have had no part for two years. I am sure if you have anything of interest to bring before the members of the S.P.C. the annual meeting is the place. We want every member, including yourself, to interest himself in the business of the club, but not to use the club as a means of attack on the secretary in rather an underhanded way. I am pleased to say you have deceived no one but yourself. You write under a veil to make it appear you had given 5s. yearly; be plain, you never gave 5s. to me for Plainhead Club. The term "fleeting member" is your own, and will deceive no one, as you infer that some only join for the sake of carrying contest to a particular show, and are members no more. I am sure you would get a disappointment when you saw all had rejoined with the exception of two. I have little doubt but matters will be satisfactorily arranged between the various Plainhead clubs about contest. No doubt a little temper has been shown, but I am sure all of us can let bygones be bygones, and forget and forgive one another. We shall never be all of one opinion. A letter or two between the clubs would soon put matters beyond misunderstanding, and that such may soon be the case is my most earnest wish.

D. SMITH, Secretary.

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NEW SOCIETY AT NEWPORT.

SIR,—Again I ask for a small space in CAGE BIRDS—a paper which all fanciers here greatly appreciate. A very interesting and well attended meeting of local fanciers was held at the Plimsoll Arms Hotel, Commercial-street, Newport, Mon., to discuss the desirability of forming a Cage Bird Society. The proceedings throughout were of a very interesting character, and it was decided to continue the meetings every Thursday at 7.30 p.m., with a view to getting more fanciers to join us. It was also proposed that the society shall be called the Newport and Monmouthshire Cage Bird Society. Fanciers and others interested or desiring further particulars are invited to attend the meetings or to write to W. H. Barnes, Secretary, 3, Redland-street, Newport, Mon. W. H. BARNES.

APPEAL FOR A FANCIER IN DISTRESS.

SIR,—Again I ask for a small space in CAGE BIRDS, as since sending my last letter to you I have received on behalf of Mr. Benj. Spiers the following, for which I tender my best thanks:—H. Weller, Kingston, Surrey, 1s.; Dr. Fancier, Hampstead, 2s.; T. C. Barnes, Chalk Farm, 1s.; Friend in Scotland, 1s.; and from members present at meeting of the North London C.B.A. on January 15th, 17s. 6d., making total to date £4 8s. 10d. I have also received from "A Lover of Birds," Worksop, Notts, a letter saying she will give 2s. 6d. a week through the winter months, and have received four weeks to date; also nice warm socks for the children from the same donor, which came as a boon and a blessing.

GEORGE HARRY NEAL,
163, Junction-road, Upper Holloway, N.

THE SOMERSET ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

SIR,—A society called the Somerset Ornithological Society has, with the commencement of the New Year, made its debut in the county town of Taunton. The society is formed for the study of British and Foreign birds; also Canaries, Mules and Hybrids in aviaries and cages. It also has for its object the showing of birds annually at cage bird shows organised by the Society, which will be held in various parts of the county, especially in towns where the number of members will justify such a course being taken. As its name denotes, its membership list is open to residents in Somerset, and it is hoped that all interested in birds will join the Society and help to make it a great success. The hon. secretary is Mr. E. Sprankling, South-road, Taunton, to whom all communications should be sent.

E. SPRANKLING.

ALLEGED THEFT OF BIRD AT NEATH SHOW.

SIR,—Mr. D. H. Tedstone has my sincere sympathy in his loss. It is just twelve months since I lost my champion buff cock in the same way from Llanelly Show, the "cur" or "curs" (for they are nothing better) taking my bird and cage in open daylight. And although the worthy chairman and officials of that society did all that lay in their power, my bird has never been found. Strange to say, I had the following note inside my case: "Sir,—Your bird, Class 2, No. 3, is missing, but I think it is with Tedstone, of Brecon. Will see to the matter." I should have shown at Llanelly this year, but thought I would like to keep them for another event. I sincerely trust Mr. Tedstone will get his bird back again, and that the scamp or scamps will be run to earth and severely dealt with, or I am sure cage bird shows will be a thing of the past. C. E. BROWN.

THE "MISSING" SHOW AT DEWSBURY.

SIR,—Re the "missing" Dewsbury show, I see your correspondent "Fair Play" is complaining about the above show, purporting to be got up by Mason and Son, silversmiths and rabbit breeders (as advertised in their schedule), but for what purpose it was got up I am unable to say. I sent them eight entries in the Cage Bird Section and 12s. entry fees. I washed my birds and got them all ready for the show to be held on January 3rd, but on the 2nd I received a card saying the show was cancelled until the 17th. I sent them a card back telling them to return my money, as I should be exhibiting at Brighouse on the 17th and 18th. But up to the time of writing this letter I have received nothing except another card saying the show was cancelled again. Now I did not enter my birds at Brighouse because they did not return me my money, nor let me know whether the show would go on or not, and seeing they did not return my money, I thought it would be better for me to exhibit at their show. I hope fanciers who have sent their money on to them will communicate with me about the matter.

MILTON PEEL.
King-street, Skelmanthorpe.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR LONGTON AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A meeting will be held for the purpose of forming the above suggested society at the Castle Inn, High Street, on February 3rd, at 8 o'clock. All fanciers, and especially novice fanciers, of Canaries, British Birds, and Hybrids are invited. ENOCH TAMS.
Church-street, Longton.

THE FANCY IN DORCHESTER.

SIR,—I am sorry to say we have not started a society for this district yet; but I shall have another try. Some few years back they started a fanciers' association here, but it was carried on for a time by a few "gentlemen" fanciers, and, of course, the working class had to stand down. They held their meetings in a first-class hotel, and on afternoons, so how could a working man attend, even if his pocket would allow? So that's why they think a Cage Bird Society would not do. But I thought I would try a working men's club here, run on a scale something like this: Pay a shilling or so entrance fee and ditto every month. And then every quarter or so after the whole of the expenses were paid, have a draw on the surplus, the winner to purchase a pair of birds, so as to be able to breed something worth showing.

A. E. PECKETT, JUN.

A RIFT IN THE LUTE AT PECKHAM.

SIR,—I very much regret ill-health prevented my attending the annual general meeting of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. held on January 2nd, and I am indeed grieved to learn by the correspondence in CAGE BIRDS last week that things took such a sensational turn. I must at once say that I endorse every word that has been said respecting the many kindnesses to the society of Mr. W. Goodwin, the proprietor of the "Herne," the former headquarters of the club, and should like to take this opportunity of paying a warm tribute to the valuable work done for the society since its inception by Mr. Woolhouse and Mr. Rogers. Still, when a majority of the members present at the general meeting agree, as I understand it, that it would be to the welfare of the club if its headquarters were removed to a more central position, I cannot help thinking that it would not be in the best interests of the Fancy locally if the threat of the minority present at the meeting were carried out of forming a rival society in the district. I can scarcely believe any such intention was ever seriously contemplated, and I feel certain after the heat of the discussion has cooled down there will be a happy reunion, and that the old club will once again secure that high position in the Fancy which it undoubtedly held prior to the late show. I am sure Mr. Goodwin, with his well-known strong Imperialist instinct, would be the first to acknowledge that union is strength. Now, all you old Dulwich confreres, sink your little petty differences and let us strive to make our club worthy the good old title of Nulli Secundus. JOHN B. WATERMAN.

THE LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—My letter in your issue of December 14th seems to have excited our friend Mr. Samuel Dean, but it has had just the effect I desired it to have—it has called the attention of the fancy to the trend of events in connection with the straight 'uns. The terms 6¾ins., 7¼in., and 8in., were signative of the differences of the birds we see put in the money, and some of these were literally true. Mr. Dean may chaff, but he cannot deny that birds considerably above the 6¾in. standard limit have been found winning with impunity, the while fanciers have been calling aloud for standards of types to dominate the action of judges in this variety and in that. This may be considered an argument in favour of fixed standards, but the puzzle is that those who in one breath cry out for standards, in the other breath praise the birds that exceed the standard limit. It is incomprehensible, even if it is not laughable. We are told that a good big one is bred so much more seldom than a good little one or a medium-sized one, that the big one ought to rule the standard—which in other words ought to be flexible. Then why on earth condemn judges for not going by the standard? I do not excuse judges for going for the long, ungainly, long-tailed, flat sided, coarse-headed, ugly-beaked, flaky-feathered, loose-breeched specimens. By no means. But what I do complain of is the inconsistency of the fancy in—on the one hand fixing a 6¾in. standard, on the other praising up birds that exceed it as good big 'uns, and on the other grumbling at judges for not judging by standard. It is quite certain, too, that the more bulk you get in percentage, the less style and quality you get. Six and three-quarter inches is long enough in all conscience, and with it quality is got. But is it not a fact that in every case connected with Plainhead Canarydom, the general experience has been: more size, loss of quality and natural colour.

J. T. GIBBS.

THE RARE REDPOLL-BULLFINCH HYBRID.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. Johnson's paragraph in your last issue, I still contend that a good specimen of the above cross should—from an exhibition point of view—certainly take premier position if in accordance with the various standards he is fairly judged, viz., size, colour, steadiness, condition, etc. As regards it being a question as to which show this Hybrid should be sent and the rest would have to send to other shows, Mr. Johnson might say the same re the Goldfinch-Bullfinch owned by Mr. J. Williams. When the different Bullfinch Hybrids meet on the bench, is it fair judgment to place Hybrids, much easier to produce and a great deal easier to rear, in front of the rarest of all Bullfinch Hybrids yet seen on our show bench? The first time I exhibited my new arrival was at Derby, but he was not properly through the moult. Mr. Colton exhibited one of the same cross, which was 1st, beating my Linnet-Bullfinch. "Rightly so," under that great authority, Mr. J. Robson. I suppose our friend Mr. Johnson would have said, "wrongly so." Again, at Edinburgh, I was awarded 3rd, while Mr. Colton's was cardless, as was also my Linnet-Bullfinch. So there appears to be a great difference of opinion existing amongst our judges. Bradford West, Linnet-Bullie 3rd, Redpoll-Bullie vhc. Baildon, Redpoll-Bullie 2nd, Linnet-Bullie 3rd. I have produced nearly all the various crosses yet heard of at the exhibitions, but find this the most difficult. What have our great Hybrid breeders to say in the Land of the Thistle? Will Mr. Johnson tell me why the Canary-Bullfinch, when so rare, even in his nest feathers invariably lead the way? In British classes the rarest bird generally comes to the top; then why not in Hybrids? I was pleased to see Mr. Inman's and Mr. Smalldridge's experiences in your previous issues. CHARLES J. WARD.

THE UNFLIGHTED YELLOW HEN CLASS AT GATESHEAD.

SIR,—Respecting Mr. Corston's letter in last week's issue, Mr. Corston is trying to make out that there could be two birds No. 3 in the same class without anyone knowing till after the show. How does he think we could have found out then, after the birds were taken away? Also, he would try and make your readers believe he did not know when writing his first letter that there were two No. 3's in that class, and that the other bird belonged to Mr. Midgley, or that two fourth prizes had been paid. When the class was brought on to the judging table to be judged, it was discovered that there was a bird too many—more than entered in judging book. The numbers were checked by Mr. Vardy and the two stewards, and it was found that there were two No. 3's. One bird was a Clear, and the other—Mr. Corston's bird—was a Variegated. Our printer, having closed up type ready for awards, could not alter without a lot of delay, hence the error in catalogue could not be rectified. I asked the stewards, Mr. Buck and Mr. Lowery, to watch which bird won, if either did. The winning birds were all placed together on the staging after being removed from judging table; the others were placed on top and bottom racks according to space, and it was noted by Mr. Buck that the clear bird had won fourth. On Saturday night Mr. Grieve, assistant secretary, when removing birds from staging to the room adjoining the hall, where the birds kept over to the Sunday night are put, found a bird Class 9, No. 3, and on looking up his catalogue found Mr. Corston's name against this number, and at once put it by for Mr. Corston's bird, thinking either he (Mr. Corston) had made a mistake and taken a wrong bird, or that he had overlooked one of his birds. Some time afterwards one of our members discovered that one of his birds in Class 10 was missing, and Mr. Grieve, who was one of the stewards for one of the other sections on the Friday, and did not know there had been two No. 3's in Class 9, at once put it down that Mr. Corston had got a wrong bird, and explained this to the member. Mr. Grieve explained to me that one bird was missing, and that one of Mr. Corston's birds was left. Without looking it up myself, to see which class it was, I said we would soon get that put right. Accordingly, on the Sunday morning, after feeding all the birds left over, we parcelled the bird up and went to Mr. Corston's, only to find that the bird was not his, as he had got all his away. Producing my catalogue, I looked up the class, and at once saw and said that the bird was Mr. Midgley's. At this point Mrs. Corston spoke up and said: "This would be the bird that had his (Mr. Corston's) prize card on." To this Mr. Corston made no answer. Mr. Grieve then asked me what would be done regarding the prize money, and I told him that "we would have to pay both Mr. Corston and Mr. Midgley fourth prize, seeing Mr. Corston's name was advertised in catalogue as winning fourth." To this Mr. Corston made no demur. The prize card was put on Mr. Midgley's bird, and whoever altered it to Mr. Corston's bird acted without authority. Mr. Midgley's bird was the bird that was described and credited to Mr. Corston in the report of the show. Mr. Corston makes no demur to that. From Mrs. Corston's remark it is plain Mr. Corston knew that there were two No. 3's in Class 9 when he visited the show, also that when he first saw his bird it had no prize card on; yet he never asked for any explanation. Mr. Corston's bird in Class 9 was also entered in the members' young bird class, and in this class got vhc, yet three other birds, also in Class 9 and entered in the same members' class, all got tickets above it; only one of the three got a card in Class 9. The members' class is 78. Surely that was convincing proof to Mr. Corston that his bird was not of merit to win fourth in Class 9. In Class 78 Mr. Corston got third with a bird that was not entered in Class 9, beating the bird that he is claiming to have won fourth with, but which only got vhc in Class 78. He told me I had made a mistake and transferred the wrong bird, different to his entry form. It made no difference which bird I transferred on my books, as he got the tickets to put on his birds, and it remained with him which of the two birds he showed in Class 9. But the birds are transferred to members and entered exactly as entered by him. I enclose you, Mr. Editor, his entry form as proof of this. You can compare it with our catalogue. Evidently the judge had a different opinion to Mr. Corston as to which was the best, and when he (Mr. C.) sees he has made a mistake, he seeks to attach the blame to me. Mr. Corston wrote you disputing Mr. Midgley's claim to fourth prize, and yet at the time he knew there had been two No. 3's, and had been told verbally on the Sunday that it was Mr. Midgley's bird that won fourth. That I considered was most misleading, and I considered it my duty to write and correct it. It is no use his saying he was not well aware of the fact, because he was told on the Sunday in front of at least three of the committee that it was the clear bird that won fourth, and he made no demur, yet a fortnight later he wrote you disputing Mr. Midgley's claim. He himself says in his letter to you appearing January 18th that he knew there were two No. 3's, so why should he have disputed it. It would have been much better had he stated the true facts, as he knew them, and said there had been two fourths awarded. I am sure Mr. Midgley would have accepted the situation in the same fancierlike spirit with which he treated my mistake; great honour is due to him. I have no wish to take sides with or against either party, but right is right. THOS. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

(We have looked over Mr. Corston's entry form, and find it as stated by Mr. Taylor.—EDITOR.)

CLITHEROE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

SIR,—I have to inform you that we have formed a society. Our first meeting will be held at Bennett's Rooms, Moore-lane, Clitheroe, on February 7th next at 8 p.m., to which all bird fanciers are being cordially invited. We are expecting a large attendance.

RD. LAMBERT, Sec.
21, George-street, Clitheroe.

A USE FOR OLD PRIZE CARDS.

SIR,—Herewith I send a suggestion for the utilising of old prize cards which I have tried. When finished it looks very pretty and artistic for a fancier's bird room, or makes a novelty for bazaars. Many of our fanciers no doubt lay aside many of their old prize cards which have become faded, and times without number I have noticed piles of them on the fanciers' shelf; others have thrown them away. To those who can afford a little time these can be made very pretty by the use of glue, or strong gum, or seccotine and the various coloured seeds. Red millet, white millet, German rape, Canary, linseed and sand, with a few sunflowers should be gummed into the various spaces round the middle picture of any birds. Afterwards this might receive a slight coat of thin varnish; if the centre picture is a dark coloured one, you can place a light coloured seed round and cover the printed top and bottom spaces with other coloured seeds, or sand, of different shades (fine coloured sand is very pretty and looks well). You can also make this idea do for lids of boxes, with a linen hinge, which must be put on first. Small paper scraps of birds with flowers add very much to the beauty and provide a suitable gift to church or other bazaars—a change from the shell boxes. The sticking material must not be too thin, as this would allow many of the seeds to fall off. The idea is a good one for fanciers' children, as it is an interesting subject and sets them athinking and keeps them out of mischief. I had two examples at the Scottish National Show at Edinburgh, which were admired, especially by the ladies: I had drinking tins fixed at the bottom for collections for our trophy fund.

R. FARMER.

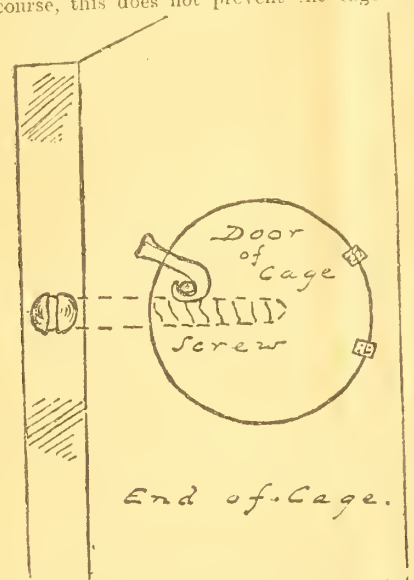
ALLEGED EXTRAORDINARY STATE OF AFFAIRS AT HUGGLESCOTE.

SIR,— I notice in this week's CAGE BIRDS letters respecting the Hugglescote Show. I think the management does not know what business is. I sent some birds at the special request of the secretary. These birds had been good winners, and they arrived in the same condition I sent them, but they did not arrive home again till 9.30 p.m. Friday. It was stated in the schedule that all birds would be sent off Thursday. This would mean that if the birds were staged they would be packed for 24 hours for the short journey. I wrote the secretary for an explanation, and as to where my birds were placed, and he had not the courtesy to reply. I sincerely hope the Cage Bird Union will take steps to clear the matter up.

A. ERNEST GARTON.

HOW SHALL WE BAFFLE THE BIRD THIEF?

SIR,—Yet another good bird missing from Neath and District Show. Where are the safety bird cages? I have a little suggestion to make which may make it a little safer for the bird. See sketch herewith. A very fine screw is put in at the front edge of cage to get it into the door so that it cannot be opened unless the screw is taken out. Of course, this does not prevent the cage being



taken away, but it prevents a person putting his hand in and taking the bird. I don't think any would try to take the screw out, as, by the time it had been done, someone would be about, and would want to know the reason why. Perhaps some will say they would have the wire front out. Well, if the perches are strained in tight they will take some getting out; at least, my own show cage fronts do. I have to get perches out first. This only applies to box cages. In reference to Yorkshire or wire cages, I would suggest that as soon as they are judged, the doors should be wired as pigeon pens are done.

GEO. S. CROSS.

RARE-FEATHERED BIRDS AT THE SHOWS.

SIR,—Mr. Hay, being a railway man, should understand what it is to be "off the line." At least, he seems to know when a ship is about to go "down under." Of course, the storm is too great for the lifeboat crew to sail, so our friend is lucky to have left the ship at the last port. A great pity that in escaping he should get "off the line"; we trust his injuries will soon be healed. I almost forget what I did write in my letter to Mr. Hay, as it was a friendly letter in reply to his, from which evidently he has culled a meaning. My idea (which I meant to convey to Mr. Hay) was that the bird could not compete in an ordinary Greenfinch class, as the standard colour for a Greenfinch is "grass green," and that if he, the judge, had accepted Mr. Hay's bird as being the correct colour, what would he have done with the remainder of the class? A specimen the colour of Mr. Hay's cannot be called green, and whilst it is a Greenfinch in one sense, yet it is not in another, and the heading of class distinctly says Greenfinch. Mr. Hay says a bird cannot be wrong-classed unless the correct one is produced. This is a very erroneous idea, as very few societies cater for every variety. Also, he says all birds should be judged irrespective of colour. I need not attempt to contradict Mr. Hay on that; I think readers will see with their eyes shut the fallacy of his argument. As to Mr. Hay saying he only claimed entrance fee, he claims 2s., 1s. entrance fee (he being a member) and 1s. railway fare. The bird was not disqualified, but marked "W.C." (wrong class). Disqualification would mean a great deal more to Mr. Hay than he appears aware. Although Rule 1 says "disqualified" the meaning is quite plain to any intelligent exhibitor; but to be exactly proper, it should read "wrong classed." Mr. Hay says his bird was never judged. How could any judge "W.C." a bird without judging it? It was judged to be in its wrong class, Mr. Hay. You paid to have it judged; why not accept the verdict like any other exhibitor would? Your attack on the Gateshead Committee is quite unjustified, and whilst you seek to endeavour to teach them how to manage a show, you seem to forget that it is only a few weeks since you wrote me asking for particulars how to start a show, etc., as it had been resolved to run a show at Berwick, and I travelled to Berwick and spent the day with you (a most enjoyable one to me), and told you everything I could think of at the time. Truly you have not been taking all in, or else you are learning backwards. You have a perfect right to make as many "songs" as you like about judging, if only you can find a tune for them; at present we are having the song without the tune. Your wording is not good to understand, for whilst you accuse Gateshead Committee of not doing their duty, you at the same time say they exceeded their duty; let us have it in proper form. I hope when the "ship goes down" that her crew will stand to their posts as only British sailors can.

THOS. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—I have followed the correspondence re Mr. Hay's Albino Greenfinch with great interest from two points of view. First, to read the opinions of our leading authorities on British birds as regards classification, and secondly having judged the bird at Kelso in the Any Other Variety Small British Bird Class (there was not a class for Greenfinches provided), and I placed it fourth, not because it was an Albino (I noticed it was a rare coloured bird, and I may say had never seen the bird before), but on its merits as an exhibit. The bird was faultless in feather, steady, and of good size for its variety, and according to my opinion, in its proper class. Some may say I made a mistake. Well, we are all liable to do so at times, and now is the time once and for all to come to a complete understanding as to the classification which admits an Albino to competition. Some of our leading judges should now speak up and let their opinions be heard. I think, Mr. Editor, you will find space in your valuable columns for all, providing they keep to the point and do not run away to personalities. I do not exactly agree with all Mr. Hay says in regard to judging of Gateshead Show. How many judges would have quietly passed his exhibit instead of "wrong-classing" it, and thus making clear their opinion? Mr. Weston has his own opinion, and lets all know it, and I have no doubt can fight his own battles. Regarding Mr. Buck, I am afraid he was just a little too hasty in his letter. I may tell him that Mr. Hay did not think his present Albino a champion—unless he had forgotten about the one he had ten years ago (I think about that time) which was then, and I have never seen another since, the finest Albino Greenfinch that ever graced a show bench, being clear, with lovely eyes, and a topper for size. This bird won at a few shows in the district. In conclusion, I should like to see this question thrashed completely out. Seeing the great Palace Show takes place shortly, and there will most likely be a meeting of the N.B.B. and M.C., it is to be hoped they will give a few minutes' discussion to the classification of Albinos, and let the outside fanciers hear their opinion. My opinion regarding them is this: Where shows do not provide classification for them, let them compete in their own variety, and if perfect in feather, size, and steadiness, leave the judge to decide their position in the prize-list.

J. W. BRUCE.

SIR,—Mr. Hay is quite wrong in assuming that I have entered the field to "clear away all mists and difficulties," as none exist except, perhaps, in the mind of one particular person, Mr. Hay to wit. As to it being "one of the hardest tasks I ever had to perform," "Convince a man against his will and he is of the same opinion still" seems to be especially applicable in this instance. I can also assure him that I have not the slightest intention of taking advantage of his "experience and reputation" as a "fancier and a judge," as I am quite unaware what experience and reputation he has. What I, as one of the Gateshead Committee, wish to point out to him is that his charge against the Gateshead Committee is without foundation. When Mr. Weston drew the stewards' attention to Mr. Hay's exhibit, the answer he received was a proper, fit and correct one, and only such as an experienced specialist as our steward is could have been expected to give, viz., that Mr. Weston was there to officiate, not he. With regard to Mr. J. W. Bruce, who Mr. Hay says is one of their "greatest local experts," whatever that may imply or be worth, with all due respect to that gentleman, if he placed Mr. Hay's exhibit first in a class of normal coloured Greenfinches, he has yet much to learn; but I doubt if he did do so. Should he have done so, however, I would indeed be pleased to hear his explanation. As to Mr. Hay's assertion that no judge can wrong class a bird at Gateshead without being able to state its right class, has not Mr. Weston justified himself in this respect? Mr. Hay, I observe, is an adept at asking what to me seem ludicrous questions. But let him answer me. Supposing he should ever find himself placed in the exalted position of having to judge a class of Greenfinches, as at Gateshead. There are 19 birds in the class, 18 of which are normal coloured specimens. Would he award a prize to a bird that failed in this respect, because it was a trifle out of the common? If so, why? As to Mr. Hay's last question, re an A.O.V. British class containing Jackdaws, Seagulls, Ravens, Corncrakes, etc., this is a very different state of things. He did not exhibit in an A.O.V. class at Gateshead. To commence talking about such a collection is in my opinion, more arrant nonsense. Have you, Mr. Hay, ever in your life seen or heard of such a collection in one class? Let us keep somewhere near the line.

G. BUCK.

A LOSS THROUGH VERMIN

And an Appeal.

SIR,—On the 17th of September I paid a visit to the Painswick Aviaries to choose some birds. I then found that a stoat had got into the aviary and killed seven splendid cocks—must have got through half-inch wire. Yesterday I again went to the same aviaries to pick a Goldfinch Mule. When I got there a rat had got into the same aviary and killed 17 more, some of the best birds, all kept for this season's breeding. As the old gentleman is 74 years of age, and has lost all his stock, I am going to send him a trifle towards his loss. Is there any fancier that will do the same? If all fanciers would give one penny each, it would replace and do good to the old gentleman.

JOHN HILL.

Railway Hotel, Stroud.

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

BRIGHOUSE Show, held on Friday and Saturday last, added another to the list of the season's financial failures, a very poor entry being obtained, particularly in the Yorkshire classes. The Y.C.C. Challenge Cup was in competition at this fixture, and the two top exhibitors scored an equal number of points. The interest in this event will now be centred in the Palace Show, as being the grand final in a very even race. British birds came up well in the Hardbill class, 20 entries having to be adjudicated upon. The Softbill class, however, was void, and the Hybrid class contained only seven entries, but, as usual at these shows, the British, etc., came in for a good deal of attention from visitors.

GREAT HORTON O.S. annual show takes place to-day (Friday) and to-morrow (Saturday), and the management have issued a grand schedule, no less than 40 classes being provided, and as the show is held under the patronage of five different specialist clubs, the entry should be a good one. It is the last show in Bradford, and visitors should avail themselves of this last opportunity to see a show at home. Remember also that Keighley, the week following, is the final of those held under the rules of the Yorkshire Union.

THE new officers required for the Yorkshire Union, and the judges for next season's shows are receiving a great amount of attention from the societies interested. The vice-president and secretary, being officials of paramount importance, should, and doubtless will be dealt with very carefully. In respect to the judges, the need of a little new blood is being generally talked about by the exhibitors and lovers of the "birds of grace and beauty."

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

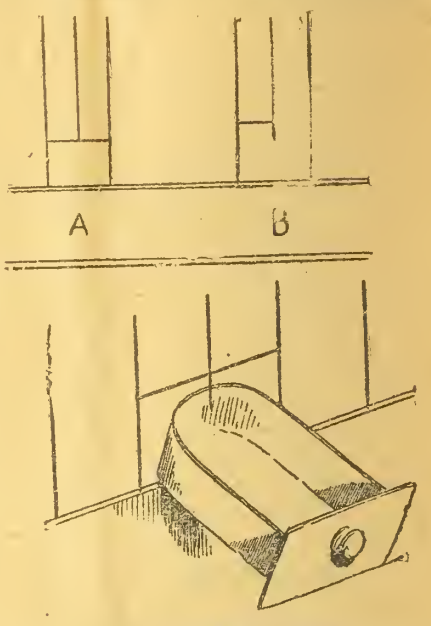
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 173.

A DEVICE FOR SECURING EARTHENWARE PANS.

Sent by George C. James, 41, Henrietta Street, Blackburn, Lancs.

I have often heard fanciers complain about the breaking of so many earthenware pans through the birds knocking them out of the cages. If this device is used, it will prevent the birds from knock-



To hold the Egg-Drawer.

ing the pans out. It will also prevent birds from escaping, as the centre wire, being a bit longer, partly closes the aperture. The pan only requires tilting when being put into the cage. C shows the pan caught, if knocked out by bird.

GEORGE C. JAMES.

No. 174.

NOVEL BREEDING CAGE FRONT.

Sent by C. W. Robinson, Pinfold Lane, Rushington, Sleaford.

In the drawing I send you is shown a breeding cage front I have in use, in which the bottom rail turns on pivots. The wood rail is fixed on pivots (which can be made of wire, in the same

A Novel Cage Front.

way that turnrails are), and fastened at front with a suitable "hook and eye" catch. When unfastened, it swings round on the pivots, and the water and seed vessels, etc., come round to the front, when they can easily be filled, or removed for cleaning. The illustration will make it clearer.—C. W. ROBINSON.

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THE SHOWS.

CARDIGAN.

The show of the Tivyside Fanciers' Association, held in the Market Buildings, at Cardigau, on January 15th, considering it was not held under C.B.U. Rules, was a success, and the entry good for the district, whilst the quality was splendid. Canaries had a very moderate classification, hut British birds were liberally provided for, and some choice exhibits were staged. Mr. J. Wilcock sent a nice team down from Yorkshire, but, although he won in Norwich, the men of South Wales defeated him in each for "straight" 'nus, the lucky men being Messrs. Creber and Portman, who each exhibited most typical specimens. Mules were very strong classes, and competition very keen; Goldfinches were splendid, there not being a poor specimen in the lot. The local enthusiast, Mr. Portman, staged the winner, which secured two specials. Bullfinches were equally good, and, as in the Goldies, either of the placed birds might have won, and given little cause for grumbling. Linnets were hardly up to Cardigan form, but the Siskins, Redpolls, and Twites were good, All the birds were staged in an upper room by themselves, and were very comfortable, their wants being well looked after by the stewards of the section, Messrs. D. J. Thomas, J. Davies, W. Portman, and D. Griffiths. Mr. J. Conway Evans acted as judges' steward, and saw to the prompt fixing of the cards. The secretaries, Messrs. J. Evans and D. B. Thomas, had all the arrangements well in hand, and proved themselves to be most capable and courteous officials. Lady Jenkins, the president of the association, was here, there, and everywhere, encouraging and advising, and needless to say, everything passed off smoothly. The only drawback to a most successful fixture was the poor attendance, for which the unpropitious state of the elements was to a great extent responsible. Mr. C. A. House judged.

CAN. NOR. (5): 1, 2, Wilcock, very shapely yellow, grand even colour, beautiful quality of feather; 2nd head and neck marked buff, plenty of colour, nice quality, not so chubby; 3, vhc, Portman, very nicely feathered, good coloured head and wing marked buff, hardly so clever with his wings; 4, James, another good feathered head and wing marked bird, but wants a bit more chest for his length. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, spl, best bird in the show, Creber, very handsome clear, sweet head, grand shoulders and back, rare wings, lovely quality, stands like a soldier, plenty of colour; 2, 3, Wilcock, nice grizzle capped bird, rare quality and style, capital legs, grand wings and tail, not so slim, 3rd, rare shaped, firm feathered clear, seemed a bit down; 4, Williams, long, racy, finely-drawn bird of nice carriage, hardly so clear in front; vhc, Portman; he, John; c, Baker. BUFF (8): 1, vhc and local spl, Portman, very stylish, shapely bird, nicely drawn, well up on leg, capital wings and tail, capital feather; 2, Creber, beautifully feathered, stylish clear, of nice colour, stands well, nice head and back, fails a bit in wing carriage; 3, 4, Wilcock, very smart cinnamon marked, rare quality and colour, and a grandly feathered stylish clear, but not so slim; he, Baker; c, Williams. CAN. A.O.V. (9): 1, Edwards, heavily feathered, well drooped grey crest, capital body, and nice quality; 2, Creber, beautiful yellow green Yorkshire, rare shape, very slim, grand quality of feather, splendid carriage; 3, 4, D. G. Davies, very smart yellow Cinnamon, of grand colour and quality, and a small stylish buff Scottie; vhc, James; he, Beard and Solomon. Wrong class, 475a, Scott, a neck ticked yellow Norwich. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (12): 1, Edwards, very large buff, of grand shape, size, and feather, beautifully shown, capital colour, marked eyes, wings, and tail; 2, 3, Leigh, 2nd very large, neck ticked yellow, plenty of colour, shows well, but needed tubbing, 3rd very nicely feathered, capitally-coloured Greenie-Bullie, of nice shape; 4, W. Pryce-Jones, rich coloured, well marked close feathered Linnet-Bullfinch; vhc, Jeffreys; he, James; c, Portman. Absent, 476 and 477, Thomas. DARK (9): 1, Leigh, magnificent jonque Greenfinch-Canary, immense size, rich bright colour, and very fine and compact in feather; 2, 4, W. Pryce-Jones, 2nd large mealy Goldie-Canary, capital colour and feather, very steady, 4th Cinnamon Greenie-Canary, grand feather and shape; 3, Jeffreys, very rich coloured, well-feathered, nicely marked Siskin-Canary; vhc, he, Portman; c, George. Absent, 489, Miss M. Thomas; 492, Spurry. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, two spls, Portman, magnificent deeply-cut square blaze, of very rich colour, rare shape, grandly feathered, capital buttons and bars; 2, Edwards, beautiful rich coloured, large blaze, grand body colour, nice bars, in rare fettle; 3, he, Jeffreys, one of the best Greypates we have seen this season, wonderful colour and markings, should make a stormer when moulted next time; 4, D. J. Thomas, not so clear on cheeks, grand colour, shape, and markings, nice size and feather; vhc, Griffiths and Jones; c, Griffiths. Absent, 498, Phillips; 503, Spurry. BULLFINCH (15): 1, Griffiths and Jones, very glossy, deep and clearly-cut cap, rich, bright coloured breast, grand back and bars, nice shape and feather; 2, 3, Jeffreys, very rich light colour on cap and breast, grand shape, 3rd a charming hen of rare shape, feather, and marking; 4, Ray, very rich-coloured, and marked bird, of nice size and shape, not quite so steady; vhc, Phillips; he, Price; c, Edwards. Absent, 518, Muscutt; 522, Spurry. LINNET (10): 1, vhc, Jeffreys, capital shape and marking, very steady, nice carriage, colour and feather; 2, Price, not quite so large, capital shape and style, very nicely marked, good colour, and steady; 3, S. Davies, very smart bird, of good colour and marking, but objected to being handled; 4, Edwards, nicely marked, good shape, very steady, hardly so rich in colour; he, Conibear; c, George. Absent, 527, Volk; wrong class, 526, Evan Rees, a Greenfinch. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, 3, W. Pryce-Jones, magnificent Twite, rare colour and feather, beautifully marked, 3rd, charming little Redpoll, of rare colour and marking; 2, Jeffreys, fine, big Siskin, splendid colour, very tight in feather, and grandly marked; 4, Price, good bodied Siskin, rather small in head, grand colour, and well laced; vhc, Portman; he, George; c, Ray. Absent, 540, Miss M. Thomas. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, 2, J. Davies, fine, large Chaffinch, very clear and distinct in marking, nice colour and feather, 2nd well spangled, rich colour, close feathered Bramble; 3, Edwards, another very nice coloured Bramble, capital feather and spangle, not so large; 4, Jeremiah, nicely marked Chaffinch, of good colour and feather, not so large. Absent, 548, S. Davies; 549, P. Muscott. BUNTING (6): 1, Portman, very fine Greater Buntting, grandly marked, capital colour, rare feather, and beautifully shown; 2, he, W. Pryce-Jones, very nicely marked, good coloured yellow Bunting, grand back and tail, rare feather; 3, Johns, large, close feathered, well marked Snow Bunting; 4, Edwards, very hot coloured yellow Bunting, grand feather and size, not so well marked as 2nd; vhc, J. Davies. A.O.V. (10): 1, Johns, large, shapely Skylark, capital colour, nice head, well marked breast; 2, W. Pryce-Jones, rich coloured Greenfinch, splendid wings and tail, and grand quality of feather; 3, J. Davies, another beautiful Greenfinch, rare colour and shape; 4, vhc, Morgan, nice, shapely, good coloured Blackbird; he, Jeffreys. Absent, 559, Ray; 560, Volk; 563, Spurry; 560b Edwards. Wrong class, a Pied Bullfinch. FOR. (8): 1, 4, he, Mrs. Morgan-Richardson, very handsome Cockatiel, grand colour, feather and size, 4th pair of Black-headed Mannikins, in graud colour and feather; 2, Edwards, rich coloured, well marked Goldfinch, grand face and chest, rare cheeks; 3, Irwin Davies, large, rich coloured, well marked Blue-fronted Amazon; vhc, Mrs. Tyler; c, Miss Hilda Griffiths. SELL. (3): 1, 3, George; 2, S. Price. PAIRS (11): 1, Edwards, pair matched for crest breeding, capital feather and shape; 2, vhc, George, very smart Goldfinch, and a Bullfinch hen, two beautiful birds; 3, Portman, well matched pair of Yorkshires, nice shape, feather, and style; 4, S. Price, notty and well marked Siskin, with a large, well marked Bullfinch hen; he, Jeremiah; c, Griffiths.

FORT WILLIAM.

Fort William held their 6th Annual Show on Jan. 16, and it proved a great success. Cage birds were the feature of the show, being forward in good numbers, and containing some grand quality. The Scotch Fancy classes were really good, the magnificent team of Mr. Fotheringham finding a great number of admirers. In this variety the sp. for best in show was found in the shape of a grand buff hen of massive substance throughout, and full of nerve. Norwich classes on the whole were good, some nice all round specimens being shown, especially in the non-fed classes. Yorkshires, and Borders were hot classes for quality, well known exhibitors leading in both sections. Mules, too, were a nice lot, the leader being a good var. yell. Goldie, which another season should make a name. Britishers were a splendid collection, some hot ones being staged in many of the classes, while the class allotted to boys was a regular teaser, containing all varieties imaginable. The management was excellent, this society being composed of the hardest working and most enthusiastic committee I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. The secretarial arrangements and financial department were in the hands of that capable fancier, Mr. Wm. Simpson, and right well did he execute his duties. He was ably assisted by his colleagues, especially Mr. Wm. McMaster, who is a host in himself, and whose efforts in the arrangements proved of great assistance. Mr. J. W. Bruce, of Coldstream, judged all varieties, and his awards were well received.

Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (7): 1, 2, 6, Fotheringham, leader a buff pied, grand style, fine top end, nice reach, good shoulders, fine length of side and grand drive; 2, good yell., fine depth across, good shoulders, nice length; 3, 4, 5, Wedderspoon, 3, nice one, fine shoulders, stylish, well positioned bird; 4, grand size, fine depth throughout; 7, McMaster. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, Hyde's spl., best in show, Fotheringham, grand trio, leader a gem, massive build throughout, rare length of side, grand filled back, prominent shoulders, a clear win, best seen in the north for some time; 2, Foul, nice top end, well rounded on shoulders; 3, nice buff, plenty sub; 4, 5, Wedderspoon, 4, nice buff pied, fine style and make; 6, McMaster. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. UNFED (5): 1, McPherson, good one, rare body, fiuely rounded, nice substance throughout, grand head, tip top wing carriage, nice feather; 2, 4, Hope, nice typical bird, fine quality of feather, and very showy; 4, grand-headed bird, tip top wing carriage; 3 (no name), good quality of feather, nice all round exhibit; 5, Cameron. BUFF (9): 1, Davidson, wins, good one, rare stamp, round as possible, grand head, lovely back and wing carriage, fine size, noble front, well tapered; 2, Pringle, grand size, in rare bloom; 3, 5, Cameron, lovely type and feather, nice and full, well cut; 4, McPherson, another gem for size, in fine bloom; 6, Hope. VARIEG. UNFED (6): 1, Wedderspoon, good one, grand head, fine full front, splendid type, lovely ha'anced wings, rare pipe tail, put down in rare bloom; 2, Hope, very nice feathered bird, good wing carriage, neat in head; 3, McPherson, heavy vargtd., nice size, good shape; 4 (no name), good quality of feather; 5, Pringle. CL. ETC. CK. FED (10): 1, 2, 4, Skinner, good one, fine head, good full front, nicely balanced, well tapered, put down in rare bloom; 2, buff, hot fed, nice body, grand wing carriage, good side, rare finish; 4, strong buff, fine body, nicely tapered; 3, Hope, nice unfii. yell., grand size and colour, well balanced in wing carriage; 5, Chesholm; 6, Cameron. HEN (10): 1, Skinner, hot fed one, grand size, good round body, in grand b'oom; 2, 3, 4, Cameron, 2, good one rare front, great chest, lovely head, nervous, will improve yet; a close 2nd; 3, nice buff, lovely shape, grand feather; 4, large one, good carriage; 5, Hope; 6, Simpson. VARIEG. FED (6): 1, 5, Cameron, nice yellow, grand shape, good front, nicely tapered, plenty of substance, staged to perfection; 2, 3, Skinner, grand feather buff, good front, finely balanced in wings, close up; 3rd, plenty size; 4, Hope, very nice yellow, good feather and size. YORKS. CK. (6): 1, 2, 4, McDougal, good trio, winner buff, a gem for position, straight as a guardsman, not a feather out of place, grand back and wing carriage, well up on leg, nice and slim, regular gem; 2, long raking yellow, enormous length of side, good wing carriage; 4, buff, nice shape and feather; 3, McPhail, buff, grand position, lovely wing carriage, good feathered one; 5, Pringle. HEN (6): 1, 3, 5, McDougal, 1, lovely positioned bird, grand back and wing carriage; 3, raking yellow, plenty length of leg; 2, Chisholm, good one, fine style, lovely quality of feather, nice length, good 2nd; 4, Pringle, nice shapely buff, good length, well finished. BORD. FCY. CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, Simpson, 1, good yellow, the correct size, lovely head, fine neck, grandly rounded on body, well balanced wings, beautifully tapered, nice short feather, put down in rare trim; 2, nice buff, grand feather, rare head; 4, nice marked buff, rare bloom, lovely positioned bird; 4, Harper, yellow, good stamp, nice front, good carriage; 5, Chisholm; 6, Skinner. HEN (7): 1, 2, 4, Simpson, 1, clear buff, in lovely bloom, grand quality throughout, nicely balanced wings, good body, well tapered, showy exhibit; 2, clinking uneven buff, round as a marble, unsteady, should make a good one; 4, nice feathered one, good front, well positioned, a grand trio; 3, Harper, good feather and finish; 5, Skinner; 6, Forsyth. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, Bryce, leader good crest, fine top piece, well rounded, good length of feather, well staged; 3, nice Plainhead, fine feather; 2, Harper, lovely grand Norwich, well spangled, in grand order, good dense ground colour, well up in size. MATCHED PAIRS (8): 1, Fotheringham, nicely balanced pair of Scotch Fancies, well up in size and action; 2, Bryce, good pair of Norwich, hen grand one, real buff var., splendid front and taper, both well balanced; 3, McDougal, Yorks., neat one, fine length, slim and sleek, well balanced; 4, Chisholm, another pair of Yorks., nicely balanced; 5, Simpson; 6, Hope. MULES (9): 1, 3, McDougal, leader a var. yellow Goldie, nice size, rare colour, unfed, fine finish face, good bars, with another moult, should do some winning; 3, dark Twite Mule, plenty size; 2, 4, 5, Skinner, 2, good var., buff, nice size, well fed, light in variegation, staged to perfection; good 2nd; 4, Siskin, hot fed one, rare tone of colour, fine feather and markings; 6, Haldane. LINNET (9): 1, Skinner, good all round Lintie, fine size, grand tone of colour, good wiug bars, very evenly pencilled on breast, best in size, well staged; 2, 5, McDougal, 2, nice breast, rare front, good tone of colour, nice wing flights, very steady; 3, D. Campbell, large one, good tone of colour, nicely marked; 4, R. Cameron, a gem for colour, rather unsteady, nicely put down; 6, Hope. REDPOLL, ETC. (12): 1, 3, 5, Skinner, leader, grand Twite, rare size, good depth of colour, lovely wing bars, finely laced on breast, easy win; 3, another Twite; 2, Campbell, good Lesser Poll, good cap and bib, grand size and shape, good in colour; 4, Cameron, another poll, well up in size; 6, McDougal. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Bryce, hen, good one, rare size, enormous cap, lovely wing bars, good body, colour, in rare bloom, well staged; 2, Hope, cock, dense breast colour, good expansive cap; 3, Cameron, large, nice cap, good tone of breast colour; 4, 5, Skinner, another nice moulted bird, fine size, good all round shape and size; 6, Haldane. SISKIN (5): 1, 3, Skinner, leader hot fed one, nice cap, good bib, fine wing bars, and colour; 3, nice size; 2, Bryce, good one, nicely spangled cap, and well cut bib, beautifully laced ou side; 4, 5, McCallum, good all round Siskin. A.O.S. BRIT. (6) 1, 3, 5, Simpson, leader Hawfinch, gem for feather, like a piece of silk, well forward in colour, grand bib and markings, very steady, well staged; 3, topping Chaffinch, rare size, dense colours, good cap, splendid white, good exhibit; 2, McDougal, Misselthrush, fine size, well spangled, good feather; 4, Skinner, nice Greenfinch, well up in size and colour; 6, Bryce. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 6, McDougal, grand Britisher, dense face, very expansive blaze of deep crimson tint, nice cut cheeks, well forward in size, very steady in rare bloom, best Britisher in show; 2, 3, Skinner, 2 good all round Siberian Goldies, leader the best in body and face, fine bloom; 3, 4, Campbell, nice face and size, good front, in grand bloom; 5, Cameron. BOYS' CLASS BRIT. (15): 1, 6, Hugh Cameron, leader grand all round Linnet, rare size, well marked; 2, Douglas Simpson, Black-headed Bunting, very steady, well marked, rare back, dense head; 3, D. McGregor, large Greenfinch, fine feather, well up in colour; 4, Donald Hope, Siskin, sweet wee exhibit; 5, Angus Cameron.

REIGATE.

During the past twelve months considerable progress has been made in the Cage Bird Fancy in the Reigate district. The Reigate Fanciers' Association have formed a Cage Bird Section, which has been most actively promoted by a few zealous individuals, under the leadership of that enthusiastic lover of Lancashires, Mr. F. J. Green. That their efforts have not been in vain was to be seen in the largely extended classification given by the Association on this occasion and by the capital entry at the twenty-eighth annual fixture of the Reigate Fanciers' Association, which was held in the Public Hall on January 22nd and 23rd. The exhibits were very nicely arranged and their needs well attended to by a good staff of stewards, prominent amongst whom were Messrs. F. J Green, Bacon (the secretary of the Cage Bird Section), Greenfield, Stanford, and Powell. The general arrangements were most effectively carried out by the committee under the supervision of the chairman, Mr. W. H. Gallier, whilst the secretarial duties were most efficiently discharged by Mr. W. R. Eames, and his able assistant, Mr. M. Kingswell, two gentlemen who were as courteous and urbane as they were indefatigable in the discharge of their onerous duties. The season is fast drawing to a close, and both birds and owners are beginning to find that they have had enough of it, yet a good entry turned up and the quality was of a high character. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Gibbs, eye and wing marked and neck ticked, two large birds of rich colour and nice quality of feather; 3, Skinner, nice short chubby clear, beautiful quality, grand colour, and well shown; vhc, Cosier and Crisp; he, c, Kilby. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Gibbs, two bouncing birds, plenty of colour, large shapely bodies, good heads, winner best in feather; 2, Ellis, very nice bodied clear, grand colour and quality, stands well; 4, Kilby, very shapely and tight in feather, nice co'our and carriage; vhc, Roberts; he, Morris; c, Jeffrey. BRED, 1907 (16): 1, Skinner, charming buff, rare shape, niee size, beautiful quality of feather, and rare carriage; 2, vhc, Ellis, high quality, yellow, very rich in colour, nice wings and tail, good shape; 3, two members' spls., c, Kilby, the grizzle tailed yellow which we liked so well at Walthamstow, a bonny bird, but beaten to-day; 4, he, Gibbs, very shapely, nice coloured check marked yellow. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, spl., Gibbs, well known winner, stands well, plenty of length; 2, flall, nice slim body, inclined to be flat on head, very stylish, good feather; 3, he, Oliver, very typical, stands well, capital feather and nerve; vhc, Members' spl., Green; c, Joiner. BUFF (12): 1, spl., Philpot, very handsome buff, lovely quality of feather, rare shape, stands like a soldier; 2, Gibbs, eye ticked, longer and stouter, nice feather and co'our, and full of style; 3, Green, very bonny clear, capital shape and feather, and if he would only keep his wings up would be a gem; 4, P. Jupe, big lengthy clear, of nice feather and style; vhc, Parrott; he, Broome; c, Joiner. BRED 1907 (17): 1, spl., Philpot, head ticked yellow, very nice shape, beautifully feathered, stands splendidly; 2, Gibbs, wing and neck ticked yellow, longer, plenty of style, nice colour of feather; 3, Oliver, shapely head and neck ticked yellow, nice feather and style, not so much colour; 4, Parrott, very sweet buff, nice shape and style, full of quality; vhc, Green; he, Hall; c, Porter. CRESTS and CRESTBREDS cancelled. LANCASHIRE COPPY (7): 1, and four spls., one for best in show, and challenge cup, best members' bird, 2, c, Green, 1st very handsome yellow, grand shape and style, beautifully shaped coppy, a bird of much quality; 2, ticked buff, grand type, nice carriage, well formed coppy; 3, he, Kempster, very nice ticked yellow, good body, not so smart in coppy; vhc, Mrs. Batchelor. PLAINHEAD (7): 1, 2, spl., Green, two grand shaped birds of nice length and substance, plenty of feather and good carriage, 1st yellow, 2nd buff; 3, c, Kempster, long shapely buff, plenty of feather, not so massive; vhc, Mrs. Batchelor. A.O.V. (10): 1, 3, spl, Green, two bonny gold Lizards, grand, rich ground colour, beautifully spangled, good cape, rare quality; 2, Honeysett, very smart neck ticked buff Border, charming little fellow, rare quality and style; vhc, Fisher; he, Mrs. Batchelor; c, Brown. GOLDFINCH (25): 1, spl Mrs Batchelor; c, Brown. GOLDFINCH (25): 1, spl Mrs British, A. T. Jupe, grand rich coloured, deep-cut blaze, grand bars and buttons, very tight in feather; 2, 3, Herbert, two grand little birds, very bright and clean-cut in their blazes, rich backs and breasts, in grand form; 4, Gartner, beautifully marked Finch, very steady, grand feather; vhc, Botting; he, Carter; c, Gardner. BULLFINCH (14): 1, 3, A. T. Jupe, grand shape, nice size, large clear-cut, glossy caps, good backs, bars and depth of colour; 2, Carter, rather brighter colour, rare shape, and nice feather; 4, Vincent, very neatly marked, grand shape, colour and feather; vhc, Galton; he, c, White. CHAFFINCH (6): 1, Miss Thomas, very neatly marked, nice colour and feather, good shape, 2, Leon, larger and brighter colour, well marked, but had broken his tail; 3, Gerrey and Davis, very nice shape and size, capital colour; vhc, Carter; he, Kingswell. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Carter, beautiful LINNET, grand shape and size, lovely colour and splendidly marked; 2, Miss Thomas, rich coloured, well marked, nice feathered Lesser Redpoll; 3, Pankhurst, another very steady, nice coloured Linnet, neat shape and feather; 4, A. T. Jupe, pretty Linnet, very steady, grand feather; vhc, he, Botting. A.O.V. HARDBILL (10): 1, Miss Conway-Gordon, rare shaped, bright coloured, well spangled Bramble-finch; 2, Gunnell, nicely marked Yellow Bunting, capital shape, good non-fed colour, nice back; 3, vhc, White, most brilliantly coloured, tight feathered Greenfinch; he, Pettitt; c, Hannant. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Bailey and Son, large, rich, lustrous coloured Chough, good bill and legs; 2, we could not find; 3, Leon, very nicely marked, good coloured Fieldfare, in grand fettle; vhc, he, Gardner. MULE (18): 1, 3, Lamb, well-marked, six-pointed yellow, grand shape, size, colour, and feather, 3rd very pretty Twite-Canary, rare feather and style; 2, White, rich coloured yellow dark Greenfinch-Canary, 3, wonderful feather; 4, Carter, large, rich coloured, well marked dark buff Goldie; vhc, Parsons, Green; he, Morris, Miss Thomas. HYBRIDS (7): 1, he, Lamb, noted Goldfinch-Redpoll, and Redpoll-Greenfinch, in grand form; 2, Miss Reeves, very large, well marked, grand feathered Bramble-Chaffinch; 3, Gunnell, very smart, well feathered Redpoll-Greenfinch; vhc, Gerrey and Davis; c, Parsons. FOR. SMALL (10): 1, Miss Thomas, very handsome hack-headed Gouldian, grand colour, well marked, nice size and feather; 2, c, Wade, very handsomely coloured red-cheeked Waxbills, in grand feather; 3, Miss Thomas, well marked, nicely feathered Grassfinch, somewhat shy in cage; vhc, Miss Conway-Gordon; he, Botting. LARGE (4): 1, spl, Miss Conway-Gordon, very handsome, gorgeously plumaged, crimson-handed Parrakeet; 2, Wade, well marked, nice feathered Pileated Jay; 3, Mitchell, good blue-fronted Amazon, capital colour, size, and marking; vhc, True.

LARKHALL.

Larkhall (N.B.) O.S. held their grand annual show on January 18th, in the Public Hall. It was rightly termed "The greatest one-day show in Scotland." The committee consists of the following: Mr. W. Hamilton (President), Messrs. J. Anderson, William Hamilton, William McEwan, James Graham, T. Paterson, J. Merton, J. W. Clelland, A. Kerr, W. Lambie, J. Welsh, A. Strang, J. Newlands, and J. Stoke; treasurer, Mr. Jas. Kerr; minute secretary, Mr. J. McEwan; secretary, Mr. James McEwan. The judge of the cage bird section was Mr. John McLay (Kirkintilloch). The present show beat all previous records—the quality of the exhibits was simply excellent, which made the judge's task throughout a difficult one, there being so many well-known winners competing against each other, including several Palace winners. The entries were in excess of last year; several of the exhibits, through want of room, being placed on the floor. There was a very large attendance of the general public, including many well-known faces in the Fancy, several having come long distances, and many ladies graced the show with their presence. The greatest possible credit is due to the management for the excellent way the whole business of the show was carried out. Secretary Mr. James McEwan did his difficult task exceedingly well. The awards gave general satisfaction. At the conclusion of the judging an adjournment was made for dinner, which proved not the least important feature of the day's proceedings.

GOLDIE, ETC., BRIT. (26): 1, spl, McQuiston, well-known winning Goldie, looking well, grand condition; 2, Jackson, nice Bullfinch, grand rich colour, good cap and wing bars, well chosen; 3, Kerr, very fine Bullfinch, in nice feather, AI condition; 4, W. Telfer, Goldie, nice face, breast and buttons, grand form, good value for place; vhc, Johnstone; he, Nisbet; c, Wilson. GOLDIE, FOR. (10): 1, Minn Bros., very fine Goldfinch, grand face, rare breast and buttons, in lovely form, wins; 2, McDonald, nice Bullfinch, shown in rare condition, very steady, nice head and wing bars; 3, Martin, Goldfinch, neat and nice clean-cut face, grand colour; 4, Jackson, Bullfinch, very steady, nice head and wing bars; vhc, D. and J. Telfer; he, McQuiston; c, Smith. FINCH (11): 1, Kerr, nice Hawfinch, good colour; 2, McQuisten, well-known winning Greenfinch, in lovely order, feather like wax; 3, A. and G. Shankly, Hawfinch, 1 and spl. Douglas, do. Lanark, splendid colour in best possible condition, shows well, good value for first place; 4, Peters, Greenfinch, nice shape, feather and colour, nice exhibit; vhc, c, Minn Bros.; he, Wilson. LINNET (12): 1, spl, McQuiston, Linnet, gem, large, good shape, grand colour, best of breast markings; 2, Kerr, Linnet, another good exhibit, best of colour; 3, Martin, another fine bird; 4, A. and N. McPhearson; vhc, Peters; he, D. and T. Telfer. REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, spl, 3, vhc, he, c, Brownlie and Son, 1 very rich coloured shapely Siskin, in splendid condition, 3 Twite, nice rich colour, well-laced, shown in good condition; 2, A. and W. Allan, Redpoll, nice colour and wonderful size; 4, Peters, another Redpoll, well laced, in lovely condition. BORD. Redpoll, well laced, in lovely condition. BORD. FCY. CK. (16): 1, 3, spl, Walker, 1 buff, nicely-built, grand colour and quality, nice, jaunty carriage, wins; 3, variegated, nice, shape, very jaunty action, feather like wax; 2 (no name), marked, good shape and quality; 4, spl, he, Shields, nicely-moulded, lovely quality; vhc, McEwan; c, Clues. HEN (15): 1, spl, 2, A. Walker, 2nd variegated, two well-feathered birds, good wings and tail, nice carriage, feathered like wax; 3, T. McEwan, good feather, nice shape; 4, vhc, Shields, nicely-moulded; he, Anderson; c, Cargill. COMMON CAN. (21): 1, spl, Cargill, very neatly mkd. Border, smart and shapely, best in class; 2, McEwan, ticked Border, grand shape; 3, Graham, variegated, grand shape and condition, nearly equal; 4, Smith, variegated; vhc, Anderson; he, Grant; c, McEwan. BRIT. LARGE (2): 1, Kerr, Jay, not in condition; 2 (no name). SMALL (12): 1, McQuiston, Wryneck, record run of wins this season, looking well; 2, Easton, grey Wagtail, nice pied bird, in grand feather, shows well; 3, vhc, he, c, Mentague, 3 Wryneck, nicely marked bird, in very good condition; 4, Mason Nuthatch in lovely condition and colour, nice exhibit. FOR. LARGE (6): 1, spl, Marland, lovely King Parrot, shown in the pink of condition; 2, 3, W. Hamilton, Blue Amazon and King Parrot, in grand feather and condition, nicely staged; 4, Swan, grey Parrot, shown in the best possible condition, very fine feather. SMALL (10): 1, 4, Mason, 1, Tanager, in splendid condition, quite an attractive exhibit; 4, Redhead feather, quite an attractive exhibit; 2, Redhead feather, quite an attractive exhibit; 2, D. Gouldian, in splendid feather and condition; 2, D. Gouldian, in splendid feather and condition; 3, Douglas, do. Lanark, and T. Telfer, Whydah, 1, spl Douglas, do. Lanark, in lovely condition, very good; 3, McDearmad, scarin lovely condition, very good; 3, McDearmad, scarlet Tanager, in lovely feather and condition; vhc, let Tanager, in lovely feather and condition; vhc, Colville and Sons; he, Irvine; c, Cummings. MULE (9) 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, J Bertone, first Greenfinch Bullie, 126 Douglas, nice colour, size and feather, lovely condition; vhc, Anderson; he, Low; c, Denholm.

BRIGHOUSE.

The Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S. show was held on Jan. 17th and 18th, in the Oddfellows' Hall, Leeds Road, Brighouse, a very nice room, good light and convenient of access from both railway stations and tram. The secretary, Mr. F. Mitchell, although a new hand, both as regards the Fancy and position in the Society, had everything in good order, and his fellow-members must feel proud of the way in which he carried through the business of the show. In his labours he was assisted greatly by Mr. Longbottom, assistant-secretary, Shaw, President, Stake and Bailey, vice-presidents, Dearden, treasurer, and a committee composed of all members who were able to attend the show. The entries came up fairly well, and were somewhat better than at one or two previous shows held under the Yorkshire Union Rules. The Y.C.C. Challenge Cup was in competition at this show, and the two top scorers, Messrs. Shackleton and Bailey and Swanger each scored the same number of points. The B. & C.B.B. & M.C. competition was also held at this show, but only the Hardbills came up well, the class containing 20 exhibits; the Softbills were cancelled, and the Mule or Hybrid class only contained seven entries. The Novice classes again filled moderately well, and as they have now only to run for two more shows, there should be some good fighting for the medals. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged all except the British and Mules, these being taken by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, of Bradford in consequence of Mr. Cowgill's having judged these classes at Otley, and the B. & C.B.B. & M.C. not allowing one judge to officiate at more than one show. The awards of both gentlemen were well received, Mr. Cowgill giving explanations to many fanciers present on the Saturday in regard to his decisions, and no doubt many of them benefited by his pointing out the defects and good points of the birds in question.

Critique.

CL. YELL. YORKS (8): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, nice length, grand type and quality; plenty of leg, good position; 2, Wilcock, lengthy, grand colour, correct shape and stylish, neat feather; 3, Ogden Bros., slim, well drawn out, lovely type and quality, shows signs of repeated scrubbings; 4, Shackleton, not quite as long, very slim, stylish and good quality; vhc, Ross and Robertshaw; hc, Spencer; c, Morton. BUFF cancelled. TICK, ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Priestley, grand length and shape, excellent wings; 2, 3, spl, Bailey and Swanger, leader slim, neat shape, good wings and tail, lovely quality; 3rd, lovely quality, well mooned, not looking quite as tight as usual; 4, Shackleton, ticked head, grand length, hot colour, nice shape, style and quality; vhc, hc, Wilson; c Dyson. BUFF (8): 1, 4, spl, Shackleton, grand shape, nice length, feathered to perfection, well up on legs, good position, looking very lit; 4th, nice length, good shape, lovely quality, very clean at front; 2, Bailey and Swanger, noted ticked wing bird, gem for colour, quality and style, extra type; 3, Brayshaw and Jowett, slim, neat feathered bird, shines like silk, good shape and style; vhc, Walsh; hc, Wilcock; c, Dyson. UNFLI. (12): 1, spl, Radley, yellow, grand length, very slim, finely drawn, true Yorkie type, good wings and tail, a gem; 2, Bailey and Swanger, ticked cheek buff, lovely shape and style, feathered like wax; 3, Spencer, yellow, grand length, shapely, neat wings and tail, good quality when handled; 4, Shackleton, good, long yellow, of nice shape and quality; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Ross and Robertshaw; c, Walsh. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, spl, Shackleton, winner lengthy, good shape, nice quality and style; 3rd, not quite so long, neat shape, nice quality; 2, Radley, ticked wing, lovely shape and quality, grand hen, but evidently Mr. R. does not believe in washing too often; 4, Priestley, very neat, slim, good quality bird; vhc, Wilson; hc, Bailey and Swanger; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1, 2, c, spl, Bailey and Swanger, couple of beauties, lovely shape, quality and style, nice position, little to choose between them; 3, Dyson, nice length, good shape and quality; 4, Wilson, splendid shape and position, good quality, shows well; vhc, hc, Walsh. CINN. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. (13): 1, spl, Ogden Bros., lengthy and leggy, well up in position, hot colour, nice quality; 2, Cooper, slim, neat shape, all there for quality and style; 3, Wood, extra type, nice quality, very good back, wings and tail; 4, Wilcock, good length and shape, nice quality; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Sowden; c, Hirst. BUFF (12): 1, 3, spl, Wilcock, similar birds, grand length, shape and quality, good wings; 2, vhc, Ogden Bros., grand shape, lovely quality and style, A1 position, well filled neck; 4, Holmshaw, nice length, shape and quality; hc, Blakey; c, Elam. CINN. TICK. (7): 1, 3, spl, Ogden Bros., winner buff, long bird, extra good shape, nice colour and quality; 3rd, not so long, neat shape and stylish, good quality, a yellow; 2, Blackburn, good long yellow, nice shape and quality, good stock bird; 4, Mason, unfli. yellow, grand quality and shape, should moult out well next year; vhc, Wilcock; hc, c, Dearden. CINN. TICK. ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Wilcock, grand position and shape, lovely quality, stylish; 2, hc, c, spl, Mallinson and Son, very slim, neat feather, nice type and style; 3, vhc, Towers, nice position, good back, well filled neck; 4, Cooper, grand type and quality, stands well. BUFF (12): 1, Ogden Bros., good shape, fine position, feathered to perfection; 2, Shackleton, ticked wing, grand shape and quality, well up on legs; 3, 4, spl, Wilcock, both grand shape and position, lovely quality; 4th, plenty of swagger about her; vhc, Blackburn; hc, Armstrong; c, Cook. SELL. YELL (£1) (7): 1, 3, spl, Lanc; 2, Mallinson and Son; 4, Radley; vhc, Wallbank; hc, Richardson; c, Womersley. BUFF (15/-) (20): 1, spl, Waalbank; 2, Isles; 3, Holmshaw; 4, Womersley; vhc, hc, Fielding; c, Slater. HEN (12/6) (7): 1, Wallbank; 2, Brayshaw and Jowett; 3, Axe; 4, vhc, Slater; hc, Isles; c, Smith. BRIT. HARDBILL (20): 1, 2, spl, Axe, winner Hawfinch, nice size, grand colour, feathered to perfection, very steady, nice exhibit; 2nd, Yellowhammer, grand size, splendid colour, markings well defined, very steady; 3, Wood, Bramble, nice exhibit, good spangling, neat colour, steady; 4, vhc, Duncan, nice Goldie, good blaze, well huttoned, nice size, in grand trim; hc, Myers; c, Edmondson. SOFTBILL cancelled. MULE, ETC. (7): 1, 2, spl, Ward; 1st, Redpoll-Bullie, bonny bird, shows his parentage well, grand colour, in splendid condition; 2nd, Linnet-Bullie, lovely colour, carries his pedigree with him; 3, Duncan, junr., Goldie-Greenie, nice size, good colour and shape; 4, vhc, Dean and Jowett, Linnet-Goldie, good colour, marked well; hc, Balmforth; c, Stake. NOVICE CLASSES, CL. YELL. YORKS. (17): 1, spl, Chippendale, grand length, shape, nice back, wings and tail; 2, Drake and Son, grand quality and shape, stylish; 3, Allen and Swaine, long, slim, fine drawn exhibit, nice shape, quality and style; 4, Rohertshaw, shapely, grand quality, nice round back; vhc, Wilson; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Ackroyd. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Drake and Son, grand quality and shape, stylish; 3, Allen and Swaine, long, slim, fine drawn exhibit, nice shape, quality and style; 4, Robertshaw, shapely, grand quality, nice round back; vhc, Wilson; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Ackroyd. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Drake and Son, lovely shape, style and quality, nice colour; 2, Robertshaw, long, good shape, nice quality, stands well; 3, Sowden, slim, fine shape, good colour and quality; 4, Ackroyd, splendid shoulders, well up in position, nice quality; vhc, hc, Coates; c, Wilson. TICK., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, spl, Chippindale, grand length, correct shape, very fine quality, level colour; 2, Lodge, uneven mkd., extra shape, nice quality, well up in position; 3, Shepperd, grizzled tail, grand shape, well up on legs; 4, Mitchell, fine quality and colour, nice shape; vhc, Fielding; hc, Coates; c, Greenwood. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Lodge, good long bird, nice shape and quality, stands well; 2, Allen and Swaine, slim, fine shape and style, nice quality; 3, Myers, lengthy, grand back and quality, fine position; 4, Ackroyd, shapely and stylish; vhc, Chippindale; hc, c, Shaw Bros. YELL. HEN (24): 1, spl, Wilson, splendid shape, lovely quality, grand wing carriage, nice pipe tail, unfli.; 2, Lodge, very good shape, stylish, nice quality; 3, Myers, cinn. marked, nice length, well up in position, shapely and compact in feather; 4, Dunn, stylish, leggy, nice quality and colour; vhc, hc, Bailey; c, Mitchell. BUFF (19): 1, 4, spl, Allen and Swaine, both ticked wing, nice shape and quality, good position; 2, Lodge, grand type, well up in position and quality, soiled; 3, Ackroyd, grand quality, shapely, and good position; vhc, Luggitt; hc, Fielding; c, Robertshaw. NOR. CK. (12): 1, Millar, buff, marvellous substance, grand quality and colour, nice bird; 2, vhc, spl, Holmes, buff of good size, chesty, lovely quality and colour; 3, c, Clifford, yellow, cobby build, typical, nice level colour and good quality; 4, hc, Mottram, uneven marked, good substance, nice quality and colour, a yellow. HEN (11): 1, Holmes, yellow, chubby type, nice substance, grand quality and colour; 2, 3, spl, Hammond, leader buff, splendid size and substance, true type, grand quality, runner-up, yellow, very neat lady, feathered like wax, very cobby type; 4, Clifford, un. mkd. buff, good, strong-built bird, nice quality; vhc, Mottram; hc, c, Lloyd.

KINGSBRIDGE.

The seventh annual show of the Kingsbridge and Dis. F.S. was held on January 15th, in the Town Hall, when it proved a great success. Entries in the cage bird section (open only to the Kingsbridge Union), came up well. Mr. E. A. Heaven, the secretary, is to be congratulated on his successful management of affairs. Mr. J. B. Dyer judged.

CAN. A.V. (9): 1, vhc, Mugridge; 2, hc, Nunn; 3, Mabin; vhc, Cook; c, Morgan. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl, Adams; 2, Steer; 3, Mabin; vhc, Cook; hc, Yendell; c, Morgan. MULE (5): 1, Nunn; 2, Moore; vhc, Wakeham; res, Steer; hc, Morgan. BRIT. (3): 2, Webb; 3, Ford; vhc, Steer.

HARROGATE.

The society held their 3rd monthly show on Jan. 7th, when 54 birds were staged. Mr. A. Thorpe judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS. CL. YELL. UNFLI.: 1, Hewson; 2, Fergusson; 3, c, Barnwell; 4, Bennison; vhc, Walker; hc, Head. TICK YELL. UNFLI.: 1, Duncau; 2, hc, Head; 3, c, Barrett; 4, Barnwell; vhc, Bennison. MKD. ETC. UNFLI.: 1, 2, Fergusson; 3, Ireland; 4, Duncan; vhc, Barnwell; hc, c, Pullan. YELL. HEN, UNFLI.: 1, Duncan; 2, c, Hewson; 3, vhc, Head; hc Fergusson. NOR. UNFLI.: 1, 3, 4, Ascough; 2, Gregg. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Lamb; 4, vhc, c, Duncan. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, 4, Bousfield; 2, 3, Gregg.

GEO. HY. BARNWELL, hon. sec.

KING'S HEATH (Birmingham).

The above society held their annual show on January 8th and 9th, and it proved a decided success. The great severity of the weather tended to keep down entries, but right through the quality of the exhibits staged was of the very best. The room in which the cage birds were staged was admirably adapted for the purpose. The secretaries, Messrs. Forsyth and Patterson, were well in front with the arrangements, and the birds were all carefully attended to by the steward, Mr. A. W. Jones. Mr. G. E. Russell judged.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. AND BUFF classes cancelled. UNFLI. (5): 1, spl, 3, Broadhurst, 1st varieg. yell., hot colour, good head and neck, nice shape, well carried wings, feather of A1 quality; 3rd, cl. buff, nice quality feather, good head and neck; 2, Gilbert, buff, beautiful cobby proportions, rare depth of chest, extra short in wings and tail, pressed 1st; vhc, Talbot, varieg. yell., good substance and quality; hc, Holdsworth. CINN. (7): 1, Gilbert, nice exhibit, sound colour, good head and neck, well carried wings; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Cowley, good team, leader bird of nice stamp and substance; 3, yell., good colour. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 3, Burke, 1st clear yell., grand type and quality, A1 position, back, wings and tail; 2, Wells, clear yellow, beautiful quality feather, splendid head and neck, well braced wings, nice pipe tail; 3rd, varieg. cinn. mkd., nice stamp, good position and feather; res, Emery, clear, good type, feathered like wax; vhc, Paddock, heavily mkd., rare stand, well up on leg, splendid length. BUFF (7): 1, spl, hc, Paddock, clear, wonderful shape and style, great length of side, well carried wings and tail, stands like a soldier; 2, Wells, clear, well up on leg, nice head and neck, well braced wings; 3, res, Burke; 3rd clear, splendid length and stand, nice feather, well braced wings, good tail; res, well mealed, clear, hot colour, big bird; vhc, Emery, very nice, clear, waxy feather. HEN (6): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Paddock, winner clear yell., feathered like a Java, well up on leg, nice back, wings and tail, stylish and breedy; 2, Wells, clear buff, great length, nice head and neck, well braced wings, splendid stand; 3, Uzzell, grizzle-capped yell., great length, well up on leg, very stylish; res, Millincamp, very stylish clear yell., nicely drawn. NOVICE CAN. A.V. (15): 1, Price, dark crest, varieg. buff, crest of good radiation and density, feather well packed, claimed at catalogue price, £5; 2, Dipple, yell. Nor., good colour; 3, Ingram, D.C., nice crest of dense feather; res, Midwinter, C.B., nice substance, good lash; vhc, c, Talbot; hc, Derry; c, Green. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, Lawrence, leader well-known Canary Bullfinch, in splendid fettle, showing parentage distinctly; 2, 3, Greenfinch Bullfinch and Linnet Bullfinch respectively; a grand team benched in very creditable manner; res, Hingley, nice Goldfinch Bullfinch; vhc, Wells, dark Canary Linnet Mule; hc, Caunt; c, Mills and Boswell. BRIT. SOFTBILL cancelled. HARDBILL: There were five Hawfinches in this class; 1, 2, Osbourne, Hawfinch leading, good size, bib and body colour shown in A1 condition; 2nd, Bramblefinch; 3, Green, nice Bullfinch, good dense cap, well-coloured breast; res, Mills and Boswell; vhc, Burrows, Charles; hc, Castle; c, Carter and Green. SELL. (£1): 1, Smith; 2, Exton; 3, Dipple; res, Paddock; vhc, Wells, Gilbert, Jones; hc, Lawrence, Talbot; c, Ingram.

LANCASTER.

This show was held in the Park Hotel Assembly Room on January 18th, and attracted a very nice entry. The quality of the exhibits was very good all round, and very few poor specimens were on view. Norwich were a good lot, the winning novice being a clinker, red hot, of good type, and teeming with quality. Yorkshires were very nice, as were also the Borders, Mr. Poole's winning hen being a gem. The A.O.V. class contained a grand lot, and hard to separate. Mr. Walsh put down some of his cracks in the British classes, which were very much admired. His winning Wryneck will take some stopping in any company. Hybrids were a nice lot, and the winning bird in the 15/- selling class (Buff Nor.) is good enough to win in strong company. No doubt he found a new home. Everything was well arranged, and Mr. Brown, the secretary, is to be congratulated on his excellent management. The exhibits were nicely staged, with a backing of scarlet, and the room was decorated with evergreens and flowers, which were very effective. Mr. W. J. Ferguson judged.

Critique.

NORWICH CK. (7): 1, vhc, hc, spl, Dent, yellow, grand substance, nice colour, good type; vhc, nice buff; 2, J. Mulliner, another typical Nor., nice colour; 3, c, W. Mulliner, beautiful quality and type, nice wing carriage. HENS (7): 1, vhc, Seed, very grand yellow variegated, looked somewhat masculine, but never said a word; 2, 3, hc, c, spl, Brown, wing tick. buff, and an eye-tick buff, two nice ladies, little to choose. NOVICE NORWICH (31): grand class, two lots of winners easily might have been chosen; 1, vhc, hc, spl, Bevan, clinking clear yellow, leads, type, quality and colour, all there, not one of the biggest, but a gem, give him a go in the open, Mr. B.; 2, Dixon, another grand one, yellow, just typical, nice neck both these birds are unflighted, and with a good moult should do their owners great credit; 3, Coupe, clear buff, grand size and shape, nicely mealed, could do with a wash; c, Ball. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 2, spl, Bradley and Coulson, very little to choose, nice slim, stylish birds of excellent quality; 3, W. Mulliner, nice straight bird; vhc, Procter; hc, Fisher; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (7): 1, 2, spl, Bradley and Coulson, another brace of real good ones; 3, Hodgson, a really nice exhibit; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Park; c, Procter. HENS (7): 1, Wilkinson, wing tick., yellow, nice sweet hen, good length, fine back, full of quality; 2, 3, spl, Brooks, both yellows of great merit, well up on leg, nicely drawn, third also nicely drawn; vhc, Park; hc, Fisher; c, Mulliner. BORDER CKS., YELL. (3): 1, spl, Poole, grand clear yellow, tight as wax; 2, Shewell, varieg., splendid colour, nice type, close up; 3, Houghton, clear, of excellent quality, very nice feather. BUFF (8): 1, hc, spl, Levason, nice little chap, good bloom, feathered like a Java; 2, Houghton, another clear, tight as wax, a near thing; 3, Shewell, green of most excellent merit, nice grassy colour, grand one for a buff; vhc, c, Harris. HENS (7): 1, 2, spl, Poole, two gems, winner a yellow, magnificent colour, grand type, splendid colour; 2nd, varieg. buff, also magnificent colour; 3, c, Shewell, another varieg. buff, beautiful little hen, close up; vhc, Harris; hc, Houghton. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, vhc, spl, Sloan, two Scotch Fancies, winner an excellent specimen; 2, Whittaker, yellow Belgian; 3, Brown, very good buff cinn.; hc, Hales. BRIT. HARDBILLS (7): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Walsh, Bullfinch leading, nice colour and cap, a beauty; 2, Yellowhammer, another good exhibit, nicely staged; vhc, real good Chaffinch; 3, c, Durston, very good Goldfinch, a true Britisher, grand blaze, nice wings; hc, Mulliner. SOFTBILLS (7): 1, 3, spl, Walsh, right good Wryneck, in fine order, very steady and handsome Woodlark; 2, Walley, tip-top Song Thrush, splendid feather and colour, wants staging in a better and more suitable cage; vhc, Durston; hc, c, Grime. HYBRID (6): 1, 2, hc, spl, Davies, trio of very nice Mules, winner a Gold-Bullfinch; 2nd, an excellent Linnet Canary, dark, good one; hc, a Greenie Canary, also very good one; 3, Hoyle, Linnet Bullie, nice colour; vhc, Shewell; wrong class No. 6, House Sparrow. SELL., 15/-: 1, 2, hc, vhc, c, spl, Brown, lot of cheap birds, winner a bargain; 3 Procter. GIFT (5): 1 spl, Shewell; 2, Dixon; 3, Mulliner; vhc, Brown; hc, Durston. There were also local, Foreign, and Linnet classes, which contained some creditable exhibits.

HALESOWEN.

The sixth annual show took place on Jan. 16 and 17, in Drill Hall, a nice place in which to hold a show, being lofty and very light, so that all exhibits could be seen at the best. The entries in the cage bird section turned up fairly well, but the show was not held under Cage Bird Union Rules, and this, no doubt, told against it. But what was lacking in quantity, was well made up for in quality, some nice Hybrids, Mules and British, and a splendid class of Foreigners, being staged. The showroom was nicely decorated, with CAGE BIRDS posters, which were much admired. Mr. Harrison judged, and his awards seemed to give satisfaction.

NORWICH CL., ETC. (4): 1, Williams, clear yell., good size and shape, nicely coloured; 2, Homer, buff, nice size; 3, R. Hingley, eye ticked buff, leading, nice size and condition, res. clear yell, nice colour. NOR. A.O.V. (3): 1, Hall, nice varieg. yell., splendid size, good quality of feather, wins; 2, 3, Chapman, two varieg. buffs, little to choose between them. YORKS., CL., ETC. (8): 1, Mountain, nice quality buff, well up on leg, good head, back and tail; 2, Sturgess, neat, finely-drawn, well-shown; 3, r, vhc, Lea and Fellows, nice yell., leading, grand colour and shape, good wings and tail, some preferred for second place; r, another good yell. YORKS. A.O.V. (2): 1, Mountain, nice uneven marked buff, grand quality of feather, good length and shape, neat head, nice balanced wings; 2, Chapman, very useful green, nice style and length, good quality feather. CREST, C.B. AND A.O.V.: Cancelled. MULE, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Hingley, Goldie-Bullie leading, nice quality feather, good coloured head and breast, wins, 2 very fine buff Goldie-Canary, nice rich colour, Pooley, very fine Greenie-Canary, nice rich colour, good size, feathered like a Java, some preferred for second place; r, Hall; vhc, Sturgess; hc, Roberts, very nice class. BRITISH (3): 1, Hingley, very fine Wryneck, Kidderminster, West Bromwich, and Cradley winner, well-known, needs no further comment; 2, Williams, very nice Chough in good plumage; 3, Atterwood, very fair Blackbird. FOR.: 1, William, well-known, King Bird of Paradise, in nice plumages, wins well on its rarity; 2, Poole, grand pair of Red-rumped Parrakeets, in fine plumage; 3, (no name), very decent Scarlet Tanager, plumage; 3, (no name), very decent Scarlet Tanager, in fine feather and condition; r, Hingley, useful pair of Black-headed Gouldian Finches; vhc, Jewes, Shale.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE.

The Blackpool and Fylde C.B.F.C. held their annual members' show on January 11th in the Victoria Street School-room. A capital entry of 150 was staged, including some really good exhibits. Mr. A. J. Winterbottom, the secretary, assisted by a very willing staff of workers, had everything well in hand, and cards up in good time. Mr. S. Hadwin judged.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, 2, spl, Bins, long, well drawn, good quality; 3, J. R. Crossley; 4, Young. BUFF (4): 1, Binns, well drawn, nicely rounded, very shapely, good quality; 2, McNeill; 3, J. Crossley; 4, J. R. Crossley. TICK (6): J. Crossley, good length and quality, well drawn; 2, 3, Binns, finely drawn; 4, Young, good length; vhc, Riding; hc, Kirkham. CINN. TICK. (2): 1, Binns, buff, good quality, well drawn; 2, McNeill. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (6): 1, Young, very smart and racy, good quality; 2, Binns, similar, well drawn; 3, Kirkham; 4, J. R. Crossley, good; vhc, McNeill; hc, Eastwood. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Binns, long, well drawn, good quality; 3, J. Crossley; 4, Young; vhc, J. R. Crossley; hc, Eastwood. UNFLI. (7): 1, Young, buff, well moulded, good quality and length; 2, 3, 4, Binns, very nice trio; vhc, J. Crossley; hc, J. R. Crossley. NAT. COL. (3): 1, 2, Pattison; 3, Eastwood. NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Morrison, short, cobby, good quality and colour; 2, Lightbourn, close up; 3, Bevan. BUFF (2): 1, Grimwood, nicely moulded, good chest and head; 2, Eastwood. TICK. (3): 1, Bevan, cobby, good quality; 2, Lofthouse, close up; 3, Morrison. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Lofthouse, good chest, fine quality, short and cobby; 2, Morrison, good quality; 3, Lingard, very similar; 4, hc, Bevau; vhc, Smithson; c, Eastwood. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Lofthouse, nicely moulded, good quality, small; 2, Cowell, close up; 3, Young; 4, Lingard, cobby, good quality; hc, Bevan; c, Smithson. UNFLI. YELL. (6): 1, Bevan, nice quality, neat shape; 2, vhc, Lingard; 3, 4, H. Morrison, well moulded; No. 6 absent. BUFF (8): 1, Lingard; 2, Bevan, pair of real good ones, very difficult to separate; 3, Lofthouse; 4, Morrison; vhc, Kirkham; hc, Grimwood; c, Cowell. NAT. COL. (3): 1, Bevan, 2, 3, Riding. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Eastwood. SELL. (20/-) (9): 1, J. Crossley; 2, Binns; 3, Smithson; 4, Bevan; vhc, McNeill; hc, Young; c, Eastwood; (12/6) (9): 1, Young; 2, hc, Bevan; 3, Lightbourn; 4, Binns; vhc, McNeill; c, Riding. MATCHED PAIRS (8): 1, c, Young, nicely matched Yorks.; 2, Lightbourn; pair of good thick-set Nor.; 3, Binns, Yorks, smart hen; 4, Eastwood, nice pair of Scotch; vhc, Bevan; hc, Smithson. MULES OR HYBRIDS (5): 1, Senior, sweet little Siskin; 2, Lightbourn, Linnet; 3, Boardman; Greenfinch, good colour; 4, vhc, Kirkham, Linnet. GOLDIE, ETC., BRIT. (8): 1, vhc, Riding, smart Bullfinch leading; 2, Senior, nicely marked Goldie; 3, Kirkham, another nice Goldie; 4, Lightbourn; hc, Mayes; c, Boardman. LINNET (4): 1, Boardman, marked, good colour, steady; 2, Kirkham; 3, Senior, wild; 4, Riding. A.O.S. HARD BILL (10): 1, Riding, good Hawfinch; 2, vhc, Senior, Yellowhammer in capital feather, steady; 3, c, Snow Bunting; 4, hc, Riding, Chaffinch. SOFT. (2): 1, Boardman, Waxwing, in grand condition; 2, Kirkham, Wryneck. FOR.: 1, Riding, Goldfinch, in good condition. Taylor Cup, TEAM of 4 birds (12): 1, Binns, grand team of Yorks; 2, Boardman, good team of Brit.

PELTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual members' show took place on December 28th, and proved a decided success. The entries numbered 198, an increase of 48 over last year's total. Mr. J. Risehorough (Sunderland) judged, and gave every satisfaction. J. W. Taylor, Esq., M.P., is the president, and Messrs. T. Carr and C. Harle vice-presidents. The chairman and vice-chairmen are Messrs. A. Brown and G. Parnaby respectively, and the committee consists of the following:—Messrs. R. S. Bewick, J. Snell, T. Bewick, J. Stanger, S. Elliott, R. Boyd, J. Hodgson, M. Crosley, and R. Taylor (treasurer). The secretary is Mr. L. Hall, to whom much of the credit for the success of the show is due. Both he and the rest of the officials are to be congratulated.

NOR. CL. YELL. TICK., ETC. (8): 1, spl, Atkinson; 2, Mosley; 3, A. Brown; vhc, Stanger; hc, Snell; c, Smith. BUFF (8): 1, spl, A. Brown; 2, ex. spl, Stanger; 3, J. Brown; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Snell. HEN (7): 1, spl, Mason; 2, A. Brown; 3, Bewick; vhc, Smith; hc, Stanger; c, Atkinson. YELL. CK., BRED 1907 (9): 1, spl, A. Brown; 2, Stanger; 3, Davidson; vhc, Buck; hc, J. Brown; c, Mason. BUFF (6): 1, spl, J. Brown; c, Mosley; 3, Smith; vhc, A. Brown; hc, Elliott; c, Stanger. HEN, BRED 1907 (10): 1, spl, W. Smith; 2, Mosley; 3, A. Brown; vhc, Mason; hc, J. Brown. CREST CK. (4): 1, spl, Bewick, jun.; 2, ex. spl, Herdman; 3, Bewick, sen.; vhc, Parnaby. C.B. (5): 1, spl, Bewick, sen.; 2, Hall; 3,, Herdman; vhc, Bewick, jun.; hc, Parnaby. CREST OR C.B. HEN (3): 1, spl, Hodgson; 2, R. Bewick; 3, Stanger. CREST CK., 1907 (2): 1, spl, Bewick, sen.; 2, ex. spl, Bewick, jun. C.B. CK., 1907 (5): 1, spl, Stanger; 2, Herdman; 3, R. Bewick; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Parnaby. HEN, 1907 (3): 1, spl, R. Bewick; 2, Herdman; 3, Hodgson. NOR. CINN. YELL (2): 1, spl, Herdman; 2, R. Bewick. BUFF (1): 1, R. Bewick. YELL., 1907 (3): 1, spl, Herdman; 2, R. Bewick; 3, Hodgson. BUFF, 1907 (2): 1, spl, R. Bewick; 2, ex. spl, Herdman. BORD. FCY. CL. Bewick; 2, ex. spl, Herdman. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. TICK, ETC. (3): 1, spl, Snell; 2, Mosley; 3, Elliott, absent. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Herdman; 2, Herring; 3, Snell. HEN (6): 1, spl, S. Elliott; 2, Fletcher; 3, Snell; vhc, J. Elliott; hc, Herdman. CL. YELL. TICK., ETC., 1907 (5): 1, spl, Snell; 2, ex. spl, Fletcher; 3, Herring; vhc, Stanger; hc, S. Elliott. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Herring; 2, Stanger; 3, Snell; vhc, S. Elliott. HEN, 1907 (6): 1, spl, S. Elliott; 2, Snell; 3, Fletcher; No. 6, R. Boyd, absent. YORKS. (5): 1, spl, Stanger; 2, Buck; 3, Fletcher; vhc, Snell; hc, Parnaby. 1907 (5): 1, spl, Buck; 2, Stanger; 3, Fletcher; vhc, Parnaby; hc, Snell. A.O.V. (2): 1, spl, R. Bewick; 2, Parnaby. 1907 (3): 1, spl, Herdman; 2, R. Bewick; 3, Parnaby. NOVICE CAN. (14): 1, spl, ex. spl, W. Smith; 2, Mosley; 3, Hall; vhc, medal for best vhc bird, Atkinson; hc, T. Bewick; c, Buck. PAIRS, CREST (3): 1, spl, Herdman; 2, R. Bewick; 3, Hodgson. NOR. (5): 1, spl, Mosley; 2, ex. spl, Stanger; 3, Snell; vhc, Fletcher; hc, R. Bewick. SELL., 10/- (8): 1, spl, Mosley; 2, J. Elliott; 3, T. Bewick; vhc, Boyd; hc, R. Bewick. BRIT. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (8): 1, spl, Stanger; 2, Herring; 3, Boyd; vhc, R. Bewick; hc, Davidson. BRIT. WILD LINNET (8): 1, spl, Fletcher; 2, Snell; 3, Boyd; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Davidson; c, McDowell. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, spl, Stanger; 2, Davidson; 3, Boyd; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Snell; c, Atkinson. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH (4): 1, spl, Boyd; 2, Hodgson; 3, Davidson. MULE (7): 1, spl, Boyd; 2, Buck; 3, Snell; vhc, Davidson; hc, Mason; c, Atkinson. FOR. (5): 1, spl, A. Brown; 2, McDowall; 3, Smith; vhc, Davidson; hc, Hodgson.

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LLANELLY.

Held at Market Hall, Tuesday, January 14th. The show proved to be an entire success, and the executive have every reason to be satisfied with their second venture. The classification was most liberal, with all prize money guaranteed. The hall is really an ideal place for the purposes of a cage bird show, having nice overhead light, and being absolutely free from draughts. Llanelly can now be counted among the premier cage bird shows in the country, no less than 700 exhibits being staged, which constitutes a record for West Wales. In Mr. J. Simon we found a most painstaking secretary, whose first endeavour was to please all and sundry. He is just the man for the position, and may Llanelly long retain this capable fancier's services. He is well supported by T. Gregory, T. Sullivan, and T. Williams (three well-known fanciers), as show managers, who, in turn direct a willing and large body of members who comprise the committee. It is unnecessary to single out anyone for distinction, as each man knew his particular duty, and did it with a will. Little wonder that things went off smoothly and satisfactorily. The Canary section was particularly warm, Norwich, Yorks., Borders, Greens, etc., all being the best of collections of their respective sorts. We noticed some gems staged by such well-known winners as Messrs. Longden, Nicholas, Jenkins, and Jones. The much controverted Bullie at the Scottish National won here to-day, winning spl. for best British bird, and also cup. This bird, we hear, has won under five different judges. At the same time, some doubted whether there was a real British in the class. Messrs. J. H. Payne, J. B. Evans, and E. Hawthorn were the judges. Mr. Payne took the Canaries, Mr. Evans the British Mules and Foreign, and Mr. Hawthorn placed the awards in the Roller classes. The awards of these gentlemen met with satisfaction, and discontentment was remarkable for its absence.

The chief features of the Canary section were the grand classes of Borders, and Norwich and Yorkshire Greens, the latter no doubt creating a record both in numbers and quality for South Wales. We shall be surprised if other societies in the Principality do not cater for them liberally in the future. The Borders were a grand lot for quality, that well-known exhibitor, Mr. D. Jenkins, staging a grand team, with which he secured the bulk of the prizes. The sensation of the show was the lodging of a protest against this exhibitor's birds on the ground that feathers were drawn from the tails, it being alleged that some had only eight and others ten feathers in the tail, but, upon examination, it was found that all had full tails, and Mr. Jenkins' reputation as an honest exhibitor was fully vindicated, and the protest money goes to swell the society's funds.

The Canary Classes.

NOR., CL. YELL. (6): 1, Harber, grand shape, full, deep and uicely-rounded chest, good colour, well braced wings; 2, W. P. Jones, hot colour, well packed flights, nice back; 3, Hitchings, good shaped body, nice quality of feather; 4, J. Pritchard, nice colour and feather. BUFF (7): 1, D. Jenkins, lovely quality and colour, well extended down flights and tail, grandly packed wings, nice head, good shape; 2, Gwilliam, grand shaped body, deep chest, short flights and tail, good quality; 3, W. P. Jones, nice shape and feather, good head and neck; 4, Harber, nice feather and shape; vhc, Bradford; hc, G. T. Jones; c, J. Pritchard. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, spl, 3, Tedstone, mkd. head, neck and wings, lovely colour, full of quality, good shape, nicely cut away behind, in grand order; 3rd, shoulder and wing ticked yell., nice shape and colour; 2, Gwilliam, shoulder and wing ticked buff, good shape, colour and quality; 4, Hitchings, mkd. head, shoulder, neck and wings, nice shape and feather, good quality; vhc, Portman; hc, Scott. HENS (10): 1, Pritchard, bonny clear buff, rattling shape and feather, good wings and tail, nice round head, full neck, well mealed; 2, Gwilliam, clear yell., good shape, nice colour, short flights and tail, gets well over perch; 3, Harber, eye and wing ticked yell., nice colour and feather, good back, wings and tail; 4, hc, G. T. Jones, buff, grand colour, nice quality; vhc, Hitchings; c, D. Jenkins. UNFLI. A.V. (5): 1, spl, 2, Gwilliam, buff, mkd. neck, eyes and wings, grand shape, tight-fitting jacket of good quality, short wings and tail, nice head and back; 2nd, clear yell., good shape, short wings and tail, level colour and nice quality; 3, Wright, yell., grand colour and shape, short flights; 4, Hitchings, yell., grand feather and colour. A.V. NON-FED (6): 1, Gwilliam, splendid shaped clear yellow, full head and neck, grand wings and tail, beautifully feathered, grand in quality, wins well; 2, G. Evans, mkd. head, right wing and tail, nice shaped body, good feather and quality, buff; 3, 4, D. Rees, buff hen, nice cobby shaped body, short wings and tail, good feather; 4th, buff, good feather and colour; vhc, R. H. Jones; hc, Williams. NOR. GREEN, SELF, ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Harrison, self, nice shape and colour, short flights and tail, good feather, neat head; 2, 3, Deackon, pied throat, grand colour, good shaped body; 3rd, pied throat and tail, splendid colour, good shape, close up; 4, hc, Moss, nice-coloured self, good shaped body, well feathered; vhc, Ryno; c, Walker. BUFF (8): 1, Ryno, self, magnificent shaped body, full head and Bullfinch neck, nice colour; 2, 4, Walker, self, grand shape, beautiful feather, good wings and tail, neat head, full of quality; 3, Harrison, pied throat and tail, good colour and shape, nice feather; vhc, he, Deackon; c, Moss. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Walker, good shape, nice sound colour, neat wings and tail, nice head and neck; 2, Ryno, beautiful colour and feather, nicely packed flights, good shape; 3, 4, Deackon, pied throat, nice shape, good head; 4, pied tail and throat, rare shape and size; vhc, Hadwin; he, Harrison; c, Moss. BUFF (11): 1, Cawley, magnificent colour and shape, feathered to perfection, full chest, round as a billiard ball, short wings and tail, a gem; 2, 4, c, Moss, grand shape, nice head and neck, good wings and tail; 4th, pied tail, grand shape, nice wings and tail; 3, Deackon, good shape, rare head and neck; vhc, Ryno; hc, Harrison. CREST OR C.B. (11): 1, Edwards, grizzle Crest and ticked left wing, crest of good shape, nice droop and radiation, and neat centre, splendid quality; 2, 3, Lewis and Dymond, pied tail, green Crested, good skull, well feathered; 3rd, Crest, mkd. wings, good frontal and droop; 4, hc, Beard, green Crest, neat crest, good droop and radiation; vhc, c, Bevan. YORKS., CL. YELL. (5): 1, Creber, beautiful stand, well on leg, wings and tail, well packed, lovely colour and quality; 2, Morris, nice length, good feather and quality, close up; 3, Smith, long flights and tail; 4, Williams, nice colour, bit soiled; vhc, John. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Smith, beautifully feathered, straight as a pencil, good position, nice wings and tail, good colour and quality; 2, Griffiths Bros., grand feather and quality; 3, Portman, nice colour, grand back and tail, good position; 4, hc, Williams, good feather, nice length and position; vhc, Creber; c, Baker. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, Keegan, neck and shoulder mkd. yell., lively colour and quality, grand position, full of swagger, straight;

ORTOLAN BUNTING

Winner First Prize at Bournemouth Show. The Property of Mr. R. Carter (Peckham).

2, Lovell, neck ticked buff, lovely feather and stand, nice wings and tail, good back; 3, 4, Morris, thigh ticked yell., nice length and good feather; 4th, head and neck mkd. buff, grand feather, nice position; vhc, Griffiths Bros.; hc, Smith; c, Williams. HENS (8): 1, Smith, yell., grand colour and quality, nice back, wings and tail, stands well, feathered to perfection; 2, Morris, yell., nice length and stand, good wings and tail; 3 (no name), cinn. mkd., long, as straight as a dart, beautiful feather; 4, Griffiths Bros., clear buff, nice stand, good colour; vhc (no name); hc, Williams. UNFLI A.V. (8): 1, 3, Smith, yell., grand colour and full of quality, nice flights and tail, stands well on good pair of legs; 3rd, buff, nice feather and stand, neat wings and tail; 2, Creber, good lengthy yellow, nice colour and quality, stands well; 4, Baker, yell., nice stand, well on leg; vhc, (no name); hc, Portman; c, (no name). A.V. NON-FED (7): 1, Keegan, cl. yell., magnificent feather, full of quality, good position, straight, nicely-braced wings, neat tail; 2, Williams, yell., good colour and feather, neat wings and tail; 3, 4, vhc, Gregory, thigh ticked buff, slim built, good wings, head and tail; 4th, head and neck marked, cinn. mark., grand feather; hc, R. Jenkins; c, Lewis. YORKS., GREEN, SELF, ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Carswell, magnificent colour, good length, well up on leg, slim built, straight as a gun barrel; 2, vhc, Deackon, grand position, full of style, nice feather and colour, close up; 3, Benson, nice colour, good stand; 4, Clayton, lovely colour and feather; hc, Creber; c, Metcalfe. BUFF (11): 1, c, Carswell, beautiful colour and feather, good length and stand, splendid quality; 2, Benson, good colour and stand, nice wings and tail; 3, Drinkwater, splendid position, grandly feathered; 4, Deackon, good colour, feather and quality, nice stand; vhc, Clayton; hc, Vernon. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Benson, grand length beautiful colour, stands well, nice flights and tail, well up on leg; 2, 4, Carswell, good colour and feather, nice stand and style; 4th, close up; 3, Deackon, neat head, nice colour, slim built, good stand; vhc, Moss; hc, Beard; c, Fieldon, a grand class. BUFF (12): 1, 3, 4, Deackon, grand team, all nice position, feather and quality, with good long flights and tails; 2, Clayton, slim built, nice position, splendid colour, neat head, wings and tail; vhc, Creber; hc, Robinson; c, Carswell. NOVICE, YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Wilcox, thigh tick, slim built, good feather and quality, well up on leg; 2, Holmes, tkd. head, hot colour, good length; 3, Challenger, lovely feather and stand, nice wings and tail; 4, Thomson, nice feather and colour; vhc, W. E. Williams; hc, E. H. Williams; c, Saunders. BUFF (6): 1, Cross, beautiful feather, nice back, wings and tail, stands well and quite straight, a gem; 2, Wilcox, good length, nice stand; 3, Holmes, tkd. head, good length and stand; 4, Thomson, hot colour, nice back; vhc, Rees; hc, John. UNFLI. (5): 1, Challenger, yell., slim built, stands well on clever pair of legs, grand colour and quality, neat head, well filled back; 2, 3, Cross, buff, grand feather and quality, nice back, wings and tail; 3rd, lengthy yellow, good long flights and tail, nice quality; 4, Thomson, hot-coloured tkd. buff.; vhc, Rees. HEN, YELL., A.V. (5): 1, (no name), slim built, grand feather, beautiful position, straight as a rush, nice exhibit; 2, Cross, grand colour and length, nice position, good wings and tail; 3, R. Jenkins, straight as a rush, nice colour; 4, Challenger, slim built hen, nice style and quality; vhc, John. BUFF (6): 1, Challenger, slim built, grand feather, stands well, nice wings and tail; 2, Holmes, slim built, nice stand; 3, Rees, nice colour and quality. SCOTS FANCY, A.V. (5): 1, B. Davies, buff, gets head well down, and tail well under perch, nice top end, good length of neck, well cleaned out; 2, 3, vhc, Longden, ticked yell., gets into position in a moment, good drive, nice depression of head; 3rd, buff, good top end, gets tail well under; 4, (no name), buff, nice nervy bird. BORD. FANCY, CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Hamma cott, beautiful feather, shape, colour and quality, nice head, neat wings and tail, jaunty carriage, very smart; 2, hc, D. Jenkins, nice colour and shape, grand feather, neat tail and wings; 3, Brownlee, splendid feather, neat tail and wings, nice carriage; 4, Owen, nice feather and carriage, well-braced wings and neat tail; vhc, Evans; c, Sheldon. HEN (6): 1, D. Jenkins, a gem for feather, shape and style, neat head, lovely back and wings; 2, W. J. Jenkins, very smart and stylish, nice feather and shape; 3, R. H. Jones, grand feather, nice shape; 4, Sheldon, ticked on head, nice shape and feather; vhc, Evans; hc, Brownlee. BUFF CK. (13): 1, 2, D. Jenkins, two real gems, grand feather, nice shape and heads, best of wings and tails, clean as new pins, winner takes special for best Border; 3, Sheldon, nice shape and feather, good jaunty carriage; 4, Hammacott, grand feather, nice shape and carriage, neat tail and wings; vhc, Brownley; hc, W. J. Jenkins; c, Taylor. HEN (7): 1, 2, D. Jenkins, two gems close together, magnificent feather, shape and action, grandly put down; 3, Hammacott, another good one, nice feather, good shape, neat head, wings and tail; 4, Taylor, good feather and shape; vhc, R. H. Jones; hc, P. Jenkins; c, Sheldon. EVENLY MKD. (4): 1, 2, Hocking, buff leading, nice markings, shape and feather; 2nd, yellow. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC. (13): 1, 2, D. Jenkins, yell., mkd. head, eye and wings, lovely feather and quality, grand tail and wings, good shape; 2nd, head and wing mkd. buff, tight feather, good quality; 3, Sheldon, yell., mkd. eyes, back and wings, nice feather, shape and carriage; 4, Brownlie, cinn. mark, nice feather, good shape and quality; vhc, R. H. Jones; hc, c, Evans. GREEN, ETC. (9): 1, D. Jenkins, Jonque, magnificent colour, grand shape and feather, nice head, jaunty carriage, a clinker; 2, Brownlie, Jonque, cinn., nice shape and feather, good carriage; 3, hc, Hocking, smart Jonque, good shape and feather; 4, Evans, Jonque, close up; vhc, Prosser; c, Hadwin. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, Tedstone, four-pointed Yellow Norwich, grand colour and shape, rare size, looking well; 2, B Davies, Buff Belgian, nice shoulders, straight back, neat head; 3, Belgian, nice shoulders, straight back, neat head; 3, vhc, Hampshire, Silver Lizard, good ground colour, well rowed; 4, Creber, Buff Belgian; hc, Griffiths. SELL. CAN., 20/- (5): 1, Longden, cheap Scots.; 2, Hampshire; 3, Beard; 4, Williams and Morgans; vhc, Baker. 15/- (7): 1, 4, G. Evans; 2, Longden; 3, P. Jenkins; vhc, Griffiths Bros.; hc, Hammacott. LOCAL CLASSES.—YORKS. (17): 1, Saunders, smart, stylish, good feathered buff, stands well; 2, John, yell., good length and stand, nice wings and tail; 3, Jenkins, yell., nice style, well up on leg, good colour; 4, D. Williams, heavily-marked buff, nice feather, good length and stand; vhc, E. H. Williams; hc, Francis; c, Lewis. NORWICH (9): 1, 2, Evans, good-shaped varieg. buff, nice colour, good head and neck; 2nd, buff, grand quality of feather, ticked on head; 3, Lewis, hot-coloured, wing ticked buff; 4, Evans and Davies, nice-shaped varieg. yellow; vhc, Saunders; hc, c, Reynolds. MEMBERS.—YORKS. (14): 1, Simon, smart clear buff; 2, 3, Bennett, marked buff and clear yellow, good stand and style; 4, Harrison, buff, nice length and style; vhc, D. Williams; hc, E. H. Williams; c, T. Williams. NORWICH (9): 1, D. R. Jones, buff, grand shape and feather; 2, Bennett, wing mkd. yellow, good shape and colour; 3, vhc, G. H. Williams, buff, nice shape, good head and flights; 4, J. Jones, good shaped, wing ticked buff; hc, Evans; c, Gregory.

All Other Classes.

MULES CL. (8): 1, spl, Leigh, well-known Canary Bullie, grand size and colour, wins easily; 2, hc, Ward, former Linnet Bullie, in splendid fettle, shows his parents to a marked degree, he Redpoll Bullie, very trim exhibit; 3, Hodge, good Goldie mule, shown in very nice fettle; 4, Williams; hc, Jones; c, Portman. DK. GOLDFINCH: 1, Lewis and Dymond, topping good yellow, grand face, good frontal and bars; 2, Coffey, another yell., grand shape and size, with the best quality feather; 3, Jones, grandly staged buff, good size, colour and shape, well up for a buff; 4, Jones; vhc, Davies; hc, Thomas; c, Cannes. A.O.V. (20) a grand class: 1, 2, Leigh, grand yell. Goldie, leading masterpiece for size colour and general finish, closely pressed by the famous dk. Greenie mule, a marvel for colour and general quality; 3, Price Jones, smart Cinn. Greenie mule, rare size; 4, hc, Edwards; vhc, Coffey; c, Jenkins. GOLDFINCH (22): 1, Lewis and Dymond, well-known one, with his best clothes on to-day; remarkable expanse of blaze, beautifully polished, correctly cut, typical winning Finch; 2, Richards, also a gem, bang up in colour, extra rich coloured blaze, good size, nice chest and back colour; 3, Herbert, nice one, well contrasted colours, grand blaze colour, rich chestnut tone; 4, Edwards, sweetly pretty one, neatly staged, little toff; 4, Walters, fit to win at most big shows; 2, vhc, s and c, Richards, 3 grand faced, cleanly cut, free from gutters; hc, B. and D. Prosser. GOLDFINCH (Greypate, 1907) (30): 1, 4, Griffiths and Evans, marvel for finish, grand expansive face, squarely-cut, good, broad skull, sound tone, good bars and buttons; 2, Coffey, also an extraordinary specimen, well up in size, lovely quality in face feather, rich, deep red, steady; 3, Jeffries, good face, well staged, should take beating with a moult; 4, King, Morgan and Lewis, and Dymond; vhc, Baker, John; hc, J. John; c, Jones and Evans. BULLFINCH (12): 1, spl, Nicholas, cup winner, grand, cobby bodied one, lovely sheen, good coloured frontal, well defined wing bars; 2, Howe, correct type, well polished specimen, excellent pure breast colour, good, wide head; 3, B. and D. Prosser, grand size, nicely moulded, put down in A1 trim; 4, Walsh, grand cap and frontal; vhc, Mus-cott; hc, Coffey; c, Woods. HEN (6): 1, H. Chick, fine size, lovely short wings and tail, perfectly cut cap, dense front colour, winner to-day; 2, Longden, neat and prim little lady, perfectly staged, rare, sound colour, well polished; 3, Jeffries, nicely feathered, good size, best of type; 4, Howe; vhc, Love. LINNET (10): 1, Nicholas, very high-class Linnet, sound body colour, beautifully laced, shows whites in wings in a striking manner, ideal nut-brown shade; 2, Lovell, very nice size, lovely quality feather, very level in front; distinct lacing, extra good back colour; 3, Jefferies, nicely staged, well polished, laced to perfection; 4, Walsh, good size, nice one for lacing; vhc, Williams; hc, Lewis and Dymond; c, Woods. LINNET (Field-moulted): 1, Lovell, very large youngster, fine nutty-brown colour, beautiful pencilling, and extra good in shape, winner; 2, Nicholas, another rattling good one, size, colour and marking combined, wonderful quality of feather; 3, Jefferies, grand size and shape again, shows a profusion of distinct markings on chest and sides; 4, Lewis, ideal bird for colour and size, should make a stunner; vhc, Gay; hc, (no name); c, Williams. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Nicholas, 1 Silver King, well-known, shown in usual faultless style, grand size, good quality and shape, well away to-day; 2, Glasgow, winner, another topper too well known to need description, looking his very best; 3, Howe, lovely level-coloured one, good head and chest, polished to perfection; 4, vhc, Coffey, well staged, neat shape, good quality of feather; hc, no name; c, Thomas. CHAFFINCH ETC.: 1, spl, Longden, well known, Bramble, extra good front, in fine order to-day, remarkable size and shape; 2, Gay, Chaffinch, big favourite, good breast colour, grand size, perfect shape; 3, 4, Coffey, 3, Bramble, close up, in very best of order; 4, slashing Bramble, grand size; vhc, Walsh; hc, Lewis and Dymond; c, Howe. YELLOWHAMMER (8): 1, Nicholas, grand size, remarkable colour, well defined V marks on head, grandly laced on chest and sides, in fine form; 2, Price Jones, nat col., good size and colour, neat head marking, has not got the crouching habit generally seen in these birds; 3, Jenkins, another red-hot coloured one, fine size, carries the characteristic marking; 4, Love; vhc, he, Walsh; c, Ray. REDPOLL SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Nicholas, Redpoll, well known, in best of feather, nicely laced rare level colour in front; 2, Price Jones, Twite, an old face, looking very nice, rare colour and polish, well staged; 3, Jeffries, good Siskin, splendid exhibit, size, colour and quality; 4, Longden, grand coloured Twite, good size, well marked; vhc, Gillivray Bros., mealy Redpoll; hc, Lewis and Dymond; c, Ray. HEN HARDBILL: 1, D. and J. Prosser, Bramble, very good coloured one, well-defined marking, looking fit as possible; 2, Chick, Hawfinch, grand size, best of quality feather, rare colour for a hen; 3, Thomas, close up, polished well, neatly staged; 4, Hughes, another good Hawfinch, grand coloured one; vhc, Jenkins; hc, B. and D. Prosser; c, Howe. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, Price, grandly mooned Thrush, good size, excellent ground colour, staged with extreme taste; 2, Ford, noted Blackie, dense colour, good bill and cere, close to leader; 3, vhc, Jarvis Jones, grand spangled Starling, beautiful metallic lustre; 4, Wherle; hc, Teague; c, Rees. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Lewis and Dymond, nice Corn Bunting, good size and colour, well marked, extra steady; 3, Hawfinch, rare colour and quality, good bib and hood; 2, Richards, smart meadow Bunting, nice eye marking, good body colour; 4, Price Jones, Corn Bunting, in good feather; vhc, Ford and Sons. SELL. (10/-): 1, Longden, good Grecnie Canary, remarkable cheap; 2, Lowe, Bramble, good feather and quality; 3, Lewis and Dymond, Siskin mule, rare size and colour; 4, Evans; vhc, Williams; hc, Jefferies; c, Evans and Davies. FOR. LARGE: 1, Hoar, well known King Parakeet, looking in superb plumage; 2, Harry, good feathered Amazon; 3, Vivian, Amazon, close up; 4, Williams. SMALL: 1, Howe, Fruitsucker, in superb order, well defined colours, in perfect trim; 2, 3, Thorne, 2, well known Scarlet Tanager, looking his best to-day; 3, superb winger, nice condition of feather; 4, Francis; vhc, Coh; hc, Edwards. ROLLERS OPEN (6): 1, 3, 4, Cole, trio of gems, well sustained, good hollow roll, hollow bell and bass tours exceedingly full; 2, Turpin, scores heavily with bass roll, good hollow bell. These Rollers were judged in a room 300 yards away from show kindly lent for the purpose. The contest proved an exciting one and roller singing should be looked after. ROLLER LINNET (5): 1, Cole, grand hollow roll, good hollow bell; 2 Evans, close up, shorter duration; 3, Kemp, beautiful rise, good tours. LOCAL CLASSES.—GOLDFINCH (19): 1, 3, Jones, Evans, 2 toppers, nice faces, well rounded; 2, Evans, also good, nicely polished face; Ray we liked; vhc, Thomas; hc, Jones; c, Davies. BULLFINCH (15): 1, Cobb, grand sized hen, good cap, nicely feathered; 2, Lewis, good cap and front nice size; 3, Jones and Evans, grand feather and condition; 4, Jones; vhc, Lewis; hc, Pearce; c, Morris. LINNET (19): 1, Lewis, fine size, well laced, grand polish wing well; 2, Reynolds, another topper, extra steady; 3, Jones and Evans one of the right sort; 4, no name; vhc, Davies; hc, Sullivan; c, Saunders. MULES: 1, Morgan and Son, Greenie mule, good size and feather; 2, Bowen, nice sized Goldie mule, good blaze; 3, Lewis, lovely Linnet mule, good size and colour; 4, Rogers; v, Jones; 4, D. R. Jones; v, Rogers; hc, Davies; c, Richards.

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LIVERPOOL AND DISTROT.

This, the third annual show inaugurated by Liverpool B.B.A., Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S., Birkenhead C.F.A., Bootle and Dis C.B.S., and the Garston B.B.A., was held on New Year's Day at Birkenhead. The rendezvous, situate in Catherine-street, is well suited for cage bird shows, and is well lighted, having large clear windows at sides, which give plenty of light at both sides of the tables. The birds were in full view on either side. The officials from each society formed the committee of management, and were: Messrs. Hadwin, Maddinson, Barratt, Handley, Foster, Robinson, Lewis, Thompson, and Richardson. Mr. J. T Harding, the Birkenhead hon. sec., acted as hon. sec. for this show, and right well did he execute his duties. He is to be congratulated on his successful management. Most of these gentlemen were present at the show, and very ably carried out the work devolving upon them. A good many fanciers, however, had gone to Edinburgh with their Greens and Borders, so that in these sections of the "amalgamated" show some of the classes had to suffer. This did not prevent a fine entry, and a really good show being held, although, if the Greens and Borders had been available to a greater extent, a record show would have been the result. As it was, nearly 400 birds turned up, and this was an improvement on last year's total. A big classification for Yorks. brought out some very high-class birds, and the various winners and runners-up were mostly very choice. Messrs. Cawley, Lobb, McNulty, McLean, Holford, Coffey, Rowlands and Horne all secured one or more firsts in the champion section. The four novice Yorks. classes were also very strong and choice. The Yorks. Greens came out very well, and some fine birds were put down. The novice Yorks. Greens were good, some of the chief winners being real beauties. The Norwich Plainheads are surely on the wane in Liverpool, seeing that only somewhere about 30 put in an appearance in champion and novice classes. Is there not plenty of room here to go in and become prize winners? Messrs. H. Cawley, Williamson, McMillan, Worral, Lewis, and Dalzell divided the spoil here in the champions. Messrs. Dalzell and Isaac won in Novice Norwich Plainheads. Only three Norwich Greens were in the open, and two in the novice; all the rest must have been at Edinburgh. Mrs. Cory put on view her Crests and Crestbreds in two classes for these, and had all her own way with a fine lot. The natural colour and selling classes came up very strong, and Hybrids, eight of them in one class, saw a very fine dark Buff Gold-Canary win, followed by a giant dark Buff Siskin-Canary. The Britishers were very good, and the Goldfinches, 15 of them, were very fine, indeed. Bullfinches were few, but the leader was very pretty. Linnets, too, were a nice lot, and hard to separate, the best one in all-round merit winning. Greenfinches were good, but too few, as also were Brambles and Chaffinches. The Siskin, etc., class saw a good display with a fine Twite leading. The wild Linnet class brought out three or four excellent birds, which look like making very fine show birds with a good moult. A very good Thrush and Pied Wagtail were in the Softbill class. Had the Liverpool crack teams of Hybrids and British birds not been doing duty at Edinburgh, etc., shows, there would have been a great display; as it was, a real good lot were on view. Mr. A. Ambler was unable to be present owing to illness, and Mr. A. G. Davis judged Yorkshires in his stead. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged all the rest. Their awards appeared to give satisfaction. All went as merry as a marriage bell, and judging, and cards up, were got through in very good time. Garston will be the venue next year, when we hope there will be a great show.

The Yorkshire Section.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (6): 1, Lobb, very graceful, stylish, neat head, well up on legs, good carriage of wings, fine feather and condition; 2, Roscoe, good body, well up, clean through, and lovely feather; 3, McNulty, nice style and carriage, quick, full of nerve; vhc, Cawley, splendid type, good sound feather, all over it; hc, Jones; c, Dalzell. BUFF (6): 1, Lobb, very tight, round, well tapered, silky feather, nicely posted; 2, Coffy, raking good bird, full of typical properties, runs up hard; 3, Larkin, good head and wings, fine stylish bird; vhc, Jones; hc, Worrall; No. 3 (Cawley) absent. TICK., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Cawley, ticked head, very fine quality, clean throughout, tight as a Java, well up, very smart to-day; 2, Larkin, ticked cheek, grand style and position, neat head, wings and tail nicely rounded; 3, Harding, ticked wings and neck, a gem, hard to beat; vhc, Roscoe; hc, Richardson; c, Dalzell. BUFF (7): 1, McNulty, ticked wing, very fine quality right through, upstanding, good carriage of wings; 2, Cawley, ticked cheek, long round cone shape, clean right down to tail, bold and upright, tight-fitting wings, neat tail; 3, Richardson, eye and wing marked, fine drawn bird when tight, the cold was taking hold of it a bit to day; vhc, Roscoe; hc, Lobb; c, Christopher. UNFLI. YELL. (15): 1, McLean, smart, stylish young bird, nicely up on leg, neat contour, fine feather; 2, McNulty, shows high breed above, racy, nice feather, tight condition; 3, Coffy, also very breedy; vhc, c, Cawley, former fine specimen; hc, Horne. BUFF (6): 1, Rowlands, excellent quality and condition; 2, Cawley, another of his gems, looking grand; 3, Gore, fine shape and feather when at best; vhc, Blaza; hc, Larkin; c, Lobb. YELL. HENS (11): 1, Holford, very long racy bird, A1 feather and condition; 2, Gardner, nice type, good style and position, neat head; 3, Roscoe, sweet typical specimen, close up to others; vhc, Hunt; hc, Worral; c, Richardson. BUFF (6): 1, Horne, grand all round bird, real gem for type, position, and feather; 2, Holford, a good hen all over; 3, Hunt, well up to former in most points; vhc, Gardner; hc, Coffy; c, Dalzell. CINN. TICK. YELL. (5): 1, McNulty, very nice shape, good feather, nicely drawn and clean, neat throughout; 2, Lobb, also good racy bird; 3, Morton. BUFFS (2): 1, Coffy, cracking in all-round merit as a Yorks.; 2, McNulty, fine bird, nice condition. HENS, YELL., CINN., TICK. (4): 1, Lobb, real gem in every respect, hard to beat; 2, Hunt, nice shape, general colour and finish; 3, Hawkes, very good shape and clear head properties; vhc, Perwich. BUFF (7): 1, Cawley, lovely var., very Java-like feather, rounded and cored to a ribbon in the pink of condition; 2, Lobb, neat and nice through, fine head, well coloured; 3, McNulty, var. beauty, fine feather and condition; vhc, Dalzell, grand quality lovely condition; hc, Jones; c, Roscoe. YELL. CAP. (2): 1, Lobb, nicely drawn, large head and back, nice colour; 2 Hayden, deep head colour all over, long neat wings, feather and condition good markings, legs and toes, good one; 3, Hobbes, fine colour, right condition; vhc, Rowlands; hc, Latham; c, Wardale. SELF BUFFS (3): 1, Rowlands, good stamp of bird, very soft tone of colour, large head markings fine feather and condition; 2, Ireland, very nice, same shade of colour, close up; 3, hc, Hughes, good pair; vhc, Moss; c, Handley.

FOUL YELL. (6): 1, Rowlands, grand stamp, well up in colour and type, condition tight; 2, Latham, finely drawn, good tone of colour, good condition; 3, c, Wardale, foul sides, wings and tail, fine type, full of colour and condition; vhc, Worrall; hc, Richardson. BUFF (6): 1, Handley, short bird, rather below par in colour, nice feather and condition; 2, Rowlands, long, good type, nice colour and legs, fine beak and marking; 3, Hayden, very smart bird; vhc, Benson, also good all-round bird; hc, Hadwin; c, Hughes. YELL. HENS (8): 1, Wardale, one of the old stamp of deep level-coloured birds, carrying shape and condition; 2, Ireland, nice bird when tight; 3, Moss; vhc, Hayden; hc, Jones; c, Latham; all good-coloured birds, and nice type. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Hadwin, pair of real gems all over them, and deserve all they get; 3, Worrall, not far behind; vhc, Handley; hc, Hughes; c, Hayden. UNFLI. YELL. (11): 1, Rowlands, good body colour, nice type and feather; 2, Handley, similar stamp, in nice condition; 3, hc, Hughes, very useful pair; c, Wardale. BUFFS (8): 1, Hadwin, dark legs and beak, good deep soft tone of body colour, fine Yorks. type, in tight condition; 2, vhc, Hughes, much like leader in most respects, and runs close; 3, Rowlands, another good one. NAT. COLOUR: 1, Larkin; 2, Horne; 3, Nimmo; vhc, Bracken; hc, Handley; c, Brindle; fanciers don't as a rule leave their best birds unfed, but a few good ones were to be seen here. HENS (9): 1, Whittington; 2, Horne; 3, Brown; vhc, Bracken; hc, Schrimshaw; c, Richardson; these are above the average in type and quality. NOVICE YELL. (17): 1, hc, Wilkinson, very fine type, shown in champion style and condition; 2, Dalzell, good all-round bird, well deserves place; 3, McLean, nice condition; vhc, Griffin, cinn. mark, very fine condition, good type; c, James. BUFF (12): 1, Griffin, fine all round, in good condition; 2, McLean, nice stand, feather and condition; 3, James, A1 lengthy, slim, stylish bird, in the pink of condition; vhc, Schrimshaw, clear, in fine form and feather; hc, Wilkinson, cinn. var., good; c, Bracken, real good lot. HENS (13): 1, Bracken, yellow, well up on leg, good carriage, etc.; 2, McLean, buff, fine upstanding bird, good feather and finish; 3, vhc, James, very nice yell.; hc, Schrimshaw, four-point yell., a good bird; c, Pennington. GREEN YELL. (11): 1, hc, Brindle, 1st self, grand colour and type, fine condition; 2, 3, Carlile, self and foul respectively, former gem in all-round merit, latter grand type, nice colour; vhc, Isaac; c, Gore. BUFFS (6): 1, 3, Carlile; 2, hc, Brindle; vhc, Dodd; c, Corbett, nice lot all through. HENS (4): 1, Bracken, A1 foul, very grand condition; 2, Brindle; 3, Corbett; vbc, Wilkinson.

All Other Sections.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Cawley, very fine head, good type of body, rich colour, in grand feather; 2, Worrall, grand shape and colour, nice condition; 3, McMillan, capital type, nat. col., nice feather and condition; vhc, Williamson, good feather, colour, etc. BUFF (3): 1, Williamson, clear, best of shape, fine colour, bloom and condition; 2, 3, Lewis, nice substance, quality of feather and condition; 3rd ticked-wing, very like 2nd in type, etc. YELL. HENS (6): 1, Cawley, fine cobby bird, in good colour, feather and condition; 2, Worrall, very nice type, lovely quality and condition; 3, hc, Williamson, also grand type and condition; all three real good hens; vhc, Dalzell; c, Lewis. BUFF (4): 1, Cawley, grand clear, all over it; 2, vhc, Worrall, good bird, A1 feather; 3, Dalzell, very cobby, heavy-feathered nat. col. bird. UNFLI. BUFFS: 1, Cawley, clear, in best of condition; 2, Worrall, fine head, good body shape, in tight condition. NAT. COL. (3): 1, Lewis, eye and wing marked, nice feather, good type; 2, Hawkes, neat var., in good order. NOVICE BUFF: 1, Dalzell; 2, McNulty. YELL. HENS: 1, Isaac; 2, Dalzell. GREEN: 1, Dalzell; w.c., McMillan, a Yorks. Green. A.O.V. CAN. NOVICE: 1, Brown; 2, Calderbank. CRESTS (5): All belonging to Mrs. Cory, who deserves great praise for putting down such a good class, the father leading the sons and daughters up as it naturally should be, a fine Green, D.C., big crest, good centre, nicely rounded, good droop, fine cobby body bird; 2nd, hen, clear body, D.C., very veiny, good size, nice droop, well filled all round, in fine condition; 3rd, foul tail, buff green D.C.; vhc, clear body, grizzle crest. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, 3, vbc, c, Mrs. Cory, 1st massive clear, broad, nicely raised, dome skull, plenty feather, good entrance, immense body feather; 2nd, green, foul tail; 3rd, eye marks, buff, fine size, etc.; vhc, heavy var; hc, Hawkes. NOR. GREEN FOUL YELL. (3): 1, Wardale, foul wings and tail, grand colour and type, nice size and good condition; 2, Harding, heavy foul buff, grand type and condition, soft tone of colour; 3, Richardson, fine head, heavy var. yell., nice feather and deep colour. BORDER YELL.: 1, Gore, eye and wing marked, small fine type, very tight feather and condition; 2, Hadwin, larger eye and wing marked. BUFFS: 1, Gore, fine close-feathered bird, best of condition throughout; 2, Hadwin, nice wings and tail. CINN., ETC.: 1, Gore, buff cinn., very fine type Bord., in grand feather and condition; 2, Hadwin, small, tight-feathered buff green, a pretty little Bord. CLASSES 44 and 45 cancelled. A.O.V. BUFF (3): 1, Moss, good-sized Scot. Fancy, plenty of depth, long reach, good circle, gets well under perch, fine feather and condition; 2, Holford, buff cinn.; 3, Richardson. SELL. PAIRS, 30/- (9): 1, Williamson, veil matched pair of Yorks.; 2, Coffy, also good well-matched pair; 3, Hawkes, pair Norwich; vhc, McNulty; hc, Hunt; c, Horne. 15/- (13): 1, Gardner, Yell. Yorks; 2, Harding, cobby var. Norwich; 3, Williamson; vhc, Hadwin; hc, Horne; c, Coffy. HENS (12,6): 1, Williamson, superior Yell. Yorks.; 2, Dalzell, var. buff Nor., A1 shape, feather and condition; 3, Hadwin, cinn. mark, eye and wings, fine feather and condition; all those cheap; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Gardner; c, Brown. HYBRID (8): 1, Isaac, dark buff Gold-Canary, large bird, big deep colour blaze, good body colour, nice shape, good feather and condition; 2, Coffy, very large giant Siskin-Canary, heavy feathered all through, short, good colour and markings; 3, Horne, buff dark Linnet-Canary, very nice shape and feather; vhc, Wardale, small nat. col., yell Siskin-Canary, very slim and genteel, clear markings, tight glossy feather; hc, Blaza; c, Lloyd. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (15): very superior lot for a show like this; 1, Coffey, said to be a Cardiff City pole winner in new hands, if so a brave youngster in all respects, great expanse of blaze, real Welsh Wag-shrec all over it, so to speak, colours, moons and bars practically perfect; 2, Hurst, not the "Pride of Liverpool," but so nicely-tidy, and closes fair to a very close finish, very superior kind of Fancy; 3, Lidgett, beautiful blaze and run, nice moons and bars, very smart bird; vhc, Nimmo, also another of the right stamp, and runs very close up in most points; hc, Richardson; c, Blaza; several good birds besides the ticketed ones only temporarily falling a little in one or other minor respect. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Hurst, very pretty condition, nice medium size, lovely bloom, pleasing hue of colours on back and breast, very level feathered all over; 2, Horne, very fine broad head and cap, nice body feather and thigh condition; 3, Coffey, very large, fine shape, broad head, good cap, wings and tail, wants handling and steadying; vhc, Hawkes. LINNET (9): 1, Lidgett, built on the right lines, bold broad head, uniform body shape, fine colour, good all-round markings, tight feather and condition; 2, Coffy, very rich colour, profuse markings; 3, Whittington, very full chested, good colour and markings, nice head and neck; vhc, Nimmo, makings of a grand bird with a good moult next time; hc, Morton; c, Hurst, all of high merit. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Bond, good size, pretty shape, colours, tight, and glossy in feather and condition; 2, Richardson, fine shape, good condition; 3, Schrimshaw, big buff, nice feather and shape; vhc, Royden; hc, Coffy. BRAMBLE, E. (4): 1, Nimmo, nicely spangled, good colour, medium size, fine glossy condition; 2, Coffy, pretty medium-sized Chaffinch, in smart feather and condition; 3, vhc, Richardson, Chaffinch and Bramble. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Hurst, finely marked Twite, nice colour, nice size and condition; 2, Lloyd, smart, well-moulted Jonque Lesser Redpoll; 3, Royden, well marked, dark cap natural-coloured Siskin, in nice feather; vhc, Bond, Lesser Mealy moulted Redpoll; hc, Horne; c, Harding. WILD LINNET (8): 1, Cawley, beautifully-shaped bird, fine markings, well steadied, in lovely condition; 2, Richardson, very large cobby-shaped Linnet, full of markings, whether cock or hen should with luck moult out a very fine bird; 3, Nimmo, nice shape, good colours and markings; vhc, Horne; hc, Brown; c, Lloyd. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Jones; 2, Horne, both good Snow Buntings; 3, Wilkinson, Yell. Bunting. A.O.S.: 1, Wilkinson, smart Thrush, well shown; 2, Horne, pretty Pied Wagtail, could do with a more suitable show cage than Nor. box show cage; 3, Jones.

HOYLAND AND DISTRICT O.S.

The society held its annual members' show on New Year's Day. Mr. A. H. Waters secured the cup for the best unflighted bird with his noted unflighted yellow. Mr. F. Gregory judged and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Simmons; 2, Robinson; 3, Oakley; vhc, Evans. BUFF: 1, Simmons; 2, Dewhirst and Thompson; 3, Oakley; vhc, Whitingham. YELL. HEN: 1, Evans; 2, Dewhirst and Thompson; 3, vhc, Hutson; hc, A. Taylor. BUFF: 1, hc, Whitingham; 2, Evans; 3, Simmons; vhc, Hutson; c, Dewhirst and Thompson. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, Oakley; 2, A. Taylor; 3, Evans; vhc, Simmons; hc, Hutson. BUFF: 1, Hutson; 2, Simmons; 3, Evans; vhc, Taylor. NON-FED: 1, Oakley; 2, Guest. NOR. YELL.: 1, Waters; 2, 3, vhc, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 2, Waters. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Waters. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Dewhirst and Thompson; hc, Robinson. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Robinson; 3, vhc, hc, Waters. NON-FED: 1, Crosswaite. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, R. Laister. LINNET: 1, Robinson; 2, vhc, c, Watkin and Vaines; 3, A. Taylor. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Watkin and Vaines; 2, c, R. Laister; 3, Crosswaite; vhc, hc, Evans. SOFTBILL: 1, Hutson; 2, Crosswaite. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, vbc, Watkin and Vaines; 2, bc, c, Mann; 3, Bisby. NOR.: 1, 2, Guest.

MANCHESTER & N.C.O.S.

Manchester and N.C.O.S. held their tenth Annual Members' Show at the Coal Exchange, Market Place, on January 4. Entries came up well, especially in the Amateur and Novice Classes, many well known winners being on view. The special for best bird in show was won by Mr. S. Cook with his dark-tailed Buff Hen, a well-known winner, and a real gem. Other specials were won by Messrs. Slater, Riley, Pease, J. and J. Hopkins, Cook, Hindley, Marlor and Raynes, Beaty, Baguley, Fryer, Walker, Brennan, Downing, Creasy, Jones, Lindsey, Aspinall, Grey, Birchinall, Kelvert, Boswell, Pollitt, Whalley, Worrall, McCann, Bleasdale, Musgrave, Morgan, Wilkinson, Halliwell, Broughton, Lennie, Bruce, and Kinsey. The show was, as usual, well managed in every detail, Messrs. W. F. Lythgoe, the energetic and painstaking secretary, and Raynes and Bladon, being past masters at the game. Messrs. W. Booth and A. Wellings judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Slater; 2, Gray; 3, Broughton; 4, vhc, Riley; hc, Pease. BUFF: 1, Slater; 2, 3, Broughton; 4, Riley. MKD. YELL.: 1, Broughton; 2, Slater; 3, Riley. BUFF: 1, Slater; 2, vhc, Broughton; 3, Pease; 4, Riley. YELL HENS: 1, Broughton; 2, Slater; 3, 4, Riley. BUFF: 1, 2, Broughton; 3, Slater. NOR. YELL.: 1, 4, J. and J. Hopkins; 2, Marlor; 3, Hindley; vhc, Shaw; hc, Raynes. BUFF: 1, 3, Cook; 2, hc, J. and J. Hopkins; 4, Baguley; vhc, Shaw. YELL. HENS: 1, Raynes; 2, J. and J. Hopkins; 3, Marlor; 4, Hindley. BUFF: 1, spl., best bird in show, Cook; 2, Shaw; 3, Raynes; 4, Hindley. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, Marlor; 2, Raynes. BUFF: 1, Hindley; 2, Baguley; 3, Raynes; 4, Marlor; vhc, J. and J. Hopkins; hc, Shaw. A.O.V.: 1, Walker. MULE CL. ETC.: 1, Beaty; 2, Fryer. DARK: 1, 2, Bagnley; 3, Beaty. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Beaty; 3, Walker. LINNET: 1, Beaty. HARDBILL A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Beaty; 4, Fryer. SELL. (30/-): 1, Grey, (20/-): 1, Downing. (12/6): 1, Brennan; 2, Kinsey. FOR. LARGE: 1, Beaty. SMALL: 1, Beaty; 2, 3, 4, Creasy. AMATEUR CLASSES: YORKS. YELL.: 1, c, Jones; 2, hc, Linsay; 3, Halliwell; 4, Aspinall; vhc, Birchinall. BUFF: 1, 3, Linsay; 2, Brennan; 4, c, Jones; vhc, Aspinall. YELL. HENS: 1, c, Jones; 2, Brennan; 3, vhc, Aspinall; 4, Downing. BUFF: 1, Aspinall; 2, Halliwell; 3, Downing; 4, hc, c, Linsay; vhc, Jones. UNFLI.: 1, 2, 3, Aspinall; 4, Linsay; vhc, Downing. NOR. YELL.: 1, 4, Gray; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Boswell; vhc, Kilvert; hc, Lythgoe; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, Birchinall; 2, Harding; 3, McKail; 4, Kilvert; vhc, Smith; hc, Whalley; c, Grey. YELL. HENS: 1, Kilvert; 2, Harding; 3, Kilvert; 4, Boswell; vhc, Grey; hc, Lythgoe. BUFF: 1, 4, Boswell; 2, c, McKail; 3, vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Kilvert. UNFLI.: 1, 2, Boswell, 3, Harding; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Grey. MULE: 1, Whalley; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Pollitt; 4, Smith. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Downing, 2, Lennie; 3, vhc, hc, Whalley; 4, c, Hughes. NOVICE CLASSES: YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Miss Worrall; 2, Harrop; 3, Musgrave; 4, Parton; vhc, Kinsey; hc, Leigh. TICKED: 1, vhc, McCann; 2, Harrop; 3, Miss Worrall; 4, Mason; CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Bleasdale; 3, Harrop; 4, Stocker; vhc, hc, Mason; c, Miss Worrall. TICKED: 1, c, McCann; 2, Morgan; 3, Stocker; 4, hc, Leigh; vhc, Miss Worrall. YELL. HENS: 1, Bleasdale; 2, Musgrave; 3, Kinsey; 4, vhc, Miss Worrall; hc, Harrop; c, Leigh. BUFF: 1, Bleasdale; 2, c, Miss Worrall; 3, Musgrave; 4, Leigh; vhc, Harrop; hc, Bleasdale. UNFLI.: 1, Musgrave; 2, Stocker; 3, Leigh; 4, Bleasdale; vhc, McCann; hc, c, Harrop. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Barton. TICKED BUFF: 1, Bruce; 2, Creasy. HENS YELL.: 1, Morgan. UNFLI.: 1, 2, Creasy. A.O.V.: 1, Bruce. MULE: 1, Bruce. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Morgan; 3, Kinsey; hc, Bruce; c, Creasy. SOFTBILL: 1, W. Downing; 2, Smith; 3, 4, Smith.

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CORK.

The third annual great national cage bird show held by the Cork and Provincial C.B.S. was opened in the Assembly Rooms on January 15th. The exhibitors hailed from various parts of the four provinces. Keen interest was taken in the five cups offered for competition. The society is now established on a sound basis, and the enthusiasm of its members in the discharge of their work constitutes the surest guarantee of future progress. The exhibits this year were far in advance of last year in point of numbers and in general merit, in fact, in all classes with the exception of Crest, Cresthred and Norwich Plainhead classes. Belgian and Scotch Fancies were very good in quality and numbers, and Yorkshires were good in quality. Mules and Hybrids were strong in numbers, and a most interesting lot, while the novice classes were quite a treat. British birds were a show in themselves. The hall is an excellent one, and the birds were well staged, and had their needs attended to in first-rate style by the hard-working officials, all of them good fanciers. The secretary, Mr. S. O'Reilly is an excellent official, and knows his duties well, while he is courteous and obliging to all. Mr. J. Robson judged.

Critique.

BELGIAN (8): 1, 2, Waugh, good action and drive; 3, res, vhc, hc, Dr. McMath, 3rd, grand hird, age telling. SCOTCH FANCY, CL. (11): 1, 2, Birch, well placed, two good ones; 3, Casey, not far behind; res, Birch; vhc, Carpenter; hc, Dr. McMath; c, Waugh, very strong class for quality. A.O.C. SCOT. (7): 1, Waugh; 2, Birch; 3, res, Dr. McMath, all piebald, little to choose between vhc and hc; c, W. Carpenter. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, S. Hosford, grand team, winner one of the best out, grand position, well braced wings, good neck and bead, good piped tail, hard to find a fault; res, hc, Thornhill; vhc, Murphy. BUFF (6): 1, 2, res, Hosford, another good team, wins hands down; 3, Hawkins, good Yorks.; vhc, hc, Murphy. A.O.C. CK. (8): 1, 3, Neville, typical cinn. marked Yorks., all there for colour and quality of feather; 2, vhc, Dr. McMath, Yorkie every inch of him; res, hc, Hawkins; c, O'Keeffe. CL. HEN (9): 1, res, vhc, c, Hosford, leader grand yell., true to type; 2, Thornhill, another yell.; 3, O.Keeffe, lovely type, grand feather, smooth, buff hen, not a fault; hc, O'Keeffe, another good hen. A.O.C. HEN (11): 1, vhc, hc, Hosford, three good quality hens; 2, c, Neville, one we like for the breeding cage; 3, Hawkins; res, O'Keeffe, a good class of marked quality hens. YORKS., NON-FED (6): 1, 3, res, Hawkins, three hens, in fine condition and bloom; 2, Dawson, typical lady, bit soft when judged, 10 years old; vhc, hc, Hosford, this class we believe contained all hens. CREST (4): 1, 3, Waugh; 2, Dr. McMath; No. 4 absent; three good Crests. CRESTBRED (4): 1, 3, Waugh, two old winners, looking well; 2, Thornhill, we liked much, well browed; res, Dr. McMath. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Dr. McMath; 3, res, Miss A. Travers, all good colour. BUFF (4): 1, res, Miss A. Travers; 2, 3, Dr. McMath. A.O.C. CK. (4): 1, 3, Dr. McMath, grand green leading, full of quality, splendid type, real Norwich; 2, res, Miss A. Travers, 2nd grand quality, type, feather, and condition, marked eyes and wing, we would like to see more of this stamp of bird at our Irish shows. HENS (5): 1, 3, res, Dr. McMath, nice ben leading, we noticed a nice green hen in this team, we liked; 2, Miss A. Travers, marked on neck lightly, good Bullie type hen; vhc, Hutson. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, vhc, c, Dr. McMath. NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS. (14): 1, 3, res, Hosford, three good birds, fit to win in the open classes; 2, Buckley, nice exhibit; vhc, hc, S. O'Reilly; c, Forrest. NOR. (10): 1, 3, c, Forrest good Plainhead yellow leading, would have won in the open; 2, Hosford, neck marked, Plainhead; res, vhc, M. Arnstein, Plainhead and Crest hen, nice birds; hc, S. O'Reilly. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, 3, Hanna, cinn. Nor., good type leading; 2, vhc, hc, Waddy, grand team for a novice, well staged, clean and smart; c, Tilson. Novice classes were the best filled in the Canary section. SELL., CAN. CK., 25/- (17): 1, Hawkins, Yorks.; 2, Birch, Belgian; 3, Dr. McMath; res, Hawkins; vhc, c, Hutson; hc, Thornhill; class of useful, cheap birds. HEN, 25/- (9): 1, Dr. McMath; 2, 3, c, O'Keeffe, useful Yorkie hens and cheap; res, hc, Forrest; vhc, Carpenter. GOLDFINCH, 10/- (Guaranteed by E. C. Dawson Bandon) (7): 1, Hanna, grand Finch, soon claimed; 2, Patterson; 3, res, Dawson; vhc, Arnstein; hc, Cronin; c, O'Neil; good class of house-moulted Finches. LOCAL CLASS CAN. (Confined to working men of the City or County of Cork) (10): 1, 2, res, Buckley, all Yorkies; vhc, c, Phillips; hc, Murphy; good class; the staging might be better, and, use a little more soap. LIGHT MULE CAN., ETC. (5): 1, Mulcahy, evenly marked yell. Goldie, good quality; 2, Dr. McMath, var. buff Goldie; 3, res, vhc, spl, Dawson, nice team of Goldie Mules. DARK GOLDIE (10): 1, spl, vhc, Dawson, good yellow Mules, full of quality; 2, Mulcahy, good Buff Mule; 3, Peter Collins, Buff; res, M. Arnstein, buff; hc, Hanna; c, Caughlan. DARK LINNET: spl, 1, 3, Dawson, leader one of the best for size, quality and condition; 3rd, grand Mule in good feather; 2, c, Hanna, also good Mule, worth his place; res, hc, Arnstein; vhc, Hutson. A.O.V. MULE: a strong class for quality; 1, spl, 2, Dawson, leader Goldie Greenie Hybrid; 2nd, Redpoll Canary, rare exhibit; 3, Arnstein, Siskin Canary, very small, fine nat. col.; res, Miss Travers, big variegated Greenie Mule; vhc, Horgan, Siskin Mule, a fine big fellow, if colour-fed would have been higher; hc, c, Miss Travers, Greenie Mules. BULLFINCH CK. (11): 1, Dr. McMath, fine colour and cap; 2, E. Rayhouse; 3, E. O'Reilly; res, Mulcahy; vhc, Ross; hc, Dawson; c, Arnstein, a grand class. HEN (12): spl, 1, vhc, Dawson, two very fine hens, best possible condition, steady; 2, Mulcahy, taking hen; 3, Arnstein; res, Ross; hc, Hanna; c, Rayhouse; No. 11, Dr. McMath, good hen, unnoticed. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Dr. McMath, best we have seen for a long time, a clear win; 2, Hanna, good Goldie, nice and steady; 3, Allshire; vhc, c, Dawson, good Finch, best of blaze, wild; hc, Arnstein. LINNET (12): 1, Mulcahy, grand Linnet, well penciled, steady as a rock, wins well; 2, res, Arnstein, two grand Linnets; 3, vhc, Dr. McMath; hc, Dawson; c, Winkup, strong class of good birds. TWITE, ETC. (18): 1, Master Bishop; 2, Arnstein; 3, Dawson, all good polls, little to choose between, res, E. O'Reilly, vhc, Arnstein; hc, Neville; c, Dawson. SISKIN (11): 1, Patterson, well lined, grand cap and bib, shown to perfection; 2, Arnstein; 3, Dawson, good quality Siskins, little between; res, Hanna; vhc, Master Bishop, deformed foot, or would have stood higher; hc, Dr. McMath; c, Dawson, best class of Siskins ever seen at Cork. CHAFFINCH (8): 1, Hanna; 2, res, hc, Higgins; 3, Arnstein; vhc, S. O'Reilly; c, Dr. McMath. SKY [illegible] 1, Patterson; 2, Mulcahy; 3, Higgins; three large, steady, well marked birds, worth their places; res, Newman, vhc, hc, Higgins; c, Keating. [illegible] (5): 1, Mulcahy; 2, Casey; 3, Brown, res, Cahill; vhc, Keating, all good birds. BLACKBIRDS ETC.: 1, 2, Hanna, Blackbird and Starling; 3, Mulcahy, Starling; res, Arnstein, Starling; vhc, Dawson, Blackbird, well shown, quite a baby, will give a good account of himself next season. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (11): 1, 2, Hanna, Greenfinch and Hawfinch, grand colour-fed Greenfinch leading; 3, Dr. McMath, Bramblefinch, fit to win first in his own class; res, Hanna, Yellow Bunting; vhc, Dawson, Yellow Greenfinch, nat. yell.; hc, c, Miss Travers, cock and hen Greenfinches, a grand class. SOFTBILL (11): 1, 3, Arnstein, 1st long-tailed Tit, white-headed, little gem, well staged; 3rd, lovely Blackcap, in fine condition; 2, Hanna, big Blue-winged Jay, very sick; res, Rayhouse, Coal Tit; vhc, Hanna; hc, E. Rayhouse; c, Arnstein; an ideal class all through. FOR. CLASSES 40 and 41 cancelled. COMMON, ETC., AVADAVATS (10): 1, Dr. McMath, Diamond Finch, an old winner; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Hosford, 2nd Zebra Waxbills; 3rd, Orange-cheeked Waxbills; res, Arnstein, Grey Waxbills. SEED-EATING FINCH, SMALL (6): 1, Dr. McMath, White Java Finch, one of the best, if not the best specimen living, in lovely bloom; 2, 3, hc, Hosford, 2nd, Paradise Whydah, res, Dr. McMath, Rufus-tailed Finches; vhc, Arnstein, Virginia Cardinal; c, Arnstein, Red Crested Cardinal. TANAGERS, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Arnstein, Superb Tanager; 2, Hosford, Scarlet Tanager; res, vhc, Dr. McMath, Crimson-crowned Tanager and Scarlet Tanager. A.O.S. (14): 1, 2, 3, Arnstein, 1st long-tailed glossy Starling, lovely bird; 2nd, Dayal bird; 3rd, Red-billed Liothrix; res., Hosford, Red-billed Liothrix. GIFT (12): 1, Dr. McMath; 2, Arnstein; 3, res, vhc, hc, c, Hutson.

DOUGLAS (Lanarkshire.)

The twenty-first annual open exhibition was held in the Douglas Public School, on 11th January, under distinguished patronage. President, T. Moore, Esq.; Vice-President, D. Watson, Esq.; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Wm. McCulloch; Committee, Messrs. A. Swanson, J Russell, T. Wharrie, A. Birrell, W. Russell, J. Bullock, A. Gardiner, A. Shankly, T. Telfer, T. Steven. Judge, Mr. John McLay. The Public School is an ideal place for a show, ample room, grand light, and entirely free from draughts. Mr. Wm. McCulloch, the Secretary, and his able committee had everything in nice order both for the comfort of exhibits and visitors alike. In the afternoon the attendance was good. The entries were much the same as last year, and the quality all round was good. Mr. Andrew Walker won the B.F.C.C. medal with his noted cl. buff hen, which was looking well, shown in A1 condition. Special for the best bird in hall, confined to Douglas, was won by Messrs. D. and T. Telfer, with their Paradise Whydah, in lovely condition. In the British bird section, Messrs. A. and J. Shankly were 1st and spl, with a splendid Hawfinch, staged in perfect condition. Mr. McLay's awards appeared to give alround satisfaction.

Critique.

CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Hardie and Brownlie, sweetly built, nice colour and quality, in lovely condition, well staged; 2, Waye, shade less rich in colour, jaunty carriage and build, nice size; 3, Watson, grand shape and fine action, a nicely modelled bird; vhc, McKean, another nice model, fails in action to winner; hc, Swanson. CL. BUFF CK. (8): 1, spl, 2, A. Walker, nicely moulded, two beauties, first in shape, colour and quality, faultless; 2, a very taking exhibit, nice action, fails in bloom to first; 3, Turnbull, smart, jaunty, nice feather; vhc, Hardie and Brownlie, heavier, but smart and shapely, good quality; hc, Swanson; c, Watson. CL. YELL. HEN (5): 1, A. Walker, rare shape, grand carriage and staged in the pink of condition; 2, Waye, nice model, all over, well finished, feather like wax; 3, Duncan, hardly so neat, very stylish, nice feather; vhc, Hardie and Brownlie, scarcely so neat in head as winner, nice; hc, Walker. CL. BUFF HEN (8): 1, spl, 2, A. Walker, a nice pair, first Border medal winner, neatly moulded, in splendid feather, a gem; 2nd lovely wing and tail, like wax, little between 1 and 2; 3, Turnbull, nice shape, and movement, good feather, fails in head to 2nd; vhc, Hardie and Brownlie, similar shape, barely so smart in finish as others, good exhibit; hc, J. Walker; c, Robb. EVENLY MKD. (4): 1, Hardie and Brownlie, eye and wing marks, a sweet, shapely bird, nice action and feather; 2, Waye, a shade smaller than winner, but a taking exhibit, nicely marked; 3, J. Walker, nice shape and colour, barely so good in feather as second; vhc, Aitkins, nice size and style, good hird. VAR. YELL (8): 1, A. Walker, lovely shape and colour, in grand feather and condition; 2, Waye, very shapely, nice colour, very jaunty, barely so well finished as first; 3, spl, A. Walker, a var. of quality and shape, fails in carriage; vhc, Duncan, very smart, good colour, in fine feather; hc, Watson; c, Swanson. VAR. BUFF (4): 1, A. Walker, very smart and neat, in lovely feather, grand carriage; 2, Turnbull, another good bird, barely so smart as first, nice feather; 3, Finlay, nicely marked, and sweet shape, not so steady as second; vhc, Watson, a good all-round bird, but scarcely the type of winner. EVENLY MKD. (9): 1, Turnhull, breast mark, grand shape, nice carriage and colour, nicely staged; 2, spl, Waye, one mark, very similar in shape and carriage to winner; 3, A. Walker, nice shape and movement; vhc, Hardie and Brownlie, not so nicely lined down in feather as winners; hc, J. Walker. GREEN OR CINN. (9): 1, Dickson, in lovely feather, grand colour, a sweetly moulded green, very jaunty; 2, A. Walker another nice green, very close on first, fails in size; 3, Watson, very similar to second, scarcely so good in feather; vhc, hc, Hardie and Brownlie, nice colour and shape; c, McKean. GOLD OR BULL (6): 1, spl, Laidlaw, Bullfinch, grand shape, nicely cut cap, bright breast colour, and good body colour, smooth feather; 2, A. and J. Shankly, another nice Bullfinch, shade smaller, equally nice in feather and condition; 3, Clarkson, grand Bullie, nice shape and breast, good cap and body colour, a shade slack in feather; vhc, hc, Melvin, grand colour and condition, but scarcely so good in shape; c, Johnstone. LIN. ETC. (6): 1, spl, D. and T. Telfer, Linnet, nice shape, splendid colour, nicely laced, good breast, perfect condition; 2, 3, vhc, A. and J. Shankly, 2, Siskin, nice colour and cap, fair markings, good condition; 3, Redpoll, An grand feather and colour; vhc, similar to 3, shade wild; hc, Halliday; c, Pollock Bros. BRITISH A.O.V. SMALL (7): 1, spl, A. and J. Shankly, Hawfinch, a grand bird, rare size and colour, in superb condition; 2, Halliday, a rich coloured Yellowhammer, in lovely condition; 3, Montague, Twite, good size, rich colour, beautifully laced; vhc, Pollock Bros., a very clear coloured Greenfinch in nice order; hc, D. and G. Telfer; c, Halliday. FOR. A.O.V. SMALL (6): 1, spl, 3, spl, vhc, hc, D. and T. Telfer, 1st best British in hall, in Paradise Whydah, first and spl at Ranelagh, grand colour and condition, 3, Pedigerigar, beautifully marked, nice condition; vhc, Goldfinch, nice chest, buttons and bars, very steady, fine colour; 2, Montague, Scarlet Tanager, in grand condition, a perfect picture to look at; c, Dickson. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, 3, Johnstone, first Bullie Mule, grand colour and size, 2, 3 two nice lightly marked Can Mules, in grand condition; vhc, Wood, Goldfinch and Mule, of excellent colour and condition.

GUISBROUGH.

The Guisbrough F.S. held their third annual show on January 1st in the Cleveland Hall—a most suitable room, and well adapted for an exhibition of this kind. The entries came up fairly well, and in many classes some really grand specimens were staged. Yorkshires made a really nice show, the winning clear yellow being a very smart exhibit of nice length, the second being a nice bird of grand colour. The special for best Yorks. went to the winning buff, a real gem for shape, followed by another smart specimen of grand length and quality. The ticked buff class contained some smart birds, the winner being very typical. The Norwich classes were hardly so big in number. The clear buffs were cancelled, but amongst them were some grand, chubby birds. In the variety class a very typical buff Belgian took premier honours, being of nice substance, well up in shoulder, and showing plenty of nerve. The winning Mule was a gem, and is, we understand, a big winner in this district. The British classes brought together a goodly number of really grand birds. The Linnet, Goldfinch and Bullfinch classes were particularly fine. A Hawfinch and a Yellowhammer stood 1st and 2nd in the A.O.S. Hardbills, both being of nice size and markings, and in beautiful plumage. In the Softbills a lovely Blackcap won, followed by a clinking Thrush. The Foreign class was only small, but some beautiful birds were on view. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Rand; 2, Watmough; 3, c, Dykes; 4, Clayton and Smith; vhc, Hall; hc, Meaburn. BUFF (12): 1, Hodgson; 2, Dykes; 3, Ware; 4, Watmough; vhc, c, Hurrell; hc, Meaburn. TICKED, ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Meaburn; 2, Ware; 3, Clayton and Smith; 4, Dykes; vhc, Hall; hc, Stevens; c, Cuthbertson. BUFF (7): 1, Hewson; 2, Hurrell; 3, Ware; 4, Dykes; vhc, Barfe; hc, Hall; c, Close. HEN, A.C. (12): 1, Dykes; 2, W. Watmough; 3, Hurrell; 4, Williams; vhc, Stevens; hc, Cooke; c, Meahurn. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Bentley; 2, Hesp; 3, Wake and Carr; vhc, Jones. BUFF cancelled. TICKED, ETC., [illegible] (5): 1, Hesp; 2, vhc, Turner; 3, Wake and Carr; 4, Jones. HEN (5): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Elliott and Best; 3, Wake and Carr; 4, Cleminson; vhc, Raine and Edwards. CL., ETC., UNFLI. YELL. (5): 1, Hesp; 2, (no name); 3, (no name); 4, Cleminson; vhc, Jones; hc, Wake and Carr. BUFF (8): 1, Wake and Carr; 2, 3, Greenfield; 4, Turner; vhc, Jones. CREST (3): 1, 2, Starling; 3, Yeates. CRESTBRED (5): 1, Calam; 2, 3, Starling; 4, Yeates vhc, Mayes. A.O.V. (7): 1, Hodgson; 2, vhc, Bentley; 3, c, Summerhill; 4, (no name); hc, (no name). MULE (7): 1, Marwood; 2, Williams; 3, Jones; 4, Wildsmith and Hawkins; vhc, Calam; hc, Bowron and Kimmings; c, Yeates. SELL., 5s/- (9): 1, Jackson; 2, (no name); 3, Barfe; 4, Wake and Carr; vhc, Stevens; hc, Williams; c, Jones. 5/- (17): 1, Rand; 2, (no name); 3, Cleminson; 4, Neasham; vhc, Hurrell; hc Wake and Carr; c, Barfe. LINNET (20): 1, Milburn and Flintoff; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 3, Bowron and Kimmings; 4, Stamp; vhc, Marwood; hc, Wake and Carr; c, Simpson. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (13): 1, Nicholson and Son; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 3, Simpson; 4, Thompson and Fox; vhc, hc, Bowron and Kimmings; c, Watson. BULLFINCH (13): 1, Wake and Carr; 2, Calam; 3 vhc, Woods; 4, Rohinson; hc, Buckworth; c, Featherstone. A.O.S. HARDBILL BRIT. (13): 1, 2, Forster; 3, Cook; 4, Wake and Carr; vhc, Wilson; hc, Robinson; c, Beattie. SOFTBILL BRIT. (19): 1, c, Nicholson and Son; 2, Marwood; 3, Jackson; 4, Cooper; vhc, hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins. FOR. (5): 1, Nicholson and Son; 2, Bowmaker and Morris; 3, Miss Chaloner; 4, Jackson; vhc, Mrs. Chaloner. GIFT (6): 1, Blackburn; 2, Knaggs; 3, Wilson; 4, vhc, Atkinson; hc, Wilson.

SHIPLEY O.S.

The last of the members' shows for the season was held at the Victoria Hotel on January 7. Mr. A. Ambler judged, and the following are his awards:—CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Jowers; 2, Kendall; 3, Sowden. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, Crossland; 2, Dobson; 3, Sowden. BUFF: 1, Mason; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Long. YELL. HENS: 1, 3, Crossland; 2, Long. BUFF: 1, Crossland; 2, Dobson; 3, Long. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, Crossland; 2, Long; 3, Grange. BUFF: 1, Kendall; 2, Mason; 3, Crossland. CINN. MARK CKS.: 1, Jowers; 2, Dobson; 3, Sowden. HENS: 1, Dobson; 2, Jowers; 3, Fieldhouse. BRIT. OR FOR.: 1 Dobson; 2, 3, Bradshaw. PAIRS: 1, Bradshaw; 2, Jowers; 3, Long. SELL.: 1, Mason; 2, Batty; 3 and spl. for most points, Crossland; Mason and Dobson equal 2 and 3; H. Long won the cup for the year with 47 points; L. Crossland was 2, E. Grange 3, J. Fieldhouse 4, H. H. Jowers 5, H. Dobson 6, and H. Bradshaw 7.—H. Dobson, Secretary.

LEEDS C.B.S.

The annual winter bird show was held in St. Luke's Schoolroom, North-street, on January 4th. The awards were made by Mr. H. E. Wilkinson, who gave entire satisfaction to all. There was a considerable falling off both in entries and exhibitors. Yorkshires were poorly represented, only 28 being staged in seven classes. The winners however are a credit to their owners, the clear yellow and buff both being gems for type and colour. Norwich came up fairly well, some good birds being on view. The honours were equally divided between Mr. Woof and Mr. Mennard, both staging birds full of type and quality, especially in the buff classes. Mr. Woof was the winner of the Leeds cup, scoring 48 points; he was also the winner of the President's cup, scoring 55 points for the same. Mr. Wilson was the runner up, scoring 32 points for the Leeds cup and 51 points for the President's. Mr. Stead, last year's winner, did not compete. There was a poor display of British, Mr. Owen winning the special given for most points in these classes. Mr. Wilkinson placed the cards as follows:—

YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Hallet; 2, Farrar; 3, Walker; vhc, Chew and Stokoe. TKD. (4): 1, Hallet; 2, Chew and Stokoe; 3, Walker; vhc, Atkinson. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Chew and Stokoe; 2, Farrar; 3, Porter; vhc, Hallet. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Chew and Stokoe; 2, Porter; 3, Farrar; vhc, Jennings. TKD (2): 1, Chew and Stokoe; 2, Farrar. BUFF HEN (5): 1, Chew and Stokoe; 2, Jennings; 3, Hallet; vhc, Porter; hc, Farrar. NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Woof; 2, Mennard. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Woof; 2, 3, Johnson. UNFLI. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Mennard; 2, hc, Hallet. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Mennard; 3, Woof; vhc, Johnson. BUFF HEN (6): 1, Mennard; 2, Johnson; 3, vhc, Wilson; hc, Woof. UNFLI. HEN (6): 1, Woof; 2, c, Johnson; 3, hc, Wilson; vhc, Hallet. PAIRS (8): 1, Woof; 2, Hallet; 3, Mennard; vhc, hc, Wilson; c, Tribit. MULE OR HYB. (3.: 1, Atkinson; 2, 3, Hallet. LINNET (2) 1, 2, Fox. GOLDFINCH (2): 1 Owen; 2, Hallet. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Atkinson; 2, Owen. GREENFINCH (3): 1, 2, Owen; 3, Tales. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (2): 1, 2, Owen. SMALL (3): 1, 3, Hallet; 2, Porter. BRIT. (1): 1, Fox. NOVICE YORKS. (2): 1, Tribit; 2, Tales. NOR. (7): 1, vhc, Oates; 2, Birkenshaw; 3, hc, Guest.—A. WILKINS, Hon. Secretary

LEWISHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S

One of the most successful members' table shows was held on January 7th at the Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham. The exhibits, numbering 108, were well arranged on staging specially made for the occasion, and quality was excellent. On entering the room the judge's first act was to congratulate the society on the splendid arrangement of the birds. The quality of the novice exhibits was particularly commendable both in the Norwich and Yorkshire varieties, many being quite able to hold their own if exhibited in the champion section. The Yellow Norwich were well to the fore in both sections, the 1st prize winner in the champions being full of quality, in grand condition, and very typical. Buffs, though being of fine quality and in grand condition, were hardly up to the same standard of excellence as the Yellows, but several birds of good merit were among them. Some very typical specimens were staged in the champion Yorkshires, and these should certainly be heard of again. The novices in this variety also showed some very fine birds, but several would have shown to better advantage if steadier. British were without exception a remarkably fine lot, many of them simply teeming with quality. The Goldfinch class was well to the fore, and every bird was a true exhibition specimen, the first prize winner being a topper, run very close indeed by the second, a grand exhibit. Linnets, Greenfinches, and Bullfinches also provided some very fine specimens. In the A.O.S. Seed-eating class were two or three really grand Chaffinches, the first prize winner being shown in lovely condition and very steady. The third prize winner would have stood a better chance if it were not rather wild; it should be heard of again, however, and, if carefully trained, should be able to hold its own in any open competition. The insectivorous classes, though small in numbers, provided some fine specimens, the only pity being that these classes were not better supported, so that there might have been more competition.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Lugg; 2, Jordan; 3, Steed. BUFF: 1, 2, Lugg; 3, Steed; vhc, Jordan. TICK., ETC., BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Bellinger; 2, Steed. HENS, ANY COLOUR: 1, 3, Bellinger; 2, Steed. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Pilcher and Faux; BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Pilcher and Faux; vhc, Lucas. TICK., ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Pilcher and Faux; 3, vhc, Lucas. Hy. HENS: 1, Lucas, Hy. NOVICE NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Phillips, G. H.; BUFF: 1, Wraight, H. F. TICK., ETC., BUFF: 1, Phillips, G. H. YELL.: 1, Bennett, E.; 2, Thomas. NOVICE, HENS: 1, 2, 3, Wraight, H. F.; vhc, Merrington; hc, Phillips; c, Butler. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Merrington. TICK., ETC., BUFF: 1, Scott, A.; 2, Merrington. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, Wraith; 2, Merrington; 3, Scott. BUFF: 1, Scott; 2, Merrington. HENS: 1, 2, Scott; 3, vhc, Wraight; hc, Brett. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Phillips. GOLDFINCH: 1, Botting; 2, vhc, hc, Jordan; 3, c, Lugg. BULLFINCH: 1, vhc, Jordan; 2, Botting; 3, Carter. LINNET: 1, 2, Botting; 3, Capon; vhc, Austin; hc, Lugg; c, White. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, White; 3, Botting; vhc, Steed; hc, Dowling. GREENFINCH: 1, White; 2, Lucas; 3, Austin; vhc, Dowling. A.O.S. SEEDEATING: 1, Austin; 2, Carter; 3, Lucas; vhc, Botting. SMALL INSECTIV.: 1, Carter; 2, White. LARGE: 1, 2, Lugg; 3, Carter. MULER HYB.: 1, Botting; 2, Pilcher and Faux; 3, Bennett; vhc, White; hc, Lugg; c, Phillips. FOREIGN: 1, White. SELL.: 1, Steed; 2, Jordan; 3, Austin; vhc, hc, Lugg; c, Lucas. Specials were won as follows:—Best Canary novice section, Wraight; 2, Scott; best British, Botting; best novice Yorks., Scott; most points Nor. clear, Bellinger; Yorks. clear, Pilcher and Faux; best vhc clear, Jordan; and best insectiv., Lugg.—E. S. LUGG, Sec.

WIBSEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

The above society held their first members' show of the season on Jan. 11th. 62 birds were staged, and Mr. W. Blakey (Great Horton) placed the cards to the satisfaction of all members. His awards were as follows:

YORKS. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Chapman and Bateman; 3, Johnson; 4, Crowther; vhc, Taylor Bros.; hc, Smith, Shaw; c, Pickles. BUFF: 1, Crowther; 2, Hardaker; 3, vhc, Bastow; hc, Norton. TICKED, ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Chapman and Bateman; 3, Norton; 4, Sutcliffe; vhc, Johnson; hc, Baistow and Chapman; c, Taylor Bros. BUFF: 1, Wilman 2, Chapman and Bateman; 3, vhc, Thornton; hc, Pickles; c, Bastow. FOUL MKD.: 1, Wilman. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, vhc, Hardaker; 2, 3, Taylor Bros.; hc, Norton; c, Pickles. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, 4, Taylor Bros.; 3, vhc, Crowther; hc, Beaumont; c, Bastow. UNEVEN ETC.: 1, 2, hc, Beaumont; c, Bastow. STOCK BIRD Sutcliffe; 3, Pickles; vhc, hc, Norton. STOCK BIRD (over 6¾ inches): 1, Hardaker; 2, Shaw; 3, hc, Thornton; 4, vhc, Crowther; vhc, Bastow.—E. W. JOHNSON.

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The Novices' Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

The constant inrush of recruits to the ranks of bird keepers has prompted CAGE BIRDS, always anxious not to overlook the interests of the new beginner in the hobby, to establish this special corner for the instruction and guidance of those inexperienced in the methods of bird breeding and keeping. Its chief aim and object will ever be to help the rawest of novices to succeed in the hobby they have taken up, with the least possible loss of time and material, and to enable them to get a good footing among the amateurs, and pass onwards into the ranks of the professional as speedily as possible. This being the professed aim of "The Novice Notebook," it will naturally be written in the simplest and plainest language. The advanced expert fancier will not, we feel sure, begrudge the space here given to enable the new hand to acquire a first knowledge—the alphabet as it were—of cage bird keeping, for, that the novice makes up a very considerable portion of the Fancy, there can be no doubt. But whilst we must necessarily treat the subject from a general point of view, we shall at all times endeavour to meet the special requirements of any novices who may desire information on any particular point, if they only take the trouble to make their needs known to us. Therefore, take note, ye beginners, and do not fear to tell us on what point you most desire enlightenment or advice.

The Question of Diet.

A point on which the beginner seems to go wrong more often than any other, is in the feeding of the stock during the portion of the year when they are neither breeding nor moulting. Curiously enough, during these two intervals he seems to get more into the usual and proper routine, which may be but the natural outcome of the large amount of practical instruction given during the season above mentioned. But when the moult is over, in a vast proportion of cases, the birds are kept on a diet either too high or too low, so that by the time the new year opens, the stock is either run down, or is ready to come into breeding condition at the slightest encouragement. In either case the result is bad, and will not add to one's success at the proper season.

The happy medium is difficult to lay down in hard and fast rules, as the conditions under which the stock are kept, will make a material difference to the diet required. Birds, for example, which are kept in a cold, unheated room, with plenty of space for exercise, will require a greater proportions of heat forming, or oily seeds, to keep them in equal condition, than will those which are housed in a comfortable and artificially heated room. In a manner of speaking, artificial heat may be looked upon as providing in a different way the same result as one gets from fat, oily foods. It will therefore be seen that a diet which is perfectly suitable for birds in a warm room is insufficient for those kept in a cold one, whilst a diet which would be most suitable for birds in a cold room, with plenty of exercise, would almost certainly prove too stimulating for those in a warm room, and would probably result in bringing them into breeding condition prematurely.

To Give or not to Give?

It is quite easy to write down a long list of foods which should not be given too freely, and also of those which may under any ordinary circumstances be used with freedom. But such a list would after all have to be modified to suit every particular case, and in modifying, a good list may, through ignorance or indiscretion, be turned into a bad one. But as a staple diet during the winter months good, sound Canary seed has yet to be beaten. This and a little pinch of rape, and mixed seeds twice a week, with a small quantity of egg-food or bread and milk in between once during each week, as well as a spray of green food or fruit daily, will form a good general plan of management.

It may be varied at one's discretion on the lines of increasing or decreasing the allowance of mixed seeds, according as the birds are kept in warm or cold rooms, and as they have more or less space for exercise Give more to those which are kept in the coldest place and have more space for exercise, and less to those which are kept in the warmest place and have little exercise.

The Importance of Exercise.

Egg-food and bread and milk are both very often misused during the winter months. They might well be cut down then to a minimum, and the birds would be all the better for it. To give bread and milk daily under the impression that it in some way counteracts the effects of former weeks of feeding on egg-food is a big mistake. As a matter of fact, when partaken of freely and regularly (and most birds are very partial to it, so that when given regularly there is little chance of its being refused acceptance), it is not long in bringing a bird into an excessively fat and lazy condition and obesity no sooner begins to trouble a bird than laziness grows upon it, and very soon it does little or nothing else than to sit upon its perch dreaming the hours away, or visit the food vessel.

Exercise, which would go far to keep it in condition, is altogether ignored. Once let a bird get into this condition and its utility either in a breeding or singing cage is not worth a brass button. If it is a hen it may dally about and make a show of breeding, just enough to lead a novice to think she is always just going to start nesting. But nothing comes of it; it is all show and pretence, and no serious effort is made at all. A cock is little, if any better. He does at times go so far as to sing a bit, and sometimes mates freely, but the chances are all to none that he does not fill one egg out of five—very often he goes through all the season without filling a single egg, thus making for himself a "clean" record which the owner does not appreciate.

Hard to Remedy.

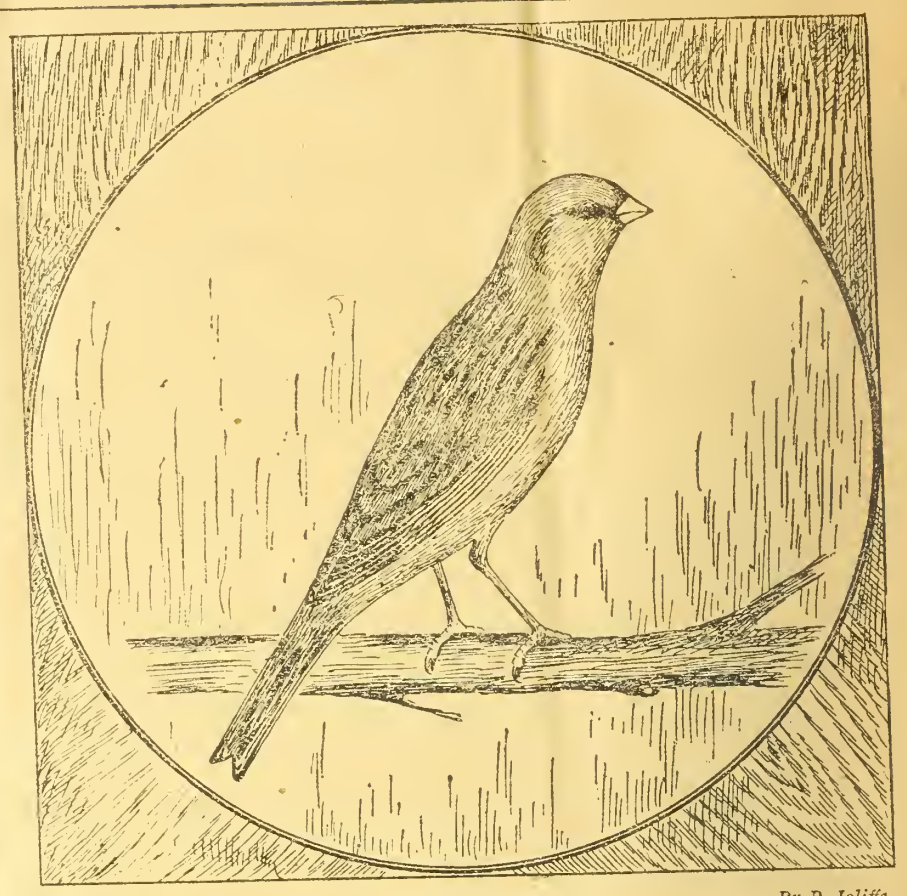
When we get a bird or a number of birds afflicted in the manner just mentioned, the cure is almost invariably slow and tedious. The bird has learned to love the good things of this life, and has found the luxurious comfort of rest and ease. A habit is formed which grows upon the bird and renders treatment all the more difficult, because that habit has to be broken and eradicated as far as possible.

Of course, if the bird is kept alone it is an easy matter to limit its diet, both as regards quantity and quality, but it cannot always be kept alone if it is to be of any use as a stock bird. And unless the proper regulation of its diet is persisted in until it has reached a perfectly healthy and active state of existence again, it will be found to return to the old lazy condition at a very rapid pace, as soon as circumstances place it once more within reach of the opportunity for self-indulgence. Therefore, do not leave birds which show a tendency in this direction until the breeding season is at hand before dealing with them.

If the seed diet is restricted to the small amount, and the birds made to subsist to a great extent upon green-food and fruits, it will do them no harm. A frequent dose of saline aperient will also be a great help towards a cure, as this class of bird will usually be found to be troubled with obstinate and habitual constipation.

A Word about Pairing.

It will seem a little out of place to write of mating now. There is a feeling abroad which appears to be on the increase, that a Canary may be allowed to nest at any time of the year when it can be induced to start. Under certain very favourable and exceptional conditions, I would not dispute the fact that this theory may be carried out with success. But the requisite conditions are to all intents and purposes of a very exceptional nature, and are met with by very few. Where one succeeds probably dozens or scores meet only loss and disappointment. One cannot too strongly insist upon the folly of putting birds together to breed months before they would in the natural course of things think about it.



From a Drawing *By R. Joliffe.*

AN OLD WARRIOR.

The Green Border Fancy depicted above is 8 years old, and has won 19 firsts and other honours for its owner, Mr. R. Lappin, of Rutherglen. The old warrior is now on the "retired list," with "blushing honours thick upon him."

Very few of the most experienced fanciers, with every convenience at their command with which to battle against unfavourable climatic conditions, and, what is of far greater importance, with the knowledge gained by many years of practical experience, would dream of mating birds in January. Yet this is what we often hear of novices doing — novices whose experience is not yet sufficient to enable them to distinguish the difference in the sex of the birds.

What can be a novice's chance of success, when even the most skilful expert would shun doing as he does? It must be small, even to vanishing point. Let every novice set his face sternly against any idea of mating up birds for many weeks to come. It will be one of the wisest determinations he has made for many a day.

When the proper time arrives for him to commence pairing the birds, he will find the matter dealt with here in a timely note, as will be the case in each other seasonable phase of the hobby as the year progresses. Until such timely hints appear, let each one determine to possess his soul in patience, and remember that, in the words of an old respected patriarch, there is a time for everything. The time for the mating up of birds is not yet.

The Annual Overhaul.

In the annals of the bird-keeper the time for spring-cleaning should come well in advance of the time for mating up the birds. It is, too, or should be, a busy season, even for the fancier with a small stock, for his "spring-clean" must be no less efficient than that other turn-out of the kind which strikes terror to his soul when certain unmistakable symptoms tell him all too truly that the temporary reign of domestic disorder has got well underway with the powers that be. It should, in fact, be as thorough and complete an overhaul as possible, if one wishes to avoid trouble in the later stages of the season's work.

To ensure the efficiency of the work it should be carried out in a strictly methodical manner, and every care should be taken to avoid bringing any single article that has been through the cleansing process into contact with another which has not been treated. Unless this simple precaution is adopted from the first, two of the chief objects of carrying out the work will be wholly frustrated. Then one may well say that in the spring overhaul one gets the only real chance of making war effectually upon insect pests and disease germs. Certain it is that when the work is properly done one begins the season with a clean bill as regards insects, and also as free from lurking disease germs as one can reasonably expect to be.

The Method of Procedure.

Neglect the work now, and if trouble arises on either score during the late spring or the early summer months, when the birds are engaged in breeding, and consequently ought not to be disturbed, your efforts to battle with them will be extremely handicapped. The probability is, too, that the season's work will suffer considerable curtailment.

To deal with the task in a methodical manner, we may take the case of a single birdroom set apart for the special purpose of breeding birds in cages. Indoor or outdoor rooms may be treated alike in this respect, with the only condition that in the latter case one must take some extra precautions to protect the birds from cold and draughts whilst the work is in progress.

First of all, we should procure two or three spare cages—this number could be made to do for quite a large stock of birds—and then overhaul these before beginning anything else. Remove the fronts of the cages, and if they have been whitewashed or distempered inside, carefully scrape them to remove any loose chips of material, and also dirt.

Then mix a little hot solution of any recognised disinfectant — Jeyes' Izal, Condy's, etc.—and with a small and bristly brush wash out the insides thoroughly, using plenty of the fluid, and working it well into the joints and corners. If the cages have been infested with mite during the past season, it will be wise to let them stand until next day and repeat this washing. Cages that are done well inside with hard drying enamel will probably be ready at this point to wipe out, and finish off, as the others are done, and as will be mentioned below.

(To be continued.)

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The Standard Length of the Yorkshire.

By C. A. HOUSE.

One of the topics of the season in Canary circles has been the length of the exhibition Yorkshire. Considerable discussion having arisen out of the action of Mr. House, who passed two exhibits at Plymouth Show for exceeding the length laid down in the standard, we invited that judge to give his views on the matter.

I little thought when I passed the exhibits of Messrs. Rennie and Broome at the show of the Western Counties Ornithological Society that I was providing what has proved to be the topic of the season. Though that was away in October, the discussion has been kept going, and seems as vigorous now at the end of January as it was when it commenced. My action has been condemned, and very severely too, by many, amongst them some who should have been my supporters. Curiously enough, I have been condemned upon two points, and both quite opposite. Some have condemned me for disqualifying the two exhibits, others because I did not disqualify them.

Before proceeding to say anything about the arguments for and against my action, it may be wise to clearly and definitely state what took place at Plymouth. Whilst judging the Yellow Yorkshires I was struck by the abnormal length of two exhibits, No. 7 and No. 8. Feeling sure they were over standard length (please note the words standard length!) I measured them. One, No. 7, measured 7¼ins., or ¾ of an inch over standard length. No. 8 was even worse, for it went 7⅜in. easy measurement, when laid on the rule. The show being held under the rules of the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club, which club has adopted the standard drawn up by the Yorkshire Union, I had no option but to either disqualify or pass these two exhibits. There is an ugly sound about the word disqualify, and it is a word I don't like; I therefore passed the two birds as being over length.

Curiously enough, the one writer who has most severely criticised my action is the President of the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club, the one man of all others who should have upheld my decision, for do not the standards adopted by the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club, and which standards were in force at Plymouth say: "That the Yorkshire Canary shall not exceed 6¾ins. in length." This is from the standard as drawn up by the Yorkshire Union. This not being strong enough, the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club have amplified it by a special note to judges, which reads: "It is respectfully urged that judges at all shows will be guided and judged as close as possible to this standard of the Yorkshire variety in shape, *length*, position, and feather." This wording is that of the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club. It certainly is somewhat faulty in construction and might lead one to suppose it means the judges themselves shall be judged, and not the birds, but undoubtedly it is the birds that are meant. Yet all this being so, we find the present secretary and ex-secretary of the Southern Yorkshire Club exhibiting birds which are, admittedly, over standard length, the president of the club upholding their action, and blaming the judge who judged according to the club's own standards.

The standards distinctly state: "The Yorkshire Canary shall not exceed 6¾ins," yet we find Mr. Crisp arguing that 6¾ins. is "only laid down as some sort of a guide," and saying it is fallacious to judge the length of a bird either by the eye or measurement. If these opinions are those of the majority of the members of the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club, then it ought at once to do away with the standards of the Yorkshire Union, and set up a fresh lot for themselves. We shall then see Southern Yorkshires judged by one standard, and the Yorkshire Yorkshires by another.

During the past two or three years the judges have not been so keen on over-length birds as they used to be, and those who favour length have taken advantage of this laxity. Years ago many birds were left out because of being over-length. It may not be known to many present-day fanciers, but the Yorkshire Union itself is the outcome of a re-action against the long big birds, and really had its inception in a chance conversation, in my house, between Mr. Walter Horridge, of Wakefield (a name unknown to the present generation of Yorkshire breeders, but still kindly remembered by the old hands up North), Mr. Joe Wilman, and myself. Our conversation led to my inserting a paragraph in "Small Pets," which was the birdy paper of that time, suggesting a conference. The conference was held, or rather, a series of conferences, and from them sprang the Yorkshire Union. I was one of the early presidents of the Union, and for many years a member of the council, representing the Windhill and Shipley Ornithological Society thereon. In that capacity I had a hand in drawing up the standards, as they to-day exist, and in all my judging north, south, east, and west, I have always endeavoured to judge Yorkshires by the standard of the Yorkshire Union.

In years gone by the Yorkshiremen were very keen on this question of length, and to avoid birds being shown which overran the standard, stock classes used to be provided at the Union shows. I, for one, regret that they have been allowed to lapse. The last time I judged a Yorkshire stock class was, I believe, at the record show of the Bradford West Association, when no less than 473 Yorkshires passed through my hands. To-day we have birds winning in Yorkshire classes which are quite as long and as big as the birds which used to win in those stock classes, and unless the Yorkshire Union Council again resort to the extreme measures of long ago, when they used to take birds from off the show table and have them measured in the Council meetings, the popularity of the Yorkshire will wane.

Quite recently, I judged one of the Yorkshire Union shows in Bradford, that of the Manningham Society, and I can with confidence say that there were none of the big birds there which are so prevalent in the south of England, and which some of our southern judges and exhibitors so persistently push to the front, in defiance of the standard, which says they shall not exceed 6¾ins. Further, from conversation which I had with several of the oldest breeders, not exhibitors only, I am convinced that Yorkshire fanciers are feeling that the time has come, or nearly so, when a stand will again have to be made by those who believe that the Yorkshire is a bird of type, quality, and style, and that it can only be kept in its purity by a rigid adherence to what are known as standard properties, one of which is that "the Yorkshire Canary shall not exceed 6¾ins."

Size and length are easy enough to breed, but slimness, with the beautiful symmetrical proportions, fine silky feather and correct carriage are not so easy to breed. Nay, more, they cannot be bred in birds that exceed the standard length. It was not without considerable argument and discussion that the breeders of the early nineties fixed the standard length at 6¾ins., and they in their wisdom knew what they were doing; they knew that only that way salvation lay. The greatest testimony to their knowledge and foresight is seen in the fact that to-day the Yorkshire Canary is known in many places where at the time of the standards being framed it was an unknown quantity, and in others it is far and away more popular than any Canary. In fact, since the drawing up of the standards by the Yorkshire Union, the Yorkshire has not only progressed, but advanced by leaps and bounds.

The Yorkshire Canary in its beauty is not a large bird, and should not be allowed to become so. One thing is certain, that if our judges judge to the standard of the Yorkshire Union (which standard has been adopted by the Yorkshire Canary Club, and the Northern and Southern Yorkshire Canary Clubs), the Yorkshire never will become a large bird. The Yorkshire Council has not been so keen of late on this matter of length, but in past years it has more than once called the attention of the judges to the fact that the Yorkshire shall not exceed 6¾ inches.

I know not why, but there ever has been a tendency in the South to favour birds which are above standard length, and hundreds, aye thousands of birds have been sent into the South as show birds, which up North could only be styled stock birds, and have fetched more than three or four times the money that they would have fetched in the North, because they were too big; on the other hand many a good bird has been sent South and returned, because it was not large enough. The most recent case I know of was that of the young yellow which Mr. Bailey sent South at the beginning of the 1906 season. It was returned to Bradford because it was not big enough. It got back a day or two before Sandy Lane show, and was there shown under myself and won the special for the best bird in the show, then went forward and won nine firsts right off the reel, besides sundry specials, and wound up the season by standing first at the Crystal Palace. Yet this bird was not big enough for the Southern breeder to whom it was sent. It did not exceed 6¾ inches.

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THE INTERESTING CHAT FAMILY.

By "TYRONE."

A Trio of charming softbills—The Wheatear, Winchat, and Stonechat—are dealt with in this article.

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Not Easy to Keep.

The Whinchat is a difficult bird to keep in a cage, but it is an attractive bird, and worth the trouble it gives. If young birds are hand-reared, they may be fed on the usual mixture of hard-boiled yolk of egg and crushed sweet biscuits, with ant eggs (so called), and mealworms, killed and cut into small pieces. Mealworms are most useful in meating off wild-caught birds, and so are house blackbeetles, of which Whinchats are very fond. Some of the insects may be killed and mixed with the artificial food; in picking these out the birds get used to the taste of the insectivorous food, and when he is quite accustomed to eating this he can do with fewer insects. But if the mealworms are withheld too soon the bird will very likely "go light" after all.

The food and water vessels for all these birds should be inside the cage, and they should be made of glass or china, as these are easier to keep thoroughly clean. To avoid terrifying the bird by putting the hand inside the cage, it is a good plan to have the food and water holders made to slip in through the holes in the front, which should be at each end of the cage and well away from the perches.

The Stonechat *(Saxicola Rubicola)*.

The Stonechat is not a summer migrant, but is one of the few soft-billed birds that remain with us through the winter, though doubtless some individuals of the species migrate. Stonechats are very widely distributed, being found in many parts of Europe and Asia, and even in South Africa there are birds which strongly resemble them.

In England the Stonechat is generally found on commons and dry heaths where there is plenty of furze and brambles, and in September it may be seen in numbers on the stretches of grass which run along the edge of the cliffs of the Norfolk coast. On commons it may often be seen sitting on the highest branch of a furze or bramble bush, from which position it will dart towards the ground after an insect, returning to the perch it left just as the Spotted Flycatcher does. If you try to get close to this bird it has a way of dropping gently to the ground as if to hide behind the bush it was perched on, but when you have crept quietly up the bird has disappeared; it slipped away unobserved, and is very likely again watching you from the top of a bush a few yards farther away.

A Handsome Fellow.

The Stonechat is a decidedly handsome bird, although he has no brilliant colouring. His head and throat are glossy black, and round his neck is a white collar; his breast is a warm brown, and when he flies he shows a conspicuous white patch on his back just above his tail. In the winter the head and throat are brown, and the white collar is duller in colour. The hen's colouring is duller, with less white.

The Stonechat's nest is most carefully hidden; it is generally placed on the ground—usually under a gorse bush. The nest is made of dry grass and moss, and lined with hair and feathers. There are generally four of five eggs, which are pale greenish-blue in colour, with spots on the larger end of reddish-brown. The colouring of the eggs varies very much.

The song of the Stonechat is sweet, but not very loud, though if the bird is carefully fed its song improves in captivity. When wild he may sometimes be seen fluttering in the air while he sings, as the Whinchat does, though more often he chooses to perch on a projecting branch.

Food and Treatment.

When wild, Stonechats live on insects and their larvæ and worms, and in captivity they always need plenty of insects, particularly in autumn during the moult. Young birds taken from the nest may be reared as suggested for Whinchats, but if you want to meat-off adult Stonechats you will need a very large supply of live insects.

All the Chats should be kept in box cages, by which is meant those wired only in front. Cocoanut fibre makes a very good covering for the tray, especially if it be damped and then well pressed down. It is dangerous to the bird if it gets mixed with the food and is swallowed.

Although these birds spend the winter in England when at liberty they must not be left out of doors all the year round, even in a large aviary, for cold and damp will kill them when in captivity. They should be brought indoors before the cold weather comes, and kept in a temperature of not less than 50 degrees.

Feats of Flight.

In some districts we see something dangling from the telegraph wires to warn the flying birds that it is dangerous to go too near, consequently they either fly over or under it. Quite recently I saw a covey of Partridges fly clean through these wires at a place where there was no danger signal. As these wires are horizontal and the Partridges fly with outstretched wings there is always a chance of their getting through safely. Another instance of smart flying comes under notice daily. The House Sparrows visit the Chicken runs which are fenced in with two-inch wire mesh; when disturbed they will fly almost the length of the run and go clean through the top without touching, taking the wire upon the slant, which would consequently lessen the size of the aperture. How do they do it? It is no bungling affair, but a clean shoot through. I have carefully watched but cannot say for certain, although it appears as though they fold their wings just as they reach the wire and expand them again when through. Clever, certainly. Could any other species do the same?

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The Grey Parrot at Home.

I am told that in West Africa the birds are not kept caged, but are allowed to go about their owners' verandahs with their wings clipped, and my informant, who had been in the country, also told me that there was something in the theory that the coast natives mix powdered glass or some other slow poison in the food of the unfortunate birds, with the idea that if too many of them lived their trade would be gone. If this is so, surely there is some way of putting an end to this barbarity. Of course, most people will prefer to get a young Parrot if they can, and such a one is readily picked out, because in young birds the eye is grey instead of the pale straw colour characteristic of the old ones.

One Sex as Good as the Other.

I cannot give any criterion for distinguishing the sexes of the Grey Parrot, but I do not know that this matters very much, for in the case of this or most other species, in the matter of talking, there seems to be little to choose between hens and cocks.

Buffon recorded the breeding of the Grey Parrot in captivity more than a century ago, but I have never heard that this feat has ever been repeated, a fact by no means creditable to aviculturists, who only consider whether a bird has been bred before or not, rather than whether it is worth breeding, either from a scientific or practical point of view.

The Rose-breasted Cockatoo.

(*Cacatua roseicapilla*). — This is the commonest and cheapest of all the larger Parrots, and also, fortunately, about the easiest to keep. After looking at the illustration of it I do not think that any of my readers will be taken in by the too common swindle of attempting to sell this bird as the Grey Parrot, since they now have an opportunity of comparing them side by side. Having such a short crest and not being at all of the ordinary Cockatoo colour, this bird is often credited with not being a Cockatoo at all.

In its native country, Australia, it is known as the Galah Parrot, and is there credited with being a good talker. We do not hear much of it in this capacity over here, though individuals talk well at times; but the fact is that most of these birds imported are wild-caught specimens, and it would be more wonderful if they did commonly talk; in Australia they would be reared from the nest.

The Source of a "Chestnut."

Most of us have probably heard the anecdote of the escaped Parrot, who, when he was being mobbed and plucked by Rooks, was heard to be plaintively exclaiming, "One at a time, gentlemen, please." I have traced this story to one of these birds in Australia, the above sentence being a poor Cockatoo's last words as he was done to death by a couple of Hawks. At any rate, my informant heard it from the Cockatoo's owner, who said the bird had learned the expression when formerly kept in a bar, the barman having frequently to say this when being pressed for drinks on all sides. Whether the Galah talks or not, it can be depended on, when it gets tame, to be extremely playful and amusing, but, unfortunately, he can be depended on with equal certainty to be a champion screecher.

A Good Aviary Bird.

I think this bird is best adapted for an outdoor aviary life, that is to say, if one has a good large garden, so that the noise will not annoy one's neighbours. It is an easy matter to pick out pairs of these birds, for although there is no sex-difference in plumage, the cock has black eyes and the hen red ones. So far as I know, Captain Godney, the author of "Foreign Cage Birds," is the only person who has bred this bird, and in that case the rearing of the young had to be completed by him, but other amateurs might get a more amenable pair.

It may be mentioned that the rosy breast is not present to perfection in the newly-fledged young, which have the colour paler than in adults and with an admixture of grey.

The Blue-fronted Amazon.

(*Chrysotis astiva*). — The illustration gives an excellent idea of a typical example of this bird, by far the most common of the Amazons imported. But few birds are so variable as this, not only as there are large differences in size, but the distribution of the blue and yellow on the head varies very much, one colour even predominating almost to the exclusion of the other. I have heard that those birds which show a large amount of blue are not such good talkers as the more yellow ones, and it would be interesting to know if this is correct.

A Scandalous Couple.

The linguistic capabilities of this bird do, undoubtedly, vary a great deal. The birds all make some sort of noise, especially imitating laughter, which seems to come quite naturally to them, and many will imitate a conversation with remarkable skill, though you are unable to understand a single word of what they are supposed to be saying.

They had two at the Zoo which, when placed together away from the other Parrots, would go through a beautiful imitation of two hags tearing the character of a village to pieces—you could tell it was meant for this by the atrociously bitter laughs and the tone of voice, but, unfortunately, you could not catch a word of the, doubtless, highly-flavoured details.

The Best of Parrots.

When, however, you can get an Amazon to talk clearly, there is no Parrot to touch it, as it takes a pleasure in displaying its accomplishments, and will talk before anyone. It is also hardier, livelier, and more playful than the Grey Parrot. The courting attitude of the male is very characteristic, he bristles up his head feathers, slightly opens his wings, so as to make the best use of the coloured patch of the pinions, and expands his tail, which is then seen to be beautifully variegated with red. There is no difference with regard to plumage in age or sex, but young birds have darker eyes than adults. I have never heard of this Parrot breeding in captivity, but it ought to be possible to get it to do so, as it has been wintered successfully in an outdoor aviary, although an inhabitant of Brazil.

The Ring-necked Parrakeet.

(*Palœornis torquatus*). — This widely-spread Indian bird is one of the oldest subjects of European aviculture on record, having been a favourite with the ancient Romans, as we know from a poem of Ovid's, lamenting the death of a Parrot belonging to his sweetheart, for from the description the lamented pet was a bird of this species. All through the centuries this species has retained its popularity, and is the commonest cage bird in India to-day; while since its range extends to Cochin-China, and a scarcely separable race represents it in Africa, it may claim to be the commonest parrot in the world, especially as, in India, at all events, it is very numerous individually. It is, indeed, one of the common pests of the country, being destructive alike to grain and fruit, but its gay plumage and its graceful flight make considerable amends for this, and are quite a feature of the scenery in parts of India. In Bombay numbers of these Parrakeets may be seen perching in trees in the streets, and even in Calcutta, where they are not very common, they often breed in buildings—indeed, I believe that this is the only Parrot having this habit, for it is certainly more found about human habitations than any other I know of.

The sexes in this bird are easily distinguished, the male only having the characteristic neck-ring: it is also easy to tell a young bird from an old one, as the latter has a pale eye and the former a dark one, no Parrot showing this common distinction of age more clearly than this kind. As far as I have seen, most Parrakeets of this kind which come over are wild-caught; at any rate, the Calcutta market is constantly flooded with such. But a great many are taken from the nest and hand-reared; and I am sure it would pay a dealer to start a "line" of these tame, tractable specimens; any number could be procured at the end of spring, and the dark eye is an unfailing sign to guide anyone who is commissioned to purchase. This Parrakeet will winter outdoors in an aviary, and has bred in captivity, though not often, so far as I know.

The Rosy-faced Love-Bird.

(*Agapornis roseicollis*).—I prefer calling this the "Peach-faced" Love-bird, partly because it is one syllable the less to say, and partly because this name is more distinctive, there being a very well-known and similar bird in the Red-faced Love-bird (*Agapornis pullaria*). This, however, is considerably smaller and has the face brighter red, while the bill is red also. Although a much commoner bird than the present one, this species, a West African one, is much more delicate, and has not bred in captivity. The bird in the plate is a comparatively scarce one, but is a good breeder, and not difficult to keep, its chief drawback being a nasty temper—shared by some other "Love-birds"—and a peculiarly virulent squeak. Where these drawbacks do not matter, it will be found a good aviary bird. It should be fed on canary, millet, and oats, with green food, and provided with branches with the bark on to line its nest with, as it does this with shreds of bark, tucking the pieces under its back feathers to carry them to the nest. In its wild state in South Africa it is given to taking possession of Weaver-birds' nests. The sexes are almost alike, but the male has more of the rosy colour on the breast.

The Grey-headed Love-Bird.

(*Agapornis cana*). — The Madagascar Love-bird, as this species is often called —I have heard the name pleasantly shortened to "Mad Love"—is the cheapest of all the Parrots you can buy, and is also about as easy to keep as any, while the fact that the cock only has a grey head, the hen being all green, makes it extremely easy to sex. It will also breed in an aviary, lining its nest with bark, like the last species; a cocoanut husk is big enough for it. Against these advantages may be set the fact that the bird is abominably wild and decidedly spiteful, while its very cheapness makes breeding it a game not worth the candle if you want profit. Many people, however, would be only too glad to know of a pretty, tiny, cheap bird of the Parrot kind which will breed at all, and to such this species can be cordially recommended. It would be a good inmate for aviaries in public parks, where it would look well along with the Collared Doves and Gold Pheasants usually kept in such places. Care should, however, be taken not to keep them with any birds weaker than Budgerigars or Hawfinches.

A Ferocious Cormorant.

An alarming case of an attack by a Cormorant is reported from Scarborough. Two men were walking together by the Cayton Bay when seeing a large bird running along the sands, and thinking it to be a large duck, they gave chase. Of a sudden the bird turned round on them and seemed determined to let one of the men at any rate know of its powers of self-defence. It flew at him and inflicted many wounds on his face. The man was seriously injured, and had to be treated at the hospital. He was quite incapacitated for work, but the bird, however, was afterwards captured and sold.

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* The Children's Bird.

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* Paddy Beats the Yankee.

The Yankee: I guess I c[illegible]e had the finest Canary in all America. It w[illegible] a lovely singer, and its favourite tune was "H[illegible] sweet home," and one day it sang so path[illegible]ally that the tears rolled down its bill, fl[illegible]l the cage, and the poor bird fell in an[illegible]s drowned. Paddy: Something like the sa[illegible], sure, happened meself over in county [illegible]e, in Oirceland. I got a present of [illegible]T[illegible]ash from the blacksmith in one townlan[illegible] I put it in a wicker cage. Its favour[illegible]ste was "The Village Blacksmith," and be the piper that played before Moses, wan day it whistled it so rail that the burning sparks flew out of his neb, set the cage afire and burned hisself to death. —From ALICE VICTORIA KING, age 10 years, 89, York-street, Cambridge.

* * A Pet Jackdaw.

My brother has a pet Jackdaw, which we call Jack. We had Jack when he was nine week's old, from a nest in spring woods at Beaconfields, Bucks, but he is now about twenty months old. At first he was like a ball of black fluff, but he soon began to grow. He is very mischievous in his ways. He will catch birds and mice, and eat them. About a month ago, he was in his cage when a Sparrow flew on his cage; Jack caught hold of the leg, and pulled it through the wires, in the hope of killing him, but after a lot of struggling the Sparrow got away. Jack is kept in a cage during the day till my brother comes home, then he lets him out, to run about the garden. We feed him on potatoes, meat, snails, caterpillars, groundsel, seed and meal. He can say, "Come along," "George," "Jack," "Milk," etc. When Jack is out, he will call out, "Fluff, Fluff, come along," which is the cat, and he starts to fight him. At the time of writing, Jack is going to bed.—Sent by ELSIE HARBOUR, aged 13 years, 33, Wexham-road, Slough, Bucks.

DO BIRDS GIVE WARNING OF COMING WOE?

Judging by correspondence appearing lately in the "Daily Mail," the belief that wild birds sometimes carry warning of coming death is held by many persons all over the country. Here are extracts from a few of the letters:—

On Wednesday, December 18th, a Robin came into the room of my husband, who was then very ill, and perched on the foot of the bed. I do not know how it got in—certainly not through the bedroom window. The bird stayed a minute, and then went out by the door. My husband died the same night.

E. BLENCOWE.

Cymwyd, Corwen, N. Wales.

My only child, a bright, healthy boy of ten years, was doing his lessons one evening when a bird persistently pecked at the outside of the window. A few days afterwards I went into my boy's bedroom when he was asleep and found a bird perched on the rail at the head of his bed. Three months afterwards I was childless. The year after, while my sister-in-law was breakfasting, a bird flew in at the open window and fell dead on her plate; my sister-in-law died suddenly the following week. BELIEVER.

Notts.

One Sunday evening we were sitting at tea in Dundee, all except my father and my brother, who were visiting my father's uncle, who was unwell. A bird, I think a Sparrow, dashed itself against the window pane. My father returned saying that his uncle was much worse. He died on the Wednesday following.

JOHN WILSON, B.Sc., S.I.E.E.

Manchester.

One Saturday evening about five years ago, during a storm of wind and rain, a little bird beat time after time against our window. When the door was opened to allow a friend to go out, the bird flew in. A niece of mine died on the following Monday. She had been taken very ill on the Saturday evening.

Halifax. L. R.

A year ago last September a Robin came tapping at one of our windows three times. Six days afterwards my husband's mother died. When the bird tapped at the window she was not even ill. A.

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

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The Out-door Furnishings of the Aviary.

Chapter III.—Nest-boxes, Sleeping Compartments & Outside Flights.

In my last paper I described the proper construction and arrangement of the indoor compartment of the outdoor aviary; and now I set about the more difficult and complex task of fittings for nesting, sleeping, etc., and the much-disputed best way of arranging the outside flight.

In my time I have made many blunders, but then I console myself with the reflection that most of the blunders in the world have been made by the sincere and honest. I mean, therefore, to relate my mistakes from time to time that others may be warned thereby. With regard (1) to nesting arrangements; these have to be of every sort and kind to suit all sorts and conditions of birds. There are birds who prefer cover; there are others who will only nest in the open.

For covered nests I think there is nothing to beat a Hartz Canary travelling cage, the little cardboard boxes that some dealers send their birds in; or—and let not my readers smile—an old straw hat. Many a successful family has come off in a disused straw hat. I don't mean literally in the hat put upside down on a branch, as it would take a Crow or a Sparrow Hawk to fill such a cavity, though perhaps a Diamond Sparrow might manage it. I mean that the straw hat should be nailed by the brim up against a wall, and a small hole be cut in the top as if for ventilation. If a convenient branch is fixed up near it won't be long before it has a pair of occupants. I don't say this is a very sightly arrangement, but in breeding for medals we go in not for beauty but for utility.

The worst of all these indoor arrangements is that they not only provide shelter for the birds, but also for mice. These pests will come, do what you may to stop them; and again and again I have taken down some likely nest box only to find a great fat mouse asleep therein; and sometimes a big and happy family of youngsters. I always take the precaution to go near these high boxes very gently, clap my hand over the hole in case Mrs. Mouse is at home, then I allow her to make her first jump into a pail of cold water. Nest boxes want a periodical going over, just as ladies go over their favourite cupboards in order to be sure that there are no undesirable tenants about. There will be no breeding so long as mice are allowed to share the boxes with the birds.

A capital plan to prevent mice from sleeping in the boxes is to see that no branches are too near. A mouse can jump a long way, mind, but not so far as a bird. Behind each box fix on the wall of the house a sheet of tin. It is very cheap. Nail the nest box well in the centre and you can defy the enemy. The first cost will be found to be the last.

For Budgerigars I would not advise cocoanut husks. They are far too small for a big family. I have my own nesting boxes made by the local joiner. They are six inches deep by three inches wide, with a hinged lid, by which I can see what is going on within. Budgerigars do not mind being looked at one bit, in fact I believe they like it, just as the human mother of twelve likes to be chaffed on the number of her family. In the bottom of the box I have a little cup-shaped hollow scooped out, and then all the eggs roll together towards the centre, and a good hatch is the result, whereas if you have a flat bottom all the eggs get chilled in turn, and even if you put in sawdust some of the eggs get buried.

In breeding Budgerigars mind you have plenty of boxes, a superfluity in fact, or there will be deadly quarrels and no youngsters. See also that there are equal quantities of cock and hens; also remove the big youngsters as soon as a new lot is hatched, as the elder ones will get scalped and maimed by the parents. For nesting material nothing beats meadow hay and plenty of nice soft hen's feathers. Never use aloe fibre; I know it is strongly recommended, but I have seen so many fatal accidents caused by it that I will never allow a bit in the place. A bird caught by the leg with this stuff will never get free; and you will feel pretty mad some morning to find one of a promising pair, as the old judges used to say, "sus coll"—otherwise suspended by the neck.

Ground building birds are no trouble; they merely scratch a little hollow in the soil and line it with leaves and feathers. That is why there is no credit in breeding Quails and such. They are as easy to breed as Barn-door Chickens. If the Quail lays and sits they are bound to come off. So far as success is concerned (unless you can guarantee the weather) I would try to get the birds to build under cover. It is not always easy, but do what you can to persuade them.

There are some birds that nothing would induce to build anywhere save in a bush (e.g., the Mocking Bird), but a wonderful lot can be done in a room with judicious arrangement of nesting sites. I have bred and reared successfully the American Cat Bird in an attic in a hedge formed of peasticks, so you see there is hope for all.

If you go in for an outdoor aviary, and you can bargain for a fine and dry summer, you will find that natural bushes form an irresistible attraction for the nesting birds. I have had half-a-dozen Zebra Finches nesting in one big elder bush in close proximity to an American Mocking Bird, and a pair of Ruficauda Finches.

You will be told in books that birds and bushes are incompatible. It is all pure rubbish. Of course if you put Parrakeets in a shrubbed aviary you must look out for mischief, but nobody in their senses would put Parrakeets in such a place. The best sort of bushes are syringas, privet, laurel, lauristina, box above all if you can get big bushes; quick; but I do not care for elder; it grows very quickly, I know, and is very cheap, but it forms too dense a shade, and it kills speedily all other plants in its vicinity.

Do not make the mistake that I did and plant the bushes too rank. Birds don't like it, and you won't on a soaking wet morning. The bigger the flight the better, and let each bush stand by itself. The grass plot will be the ambition of the beginner. We dream of an aviary with a well-cut lawn surrounded by bushes and flowering shrubs, and with a lake somewhere about, but I fear the drip off the wire netting will ruin the grass, and to cut it with a mower would not be conducive to nesting operations, even with the more regulated birds, and to cut with shears is as I know from experience, toil and grief.

If you arrange to have flowering shrubs in the flight, then arrange a number of spy holes round the outside. It is far better to take a shy peep thus, than to go poking and blundering through the bushes. Remember the golden rule; birds object to their nests being looked at, though some people say that they like them being taken down and cleaned out periodically. Well, if you don't believe me, try and see what will happen, even with a well-regulated Zebra Finch. When birds nest out in the open in this variable climate, a shower might come at any time, and an ordinary flimsy hay nest that would do all right in burning New Zealand, is nowhere in a Yorkshire tempest. To rig up shelters over nests is parlous work at the best, but I have even gone so far as to rig up an old umbrella over a family of Ruficaudas, thereby saving them from being drowned, but it is not every bird that would face a "gingham," and therefore in five cases out of six the remedy would be worse than the disease.

In nesting arrangements you want to use a lot of tact and common sense, and the better you have your birds know you, the safer will you be able to go to work. For nesting materials for Mocking birds, Thrushes, *et hoc genus omne*, nothing is better than very dry twigs, and an old Blackbird's nest carefully pulled to pieces and scattered temptingly about the floor. If they are on the breed the bait will not be lost.

For Starlings, Wrynecks, and the like, a good roomy box with a hole in the side close to the top, and a perch jutting out just underneath will answer admirably; while all the nesting material required will be hay, straw and feathers; though I knew one pair of Pagoda Mynahs to make, or rather line their box with box leaves. But perhaps they were a bit eccentric. Anyhow they reared a brood of five, so I said nothing.

If my readers will carry out my rather discursive hints I fancy they will not go far wrong; but don't expect too much. In reading my experiences remember please that I did not do all the wonderful things I shall relate in one year or two years, but in a long series, that my failures were many, but side by side with some few successes. The successes are remembered, but the failures are not forgotten. My motto—and it had better be your also—is *Spero infestis*. If you can't translate this, ask one of your learned friends.

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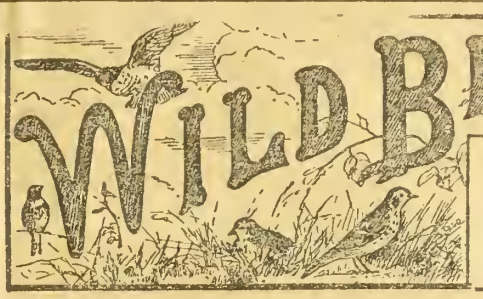

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From Winter to Spring—In-Breeding of Wild Birds.

Last week the ground was hard with the severity of the frost, and patches of snow lay upon the higher ground. The wild birds were having a rough time of it, and many of them appeared hardly able to struggle through. To-day, the weather has been mild and spring-like, with a fair amount of bright sunshine; the change has taken place in less than a week. Note the difference in the behaviour of the birds. The garden is deserted, save for the flocks of Sparrows (which are always with us); even the Robin has not been seen, and no doubt he is only skirmishing round somewhere, as it is too early for him to leave us. Away in the fields flocks of Skylarks are plentiful, and during a ramble, some half dozen birds were heard in song. How pleasant it is to listen to the beautiful silvery music of this feathered minstrel—to stand and watch him—to see him rise higher and higher with each circling movement, then stay, facing the gentle breeze, and with quivering wings, sing for some minutes, before descending. At present the song cannot compare with the grand carrolling of the spring, but nevertheless, it is delightful to listen to, for it is only January now, and our minstrel will sing almost without a break, right away to August, and possibly beyond. No doubt many of these Larks which we see in flocks are aliens, and they will in time depart, leaving our home-bred birds to nest in peace. The Skylark pairs annually, although it is just possible some isolated birds may keep together throughout the year. Where the pairing of birds takes place each spring, there can be no in-breeding, unless, in cases where the parent birds, and the brood of the previous year, return to the same place for breeding purposes. Such roving birds as Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, and many of the Buntings, are almost certain to select partners from other broods when the time arrives for the breaking up of the winter flocks. In-breeding is not at all uncommon with wild birds; take the Rooks as an example. A pair will start a rookery, the young birds mating together, until a good-sized colony is founded, and as they increase in numbers they will, if possible, become more conservative than ever, and under no circumstances will they allow an interloper among them. Possibly the best example we have of close breeding is that of the wild Woodpigeon. This bird invariably lays two eggs to the clutch, and these hatch out one of either sex. These pair together. It is impossible to have closer breeding than this, and yet as far as we are able to judge, there appears to be no decrease, either in size, or strength of the present-day bird. Another instance came under notice in this village. Four years ago, a single pair of Swallows commenced to build upon the rafters of a wood shed. They were rather late in starting (possibly they were unable to find a suitable site before). They received every encouragement, and managed to rear two broods, totalling eight birds. The following spring, when the migrants returned, six Swallows flew straight into the shed, they were, undoubtedly our friends of the previous year, as the only entrance was through the doorway, and no stranger would fly in there upon first arriving. From then until now they have increased, and we expect them back again next spring. All these birds, we may surmise, came from the single pair, and thus in this case also, there must have been the closest blood relationship. With such examples before us, it is an open question, if the breeders of cage birds do not, sometimes, introduce fresh blood into their strains before it is actually required.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Migrating Owls.

Owls are only supposed to be migratory, in so much as they follow their prey. When they have cleared a district they generally move to another. A plague of mice will mostly be followed by a visit from the Owls.

Roosting Plovers.

The Plover is only a small bird, although in all appearance quite as large as a Pigeon. The bird is very thickly feathered and has enormous wings. There are few more restless birds than these. They appear to be ever on the watch, and it seems impossible to catch them napping. If one happens to pass by a field where they roost, at any hour of the night, they are sure to be heard calling. Possibly they leave a sentinel to do the rounds.

The Water Wagtail.

The pied Wagtail, known as the Water Wagtial, is not always found near that element. I once found the nest in the side of a haystack, upon the hills, in Kent, a good four miles from the nearest sheet of water of any size.

Tits in Winter.

It is sometimes puzzling to know how wild birds exist during the winter months, when seeds and insects are scarce. The Tits will feed for days upon the tiny buds of the elm, and other trees, even in the month of January, when the buds must be almost dormant. When feeding they generally prefer to be upside down; possibly they are better able to pull the slender twig towards them, and so get at the food easily.

Methods of Travel.

We recognise many birds by their peculiar methods of flight and progression when upon the ground, even when we are unable to see them distinctly. If the Sparrows and Finches were able to run as well as hop, we should often fail to identify them. Birds with quick flapping and closing of the wings when in flight, we instantly recognise as either Finches or Wagtails. The flight of the Pigeon is quite different; these birds rest upon the wing and this fact, together with their size, aids identification.

Don't forget the Water.

The sympathy that is always felt for the birds in time of continued frost, is perhaps a little misdirected, says a writer in a contemporary. We read about the "hungry Robins," and are apt to suppose that the main difficulty of the birds is to get food out of the frost-bound ground. They do, of course, suffer to some extent from this difficulty, but what really affects birds most in hard winter is want of water. Naturalists say that birds rarely die of hunger in winter; they die far more frequently of thirst, especially in big towns. Already, after a day or two of frost, their eagerness for water is apparent. This morning, on putting out a pan of water for the hens, I noticed that as soon as the hens had finished drinking the pan was surrounded by small birds. They sat in a row on the rim, and drank greedily. They were nearly all Sparrows, with one Tit, and one Robin. People who want to be kind to birds in frosty weather should see that they have a supply of water as well as scattered food.

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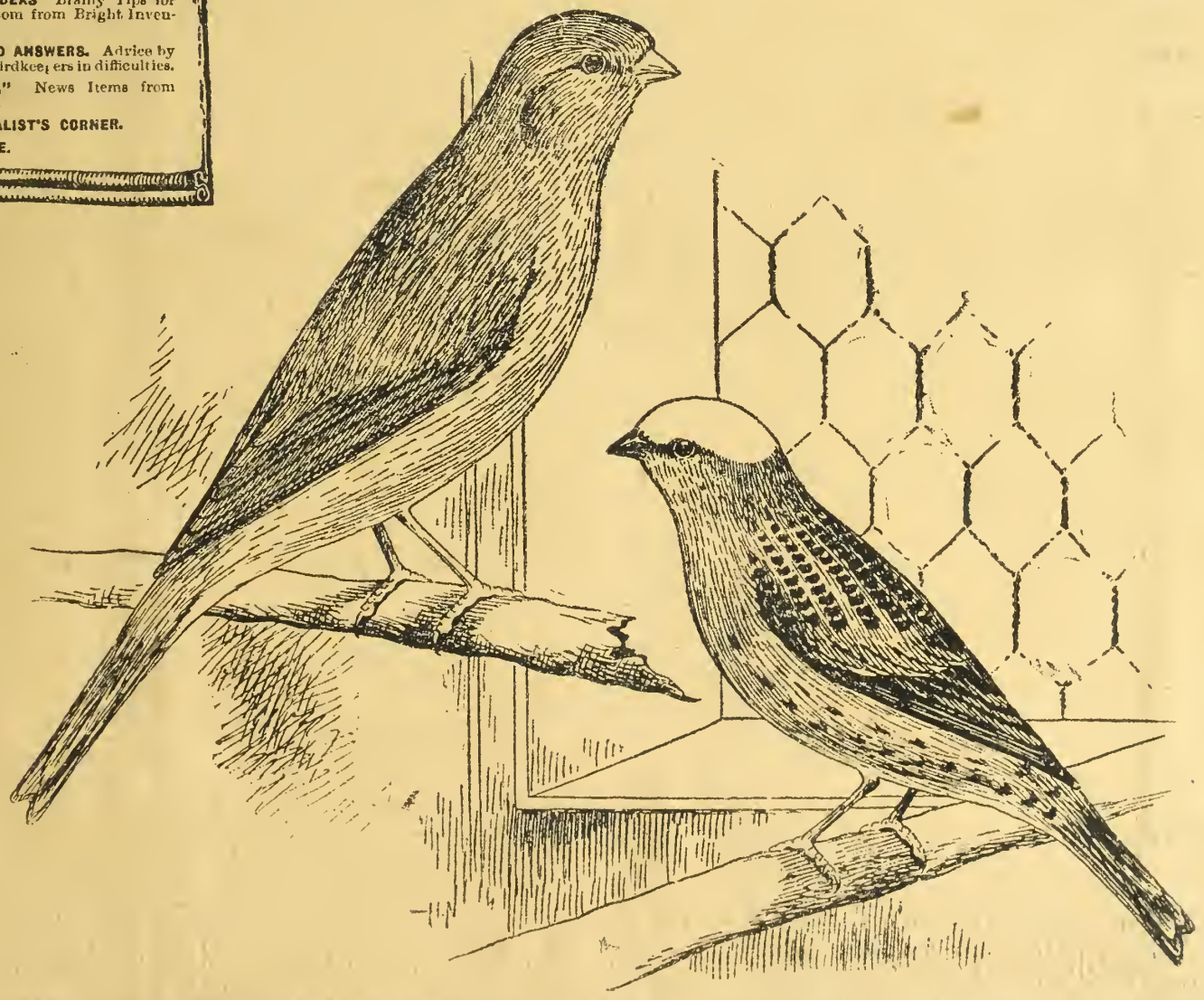

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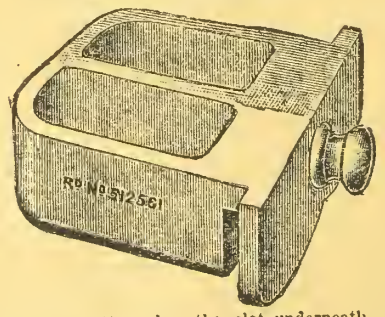

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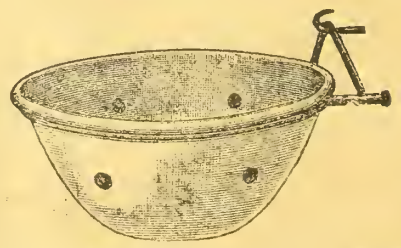

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COCK Hawfinches, 5/-; cock Crossbills, 5/-; cock Bullfinches, 2/-; hen Bullfinches, 1/6; cock Linnets, Chaffinches, and Yellowhammers, all 1/- each; Grey Wagtail, 7/6; Nuthatch, 7/6; Whitethroat, 5/-; approval.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

LINNETS, good, sound, red-breasted cocks, 4/6 dozen; large cock Larks, 4/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/- each; cock Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, 9d. each; hen Linnets, 1/- dozen.—Papworth, Dealer, Chatteris.

PAIRS, well on food, Coletits, 3/-; Oxeytits, 2/-; Bluetits, Reedbuntings, Yellowbuntings, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, Linnets, Robins, 1/-; cock Bramblefinches, 3/- dozen; Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; twelve mixed aviary birds, 1/-; exchange.—George Fenn, Near Pit, Isleham, Cambs.

EXHIBITORS, I have the following select birds, superb in size, shape, colour, and markings, certain to moult out winners: Hawfinch, 15/-; Linnet, 3/6; Yellowhammer, 3/6; Chaffinch, 3/6; Greenfinch, 3/6; cock Bullfinch, 5/-; hen Bullfinch, 2/6; Redpoll, 2/6; Grey Wagtail, 7/6; Nuthatch, 10/-; Crested Tit, 15/-; Lesser Whitethroat, 7/6; two days' approval.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Telephone 947.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets. Famous Lincolnshire Redbreasted cock Linnets, best in England, price 9d. each, three 1/9, six 3/-, dozen 5/6, three dozen 15/9, five dozen 25/-; no waiting; 400 cock Linnets in stock, well on seed; warranted cock Twites (Redrumps), three 1/3, six 2/3, dozen 4/-, three dozen 10/6; hen Linnets, hen Twites, cock Greenfinches, like paint, 1/6 dozen, six 1/-; hundreds unsolicited testimonials; name station.—Charlie Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

J. MACE, NATURALIST.

Good coloured cock Goldfinch, 2/6, 3/-; cock Bullfinch, 2/6; hens, 1/-; cock Linnets, 9d.; cock Larks, 8d.; St. Andreasberg Rollers and Yorkshire and Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; Hartz hens, 2/-; Yorkshire hens from 3/-; approval.—John Mace, Bird Specialist, Doncaster-rd, Barnsley.

EVERYTHING I SELL

is on approval, entirely at my risk. If not perfectly satisfied, send them back. I'll replace them, or refund money in full; warranted large English Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, 2/6 each, three 6/-; specially selected large cocks, for showing or muling, in splendid song, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; hen Goldfinches, 1/- each; large cock Bullfinches, like paint, in perfect health, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; hen Bullfinches, 1/-, 1/6 each. Linnets. There is no man in England who can supply you with better Linnets than I can; all my Linnets I guarantee to have nut-brown wings and back, rose redbreast; cannot be beaten; warranted cock Linnets, 9d. each, three 2/-, six 3/-, 5/- dozen; specially selected large cock Linnets, for showing or muling, in splendid song, 1/6 each, three 3/-; Redpolls, 1/- pair; warranted cock Larks, 1/-, three 2/6; few in grand song, 1/6, 2/- each; cock Chaffinches, 9d., three 1/6; Greenfinches, 6d. pair; Linnet or Goldfinch cages, 6d., 9d. each, 4/6, 5/-, 6/- dozen; Lark cages, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6 dozen; single trap cages, 6d., 9d. each; double, 10d., 1/-; fancy hanging Canary cages, 2/-, 2/6 each.—Thomas Hughes 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

BELGIANS for sale, from my winners, gold medal, etc.; approval.—Blackmore, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple.

SEVERAL grand young birds for sale; pairs or single; approval.—Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple.

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BELGIANS, Baker's, Ruggle, and Bennett's direct champion strains, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6 each.—Rudkin, Belton, Uppingham.

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GOOD Belgians, cocks and hens; Illustrated list free. — W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 51.)

Border Fancy.

CLEAR yellow cock, 3rd Folkestone, 15/-; marked buff hen, vhc, Dover, 12/6.—Abbot, London-rd., Dover.

BORDERS for sale, Yellow and Buff cocks from 7/6; hens, 3/6; approval.—Edgar, 41, Lyle-st., Dumfries.

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YELLOW and buff cocks and hens, on approval, cheap to clear; stamp.—Miller, 3, Stephen-terrace, Anniesland, Glasgow.

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SEVERAL pairs of exhibition, prize winning Borders for sale, from 20/- pair; also cages.—Eastman, 65, W. Regent-st., Glasgow.

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WINNERS, Clears, even-marked Yellows, Buffs, cocks and hens, matched pairs, 10/6 upwards; stamp.—Craig, High-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, all colours, cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; evenly marked strain, cold-room bred.—Walker and Stirling, 21, Bridge-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, even-marked and all colours; cocks from 5/-; hens from 2/6; cold-room bred.—Peter Christison, 125, Montrose-st., Brechin.

SIX good Border cocks, from 5/-; and six hens from 2/6; also four Buff Norwich cocks, cheap to clear; approval.—Smart, Loanhead, Midlothian.

BORDERS for sale, all colours, winners at Carlisle, Sanquhar, Scottish National, etc.—William McMillan, College-street, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

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TYPICAL Border Fancies, bred from Palace and other winners; list free.—W. Rudd, the Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 51.)

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have 20 to sell; I have won 21 firsts, 23 seconds, 16 thirds, many specials, and two club medals this season; stamp reply.—Walker, Ellenslea, Lemahagow.

ROBERT YOUNG, breeder and exhibitor of Border Fancy, has some good stock birds for disposal, also some good Crests, Crestbreds and Plainhead.—177, Warton-terrace, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

JOHNSTON AND YOUNG have for sale a few properly matched pairs, 12/6 to 15/-; odd cocks, yellow or buff, clears or foul, good stock birds; stamp reply; approval; deposit.—Chirnside Bridge, Chirnside.

HENRY BENNET, Border Fancy Aviaries, Kelso whose Borders again head winning list, offers choice stock birds, all colours, cocks, 7/- to 30/-; hens, 4/- to 30/-; matched pairs, 12/6 to 35/-; approval; stamp.

CINNAMON Yorkshire, 10/6; yellow Border, 2nd, 10/6; Siberian Goldfinch, 7/6; Roller, 5/6; all cocks, full song; yellow Border hen, 4/6; lot, 30/-; bargain; approval; stamp reply.—Manders, Fairfield, Gowerton, Glamorganshire.

HIGH-CLASS Borders. Having selected breeding stock, can spare four pairs, matched for breeding, from 12/6 to 15/6; bred from best and reliable strains; see report Gateshead, St. Helen's; approval.—Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O

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TWO pure Cinamon hens, healthy, 3/3 each.—Lepla, Norwood House, Newmarket.

CINNAMONS, few fine Buffs, cocks and hen, one Yellow hen.—Tams and Son, Church-st., Longton

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LARGE yellow Cinnamon cock, natural colour, bargain, 8/6; two yellow Norwich hens, 6/-.—Shaw, No. 9, Tindall-st., Scarboro'.

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SIXTY red-fed, mostly unlighted, sell low price to dealer taking lot, singly 10/6, 15/6, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6 each.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

CINNAMONS, both Norwich and Yorkshire type; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 51.)

GIVING up fancy, about thirty Cinnamons, and a few Norwich for sale, some good birds among them, also fifty cages, with racks and all accessories.—Walsh, 5, Glebe-st., Gt. Harwood, Lancs.

MRS. CLIFTON, Bridge-st., St. Ives, Hunts.—Owing to the death of Mr. Clifton, Bridge-st., all his valuable birds must be sold, about thirty good Cinnamons, cocks and hens, winners at many shows; also Crest and crest-bred Cinnamons, colour-fed; sent on approval.

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Breeder & Exhibitor, has a few choice birds for sale. Also **Norwich.**

Crests and Crestbreds.

SIX Crested, six Crestbred, 7/6 each; approval.—Radford, High-st., Haverhill, Suffolk.

CRESTS and Crestbreds of prize strain; stamp reply.—Winton, 25, Nethergate, Dundee.

HEAVY feather Crest and Crestbreds, 10/- to 20/- each.—Richards, 36, New-street, Exmouth.

PRIZE winning crest-bred buff cock, 20/-, worth £2.—Eastman, 65, W. Regent-st., Glasgow.

MARY COOK, Wavendon, Bucks, breeder champion Crests; pairs, 12/- upwards; approval; stamp reply.

WILL send photo 1907 winners with list of birds for sale; send stamps.—Denham, 47, Blackboy-rd, Exeter.

FOR cheap disposal, good, young Norwich Crest and crest-bred, from 7/6 pair.—Budding, Eastington. Glos.

HEAVILY-FEATHERED Crests and crest-breds, 15/-, pair or singly.—Campling, 8, Greenhill-rd., Harlesden.

REDUCING stock, have about forty good stock birds for sale; best blood only.—Slade, 37, Cranmer-rd., Brixton.

WANTED, heavy feathered, large crest-bred hen; on approval; deposit system.—Werrey, 41, Belle Vue-rd., Southampton.

CANARIES, Norwich Crested and Crestbred, splendid songsters, 7/6 to 12/6; hens from 3/6.—94, Amhurst Park, N.

GOOD Buff variegated Crest cock, breed from two Crests, grand condition, 10/-.—Peters, Panton Hall, Wragby, Lincs.

YELLOW and Buff Crest, Crestbreds, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- pair; on approval.—Harris, 13, Bleasby-st., Sneinton, Nottingham.

CREST and Crestbred Canaries; cocks, guaranteed, 5/-, 7/6 each; crestbred hens, 3/-.—Leng, 164, Broadfield-rd., Catford, S.E.

SEVEN Crest and crest-bred hens, 6/- each, 35/- the lot; four cocks, 10/- each, 35/- the four.—Dickinson, 557, Lea Bridge-rd.

CREST and Crestbreds, 1907, matched pairs for sale; cheap to effect a clearance.—McColl, Park-terrace, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

HIGH-CLASS Crests and Crestbreds for sale, from winners; or exchange high-class cinnamons.—Peace, 26, Fieldhead-road, Sheffield.

THREE grand crested cocks, 1907 winners, bred from my open show winners, 20/- each; approval.—Ure, Helenvale, Bonnybridge.

BURGESS AND SON, Bridgwater, clearing big green crested cock, 7/6; crest-bred hen, 7/6, from winners; approval; others cheap.

F. G. BALE, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, can spare stock pairs from 60/-; Crestbred cocks from 30/-; bred from my winners; approval.

CREST and Crestbreds, single birds from 10/-; pairs from 15/6; bred from winners; approval.—Hesketh, 49, Campbell-st., St. Helen's.

TWO dark crested cocks, matched with Crestbred hens; large, young, healthy birds, 30/- pair.—Holmes, 169, Fountainbridge, Edinburgh.

CRESTS, four good stock pairs, some winners and from winners, Dunfermline, 25/6 pair; approval, stamp.—William Campbell, 3, Leishman-sq., Alva.

CRESTS and crested breds; illustrated list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 51.)

LARGE green Crest cock, 50/-; massive crest-bred cock, 40/-; winners, Barnett's direct; approval.—J. W. Crooks, 51, Stalkerlees-rd., Sheffield.

Two monster dark Crested cocks, 17/6, 12/6; grizzle Crested cock, 10/6; all won tickets selling classes; approval.—Peter Harrower, Greenfield-st., Alloa.

WM. REID, Falkland, Fife, winner of over 40 prizes, 10 specials, and challenge cup this season, has Crests and Crestbreds from 10/- upwards; approval.

CREST and crest-bred, from 7/6 to 15/-; pair coppy for 23/-, seen after 2 p.m., or Sunday; stamp reply.—W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., Kilburn, London.

G. CLYNE, Moray-street, Wick, can spare one clear body grizzle Crest hen, 1907, one var. dark Crest cock, 1907, out of winners, cheap to clear; approval.

1907 YELLOW, with Green Crest cock, 9/6; Crested hens, 2/6, 3/6; large, heavy-feathered Crestbred cock, 15/6; approval.—Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

LARGE heavily-feathered young Crested and Crestbred cocks, cold-room bred, approval, 10/6 and 12/6 each.—Thos. Heslop, 65, Cavendish-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

W. H. BALE has several grand, large, typical crest-bred cocks and hens, bred from noted winners, from 15/- upwards; approval.—55, Newport-rd., Barnstaple.

TWELVE Crests, Crestbreds for sale, Barnett and Joyce's strain; also few Plainheads, cheap to clear; seen by appointment any week-day; stamp.—Lorden, 64, High-st., Hythe, Kent.

WALLACE, breeder of twenty-five years' standing, winner at leading shows, mending Palace, can supply matched pairs, single cocks, hens, 12/6 to 60/-; approval.—115, Rosemont Place, Aberdeen.

GRAND stock hens, Crests and Crestbreds, for disposal, from 20/- each; pairs well matched from 40/-; inspection invited; approval.—Gibbons, 11, Roseford terrace, Shepherd's Bush, London.

LARGE pair Crests, buff cock, variegated hen, plenty feather, broad skull, good breeders, Joyce's, 10/6; stamp reply; exchange pair Scotch Rollers.—John Harvey, Oakthorpe, Ashby-de-la Zouch.

CRESTS and crest-breds, cocks only for sale, at half their value, related to my £70 pair strain; and others of equal value; state requirements.—J. Griggs, Mayfield, Hagley-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

HIGH CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, strong, healthy bred from or related to birds of my own breeding, that have won hundreds of prizes; approval. H. Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. Johns, Park-rd, Blackheath, London, S.E.

CRESTBREDS, variegated, good size birds, bred from best blood. Having so many cocks for next breeding, will sell a few cheap, or will ugly exchange for hens; approval.—Tetlin, 130, St. Mary's-road, Plaistow, Essex.

GENUINE bargain, few high-class Crests and Yorkshires, breeding cages, racks, show cages and all appliances for sale; giving up fancy, in one lot or separate; stamp reply.—Cooper, 22, Camelford-rd., Greenbank, Bristol.

W. G. FRENCH, 28, Seymour-avenue, Plymouth, winner of silver cup for best Crest or Crestbreds, 1907, bird, 3 firsts, 3 seconds, 4 third, 3 fourths, Plymouth show; few Crest and Crestbred cocks to part with from 10/- to £3.

BUFF Crestbred cock, 3rd Birmingham, 3rd Wolf Bromwich, 7/6; lightly marked Buff Crest cock, first cross Lancashire, 17/6; even marked Yellow Crest cock, first cross, 17/6, approval.—H. Watkins, 7, St. Martin's-lane, Birmingham.

J. RUSHMERE, having time to attend to a few more pairs, disposal of two or three pairs best in bred Crest, these bird are bred from the best Crest blood in the country, prices reasonable, approval.—70, Radford-rd, Exeter.

GREEN Crested hens, 1907, 20/-, 25/-; Yellow dark Crested cock, eighteen months, winner, 40/-; Green Crested cock, 1907, 100/-; Buff Crestbred hen, eye mark, 1907, 80/-; or 160/- the pair.—Smith, St. Ives, Chester-rd., Erdington, near Birmingham.

HEAVILY feathered matched pairs, crested, 12/6, 15/-, 21; crested and crest-bred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; ditto hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- upwards; travelling cage 3d. extra; approval; cold-room bred.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

CRESTS and Crestbreds. Buy from the breeder and save dealers profits; only a few left; Barnett's strain; cold room bred from 20/- per pair upwards; approval.—Inspector Storey, Police Station, St. Ives, Hunts.

BARGAINS, bargains, two Crest cocks, 12/6, 15/-; grizzle crested hen, 15/-; crest-bred cocks, 15/-; two 20/- each, one 27/6; green crest-bred hen, 15/-, cold-room, won 36 prizes and nine specials this season; approval; stamp reply.—William Watt, 108, Atkin-crescent, Dunfermline.

CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale, must sell, room wanted, from 15/- upwards; Symons', Cornwall, noted winning strain; 2 firsts, 2 specials, and medal with two birds at Hamilton open show; also medal at City of Glasgow Show; approval.—A. Gardiner, 62, Milton-st., Motherwell, N.B.

GOOD crested cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; crested hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; crest-bred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; crest-bred hens, 5/-, 6/0, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; stamp reply; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich.

RETIRING from breeding, the following lot of Crest and crest-bred Canaries to be disposed of: Six pairs, 7/6; six pairs, 10/-; six pairs, 12/-; six pairs 15/- per pair; any purchaser taking the lot 10/- per pair; also eight breeding cages.—William Crosier, 9, Westbourne-grove, Scarboro'.

CHAMPION Plainhead for Crest breeding, took 2nd Newcastle, 2nd Wallsend, 2nd South Shields, take £7 for him; also a champion Crest cock, the "Miner's King," won the Northern Crest Club Cup 1905, and many first prizes, warranted sound and in good health; also several others cheap.—R. S. Bewick, 7, Newfield S.O., Co. Durham.

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CRESTS, Crestbreds, best blood in the world, winnings well known, Barnstaple and Plymouth bowls outright, Bristol three; have only shown three times this season, but won bowl for best Crest, 1st and special Crestbred Plymouth, three 1sts and specials, 2nd, etc., Bristol; few to spare; state price prepared to give; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

SURPLUS stock. Lancashire Coppy, suit Crest breeder, 10/-; large Crestbred cock, 20/-; another, 35/-; any amount feather Crested hens, 10/-; large clear Yellow, 10/-; clinking Crestbred hen, blind one eye, feather over beak, cost 50/-, 7/6; twice moulted Bully hen, 3/-; cock Linnet, 2/-; exchange 1906 Crested hen, lady's bike, Edison phenograph; offers. —C. I. Young, Frome.

HAVING selected breeding stock, offer the following stock birds at half value, large clear crest-bred cock, 17/6; two marked, 15/6 each; yellow green, 17/6; green crested cock, 16/6; two grey crested, 16/6, 12/6; two dark crested hens 15/6 each; grey Crest, grand body, 18/6; dark Crest and wing, 4th prize, only time shown, 25/-; green Crest, 25/-; first come first served; approval; cash or deposit. —Clarke, 266, Freeman-st., Grimsby.

MONSTER variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6; massive variegated ditto, 7/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 9/6; monster clear Crest hen, perfect Crest, 10/6; massive variegated crest-bred cock, 9/6; monster yellow variegated ditto, 9/6; monster variegated crest-bred hen, 9/6; ditto, beauty, 6/6; yellow variegated ditto, grand skull, 10/6; splendid value, all grand stock birds; Barnett's strain; approval willingly.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

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HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest-class Crests, crest-breds, Barnett and Joyce's strain: Monster variegated dark Crest cock, perfect crest, 17/6; monster green ditto, grand, dense crest, 15/-; massive heavy feathered, wing-marked ditto, 16/-; massive clear Crest hen, 13/6; monster variegated ditto, 13/6; massive feathery green ditto, 12/6; monster clear, crest-bred cock, 15/-; massive, heavy-feathered green ditto, 12/6; monster variegated ditto, 13/6; massive heavy feathered variegated crest-bred hen, 13/6; monster lightly marked ditto, 13/6; massive feathery green ditto; 11/6; all grand stock birds in perfect condition; approval willingly. —Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CHAMPION CRESTS,

bred from my winners at London Provincial Ornithological Society, 1906, including championship, diploma, and medal winners; also Norwich, Crystal Palace, etc. I have a few as low as 15/6 pair and upwards; state price. Note.—I am not a dealer; absolutely all my own breeding and carefully matched, which is impossible to obtain elsewhere other than a breeder; cold room; approval, stamp.—A. Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich.

WICKS BROS., NORWICH,

offers grand Crested and Crestbred cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, upwards; ditto hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; selected pairs matched for Crest breeding 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, upwards; approval; simply state wants; correspondence a pleasure; send for current price list of birds and catalogue of all appliances, post free.—Postal and telegraphic address, Wicks Bros., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS CRESTS.

I have some good crests and crest-breds for sale. Many that can win at our very best shows, and some grand stock birds; I don't exhibit now. I breed for my customers to win. Best blood in the fancy; many winners sold by me; 30 years breeder; approval, and before payment, to any fancier I know.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-rd., Nottingham.

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High-class birds at moderate prices. — W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

DO YOU WANT CRESTS WITH FEATHER TO END OF BEAK FOR 5/- OR 6/- ?

If you do, for goodness sake don't apply to me. But, if you want them at a common-sense price, I can supply you with such, and give better value than it is possible to obtain elsewhere. Birds with such qualities are not easy to breed as everyone knows, who knows anything about them at all—I have some however, and with good "dip" as well. Birds that will prove invaluable to crest breeders, from **40/- to £10.** I also possess birds to suit beginners, and those with limited means at following extremely low prices:—

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W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

WM. BOWYER, GLADSTONE STREET, LEEK, who breeds his own winners. See reports Hanley, Rochdale, Leek, Sheffield, Nottingham, Burton. Can spare matched pairs from 15/- to 50/-; single cocks from 10/-; some grand hens from 7/6 to 25/-; this strain has been winning for me close upon 40 years; approval.

C. ROBERTS.

Sensational Crests will be on view at the coming Crystal Palace Show. See reports of all leading shows. Have a few matched pairs from 30/- to £30; single birds from 20/- each; state wants, and the price you wish to give; on approval.—67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

I have for disposal, from the best blood in the world (Joyce, Frost, and Roberts' strains), four C.B. hens, three Crested cocks, one Yellow Green C.B. cock; cheap; will exchange Crested cock, first and special Macclesfield Show, November 13th, for good Crest hen, to value 40/-; approval, stamp.—Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

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Have some of the

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in Crests and Crestbreds.

Monster Cocks and Hens. Winners and Stock birds from **£1** upwards In pection invited. Many noted exhibitors supplied. Approval.

A. E. SILK, Whitstable.

Dutch Frills.

GOOD Dutch Frills, 20/- to 100/-.—Brooks, Abbey-rd., Cambridge.

DUTCH Frills of great merit; Illustrated list free. W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 51.)

Greens.

GREEN Yorkshire cock, 10/6; pink-eyed cock, 8/6 —183, Thorold-road, Ilford.

LARGE Green Norwich cock, Yellow, 10/-; Buff ditto, 8/-; grand birds.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

A FEW good Yorkshire Greens and Clears, both sexes; seen personally Sundays.—A. Jennings, 7, Rivington-st., Everton.

I HAVE for sale Yorkshire self bull cock, self yellow hen, both winners, self buff hen, foul buff cock, same strain.—Moss, 43, Fairfield-rd., Tranmere.

FEW Yorkshire and Norwich Greens for disposal reasonable; also massive variegated crest-bred hen, 25/-; approval.—Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires for stock; self or foul cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/6; pairs, 12/- upwards; approval, or deposit.—Apply P. Hayden, 64, Upper Pitt-st., Liverpool.

W. LANG, junr., winner of several 1sts and specials has a few high-class, heavily variegated and ticked buff cocks, suitable for breeding Norwich greens, from 10/- to 60/- each; on approval; cash or deposit; or exchange high-class typical clear hens.—60, Alexandra-rd., Lowestoft.

YORKSHIRES, all colours, including greens, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 upwards, cold-room bred; 7 days' approval.—

SAMUEL DEAN,
Crossley Street, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

Lancashires.

A few pairs left from 25/-; young and healthy.—West, Tweedale Street, Rochdale.

COPPY cock, 15/-; Plainhead hen, monster, 25/-; exchange gramophone.—Pearson, Postman, Todmorden.

SALE, Yellow Coppy cock, 15/-; Buff Coppy cock, 15/-; Buff Plainhead cock, 10/-; all 1907 bred.—Naden, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

CLEAR yellow coppy cock, 3rd Nottingham, 30/-; two buff coppy hens, 20/- each; clear yellow Plainhead cock, 15/-; buff coppy cock, 12/6; monster buff Plainhead hen, 25/.—Lee, 106, Bond-st., Macclesfield.

YELLOW Plainhead hen, ditto buff, young birds, 10/- each, 18/- the two, to clear; approval; deposit. —Holt, Larkfield Aviaries, Rochdale.

GOOD Lancashires, Plainhead and coppy; illustrated list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 51.)

LANCASHIRES. Coppy, Plainhead cocks, two Plainhead hens, Buffs, two winners, lot 40/-; exchange any for good Norwich Buff cock or Yellow Seifert Roller.—Lawton, 7, Coronation-st., Tamworth.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 151, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

I have entered at the Crystal Palace show several Lancashires for sale, worth the money.—F. J. Green, 43, Earlsbrook-rd., Redhill, Surrey.

Lizards.

THREE 1907 clear cap silver Lizard cocks, 7/6 each; approval.—J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

A FEW Lizard cocks, from my cup strain, 6/- each, to clear.—Massey, 196B, Higher Hillgate, Stockport.

LIMITED, few high-class Lizards; state wants; stamp reply; own breed.—Holt, Tobacconist, Larkfield Aviaries, Rochdale.

BROKEN capped Lizard hens, 4/- and 4/6; also cock, a perfect beauty, 9/6, worth double.—James, 78, Bolton-rd., Bradford.

LIZARDS, Baker's and Rukin's strains only, from Palace winners, pairs from 15/-, or single.—H. Denham, Blackboy-rd., Exeter.

I have a few good Lizards to dispose of; best blood obtainable; reasonable; approval. — John Hamer, 17, Evelyn-street, Oldham.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards, some of the best; illustrated list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 51.)

FEW pairs left, same strain as Rochdale, Manchester Mansfield, Notts, Oldham, Derby and Horticultural Hall winners, from 15/- pair; see reports.—C. E. Fisher, Surrey-st., Glossop.

Norwich.

SIX large Norwich cocks and hens, 30/- lot.—Dickinson, 557, Lea Bridge-rd., London.

NORWICH Plainheads, cocks and hens, all colours, —129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

NORWICH for sale, cocks from 4/6; hens, 2/-.—H. Slater, No. 44, Ford-st., Kettering.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, have a few yellow hens from 5/- each; also buff hens.

BUY from the breeder; Norwich Canaries from 3/-.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

CAN spare two grand yellow cocks, 15/- each; approval.—Halsall, 20, St. James-st., Southport.

NORWICH hens, six for sale, from 3/- each; good surplus.—Hook, 242, Bedmondsey-st., S.E.

YELLOW and buff cocks, yellow and buff hens; cheap; approval.—Steven, 215, Montrose-st. Brechin.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/-; pairs, 12/6 upwards.—Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich.

HENS from my winning strain, yellows, 5/-; buff, 4/-; approval.—Bonwick, 120, Forest-rd., Walthamstow.

GIVING up Norwich; some grand thick-set birds left: pairs, 15/-; cocks from 8/-.—Lindsay (see Yorkshires).

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, few grand cocks for sale.—Steele, 12, Avon-st., Shakespear-st., C.-on-M., Manchester.

H. BAILEY, Tower-st., Launceston, has several useful Norwich cocks at 7/6 each, full of colour and quality.

TWO pairs typical Norwich 17/6 and 20/-; also few odd hens cheap.—Crawford, 11, Braeside-street, Glasgow.

WANTED, four clear yellow Norwich hens, must be 1907 bred; deposit.—Osborne, Charles-st., Woodnesfield.

TEN pairs of Norwich Canaries, at 5/6 per pair; cocks, 4/6; hens, 1/6.—Exchauge Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

NORWICH Canaries for sale; pairs 6/9; separate cocks 5/-; hens 2/6.—G. Brown, 44, Bartholomew-st., Leicester.

GRAND Norwich songsters for sale from 6/-; hens from 3/6; all healthy.—Denker, 57, Leman-street, London, E.

NORWICH Plainheads, few good cocks to sell, from 6/-.—T. Hale, 32, Nightingale-rd., Clapton, London, N.E.

UNFLIGHTED yellow Norwich cock, 5/-; large variegated buff hen, 3/-.—Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks, 3/6 each, or cock and hen, 5/6; approval.—Steward, Pouter-place, Castle-Douglas.

HAMMETT and Son, Victoria Lawn, Barnstaple, breeders and exhibitors of high-class Norwich; a few pairs for sale.

W. R. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has several properly matched pairs; also single birds reasonable; approval.

TYPICAL cocks, big birds, wonderful quality from 10/6; a few good hens from 5/-.—Miss Gwyn, Somerville Ramsgate.

CLEAR and variegated yellow cocks, buff cocks, and hens, cheap, to clear.—Smeaton, 63, Summerlie-st., Prestonpans.

1907 NORWICH cocks, large, good singers, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6 each; two hens, 2/6 each.—C. Fairholm, Lynton, Devon.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have a few good birds, 6/- upwards.—Churchaw, 20, Rankin-st., Shepherd's Bush.

NORWICH, a few prize-bred Norwich cocks for sale, cheap to clear.—Burnett, 13, Burnside-terrace, Camelon, Falkirk.

GIVING up; seven Norwich hens, flight and breeding cages; appliances.—The Butler, The Knoll, Kingston Hill, S.W.

GRAND lot of Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; splendid breeding Norwich hens, only 3/6 each.—Varney, Angel-lane, Stratford.

GRAND Buff cock, 1907 winner, good stock birds, 8/6; some grand songsters, 6/6, 7/6.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

NORWICH cocks from 6/6; hens from, 4/-; coloured; on approval; deposit, if required.—Wood, 92, Cumrhgate, Stockport.

SIX good cocks, Yellows, Buff, 6/0 each; near offer for lot; room wanted for Yorks.—Lucas, 18, Chantry-rd., Stockwell.

CHEAP to clear; Buff cock, Yellow hen, 10/6 pair; healthy; cold-room; approval.—Royce, 8, Walter-st., Nottingham.

50 GRAND Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; sure to please.—Miss Sawbridge, Lutterworth, Leicestershire.

LARGE, healthy Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; good hens, 3/-; approval.—Foxen, 8, Aberdeen-buildings, High-st., Bromley, Kent.

DEALERS' supplied with any quantity of large, healthy Norwich; price list free.—Geo. Brown, 44, Waterloo-road, Norwich.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 4/-, 4/6; hens 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

TWO large 1907 Norwich Plainhead (buff) hens wanted; exchange cock Goldfinch; sell 6/6.—Lineham, Gillabbey-st., Cork.

THICK-SET, variegated yellow cock, 10/6; buff cock, 7/6; ticked buff hen, 5/6, approval.—Young, Mechanics', Alpard, Lincs.

1907 Prize winning strain (Sandiford) yellow and buff cocks, 7/6; 1906 buff cock, 5/-; stamp.—Bosworth, Sheldon, Birmingham.

STILL supplying Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-; pairs properly matched, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6.—Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich.

S. JONES can spare few hens, 5/-, 7/6; cocks, 7/6 to 15/-; winning blood; outdoor aviary.—c/o Richards and Jones, Lynton.

TWO fine 1907 marked hens, 2/6 each; one clear yellow cock, 5/-; grand healthy birds.—Green, Charlton Inn, Shepton Mallet.

GRAND Norwich cocks, some winners, 10/- to 15/- each; hens to match; stamp; approval.—Calam, Branswick-st., Whitby.

1906 AND 1907 birds, grand stock, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, 10/-, 12/- and 15/-; approval.—Carstairs, 277, High-st., Perth.

THREE pairs buff cocks, yellow hens, will win, Spillman's strain; price reasonable; approval.—Pavey, 4, Gavin-st., Plumstead.

LARGE quantity of Norwich cocks, good songsters, 4/6 each, hens 2/6; all in good health; approval. —Akers, Holbrook-rd., Belper.

NORWICH cocks, from 5/-; Yorkshire, 6/6; hens, 2/6; mules, 4/-; Linnets, 1/-.—Coles (side door), 109, High-st., Borough, London.

LARGE buff Norwich cock, winner, 12/6; ditto variegated cock, winner, 10/-, cards sent; approval. —Wood, 32, Linden-rd., Gloucester.

LARGE clear cock, winner, and marked buff hen, grand stock birds, 11/-; bargain; approval.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

YELLOW variegated cock, good one, 17/6; several unflighted cobby Buff hens, 5/- and 7/6.—Smith, 126, Blackpool-st., Burton-on-Trent.

BUY from the breeder Norwich cocks from 6/6; Yorkshire cocks from 6/6; 7 day's approval.—G. Wye, The Aviaries, March, Cambs.

PALACE aviary, one Plainhead cock and two hens, one crested cock and one hen, lot 33/-, or sell separate.—8, Rutland-gardens, Harringay.

BEAUTIFUL, short yellows and buffs, perfect feather, hens, 3/6; cocks, 6/-; feeding hens, 2/6.—Campling, 8, Greenhill-rd., Harlesden.

NORWICH cocks from 7/-; hens, 4/- upwards; own breeding, yellows, buffs, fed, natural.—Robinson, 6, Barton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

A FEW good Norwich for sale, Mackley's and Yallop's strain, cocks from 5/-; hens, 3/-; approval. —Clarke, Postman, Stalbridge, Dorset.

CHAMPION Norwich, 15/-, £1 pair; inspection invited; numbers of hens; approval; stamp.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

SEND your address on a posteard to Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster, for new illustrated price list of birds; carriage paid; on approval.

NOTICE, extra grand pair Norwich Canaries, sure winners, 15/-; approval; easy payments taken.—M'Keand, Seabright Villas, Castle-Douglas.

TWENTY Norwich cocks for sale, in nice condition, on small side, will sell in one lot or otherwise.—Ellaby, 11, Stockport-rd., Manchester.

WILL give pair Norwich Plainheads for Crested or Crestbred cock; two hen Canaries, exchange Bullfinches.—Criddeford, Broomhills, Honiton.

TWO nice, typical yellow Norwich hens, 1906, 12/6 each; also two buff hens, 10/6 each, beauties. —Brown, 62, Long-lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.

NOW is the time to buy hens for breeding; I have got some grand birds, from 2/6 each.—Oakley, Mortuary, Warwick-place, Whitecross-st., E.C.

BUFF Norwich cock, big-bodied bird, short wings and tail, champion stock bird, 15/-; 3 days' approval, or deposit.—Clayton, Percy-st., Rochdale.

NORWICH hens, three yellow, two buff, 1907, typical, good quality, rather small, 3/6 and 4/6 each.—Hamer, 100, Verney-rd., South Bermondsey.

HEALTHY Norwich, in song, cocks 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens 3/-, 4/-; cold room; approval; deposit.—Wall, Tankersley-lane, Hoyland Common, near Barnsley.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, real Bullfinch type, and like silks, cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/-; approval. Twine, 3, Carliugford-rd., Hucknall Torkard Notts.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/0, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6, grand, typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

TWENTIETH annual sale; good stuff; cocks 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; pairs 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; approval. —Fred Burchnall, High-street, Enderby, Leicester.

TYPICAL yellow and buff hens, 2/6 to 7/6; cocks, 6/- to 15/-; see reports, Leek, Leamington, Tamworth, Hinckley, etc.—Bellamy, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

LARGE Yellow cocks, also Buffs; really good stock birds from cock 1st prize Leicester and Cardiff, £1.—Barrows, 13, Grosvenor-crescent, St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

A. HUMPHRIES has for disposal yellow and buff Norwich cocks; also hens; good size, colour and quality; approval; stamp.—The Lodge, Acomb-road, York.

FOX'S champion Norwich have been winning for 30 years, the country through, some genuine bargains; approval.—Curzon-st., Long Eaton, Nottingham.

HAVING purchased Mr. Steele's entire surplus stock, winners included, am offering same at very moderate prices.—Robertson, 187 Links-st., Kirkcaldy.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Yellows and Buffs, own breeding; cocks, 8/-; hens, 5/- upwards; seen any time.—Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

H. BALL AND SONS, Castle Donington, near Derby, has some grand Norwich cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 5/-, 7/6 10/- each; approval; deposit.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich clear buff and variegated cock, yellow variegated cock, buff variegated hen, large stock birds.—Thos. Brewer, Scott-st., Brechin, Scotland.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD from my winners; Hinckley, Coventry, Leicester pairs from 10/6; few odd birds.—W. Growdridge and Son, Clarendon-road, Hinckley.

WALLBANK, twenty years' breeder of champion Norwich, can spare a few stock birds, prices from 7/6 to 25/-; approval first.—Wallbank, Withers-st., Blackburn.

I HAVE a few Norwich to sell cheap, want room, cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; hens from 6/- upwards; see wins, Manchester, Nottingham, etc.—Massey, see Lizards.

CLEARANCE sale, owing to removal, must sell all my Norwich cocks and hens, some winners; also breeding and show cages.—Colman, 40, Broadway, Wimbledon.

NORWICH Canaries, Green, variegated and clear; good birds in prime condition; seen evenings and all Saturday.—Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush-rd., W.

GRAND lot of Norwich, from exhibition birds; cocks from 5/- to 20/- each; hens from 3/6 to 15/-; pairs matched; approval.—Taylor, 177, Gulson-rd., Coventry.

BRILLIANT clear yellow Norwich cock, perfect type, worth £4, bargain, 20/-; also variegated yellow cock, 12/6; approval.—Thomas Crossley, Mealbank, Kendal.

CHAMPION Norwich; few good Yellow and Buff hens for sale, 15/-, 10/-, 7/6 each; also few cocks, same price, all related to my winner.—P. Jupe, Romsey, Hants.

TYPICAL Norwich, Sandiford's strain direct; Buff cock, two Yellow hens, 22/-; nearly even marked Yellow cock, 12/6; approval.—E. G. Roberts, Roche, Cornwall.

FOR SALE, fourteen pairs prize-bred Norwich, colour-fed, odd pairs, matched, 10/6; 8/6 pair take the lot; approval.—H. Jowett, 28, Portsmouth-avenue, Bradford.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich show or stock, some from Green, own breeding, from 15/- pair, cold-room; approval, stamp.—Sidgwick, Aviary Cottage, Hutton, Ruddy, Yorkshire.

NOTICE. Dealers and shopkeepers supplied with healthy Canaries, cheap; stamp reply.—Ralfs, 71, Gleve-rd., Norwich.

FIFTY young, healthy Norwich hens, ready for breeding, buff 2/6, yellow 3/- each; buff cocks, full song, 6/-, yellow 7/-; approval.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

VARIEGATED buff cock and clear buff cock, 10/6 each, yellow cock and buff cock, 7/6 each; approval; few feeding hens.—Robertson, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife.

HIGH-CLASS Plainhead; cheapest and best in the world; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 51.)

TYPICAL Norwich, size, quality, from noted strains, yellows, buffs, both sexes, 1907 birds, from 12 upwards; approval; stamp.—Fernie, Woodview, Broadloan, Renfrew.

CHAMPION prize-bred Norwich, from winners principal shows in Scotland, Buff cock, 30/-; Yellow cock, 20/-; Buff hen, 20/-; grand stock birds.—Hendry, Glamis-rd., Forfar.

MONSTER unflighted Buff hen, £1; another, 1906 15/-; unflighted Buff marked cock, 15/-; marked Yellow cock, 12/6; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

NORWICH, clear crest-bred, fine specimens, healthy songsters from good parents, 8/6, 10/6, cold-room bred; few plain broody hens, 3/6, 4/6.—Eyles, 85, Compton-avenue, Brighton.

TWELVE pairs of Plainheads, still left, all colour-fed and bred by me, from 10/6 pair; approval; deposit with pleasure; also few odd hens.—Read, Chellow Dene, York-rd., Guildford.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, to 15/-; hens 2/3, 2/9, 3/6 to 10/-; some grand stock birds; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

J. B. HENDERSON, Sunnylands, Gourdon, has for disposal, two buff green foil, and one buff variegated Norwich cocks, large, healthy birds; splendid colour, cold-room, 8/- each.

NORWICH cocks, clear or variegated, excellent songsters, 4/6 each; hens, 2/6, in good health, cold-room bred; money returned if not satisfied.—Thompson, Three Gates, Belper.

ONE Buff Green cock, 7/-; also clear Buff and Buff marked hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and upwards; two Yellow hens, 5/- each.—Charles Corston, 7, Benshamcrescent, Gateshead. Stamp reply.

NORWICH, best strain of the day, grand pairs, 12/6, 15/6; fine large buff cocks 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; good buff hens, 4/6, 5/6; inspection invited.—Owen, 91, Ash-road, Saltley, Birmingham.

"A STUDY IN GREEN AND GOLD."—Mr. H Norman's latest coloured plate of Cinnamon-marked and Self-green Norwich, post paid, 3d.—F Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet Street, E.C.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6; typical young hens, 4/-; grand colour, strong, healthy birds, good bargains; satisfaction or money returned.—Freestone, 3, Clarendon-st., Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich Plainheads, yellow and buff hens, from 12/- to 15/-; unflighted yellow, variegated cock, in show form, 21/-; approval with pleasure.—Morrice, 37, Longate, Peterhead.

F. MADDISON, 80, Gayville-road, Wandsworth Common, S.W., has some good stock Norwich yellows and buffs; cheap pairs, from 15/-; also Muling pairs and cages cheap; approval; stamp.

MR JNO. ALLEN has for disposal 100 good Norwich; own breeding of the best from 8/6 pair; must be cleared; no reasonable offer refused; approval stamp.—4, Bousall-street, Leicester

CLEAR yellow, fed cock, vhc, 10/-; buff, 9/-; hens to match, 3/6 each; will breed winners; six buff cocks, smaller type, 4/6 each; hens, 2/-; pairs, 6/-.—Broadbent, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

PLAINHEADS, strain second to none, buff cocks from 12/6; Buff hens from 10/6; all related to my yellow hen, Scottish National champion; approval stamp.—G. Scaife, Fauldhouse, N.B.

THREE yellow unflighted cocks, two buffs, Norwich, on small side, bred from my winners, short wings and tails, good type, 8/6 to 15/-; approval; deposit.—Cooper, 1, Evesham-rd., West Ham.

SCHOFIELD, Saddler, Ipswich, has four pairs Norwich, two pairs Cinnamons, Norwich type; two pairs Crests, to part with, own breeding; will separate; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; approval.

WILLIAM POWICK, has champion Norwich in all classes, stock and show birds, cock or hen, second to none, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6 and 20/- each; at my risk ten days approval.—Eastfield House, Dewsbury

YELLOW ticked hen, clear buff cock, 25/-, good quality; also spare a few buffs; wanted unflighted yellow cock, good head and neck; approval.—A. Jones, Billesley-lane, King's Heath, Birmingham.

GOOD healthy Norwich Canaries; singing cocks, 5/6; hens, Buff, 2/6; hens, Yellow, 3/-; can be seen any time, or sent on approval; money returned if not satisfied.—W. Collins, Wycke-rd., Burnham-on-Crouch

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I have a few good stock and show birds for sale cheap, all bred from winners; approval; for particulars, stamp reply.—J Moorhouse, Alma Cottage, Meltham, Huddersfield

PLAINHEADS for sale, good strain, four yellow cocks, four variegated buff cocks, variegated yellow hen variegated buff hens, price reasonable; approval.—Braidwood, 131, Glasgow-rd., Burnbank, Hamilton

MASSIVE cobby Norwich.-Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal, cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 7/6; hens, 5/6, 4/-, 5/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-; splendid value in highest-class stock; approval.—F. W. Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

PLAINHEADS for sale, good strain, ten yellows, cocks and buff cocks, fourteen buff hens, prices reasonable; approval; also good Borders, all colours. —Thomson, 44, Windsor-st., Burnbank, Hamilton.

YELLOW, Norwich cock, variegated buff hen, 25/-; bull cock yellow hen, 20/-; these are proper Bullfinch type, worth double the price; approval; deposit.—Beaumont, Long-lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.

1907 CLEAR yellow Norwich cock and clear buff hen, 12/6; clear buff cock, unflighted, 8/-; even wing buff cock, 8/-; clear buff cock, 1906, 8/-; approval.—J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

CLEARING out, exhibition birds, Norwich cocks, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6 each; 15/- pair; Borders, cocks, 5/-, 7/6; hens, 4/- each; 10/- pair; approval willingly.—Davies, Steel Green, Millom, Cumberland.

CINNAMON-MARKED Norwich, grand 1906 clear Buff pink-eyed cock, £1; Buff pink-eyed hen, Yellow and Buff Cinnamon-marked hens, 10/-; unflighted; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers grand collection Norwich Plainheads, matched pairs, special, 8/6, 10/6, gems, romping value; also 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; grand cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; approval anywhere.

TWO pair Norwich Canaries, and two large breeding cages, yellow cocks and variegated hens, cocks full song, good breeders and feeders; approval; deposit, £1 4s.—Harrison, Fir tree Cottage, Grayswood, Haslemere, Surrey.

GRAND pair stock Norwich, large variegated yellow cock, chubby clear buff hen, bred 1907, 12/6; several large variegated buff Norwich cocks, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6; approval; deposit.—J. Evans, 19, Gloucester-rd., Croydon.

CHAMPION Norwich, winners at all principal Scottish shows, a few buff cocks for sale, good stock birds; or would exchange for hens to value, from 10/- upwards; approval.—James Logan, Baker, Dysart, Fifeshire, Scotland.

NOTICE. Handsome Norwich-bred cocks, medium size, but really good songsters, 3/6 each; cock and hen, real good pairs, 5/6; or two cocks, 6/6; single hens, 2/6; all strong, healthy birds.—Mrs. Jones, 46, Claybrook-rd., Walham Green.

WRITE to us if you want high-class Norwiches for the show bench, stock, or songsters; we guarantee you the best value for money obtainable.—Bird and Live Stock Stores, Station-square, Harrogate; and 34, George-st., Hull.

NORWICH Plainheads, best blood in the Fancy; matched, unrelated pairs, 9/6, 10/6, and 12/6 per pair; cocks, full song, 5/6, 7/6 upwards; Yellow or Buff hens, 3/6, 5/6 upwards; approval.—Geo. Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich.

STOLEN.—If the person who took the marked yellow Norwich cock on Monday 20th, whilst in transit from Kendal to Blackpool will apply to C. Roberts, of Blackpool, he will give them a hen to match, as the cock is useless without the hen.

NORWICH prize-bred matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 15/-, upwards; cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 5/-, upwards; travelling cage 3d. extra; approval; cold-room bred; dealers supplied. —S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

GRAND Norwich hens, clear ticked and variegated, 2/6 and 3/6 (1907); Green Crested hen, 6/6; variegated Crestbred hen, 5/6; all in splendid condition; P.O. or deposit; approval with pleasure.—Madsen, 16, Alpha-rd., Millwall, London, E.

HESITATE one moment before placing orders elsewhere, still a few good Norwich and Yorkshires left, own breeding, from Gowing's Palace strain, prices very reasonable to effect early clearance; approval.—Jaggard, 30, Lee-rd., Dovercourt.

EVENLY-MARKED Norwich, buffs and yellows, cocks or hens; please state requirements, as I have some exceptionally good ones, several can win, mostly four-pointed.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 51.)

A CHANCE in a lifetime, clearing out forty grand stock birds, from 15/- a pair; also a few Cinnamons, hens, Mr. Dormer's strain; fifty good cages, all loose fronts; offers; inspection invited.—Clough, 10 Heywood-st., Great Harwood, near Blackburn.

SPECIAL! Special! Norwich Plainheads, direct from the breeder; healthy, large and typical; cold-room bred; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; enquiries invited; approval.—H. Amiss, Breeder and Exhibitor, Ashby-st., Norwich.

MR. ECKERSLEY can still spare a few good birds, including some related to his champion yellow cocks, 1st and 2nd at Crystal Palace, 1906, in a class of 44; and to that grand yellow, Eclipse, winner of N.P.C. Championship gold medal, 1905.—51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries, cocks in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; pairs, matched for breeding, 9/-, 10/6, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- pair; money returned if not approved; stamp reply.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries (cold-room bred), cocks in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; I have some large stock pairs, properly mated for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; no waiting; if not satisfied, money returned.—Fred Heathcote, 55, Havelock-st., Leicester.

MR. RICHARDSON has some grand Norwich for sale, true type, lovely quality feather, single birds from 10/-, pairs from 17/6; see reports, Folkestone, Hastings, Horticultural Hall, Woolwich, Palace, related to my winners; inspection invited; approval.—91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe, London, S.E.

GUARANTEED, direct from breeder, grand Norwich Plainheads, healthy and typical specimens, can win, £1 upwards; pairs, matched to produce winners, 12/6, 15/- £1 upwards; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; all honest value; approval; state wants. —W. Green, 48, Marlborough-rd., Norwich.

DECLINING the Fancy; must clear all my stock of prize-bred Norwich, including winners; still have about 20 left; no odd Yellow hens; will sell singly, or offers to clear, including cages, etc.; can be seen any time; no reasonable offer refused; state wants; approval.—Wilson, 9, Hartley-grove, Woodhouse, Leeds.

INTENDING purchasers, important champion Norwich Plainheads, large, chubby specimens, prize-bred pairs, properly matched to breed winners, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, upwards pair, single birds reasonable; large muling hens a speciality, from actual breeder direct; approval.—R. Green, 168, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, can spare a clear yellow Norwich cock and clear buff hen, both show birds, £5 the pair; also nearly green yellow cock and extra large clear buff hen, £5; clear buff cock and a fine yellow hen, 60/-, and other pairs equally cheap; also few pairs from 15/6; state wants, on approval.

A FEW very good birds left, Bullfinch type, Mackley's strain, cocks and hens, 1907 and 1906, deep yellow cocks, £1 and 15/-; hens, 10/- and 7/6; buff cocks, 15/- and 12/6; hens, 7/6, 5/6, and 4/6; Goldfinch and Canary mule, 1907, few long, 10/-; cold-room; week's approval; deposit.—Miss M. Martin, Westfield, Catberine-rd., Surbiton, Surrey.

WM. WRIGLEY, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, is reducing his stock; a few show and stock birds for sale, cheap; single birds from 7/6 upwards; pairs from 15/- upwards; same strain as my winners, Rochdale, Sheffield, Blackpool and many other leading shows; stamp reply; approval willingly.—8, Church Street, Godley, Hyde, Cheshire.

GRAND pair Norwich (1906), C. Roberts's strain; Buff cock, winner two 1sts, one 2nd, and three specials, only time shown; and Cinnamon-marked Yellow hen, have bred winners; 25/-, cost double; also 1907 Yellow cock, bred from above, very smart, sound colour, price 12/6, worth more; approval; reason for selling above, room wanted for Borders. —Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O.

NORWICH Canaries, pairs 10/-, 12/-, 14/-; few pairs Yorkshires, same price; large feathery, variegated Crestbred cock, 2nd prize Coventry, only time shown; crested hen £2; card sent; variegated Crestbred cock, crested hen, 25/-; 2 crested hens 7/6 each; 1, Crestbred 7/-; 1906-1907 birds; take £4 the lot; one bird worth the money; illness cause of sale.—W. Taylor, Station-road, Hinckley.

C. E. BROWN, after pairing, finds he has following to spare, 1906 neck and eye ticked buff cock, big winner, 50/-; 1906 clear yellow cock, winner 7 1sts, 50/-; 1906 yellow Cinnamon cock, 1st prize winner, once shown, 25/-; unflighted clear buff cock, 25/-; unflighted Norwich, advertised in CAGE BIRDS January 18th, sold; cold-room bred, in grand condition; approval; deposit.—Kingsweston, Shirehampton, Bristol.

BUSINESS demands me forsaking my favourite hobby; small but select stock Norwich Plainheads (C. E. Brown's famous winning strain), several yellow hens amongst them; cages and all requirements, including large Crystal Palace aviary, size 49 inches by 33 by 23, on table; extension of business sole reason of selling; seen by appointment; no reasonable offer refused.—W. G. Stone, Corn Factor, Kingswood, Bristol.

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A few Yellow and Buff cocks, bred as my Palace winner of 1904 to 1907.—J. F. Bishop, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.

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Ticked or Variegated Yellow	8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6
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Ticked or Variegated Buff	7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6
Evenly-marked Yellow	21/0, 25/0, 30/0, 42/0
Evenly-marked Buff	18/6, 22/6, 27/6, 35/0

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Clear Yellow	4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6
Ticked or Variegated Yellow	4/6, 5/6, 8/6, 10/6
Clear Buff	3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6
Ticked or Variegated Buff	3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6
Evenly-marked Yellow	10/6, 15/6, 21/0, 30/0
Evenly-marked Buff	9/6, 14/6, 20/0, 25/0

Norwich Crested-bred Plainhead Hens.

Clear Yellow	8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6
Ticked or Variegated Yellow	7/6, 9/6, 1/6, 15/6
Clear Buff	6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6
Ticked or Variegated Buff	5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6

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Cocks—Clear, Ticked or Variegated	10/6, 15/6, 21/0, 30/0
Hens—Clear, Ticked or Variegated	7/6, 10/6, 15/0, 21/0

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Cocks—Yellow or Buff	10/6, 15/6, 21/0, 30/0
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Nos.	1	2	3	4.
Pairs Properly matched for Crested Breeding	12/6,	15/6,	21/0,	30/0

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Ticked or Variegated Yellow, with Dark Crest	12/6, 15/6, 21/0, 30/0
Grey Crested Yellow	10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 21/0
Buff with Dark Crest	12/6, 15/6, 21/0, 30/0
Ticked or Variegated Buff, with Dark Crest	8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6
Grey Crested Buff	8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6

NORWICH CRESTED HENS.

Ticked or Variegated Yellow, with Dark Crest	10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 21/0
Grey Crested Yellow	7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6
Buff, with Dark Crest	8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6
Ticked or Variegated Buff, with Dark Crest	6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6
Grey Crested Buff	6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6

Norwich Crested-bred Plainhead Cocks.

Clear Yellow	10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 21/0
Ticked or Variegated Yellow	9/6, 11/6, 14/6, 18/6
Clear Buff	8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6
Ticked or Variegated Buff	8/6 10/6, 12/6, 15/6

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Clear Yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7 6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Clear Buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Evenly Marked, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 2/9, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs Norwich Plainheads Matched for Breeding, 7 6, 8/6, 9/6.

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Seifert Rollers, 10/6, 8/6, 7/6 each; hens, 3/-; matched pairs to breed Schoolmasters, 12/- pair; I keep no other birds, no bird-shop rubbish; I import all my Rollers direct from Germany, so that they are not mixed up with other birds; on approval.—W. Gardner, Marchant-st., Preston.

CHAMPION SEIFERT ROLLERS.

Giving up the fancy, I offer my entire stock of pure Seifert Rollers, composed wholly of Tweed's and Rhoel's cup-winning strain; to clear quickly, marvellous singing cocks, 10/6 to 20/-; hens, same strain, 5/- each; or cock with two hens 15/- to 25/-. A rare chance for beginner.—Low, Moray-place, Elgin.

READ THIS!

If you want a really first class Roller Canary in perfect condition, and faultless song; send me on deposit 10/6 and I will send you a bird unsurpassed by all the fancy named and fancy priced Rollers advertised; this is not clap-trap, but concrete fact, which you can easily prove, as if it does not give entire satisfaction, there is no need to keep it; what's fairer; genuine untried Roller hens, very scarce, 3/6.—Vaustone, 159, Asylum-rd., Peckham, London.

JOHN SMITH, HAMBURG,

13, Kreuzweg F.2., Germany. Wholesale List free. Cocks, carriage paid, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; six tip-top singers 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; hens 2/6, 3/6, 5/6. Messrs. Powls, Sandhurst-terrace, Leeds. Tomlinson, Junction Hotel, Gornal Wood; Pairman, Family Grocer, Dundee; Blove, bird dealer, Derby. And many others write: We are highly satisfied; most enclosing fresh orders; piping Bullfinches next week; letters 2½d.; cards 1½d.

CASCADE ROLLERS

are sent on seven days' approval. Why? Because they are sure to please; 7/5 birds despatched, three returned is my record, so far; testimonials have been published from Roller judges and breeders, "not amateurs," and they all agree its song is a marvel for the money, 10/-; few specially imported Schoolmasters, 15/-; every Cascade Roller sent in magnificent British Roller singing cage, fitted for use; few cascade hens rung by breeders, 2/6, 24/- dozen; special terms to trade.—Pearson's Aviaries, Greenwich.

HARTZ MOUNTAIN

Roller cock Canaries, direct from Hartz, beautiful birds, only 3/6 each; 21/- a stick. Try one.—Varney, Stratford.—" The Elms, 18, Whitehouse Loan, Edinburgh, 1st, 1907.—Hummell arrived safely, and sings lovely; it is a pretty bird, and gives satisfaction.—N. Turnhull."—" 2nd, 1907. Birds arrived, are singing well.—R M Lee, 79, Mill Street, Crewe."—" Broom, Newton Mears, Glasgow.—The birds arrived in good condition; I am well pleased with such value.—J. Broom."—" 2nd, 1907, 32, Easson Road, Darlington.—Bird to hand. I like the song wonderfully well, and thank you for your prompt delivery and attention to my instructions.—R. Hutchison."—Send all orders to Varney, Straford, London.

Are you looking for something in Hartz Mountains with

Extra Long Rolls?

Well, I have some, they are 15/-, 20/-, 30/- up.

I also have a lot of Pure Seifert Hens that I can honestly recommend to any Roller Fancier, because I know how well-bred they are, 5/- and 7/6 each.

Some Good Home-bred Seifert and other Cocks, for breeding, as good as money can buy, but mind you, their training has been neglected, prices 6/6, 7/6, each. Hens, 3/6.

Superior imported Cocks, 8/6, 10/6 upwards. These are all very special value and guaranteed to give the utmost satisfaction. Hens, same strain, 3/6 & 5/- each. Pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Singing Hartz Cocks, 5/-, 6 9 each. Hens 1/6, 2/- & 2/6 each. Extra selected, with better notes, 6/6, 7/6. Pairs, 8/6, 9/6. Matched for Breeding good Songsters. You may have seen Advertisements of Hartz Mountain Rollers with all kinds of what may be termed "fancy" names, although such are absolute nonsense and positively meaningless.

N.B.—Persons not liking much noise and wanting low and sweet singing birds, can be supplied by mentioning the fact with order.

See last week's "Cage Birds" for testimonials, etc. pages 49 and 51.

W. RUDD,

THE Bird Specialist,

NORWICH.

HARTZ MOUNTAIN ROLLERS

trained to perfection, daylight and gaslight songsters, sure to please wherever they go, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 2/- each; Norwich cocks, on full song, 7/6, 5/6 each; Norwich hens, 4/6, 5/6 each; Yorkshire cocks, 6/6 each, singing box cages, 1/6; enamel box cages, 1/8; single breeding cages, 2/3; double breeding, 36 in. long, 4/6.—Matt. Hopkins, Bird Specialist, 38 and 41, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

14 DAYS FREE TRIAL AT OUR RISK.

These are the conditions on which we send our Celebrated Contest St. Andreasberg Rollers, price 15/-, only, and if you can get a better at double the price we will give you ours. A few Testimonials from many others received daily.—Jan. 8/0-. Mr. H. Mather, 3.6, Blackbrook, Haydock, near St. Helens, writes:—I am well pleased with Roller. It started singing as soon as I got it home, and I took it to one of my friends and he wanted to give me a sovereign for it. I told him to send to you for one. Jan. 24, 1908. Mr. A. Sawer, Ebenezer House, Alma Street, Alfretou, says,—The Roller arrived safely, and commenced to sing 20 minutes after. He is a real gem, a little musical box. Jan. 21, 1908. Mr. A. Wheatley, Lanchton-rd., Dinnington, writes:—I received bird quite safely, and I am highly satisfied with it. Deposit your 15/- with C.B.,

We don't want your money

till you are fully satisfied, and will send you one of the very best Rollers you ever heard in your life on 14 days free trial at our risk. Don't buy on any other terms, no matter whom you deal with. German Hartz Mountain Canaries, in full song same as sold by others as Rollers, price 5/6, 6/-, 7/- and 8/6 each. Roller Hens, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, and 3/6 each. All on 14 days trial at our risk. Singing Cage Cabinets with closing shutters. Complete 2/6 each. Some Grand Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries for sale, cheap; state wants; send for list. Anything alive, bough, sold or exchanged. We have won thousands of prizes.

NORTHERN AVIARIES,

ORMSKIRK ROAD, PRESTON.

Real St. Andreasberg Rollers

(Seifert Strain), and

Pure Hartz Rollers.

Direct importer. The finest Seiferts strain from Germany, with pure Nightingale, Woodlark, Titlark, waterbubble, and bell notes, marvellous songsters; 5/6 6/6 10 6, 12/- each; on approval. Now, hurry your orders up for first choice. Hens, same strain, 2/- and 2/6. Wholesalers, write for terms. Hartz cocks, 6/-, two 11/-; hens, 1 9 each. Just a few testimonials picked from hundreds. These have come from birds I have sent hundreds of miles from Preston. Mrs. Downs, Chelmsford Road, Dublin, writes, Oct. 30th, 1907—"Thanks for the beautiful Roller. He arrived safely about 11 today, none the worse for the journey. He is a beautiful colour, and has a lovely voice. I like him well; he is singing over my head this moment. I want a nice cage for him; send on price of one." Mr. Glenny, Bachelors' Walk, Dublin, Oct., 1907—"Sir, am pleased with Roller, which arrived safe. He is singing continually night and day since he arrived. Scores of testimonials like this. If above not proof enough, send for catalogue and scores more testimonials. Mr. J. Patterson, Cork, Ireland—"Sir, I think it only right you should know that the Roller you sent me won the All Ireland Roller Singing Contest, held here November 8th and 9th." Mr. McConquodall. Greenock, Scotland—"Sir, received Roller and box cage safe; he was singing half an hour after I got him. He is the best songster I ever had. The cage is most suitable." Mr. H Brooks, Wakefield, Yorks.—Sir, the Hartz Roller to hand. He is a splendid bird and sang under three minutes after caged. He sings in the gaslight; first thing in the morning. I have given twice as much for German Rollers not half as good as this from you." Proper singing Roller box cages, 1/6; enamelled inside and out, intaid fronts, sand drawers; beauties, 1/10 each; approval with any; established 1879.

J. SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist,

PRESTON, LANCS. Telephone, 440

FOEHL'S WINNING ROLLERS.

Tho great success of my birds this season has again proved the superior value of my strain over any other on the market. This has been plainly shown, as nearly all the winners at the late shows were supplied or bred from my stock and strain. See show reports. I have a few good stock birds for disposal, ready for breeding purposes. Prices from £2 to £4. Good singing Hartz Mountain Rollers from 8/6 to 25/-. The largest stock in England of bird breeding and training utensils. Write at once for price list. Charpie, the finest nesting material, 1/- and 1/3 per pound; sample packet for three stamps.—C. Roehl, 400, Edgware-rd., W.

THE ATTENTION

of Roller fanciers is specially drawn to this advt., as never before in the history of the Roller Canary has such unprecedented value been offered at such low prices. I have just received an enormous consignment of Leipzig Rollers, all in superb song and condition. These I guarantee to be far and away better value for money than can be obtained elsewhere, and to prove this to your satisfaction, I ask you to try one of my Rollers on week's trial, and one from elsewhere at any higher price. Test them side by side, and if mine is not a far better bird, return it and I will refund all your money. Every cock sent out is guaranteed in full song day and gaslight, with long hollow and double rolls, sweet silvery trills, soft roulades, water bubble runs, du-du-pipe, Nightingale, jug-jug, deep bass runs, bell and harp notes, etc., etc., and are warranted to be entirely free from Titlark or any other harsh notes whatever; price 7/6 and 8 6 each; special Bandmasters, sold by others at 21/- each, my price 10/- each; Roller hens 2 6 each,4/6 two. Grand lot extra loud free singing Hartz cocks,every one in full vigorous song and guaranteed to sing 20 hours, out of each 24; price 5 6 each, three 15/-; seven 31/6; Hartz hens, 2/- each, 3/6 couple; Roller song cabinets, with folding doors made specially for my Rollers, 2 6 each; brass drawing-room hanging cages, richly decorated with hand-painted flowers, fitted with ruby cut glass and opal feeders, etc., 5/-, 6.6, 7,6, and 10/- each. In this consignment I have also received a limited quantity of pure Seifert training birds, among them are birds that have actually won contests this season, price 15/-, 17/6 and 21/- each. These I guarantee to be pure Seifert blood, and to be far better birds than have ever before been placed on the English market by an importer, and am open to produce documentary evidence in proof of this assertion. Had I so wished I could have disposed of the whole of these Seifert Contest Birds at a big price immediately on their arrival, but I have imported them solely to further advertise the Leipzig strain of Rollers, and am therefore offering them at a price within reach of every working man Roller breeders desirous of establishing a strain for winning next season will find this a unique opportunity of doing so at little cost. Seifert hens, same strain as cocks, 4/- each. No Seifert hens sold without cocks. Week's trial allowed at my risk as usual. Few more unsolicited testimonials given below; for others see last week's Cage Birds, or send furniture van for more. Please notice dates and full address with each. "7, Campbell Street, Rhos, Jan. 6.—Sir,—School master arrived safe, and started to roll out its song within 15 minutes of arrival.—Yours,W. Price." "3,Cwmanne Terrace, Lampeter, Jan. 8. Sir,—Two years ago I had a Roller from you which commenced singing 10 minutes after arrival and has been singing ever since, even all through the moult. A friend of mine (Mr. Terwyn Davies) bought a Roller from you about a month ago, and he was such a beauty that I bought it off him next day. Please send me two Roller hens to match them.—Yours, E. Davies." "Longley House, Rochester, Jan. 8.—Sir,—Roller received safely Friday last and is quite satisfactory.—Yours, V. Gordon Conway." "32, Portland Street, Leek, Jan. 12.—Sir,—Hartz cock arrived safe: he is a good loud songster, he seems never to be tired and will keep you alive.—Yours, W. Leedham." "55, Warner Street, Walthamstow, Jan. 12. Sir,—Canary arrived safe and I am well pleased with same, and have instructed Editor to hand you deposit.—Yours, F. Boon." "Wakefield Road, Pontefract, Jan. 13. Sir,—Roller you sent is a fine bird, both in health and song and am more than satisfied with it. Thanks for prompt attention. Please send another at 8/6.—Yours, J. Higgins" Hiawatha, Wallingford, Jan. 14. Sir,—Hen Canary arrived safe and seems well and lively. I beg to thank you for prompt attention and I shall always now come to you for anything I want.—Yours, R. Harvey." "5, First Cross Row, Lidworth, Jan. 14. Sir,—Received Roller, and am well pleased with it. It commenced singing same night. I shall give you another order shortly.—Yours, A. Worthington." "Dawley Salop Jan. 15 Sir.—Roller arrived safe and in good condition. It is splendid to hear him singing for he has not rested since he came.—Yours, J. Bradburn." "9, South Street, Brighton, Jan. 16. Sir,—Birds arrived safe. The cock started singing immediately I put him in cage. I am quite satisfied with him, and shall recommend you to others.—Yours, H. Oakshott." "88, Main Street, Egremont, Jan. 16. Sir,—Bird arrived safe, and in good condition. Thanks for quick dispatch.—Yours, J. Jenkinson." "31, Whittaker Street, Derby, Jan. 16. Sir,—Roller arrived safe yesterday. I am very pleased with him. Just the bird and song I should have chosen myself, and is in every way equal to your advertisement. Will recommend your birds and promptness to my friends. Yours, W. Barnett." "Aberfan, Jan. 17.—Sir,—Roller arrived safe at 4.30 p.m. I am very pleased with him; he was singing 10 minutes after being unpacked, and has such a soft sweet song.—Yours, T. White." "73 Peel Street, Crewe, Jan. 17.—Sir,—Please send two Roller hens. I gave —— 10/6 for a pair of Hartz Rollers and the cock is not worth finding. I have bought better at 3/6.—Yours, W. Clutton." "Bermuda Cottage, Warren Road, Guildford, Jan. 18. Sir,—Please send three Hartz cocks: I have dealt with you on two other occasions, and always found you very straight forward.—Yours, T. Moore." Please note all these and hundreds of other unsolicited testimonials are preserved in their original envelopes, and are open for inspection any time. All Rollers sold by me are stamped on wing "Hans Weber, Leipzig," and as I am sole importer of this strain it naturally follows that if you would have the perfection of Roller song you must purchase from me, as no others can get one feather of this strain unless purchased from me. All are safely and warmly packed with food and water to last 48 hours free of charge, and sent on week's trial solely at my risk during whole time either on receipt of cash or CAGE BIRDS deposit system, and money refunded in full. If birds fail to realise your every expectation. See British Bird column for further advt.

W. COPE, Direct Importer,
131 GOOCH STREET, BIRMINGHAM.

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Will send, carriage paid, on a week's approval and no charge packing, Hartz Mountain Rollers at 5/-, 6/6, 8/6 and 10/6 each, Hens, 2/6 each; Hand-reared Cock Bullfinches, 8/6 Telegrams:—Lukullan, L'don. Telephone:—754 Central.

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121, LEMAN STREET, E.,
AND
32, EAST ST., WALWORTH, S.E.

CHAMPION ROLLERS.

Notice.—I have a splendid consignment of those extremely musical St. Andreasberg Rollers, these are splendid day and gaslight songsters; they are delightful, with their deep bass rolls, hollow rolls, sweet silvery trills, water bubble runs, piccolo trills, bell, sharp and gong notes, etc.; these are splendid quality, and are certain to please you; all on 6 days' approval, on receipt of P.O., or you can deposit the amount with the Editor, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens to match 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; inspection invited.—William Shaw and Son, 97, Essex Road, Islington, London, N.

Hummel Rollers.

Finest Rollers imported. To speak well of the Hummel is to gild refined gold. Testimonials from customers who say the Hummel is still singing as sweetly as when purchased four, five, six, and seven years ago. All Hummels have delightful, deep, delicate bow roll, hollow roll, hollow bow roll, do pipe, hollow bell roll, grand round bass roll vibrating hollow roll, and charming water bubble roll; one price only, 12s. 6d.; no fancy prices; Hummel hens, 3s. each; a beautiful pair of Hummels for 15s. St Andreasberg Rollers, 5s. and 7s. 6d. each. Hummel Schoolmasters, 20s each, better than can be obtained elsewhere at treble the price. Thousands of testimonials have been published by me in CAGE BIRDS from satisfied customers I guarantee strictly honourable trading and satisfaction to all.—Varney, sole proprietor and importer of this remarkable Roller. Nearly Twenty years advertiser.—Varney, Stratford, London.—St. Mary Abbey, Mill Hill, December 1st, 1901. Received the Hummel; it sings beautifully indeed. It sings sweetly, and oh so softly, all day, and I cannot imagine any bird with a more lovely voice; he begins, even these dark mornings, at 7.30, under his serge cover, and sings till 6 o'clock. Although his song is so lovely, it is beautifully sweet, he has no shrill notes, and I am able to read through it. Miss F. Blockett. December 1st., Southfelt, Poynton, Cheshire. Received the Hummel, and am more than delighted with such superior song. W. Glover, to Varney, the largest importer of Rollers in London. January 8th, 1903. Sunner-place, Billinghurst, Sussex. Please send 12 good Hummel Rollers. I have six of your Hummel Rollers; all perfect Rollers. J. Leyland. January 16th, Sunner-place, Billinghurst, Sussex. I enclose cheque for the 12 Hummel Rollers. Am very pleased with them.—Mr. J. Leyland to Mr. Varney, Angel-lane, Stratford, London.

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Lovely voice.
Union Lane, Bridge, Hatfield, Jan. 25th, 1908.—Received Roller safe in good condition; he is a beautiful bird, with such a lovely voice; singing both day and night.—C. Prune to Miss Storey.
Quite astonished.
3, Shop Row, Tredegar, Mon., Jan. 25, 1908.—The Roller you sent me is an excellent songster; everybody that has heard him sing are quite astonished at such a good bird at the price.—M. Evans to Miss Storey.
Highly pleased.
94, Wrooley Terrace, Crook, Jan. 24, 1908.—Received Roller all right, and am highly pleased; it is such a grand songster; it began singing as soon as unpacked.—R. Clark to Miss Storey.
Splendid condition.
4, Pattinson Row, Talwen, Jan. 25, 1908.—Received Roller last night in splendid condition; he started singing grand this morning.—S. Jones to Miss Storey.
Singing beautifully.
Gimolea Foyers, 24th Jan. 1908. — Thanks for Rollers, which I received in splendid condition, although the journey was a very long one; he is singing beautifully.—J. McDonald to Miss Storey.
Can give satisfaction.
J. Newbould, Mansfield, 25th Jan., 1908.—I am sure you can give satisfaction to anyone, as the Roller you sent me is a gem, singing from morning to night; several people have admired him and asked for your address, to send you orders.— J. Rogers to Miss Storey.
Sings all day.
Central Depot, Beawly, Jan. 24th, 1908.—I am perfectly satisfied with the Roller you sent me, although coming so far north in the cold weather, he sings splendid all day; he is good value.—J. M'Lan to Miss Storey.
I invite
you to inspect the largest and best stock of Rollers Canaries in the British Isles, and shall be pleased to send you any bird carriage paid to your address on 7 days' approval. St. Andreasburg Rollers, genuine trained birds, in full song, by day and gaslight, with long water-bubble runs, harp, bell, and gong notes, long, deep and hollow rolls, etc., etc. Cocks in full song 7/6, 8 6, 10/6, 12/6 each; pure Roller hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each. Hartz cocks, the loudest and freest songsters obtainable, the right birds where plenty of noise is wanted; cocks in full loud song by day and gaslight, 5/3, 5 9, 6 each; matched pairs for breeding songsters, 7 6 pair; new illustrated price list of Canaries post free. Full Illustrated list of birds, cages and accessories upon receipt of 1d. stamp. Neat travelling cages for birds, 3d each; I send all Canaries carriage paid on seven days' approval, at my sole risk.—Note the old and only address, Miss E. L. Storey, Roller Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

Scotch Fancies.

THREE prize bred Scotch Fancies 14/ each; each) double.—Dixon, Church st., Wooler.

COCKS, green pied hens, buff, yellow, large birds.—Hugh Wordie, 45, W. Regent Street, Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancies, three cocks, one hen, 1907, good birds, 12/6 each.—Russell, Prendergast, Ayton.

EXCHANGE grand pair pile game Bantams for Scotch Fancy cock, first cross.—Townsend, Port Talbot.

FOR sale, one Yellow cock, two Yellow hens, winners 1907; cheap; approval.—Mills, 29, Royal Park terrace, Edinburgh.

BUFF hen, buff pied hen, good 1907 stock birds, off my winning strain.—Rulston, Riverbank Street, Newmilns, Ayrshire.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, cocks and hens, various colours; moderate prices.—Alex. Russell, 53, Blackstreet, Rawyards, Airdrie.

GOOD yellow Scotch fancy cock breeder, good stock bird, bred 1906, winner, 15/-; in good form; approval.—Hughes, Northam, Devon.

FOR sale, six cocks, Buff and Yellow, one Yellow-Green hen, bred from winners; cheap to clear.—Ross, 38, Skypes-rd., Kilbowie, Clydebank.

SCOTCH Fancies, buff piebald hen, 50/-; yellow cock, 25/-; Border hens, 2/6; seen any time.—Cliff Bell, 202, Church Street, Maryhill, Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancies, a few stock birds; also yellow Belgian cocks, 1907, good birds reasonable; approval.—Beattie, 3, North Church-st., Dundee.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, off my noted winners, cocks or hens, various colours, moderate prices; approval.—Thos. Bell, 4, Holly-st., Jarrow-on-Tyne.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, cocks and hens; yellows and buffs; seen any time.—M'Elhenney, 13, Hutton Drive, Linthouse, Govan. Stamp reply.

LARGE stock high-class Scotch Fancies; illustrated list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 51.)

TWO buff-pie cocks, one yellow, one yellow piebald cocks, 1907, out of winners, 20/- each; will exchange two of same for a buff or buff-pied hen, 1907.—Cline, Moray-st., Wick.

SCOTCH Fancies.—Buff pied cock, 1907, good size 10/-; yellow green cock, hard up, 15/-, both good stock birds, full song, cold room, approval.—Alex. Purves, 17 Stewart Terrace, Edinburgh.

SCOTCH FANCIES, buff and buff mark, 1907 extra large, good shoulders, the same breed as my prize winners that have been reported through this paper at all the leading shows from 33/- to £3; o.p.r.—Little, 140, Raby-st., Byker, Newcastle-on Tyne.

Yorkshires.

"BREEDER'S CARDS."

Messrs. AMBLERS, 17, Lytton Road, Bradford breeders of champion Yorkshires. Stock Birds and Winners in keenest competition for sale.

SIX Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 each, week's approval.—Plimm, Icknield Port, Birmingham.

1907 YORKSHIRE cocks for sale, cheap.—4, Lonsdale Avenue, Boundary-rd., East Ham.

PAIR Yorkshires, Buff cock, Yellow hen, 12/6; approval.—Reeve, 6, Church-rd., Dover.

FEW smart pairs Yorkshires, from 12/- up.—Albert Burtenshaw, Wentaud-rd., Worthing.

GRAND YORKSHIRES, buff cocks, from 4/6; hens from 2/6; approval.—Crone, Sutton Mill, Keighley.

TWO Yellow Yorkshire cocks, 7/- each; 1906 birds.—N. Churchill, 41, Treeheld-rd., Muna-rd., Bristol.

TYPICAL Yorkshire hens, only 3/6 each; stout lengthy cocks, 7/6 each.—Varney, Angel-lane, Stratford.

TYPICAL Yorkshire hens from 4/6; cocks, 6/6, pairs, 10/6; approval.—Lees, 15, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

NOTICE, grand Yorkshire cocks, 3/6; or cock and hen, 5/6; approval.—Stewart, Pouter Place, Castle Douglas.

FOR sale, two splendid 1907 Yorkshire cocks, in full song, also hen.—Chubb, Station-rd., Moreton Hampstead.

A. ACKROYD has several good Yorkshire and Norwich pairs for disposal, from 10/6; stamp.—52, Eric st., Oldham.

FIVE high-class 1907 Yorkshire hens, lot 15/-, approval.—Sam Radley, Brick Row, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, buff cock and yellow hen, 12/ pair. Ogden Bros., strain.—Wood, 32, Linden rd., Gloucester.

JAMES THOMAS, Bugle, Cornwall, has the largest and best stock of winning Yorkshires in Cornwall; several for sale.

YELLOW cock, buff cinnamon hen, double breeder, 15/6, buff ticked hen, 6/6, lot 21/-.—Simon, Mayo st., Cockermouth.

THREE buff, one yellow, Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each, Broadby's strain, all healthy.—Hutson, Tanner Place, Eton.

CANARIES! Canaries! Canaries! splendid lot Yorkshires, moderate prices.—Deanthorne, Sparman sions, Bedmondsey.

FORTY-TWO typical Yorkshires, 10/-, 12/- pair; or sell lot cheap; room wanted.—Clifton, 21, Nadine-st., Seedley, Manchester.

WHOLESALE shopkeepers and dealers, send for price list; all varieties of Canaries.—Thomas, Amblerthorn, Halifax.

UNLIGHTED coal Yorkshire hen, vlic Newport two Yorkshire show cages, 10/- the lot.—Caddy, Baker, Newport, I.W.

COCK Canaries, in full song, 7/6; hen Canaries, 1/6 each; list free.—Whittaker, Naturalist, Ravensmere, Ansdell, Lytham.

FEW Cinnamon marked and clears to spare, grand quality, 10/- to 60/- per pair.—George Welsh, 12, Willowholme Street, Belfast.

GOLD clear pairs of Yorkshires, 9/- per pair cold room kept, odd hens from 2/6.—Jackson, Confectioner, Melton Mowbray.

I HAVE a few grand birds for disposal, cheap, to clear quickly; inspection invited.—Silverthorn, 8, Coldharbour lane, Camberwell.

EXHIBITION and stock birds of finest quality for sale, prices very moderate.—Paddock, 9, All Saints-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham.

FEW good Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 15/ each, exchange two for buff Norwich cock.—J. Wilson, Wood st., Norton Malton, Yorks.

WHAT offers, Yorkshire cock, three hens, all 1907 cold-room, grand condition.—Lovett, Crosslane, Radcliffe, near Manchester.

A FEW Yorkshire stock cocks, 7in. long, £1 each, and a few Yorkshire hens, 7/6 each.—T. Brown, Ivy Cottage, Foxhouses, Whitehaven.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 per pair; hens, 4/6, 5/6; approval; deposit.—W. Carr, The Hillock, Whitefield, Manchester.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, from winning strain; single birds from 7/6; pairs, 15/-; approval.—Wilkinson, 21, Kersal View, Pendleton.

CLEARANCE. Owing to removal, must sell all my Yorkshires, some winners; also show cages.—Colman, 40, Broadway, Wimbledon.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire clears or variegated from winners, Southend, Bournemouth, Wimbledon, etc., cocks from 7/6; hens 6/.—Withers, 21, Oxford-rd., Ealing.

ORLANDO KEYWORTH, Harmston, Lincoln, has some high-class Yorkshires for disposal; cocks from 6/-; hens 3/6, 5/-. Bailey's strain.

LONG, slim, young cocks, Yellows, 6/6, Buffs, 5/-; cold room; approval; cash or deposit.—Wright, 73, Ash-grove, Wavertree, Liverpool.

FEW high-class Cinnamon-marked bred Yorkshire cocks and hens; prices reasonable.—Mrs Mills, Elsmore, Westwood-avenue, Timperley.

SEND your address on a postcard to Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster, for new illustrated price list of birds; carriage pair; on approval.

TYPICAL Yorkshires for sale cheap, buff hens from 7/-; cocks from 12/6, Paddock strain.—J. H. Allen, 8, Clifton-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

SEVERAL good class Yorkshires for sale, cocks and hens; prices reasonable; approval; deposit.—Pitcher, Weslegh Stables, Bickley, Kent.

GRAND, long, typical young Yorkshire hens, any colour, sent on approval; bulls 3/6, yellows 4/- each.—Joe Thomas, Amblerthorn, Halifax.

NOTICE, extra grand pair Yorkshires, sure winners, 15/-; approval; easy payments taken.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, matched pairs, 10/-, 12/-; cocks 6/-, 7/6; hens 3/6, 4/6; approval.—Pell, 50, Wentworth-road, Tinsley, Sheffield.

TICK Buff and clear Yellow Yorkshire cocks, feather like wax, nice length and position; approval or deposit.—Clayton, Percy-st., Rochdale.

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YORKSHIRES, yellow and buff, cold-room 1907 bred, from good parents, 8/6, 10/6; hens, clear and ticked, 4/6, 5/6.—Eyles, 43, Compton-avenue, Brighton.

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YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 1st and special only time out, 10/-; one Buff hen, out twice, two 2nds, Yellow hen, never shown, 5/- each.—Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

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D. BRADLEY, Clarence-terrace, Bollington, near Macclesfield, has some grand Yorkshires for sale, all 1906 and 1907 birds; these are all related to my winners; see reports in CAGE BIRDS from Macclesfield, Oldham, Middleton, etc.; overstocked; inspection invited.

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RHODES' champion Yorkshires, I have a few for sale, all bred from and related to winners, perfect shape, feathered like wax, and reliable strain; matched pairs from 12/6 to 60/-; approval; state wants; satisfaction guaranteed.—Ryburn, Tollerlane, Bradford, Yorks.

COMPULSORY sale, forty typical Yorkshires, cold-room bred, from noted winning strain, pairs from 10/- upwards; single birds reasonable price; type and quality unsurpassed; guaranteed healthy; approval; deposit; useful exchange entertained.—Scott, 34, Tennyson-st., Keighley.

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SOME grand yellows, unflighted large birds for sale, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; and about 20 good unflighted buff hens, good silky feather, from 5/- to 7/6 each; also a grand pair of Yorkshires, 2nd in the 30/- selling class at St. Helens; cheap at 22/6. —Grice, 130, Hanover-st., St. Helens, Lancashire.

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I have a few splendid Yorkshires for sale at reasonable prices; stamp reply.—23, Linton-st., Preston, Lancs.

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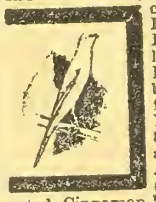

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HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch and little cash in exchange for two yellow-marked 1907 Norwich hens; also cash given for good Yorkshire cock.—T. Arnold, 6, Gungate-st., Tamworth, Staffs.

THREE Goldfinch-Greenfinch hybrid cocks, sell cheap; or exchange for young Scotch Fancy hen, yellow, any colour; no rubbish; approval.—Hector McIvor, Livingstone-buildings, Port Glasgow.

TWO muling Greenfinch hens, exhibition cock Chaffinch; also new Turush cage, exchange for cock and hen Canary, 1907 birds; genuine bargain; birds first —George Smith, 32, Union Place, Grangemouth.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, proved muler, 6/-; dark Goldfinch mule, grand songster, 7/6; buff Canary cock, in song, 6/-; exchange Borders, or offers.—S. Turner, Wrisbhorpe-rd., New Sawley, Derby.

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EXHIBITORS, mule-breeders and contest-singers, I will exchange any kind of British for showing and mulebreedings. etc., for Canaries, any variety, cocks or hens.—Matthews, Birdcatcher, 44, George-st., Hyde, Cheshire.

FOUR Sib. hens, two house-moulted cock Goldfinches, all bred light variegated mules last season, sell 25/-, or exchange for pair of cinnamon-marked winning Yorkshires; approval.—W. Seaward, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

TWO cock Bramblefinches, two hen Chaffinches, house-moulted, 8/-; cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, 5/-; good birds; 60-egg incubator, splendid hatcher, 35/-; exchange exhibition British.—Perrin, Alfred-rd., Ford, Devonport.

WARRANTED red-breasted cock Linnets, 6/- dozen; Larks, 4/6; cocks, not hens; exchange loose fronts for good Norwich hens or Yorkshire hens; make any size; all birds sent off at night.—J. E. Barlow, 105, City-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

DARK Goldfinch Mule, winner first Falkirk, second Alloa, 8/6; monster Buff Plainhead hen, first Alloa, second Dysart St. Andrew's, ticket every time shown, 12/6; approval; exchange both for good Crested hen to value.—Peter Harrower, Greenfield, Alloa.

SALE or exchange, house-moulted cock Goldfinch hen Bullfinch, with white head, house-moulted cock Linnet, hen Bullfinch, cock Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, cocks, bred mules, sell 20/-; exchange for two good buff Norwich hens.—C. Birks, 2, Sefton-rd., Normacot.

ONE cock Linnet mule, 7/6; one cock Goldfinch mule, 7/6; two cock Greenfinch mules, one second Troon, the other sec. Johnston, 12/- each; another Greenfinch mule, make a good one, 10/-; three Scotch cock Linnets, good ones, 1/- each; one cock Bullfinch, 2/6; a few Redpolls, 6d. each; would exchange any of above for Yorkshires, or Norwich Canaries.—R. Tait, Loans, Troon, Ayrshire.

Mainly Canaries.
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FIVE hen Canaries, 3 Yorkshires, 6/- lot—Armitage, Union-rd., Thorne, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE Yorkshires for cycle tyres, 28/1¼, headed edge.—R. Pinnell, Warminster.

EXCHANGE clear buff York. cock for good muling Goldfinch.—P. Dickinson, Heckington, Lincs.

WHAT offers, mules or crests, for Roller, cost 15/-.—Hairdresser, 106, Balls Pond Road, London, N.

TWO good Canary hens, variegated, 7/6; exchange Goldfinches; approval.—Thomas, Saddler, Redruth.

STRONG singing cock Canary, grand bird; exchange box singing cages (new).—Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Liscard.

NORWICH, pair stock, 27/6; two Buff hens, 7/-; or exchange Borders to value.—R. Mills, Talyllyn, Bwlch, R.S.O.

HEN Canaries, to clear, room wanted, 20/- doz., 10/- six, or exchange cocks.—Park, 29, Cumberland-rd., Hanwell

EXCHANGE four Roller hens for big yellow Norwich Plainhead hen, or sell 8/-.—Nuttall, 14, Peel-st., Haslingden.

FOR sale, 6 Norwich hens, 1907; sell 3/- each; exchange fowl; offers; approval.—Bignell, 21, Knox Road Battersea.

EXCHANGE Border cocks for three typical Yellow Norwich hens, muling; Norwich first.—Hislop, Baker-st., Stirling.

EXCHANGE Norwich cock and hen, 1907 bred, for cycle tyres, 28 by 1¾, headed edge; sell 7/6.—88, Henley-rd., Essex.

WILL give two pair Border hens for one good yellow Scotch Fancy hen, or sell 4/- each.—Russell, Prendergast, Ayton.

EXCHANGE pair of Norwich, value 30/-, for cage-moulted Linnets; stamp reply.—Stacey, 14, Belle Vue-rd., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE either banjo and case, value £2, for good stock Yorkshires (pairs).—G., 88, Grove Hill-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

EXCHANGE three Norwich cocks for two Roller cocks and two hens, good; sell 18/-.—Attwood Vally-rd., Lye, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE Greens, 12/6 to 35/- per pair; exchange Norwich, Belgians, anything useful.—Bertie Berry, Wesley-place, Keighley.

COCK Canary (still claw) exchange cock Goldfinch or Siskin; Finch first; Yellow Norwich cock, 5/6.—Sharp, 71, Lambhill-st., Glasgow.

SPLENDID high-class Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper or brass.—M. Cooper, 25, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE matched pair of pure-bred Norwich for Scifert Schoolmaster, or anything useful.—Thorpe, 1, Mason-st., Stalybridge.

YELLOW marked Crestbred, Norwich cock, value 7/6; exchange for good muling cock Linnets, full song.—Bousfield, Frosterley, Durham

THREE cocks and three hens, Goldfinch Canary Mules, sell 15/-; or exchange good Norwich; approval.—Smart, Waukmills, Arbroath

NOTICE. What offers in Canaries for well-bred Irish Terrier dog, 10 months, perfect companion.—M'Keand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas.

COMBUSTIBLE oil stove, cost 18/6, 2 ft. high, good condition; exchange good buff Yorkshire cock.—Williams, 6, Willow Grove, Southport.

FOUR cocks, six hens, Canaries, two cock Linnets, £2; or exchange talking Grey Parrot; must be talking.—Parker, Cross-st., Liversedge.

BUFF Yorkshire cock, Battye's strain, 10/-; yellow hen, Crisp's strain, 4/-; exchange mules or Goldfinches.—James, 471, Old Ford rd., Bow, E.

SPLENDID clear yellow crested hen, 1907; exchange two large yellow and one buff Plainhead Norwich, or sell.—Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering

EXCHANGE large yellow Yorkshire slock hen, winner 1st, 2nd, 3rd, for good blankets, quilts, curtains; offers.—Kergnson, Newtown, Whitehaven.

EXCHANGE cock and two hens, Canaries, and cage, 9/6; also 60 F.W. coloured plates; offers; anything useful.—C. Sanderson, Prestonkirk, N.B.

THREE 1907 heavily-marked Crested Norwich cocks, cheap; or exchange 1907 C. or C.B. hens; approval.—J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs

LARGE Norwich cock, winner, marked buff hen, 14/-; exchange good Yorkshire yellow hen or Rollers; approval.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

TWO yellow cock Canaries, full song 6/6 and 7/6; two breeding cages, complete, 1/6 each; yellow hen and cage 4/6.—E. Saunders, 23, Chonmert-sq., Peckham.

EXCHANGE Norwich green and Yorkshire yellow; cocks on song, value 21/-, for phonograph and records.—3, Orchard Terrace, Nursery-rd., Southgate.

TWO Yorkshire cocks, from prize winners, 15/- each; also two hens, 7/6 each; exchange anything useful.—Perrins, Bruche Lodge, Poulton, Warrington.

EXCHANGE two pairs good Norwich, for 6 brown Leghorn pullets, laying; sell 12/- pair; approval both ways.—Wall, Taukersley-lane, Hoyland Common, near Barnsley.

EXCHANGE Buff Yorkshire cock for Yellow Cinnamon-bred Yorkshire hen; also three hen Canaries for large Yellow Norwich hen.—Passifull, 9, Papillon-rd., Colchester.

CAN spare few more of my surplus, same strain as my winners; cocks from 6/-; hens from 5/-; approval, deposit.—Moakes, Shoulder of Mutton Yard, South Normanton.

EXCHANGE grand pair Yorkshires, Yellow cock, Buff hen (Bailey's strain), for good strain St. Andreasberg Roller cock, full song.—B. Baker, Wing, Leighton Buzzard.

NORWICH cock, 6/-; two Yorkshire cocks, 5/6, two Border cocks, 5/-; all full song; or exchange anything useful for house.—Holmes, 18, Village-grove, Everton, Liverpool.

PAIR pile large game stock birds, same way bred as my winners; what offers, Yorkshire, Scotch Fancies and cages.—Daniel John, Pottery-place, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire.

TYPICAL ticked Yellow Yorkshire cock (Ambler), 10/-; Yellow Norwich cock (Barnes), 10/-; exchange Yellow and Buff Norwich hens.—Corner, 3, Selbourne-terrace, Darlington.

NOTICE. Grand Brindle Bulldog, good pedigree, crank tail, warranted quiet, £4, cost £12; or exchange Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries.—M'Keaud, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas.

LARGE 1906 yellow Yorkshire cock, 10/-; three buff cocks, 7/6 each; few hens, 5/-, 6/-; or exchange Norwich or Cinnamons; no rubbish.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

EXCHANGE Roller Canary, with Roller box cage, for British songsters or show birds; hand-reared Lark preferred; approval.—J. Henney, Ragisfield Villa, West-avenue, Rowland Gill.

I HAVE a few high-class Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, cocks, 7/6 each; hens, 4/- each; or will exchange mules or hybrids.—Merrington, Mule Breeder, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London.

SIXTEEN Estate magazines, mostly 1907, good as new, cost 6d. each; sixteen parts Harmsworth Encyclopædia, cost 7d. each; exchange either lot for cock Canary.—Hayward, Church-st., Chard.

GOOD variegated dark Crest cock (Barnett's), 1906, 13/6; exchange pair good Rollers, breeding; Norwich hen, clear, exchange breeding hen Budgerigars; approval.—Leonard Stapleford, Notts.

EXCHANGE two home bred Rollers, good songsters, for cock Goldfinch, and hen Canary for Mule breeding, or a good pair Yorkshires, or sell 21/- the two.—McCullough, 3, Dalcham-mews, Hampstead, N.W.

WHAT offers, 1907 Norwich, large yellows or buff hens, for large Norwich Cinnamon cock, or winged-marked yellow Norwich cock, both in full song, or sell 10/- each.—Hawkins, 70, Cross-st., Lincoln.

LARGE buff self green Norwich cock, 12/6; two yellow, two buff foul cocks, 10/- each; all unflighted; or exchange Norwich or Cinnamons; no rubbish.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

GOOD Green hen, 4/-; buff hen, fed, 4/-; marked cock, 6/-; buff hen, 4/-, all Norwich; marked Yorkshire hen, 3/6; two double cages, green enamelled, 3/-; exchange fowl, muling Goldfinches, 33, Aldron-rd., Tooting.

MATCHED pair typical Yorkshires, 20/6; exchange for stout yellow Norwich hen; two good buff Norwich cocks, 12/6 each; exchange for one good large Norwich cock yellow.—Cockhill, Manchester-st., Huddersfield

BUFF, dark Crest Norwich hen, large, round Crest to end of beak, 70/-; or would exchange for marked or lightly variegated crest-bred hen, large bird, broad skull, well laced, dense feather, well over beak end.—Richards, 66, Carter-st., Greenhays, Manchester.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

YORK.

Contest at Crown Inn, North-street, when 22 birds sang. Some very fine singing was heard, before a good company. The following were the principal winners: 1, J. Stothard; 2, A. Watson; 3, G. Horwell; 4, W. Bean; 5, M. Smith. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Mason, who gave every satisfaction. —J. W. SMITH, Sec.

Usual singing contest was held at "The Bricklayer's Arms," Palmer-lane, Hungate, when Mr. Wm. Empson gave six prizes. Twenty-six birds faced the judge, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. The following were the principal prize-winners: 1, 3, Limb; 2, Mashedder; 4, Laverack; 5, Whitehead; 6, Bickle. Judge, Mr. Paver; timekeeper, J. Limbert, senr.—Wm. EMPSON.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly singing contest at the King's Head, Shannon-street, when 27 birds sang for three good prizes, given by the landlord, Mr. W. Tillottson. Some very good singing was heard to the enjoyment of a crowded house. 1st prize, J. Haigh; 2, C. Biss; 3, J. Nicholls. Judges, T. Summers, C. Cooper.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

P.S.—Seeing Mr. Allen is continually putting in the papers that he has the "Champion Linnet in the World," we are sending him a challenge to sing his Champion, anywhere in Leeds.

A CHALLENGE.

I (C. Biss) will sing Mr. Allen's champion Linnet of the world for the championship of Leeds alone, as I think it is time he lost that title seeing that he objects to our birds being sung at his house. I will sing with one or three birds, £1 a bird, or £3 one bird. To be sung in Leeds, pick a judge each, and draw for timekeeper. Business only meant.—Mr. C. Biss, Grocer, York-road, Leeds, Yorks.—Jan. 26, 1908.—(ADVT.)

KENTISH TOWN.

A big crowd attended at Prince of Wales, Wellesley-road, on January 26th, when we had a fine race between two Chaffinches. It resulted as follows:—Dr. Jim, 6 by 17; Harry, 6 by 9. Our Own [illegible] cap is just about to start, no one barred. Prizes, copper kettle, pair of vases, etc.—GEO. BAKER, Sec.

RYHOPE.

The Queen's Head Linnet Club held usual club contest on Jan. 25. Sixteen birds sang for four good prizes. Winners: 1, W. Machin; 2, J. Mason; 3, J. Cope; 4, T. Telford. Judge, G. Smith; timekeeper, J. Mason.—J. MASON, Sec.

CLUB REPORTS.

OLDHAM AND DIS. C.B.S.

The society held its annual meeting at headquarters on January 14th. The balance-sheet was presented and passed. The loss on the open show was a little over £6. The following were elected officers for the ensuing twelve months:—President, J. Sharples; vice-presidents, Messrs. Young, Nelson and Marton; treasurer, Mr. Hardy; secretary, Mr. F. Steeple; committee, Messrs. Lowe, Cocker, Martin, Hordern, and Fitton; auditors, Messrs. Eckersley and Fitton. Preliminary arrangements are in hand for a gathering of members to spend a social evening together.—F. STEEPLE, Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

The annual meeting was held at All Saints' Schoolroom, North-street, York, on January 13th, when Mr. A. Richardson presided over a large number of members. In submitting the balance-sheet, he commented on the most satisfactory results it showed. In calling for the election of office-bearers we were very much surprised to hear that our late chairman, Mr. Richardson, and secretary, Mr. Boyle, would not stand this year. The elected officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—President, Rev. P. J. Shane; chairman, Mr. T. Wright treasurer, Mr. E. Cardwell; committee, Messrs. Humphries, Campling, Sissons, Similson, Chittenden, sen., H. Watson, White, Goodall, and D. Hunter. The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to all retiring officers, which was heartily applauded.—A. WAND, Hon. Sec; H. THOMPSON, Assistant-Sec.

EXETER AND DEVON C.B.S.

There was a capital gathering of fanciers at the meeting held at the Oddfellows' Hall on January 14th. The society has not yet been in existence twelve months, and it is somewhat surprising to find that such excellent results have been attained. The society are again fortunate in securing as chairman the services of Mr. W. Down, who has been untiring in his efforts to promote the welfare of the society. Several changes were made in the committee. The hon. Secretary (Mr. R. H. Folley) was again appointed, whilst the new vice-chairman will be Mr. James Stone, and the hon treasurer, Mr. H. Chudley. The financial position of the society is very satisfactory, for at the present time there is standing to its credit the sum of 17s 11½d. This must be very gratifying, for there was a heavy expenditure in connection with first feather shows, lectures, etc. A collection was made on behalf of the funds of the society, a sum of 11s. 6d being raised.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

The annual general meeting was held on January 15th at headquarters. There was a good attendance of members, Mr. Rennie in the chair. The balance-sheet was submitted and unanimously adopted, showing a cash balance of £7 7s. on the year's working. Election of officers resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. J. W. Rennie; vice-chairman, Mr. F. Williamson; treasurer, Mr. H. Sweetman; assistant-secretary, Mr. H. Pike; hon. secretary, Mr. R. P. Harper; auditors, Messrs. G. Mortlock and J. Holder; committee, Messrs. W. Morris, S. A. Griffin, A. J. Marley, T. Gawthorne, J. Hale, A. Baldry, W. Penton, G. Langridge. The agenda was very heavy having 14 notices of motion, but all were got through with a fair amount of friendly discussion, the most important being the notice by Mr. Neal to alter the meeting night; this was duly altered to third Wednesday in the month. Notice by Mr. Harris, "That we resign the C.B. Union"; after a very humorous discussion this was carried with two dissentients. Notice by Mr. Morris, that we adopt the universal definition of novice, etc.; this was carried. Further resolutions were passed, and the subscription raised from 2/6 to 3/-. The membership is now open to the United Kingdom. Members' pair show was fixed for February 19th, when Mr. R. L. Crisp will judge. New members nominated: Messrs. V. Wynn, H. E. Tringham, R. L. Crisp, J. Reeves, and S. Williams. Votes of thanks to auditors and chairman closed the meeting.—R. P. HARPER, Hon. Sec.

Many reports unavoidably held over until next week. Editor.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given after next week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

The Crow and the Mussel.

A Crow that was very fond of mussels was seen to pick one up in his bill and then fly to a great height. He knew that he could not crack the shell, but he could let the mussel fall. This he did, taking care to let it come down on the stones. Of course the shell was broken and the Crow was able to feed on its contents. Taken from "Animal Stories," by ALFRED LOMAX.—Sent by Ethel DUNN, age 12, East Lodge, Coxhoe Hall, c.o. Durham.

The Linnet's Summer Nest.

Furzy commons seem to be a favourite resort of the Linnet during summer; the bushy furze being admirably adapted to conceal the nest from prying eyes. The nest is composed of moss and woven wool, and is lined with wool and hair very neatly put together. If the nest should be destroyed, they will build another as late as the month of August.—Sent by TOM WHITE (age 12), Shepherds, Newlyn East, Grampound Road.

A Friendly Sparrow.

Owing to the loneliness of its song, a lady in Chelsea used to hang up the Canary in its cage in a tree. She noticed one day a Sparrow fly to the cage. Standing on the top of it, it began twittering to the Canary. By and by it flew away but promptly returned with a worm, which it dropped through the wires for its newly found friend. It continued to be thus fed day by day until the Canary would receive the worm directly from the Sparrow's bill. The lady's neighbours, observing this interesting display of courtesy, also hung up their cages, and were gratified to see the Sparrow attend to their birds also; but it always made a point of unmistakably to the wants of its earliest chum first.—(Taken from the school newspaper).—Norman Smith, age 12, 13, Brigade-street, off Park-road, Bolton.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

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J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, E. Judge of Canaries and all kinds Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canarics, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. Hybrids and British Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

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To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

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*Oct. 3 & 4.—Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.
Oct. 14.—Exeter and Devon P.P. & C.B.S.
Oct. 14 and 15.—Battersea.
Oct. 20, 21.—Western Counties (Plymouth).
Oct. 22.—Potteries and Dis.
*Oct. 28.—Torbay O.S.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—Manchester.
*Oct. 30 & 31.—Shields C.B.S.
Nov. 4, 5.—Morecambe C.B.S.
Nov. 7 and 9.—Leicester Hand in Hand.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—Nottingham.
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Nov. 21.—Perth.
Nov. 26 & 27.—Swindon & Dis. C.B.A. J.R., J.F.

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Feb. 3—(1st post)—Nantwich—E. Powell.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Great Horton.

TWITTERINGS.

Kindly state that I have removed from 10, Huskisson Street, writes Mr. H. Hughes, to 6, Argyle Street, South Birkenhead.

Will you kindly state that subscriptions to the Lancashire Canary Association are now due, writes the sec., Mr. W. Baron (Rochdale).

From a letter in our correspondence columns this week, we learn that an effort is to be made to form a Cage Bird Society in Worcester.

The next annual open show of the Burnley and Dis. C.B.S., is to be held on October 3rd and th, under C.B.U. rules, writes Mr. G. Watson, the secretary

Will you please thank, through your valuable paper, all who replied to my advt., too many to answer myself. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—J. T. Walton (Rochdale).

We hear that Mr. A. Parks has resigned the secretaryship of the Leigh and Dis. C.B.S., and that Mr. R. H. Davies, of 43, Hurst Street, Leigh, Lancs., is now the secretary.

The annual Pair Show of the Queen's Park Cage Bird Association is to be held on February 15th. Tho cards will be placed by Mr. C. A. House.

If Mr. G. B. Wright, who sent us a post-card from Stone, will send us his full address, we shall be pleased to give him the particulars he requires.

I have had over twenty replies to my last advt. up to the time of writing through your noted paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Holker (Westhoughton).

Report of the Walthamstow show credits Cook with 2nd in the small Softbill class, writes Mr. A. Morris (Ilford). This should have read, Morris Brothers.

In my comments on the Birthday Number, writes Mr. G. H. Finney (Owestry) my name is given as G. H. Binney, and no doubt this is a printers' error.

I have had innumerable offers for my Albino Blackbird and Starling as advertised in CAGE BIRDS, last week, writes Mr. H. S. Davies (Llandilo).

A somewhat rare type of a Jackdaw was seen at Bridport recently, writes Mr. J. R. Algar (Sunderland). The wings were white and the rest of the body jet black.

We hear from Mr. Wm. Duke, the sec. of the Shields C.B.S., that the 1908 open show has been fixed for October 30th and 31st and will be held under Cage Bird Union rules.

The Walthamstow report, writes Mr. C. H. Cooper (West Ham), credits E. Cooper with 1st in the Norwich hen class; this should be C. H. Cooper. I wish CAGE BIRDS continued success.

Kindly thank those who replied to my advt. in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. S. Entwistle (Rochdale). They are too numerous to answer individually. Wishing your paper further success.

Kindly notify my change of address through your most valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, from 340, Brightside Lane, to 39, Mandeville Street, Darnall, Sheffield, writes Mr. G. H. Greenfield.

I have finished up the show season, writes Mr. H. Bennet, of Kelso, the well-known Border Fancy enthusiast, with a record of 85 first, 65 special, 39 second, 21 third, and 24 fourth prizes.

I find in CAGE BIRDS some reader remarking on mice, writes Mr. T. H. Brooks (Elton), and I would advise all who are troubled with mice to try Danysz Virus, for it has worked for me like magic.

The secretary of the recent Lancaster show, Mr. H. J. Brown, sends us a batch of post-cards from exhibitors thereat, who express delight at the prompt settlement of prize-money, attention to the birds, etc.

Owing to continued illness, writes Mr. W. Stevens, Mr. W. H. Bamsey has resigned the secretaryship of the Derby Cage Bird Club. All communications should be addressed to me at 22, South Street, Derby.

The Metropolitan Association of C.M. and H.B. have had an interesting and successful season, the balance sheet to hand from the Secretary, Mr. A. J. Head, showing the assets to be well on the right side.

I have removed to 2, Danesbury Terrace, Greenbank Road, Darlington, and shall be glad if schedules and letters relating to the society will be addressed to here, writes Mr. E. Brunskill, Secretary, Darlington, C.B.S.

Please note my change of address, writes Mr. W. Lang, jun., from Regent Road, to 60, Alexandra Road, Lowestoft. Your valuable and interesting paper I look forward to every Friday and enjoy its contents very much.

An error crept into your splendid report of our Lewisham C.B.S. show, writes Mr. E. S. Lugg. Mr. H. T. Lucas, 16, Hereford Gardens, Longhurst Road, Leo is our esteemed hon. secretary, and not, as you have it reported, myself.

Messrs. Spratt's Patent Ltd. Almanac for 1908 is the usual artistic production one associates with the name of this world-renowned firm. It is embellished with finely-reproduced photographs, etc., of winning dogs, poultry, birds and the like and comprises many helpful notes on their keeping. A copy will be sent post-free to any fancier on application to 24 and 25 Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.

Our Great Birthday Number.

Despite the warning we gave readers to order the recent Great Birthday Number early from their newsagent, many have written to say they were unable to obtain it, "sold out" being the words they were met with. To other readers, who met with the same fate, we may say we have decided to offer a limited number of copies from the office stock (set aside for binding purposes) and these will be sent post free on receipt of 3½d. Early application is necessary.

Permit me, writes Mr. R. Gilmour (Sinclairtown), to congratulate you upon the fine plate of my winning Hawfinch on the outside page of CAGE BIRDS. It is a true likeness of him, and great credit is due to your artist, Mr. Norman.

I have taken CAGE BIRDS in since the first number, writes Mr. Lance Hall (Sec. Newfield O.S., Co. Durham), and I have a good collection of your plates. My favourite plate is that of the Hybrids. I wish CAGE BIRDS many prosperous years to come.

In the report of the Coventry Godiva Show, writes our reporter, the class heading A.O.S. British should not have been given, and those mentioned as the winners, viz., Messrs. Booton Fulbrook and Bray, were the vhc, he, and c in the previous class.

I am always ready to read the interesting articles and tit-bits every Friday and also the excellent reports which appear in CAGE BIRDS writes Mr. H. E. Parrott (Weybridge); they are always very accurate. Wishing CAGE BIRDS, continued success.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. Cage Bird Society invite all cage bird fanciers in the district to become members at their next meeting, Thursday, February 6th, at Leeds Hotel, 8 o'clock. Entrance fee, 1s. and 6d. per month.—J. W. Lowes, Hon. sec.—Advt.

The balance sheet of the Reading and Dis. C.B.S., which we have received from Mr. G. A. Charles, the sec., shows the society to be in a prosperous position. The balance to be carried forward is £4 14s. 10½d.—a position of affairs which augurs well for the future.

Ever since CAGE BIRDS was first issued, I have been a regular subscriber, writes Mr. John Griggs (President of the Birmingham C.B.S.), and I have always found your valuable journal to be very useful and instructive, and well worth what is charged for it.

The meeting of the Pelton and Dis. C.B.S., which was convened for February 1st, has been postponed, we learn, till February 15th, on account of the slight indisposition of the Sec., Mr. Lance Hall. At this meeting of the election of officers, etc., will take place.

Through misplacing my advt. last week, writes Mr. A. Jones (Birmingham), I have had replies from all parts. It shews what a large circulation your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, has. I should have stated it under the heading of wanted instead of sale or exchange. I trust your readers will excuse.

All prize money won at Great Horton show has been sent out, writes Mr. S. Dean, the Sec., and anyone who has been overlooked should communicate at once with me. Will fanciers' please note that after February 5th next my address will be 6, Ashmount, Great Horton, Bradford.

The results of my advertisements in CAGE BIRDS have been excellent, writes Mr. David Hall (Brixton Hill, S.W.). Every week brings orders for both stock and show Yorkshires. If it were not for the wide circulation of your bright publication, fanciers would be hard put to it to find a market for their surplus stock.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S. have decided to change their date of show from November 28th to November 14th, writes Mr. J. Miles, the hon. sec., as last year we clashed with Berwick-on-Tweed, Blaydon, Darlington, and a club show at Bedlington. November 14th is the date which the now defunct Morpeth Society had and we wish as far as possible to avoid clashing.

We have received a copy of the report and balance sheet of the Stoke Newington Fanciers' Association from the Sec., Mr. Geo. Dowden. The report states that the number of members elected since the last annual meeting is 32, bringing the total membership up to 136. The balance sheet shows the society to be in a flourishing condition, having assets valued at £23 3s. 6d.

I noticed in your last issue, writes Mr. T. Burton, of the Old Curiosity Shop, Falmouth, that Mr. M. Banner found a Thrush's nest with two eggs in it. No doubt it will interest your numerous readers to know that a Thrush's nest with four eggs in it was found by a Mr. John Parden, of Budock Bottoms, Falmouth, on Saturday last, January 25th. No doubt this is attributable to the warm climate of this the "Cornish Riviera." I may say we have not had a single flake of snow in this neighbourhood for the winter, hence the birds being in such a forward condition.

The 1907 balance sheet of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., a copy of which has been sent to us by the sec., Mr. Wm. Adams, is a very satisfactory one, especially considering that £3 16s. 3d. was paid to different societies in the way of guarantee moneys. The balance in hand is £1 13s. 4½d.

In our record of the sad death of Mr. E. J. Philpot, the place of residence should have been given as Canterbury. The assemblage at the funeral, we hear, was a very large one and the Canterbury Fanciers' Society was represented by Messrs. W. R. Whittaker (chairman), and J. W. Sargeant (secretary), and also sent a wreath.

The Clapham and Dis. (open) C.B.A. has been able to issue a splendid balance sheet for 1907, which evidences the successful year's work the association has accomplished. It shows a cash balance of £9 13s. 11d., and a membership of 77—a very prosperous and satisfactory first year performance, which reflects credit on the hon. sec., Mr. S. H. W. Baker.

A photograph of a fine pair of Great Grey Shrikes which were shot in Durham reaches us from that well-known Gloucester taxidermist, Mr. A. Thomas, who has set them up in life-like manner, on natural thorn. Several of these birds, we understand, were seen in the same neighbourhood about the time (December) these two were obtained.

I should feel much obliged if you would thank all correspondents re Norwich Green, advertised in CAGE BIRDS, on the 18th inst., as there has been a little misunderstanding. I advertised for Norwich Greens in exchange for Yorkshires, as correspondents would see, if they would kindly look what heading it was under, instead of taking it the opposite way on.—P. M. Carter (Darlington).

Will secretaries kindly note, writes Mr. R. J. Pretty, the hon. sec., that the London and Counties A.C.B. British and Foreign Bird Show will be held on February 29th, judge, Mr. Sam Cook; the Young Bird Show on June 27th, judge, Mr. W. Shakespeare; Autumn Show November 6th and 7th, judge, Mr. C. E. Silk (Emsworth) for Canaries and Mr. C. Prior, British and Foreign section; Show of Pairs matched for breeding, January 23rd, 1909, judge, Mr. J. Dobson.

Great National Cage Bird Show, Crystal Palace, 1908. R. A. Newley begs to announce that he will have a fine exhibition of bird-cages, aviaries, and sundries of all kinds on his stall at the above show. Inspection and patronage of fanciers and public visitors is respectfully invited. All goods can be taken from stall at time of purchase. Everything best quality; no fancy prices. Gentlemen wishing to exhibit their specialities on the stall during the show should write early. Terms on receipt of particulars. All communications to R. A. Newley, 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W. —Advt.

To paraphrase the illustrious Shakespeare, the evil the dealer does is often noised abroad, but the good goes by unsung, hence it comes as a pleasure to note a post-card sent last week by Mr J. Reaves, of Rugby, to Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known Norwich bird specialist, which reads, "You are the most honest and straightforward dealer I have had anything to do with, and I thank you for your prompt settlement and way of doing business." We also note that recent foreign orders executed by Mr. Rudd, included birds and goods for Constantinople, Kurachi, Jhansi (India), Montreal, Cape Town, Durban, France and the United States.

January Starlings.

Notwithstanding the severity of the weather, a nest of young Starlings has been discovered, it is said, in a barn on a Mr. Tinkler's farm at Barrowby Thorns, Lincolnshire.

Cinnamon Canary Club.

The annual general meeting of the Cinnamon C.C., writes Mr. R. J. Pretty the hon. sec., will be held at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday, February 8th, at 4.30 p.m. Place of meeting will be posted upon the cage of the winning champion yellow cock.

Southern Norwich P.C.

The annual general meeting will be held at the Crystal Palace, on February 10, at 7.30 p.m. Report of progress and work during 1907. Balance sheet to December 31 last. Cups and spls presented to winners. Election of new members. Contest. All fanciers invited.—F. S. Matthes, Hon. Sec.

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The City and Suburban A.C.B.'s annual balance sheet, which reaches us, duly audited, from the secretary, Mr. Wynn, shows a cash balance of £22 13s. 5d., and a total of 78 members' subscriptions paid. The assets of the Association reached the imposing figure of £80 9s. 7d., made up of the cash above referred to, a shield and cups, etc., value £45 1s., and staging, etc., value £12 15s. 2d.

The Anfield and Dis. C.B.S., of which I was secretary, writes Mr. W. H. Cain (Anfield), became defunct some time ago from want of support. But there are still some of us who are banded together, and who eagerly look forward to receiving CAGE BIRDS and your other publications. We have hopes of still impressing the inhabitants of the district with the need of a cage bird society. We all join in wishing good old CAGE BIRDS every prosperity.

A home without a mother is in no worse case than a bird-room without "The Stock Book" (known as CAGE BIRDS' Breeding Room Register and Fanciers' Acount Book). If you have not seen this invaluable help, send sevenpence to us at once, and get a copy by return of post. It is the greatest value for money ever seen, and a real help and friend to every bird keeper, whether old hand or raw beginner, and no matter what his stock may be. Every one who sees the Stock Book says: "It is perfection; the very thing the fancy has needed for years."

I was greatly pleased, writes Mr. J. Pooley, to see such a lovely drawing of my clear body dark Crested hen in CAGE BIRDS recently, and great credit is due to your artist (Mr. H. Norman) for it. The hen was hatched June 12th, 1906, and she did well on the show bench as a young bird. I had two nests of young from her last season, but was not fortunate enough to rear them. The hen had a good moult and finished early in September, and her wins this year are 2nd Cheltenham, 2nd Crystal Palace, 3rd Norwich (24 in class, competing against any variety Crests), 1st City and Sub., 1st Horticultural Hall in clear body classes. She was bred from a green Crest cock 1905 bird, one of my own breeding (Greeves' strain) and a Crest-bred hen (variegated) bred by Mr. Prance, London. A rather unusual circumstance occurred in breeding with a brother and sister. All the young hatched from the green Crest cock paired to the hen as mentioned above were hens (five), and from the sister—a green Crest-bred hen paired to a 1905 cock, four young were hatched and they also were all hens. Wishing CAGE BIRDS a very successful year, and I may add I have been a reader ever since I have been in the Fancy.

Wood Pigeons: A Warning.

At the present time immense flocks of Wood-Pigeons in countless thousands are over in this country, chiefly from Scandinavia. They seem to have brought with them a terrible disease, known as Wood Pigeon diphtheria. Recently, in the south-east of England, upon one estate, 1,100 Pigeons were picked up in a dead or dying state, and the owner had them all cremated. It appears that when suffering from an advanced stage of this disease, many of the birds are still capable of swallowing acorns and beech-mast; readers should be on their guard against eating any of these diseased Wood Pigeons.

A Surprise at Rochdale.

The Rochdale Good Intent O.S. had a pleasant surprise at their annual general meeting, writes Mr. S. M. Clayton, the hon sec. Mr. Lees, on behalf of Mr. Schofield, of Heywood, presented to the society a splendid framed photo of the members. Mr. Collinge, our worthy president, acknowledged the gift, thanking Mr. Schofield for his generosity. The applause had scarcely subsided when Mr. Law said he also had a pleasant duty to perform. This was no less than the handing over of a framed photo of our late president and founder of the society, Mr. F. E. Collinge, which has been given to us by Mr. R. R. Gaskill. This was also suitably acknowledged by Mr. Collinge, junr., who related a few of the ups and downs of the society since it was formed. One item worthy of note is that not many societies can boast of having held a show in a fancier's bird-room. He was pleased to see the society going forward by leaps and bounds, and hoped the progress would continue till the society got into the front rank of Cage Bird Societies. The photos are to be hung in our head-quarters, the Rochdale Temperance Club.

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THE LION IN THE ASSES SKIN.

A gentleman rejoicing in the name of "Mugford," has taken upon himself the difficult task of endeavouring to justify the "discourtesy and bias" evinced against this paper by the officials of a prominent London Society.

What precise claim "W. H. MUGFORD" has upon the attention of the Cage Bird Fancy we do not know, and upon consideration we take leave to doubt his authorship of the letter bearing his signature.

Mr. Mugford characterises the action of the Council of the Cage Bird Union in respect of their show rules as nothing short of "impudent effrontery." This phrase seems to us to most admirably fit his own communication.

He is apparently behind the scenes, for he refers (in a grandiose manner, that strikes us somewhat familiarly) to the lawsuit the Society have on hand, presumably against CAGE BIRDS. This reference makes it incumbent upon us to answer Mr. Mugford.

CAGE BIRDS, we may say, has not merely been threatened with a lawsuit, but has on its own account *three times invited legal action* from the Society concerned, BUT WITHOUT RESULT TO DATE. And, without any attempt to "discount the Association in the lawsuit they have on hand," we may say that the one dispute over which we have been threatened is entirely alien to the other, the facts of which are as follows:—

CAGE BIRDS paid the Cage Bird Union a certain amount (not a small one) for the privilege of printing (entirely free of cost to the Cage Bird Union) the show rules supplied by that body to its affiliated societies. For this payment and cost of printing it was entitled to the advertisement space on the margin of the rules.

A certain London Society, taking advantage of the fact that the executive of the Cage Bird Union charged a nominal sum to its affiliated societies for these rules, deliberately cut off CAGE BIRDS' advertisement from the rules which CAGE BIRDS had supplied, and used the rules in its schedules in a thus mutilated condition. By this act, which was gratuitously discourteous, damaging and offensive to a paper which had always done its best for them, and which had spent money lavishly in support of their exhibitions, the officials of this Society concerned deprived us of privileges we had paid heavily for, and while pretending loftily on the one hand that our advertisement contract with the Cage Bird Union was not conducive to the welfare of the Fancy, they took advantage of that advertisement contract by utilizing our rules *purchased by them at less than cost price on account of that contract.*

We do not accuse the Society concerned of dishonest intentions, but the effect of its action in this case is precisely the same as if its members deliberately came and stole property from us of the same value. Their action, viewed from any standpoint, is utterly indefensible, and yet the people guiding Mugford's pen, and who have put him up as a target under which they shelter, seek not only to champion the offenders, but to hurl mud at CAGE BIRDS and the Cage Bird Union indiscriminately on account of it. Such a farrago of misrepresentations, over-emphasised nonsense, and treaclified flattery as Mr. Mugford's letter consists of, we have never seen in type before, even in the pages where it, naturally enough, is welcomed with such open arms.

It is unnecessary for us to take up any of Mr. Mugford's points but two.

He asks what is the difference between printing the net rules, i.e., devoid of all advertisement, and the issuing of them with the marginal advertisement removed. The result, according to him, is precisely the same to the advertisement contractor. We, as the advertisement contractor, beg to differ.

In the latter case, where the marginal advertisement is removed, the Society makes use of the property of the advertisement contractor without giving him the slightest consideration for it. Does Mr. Mugford consider this honest?

Until the publication of his advertisement (the only consideration received by him for the expense which he has undergone), these rules remain the property of the advertisement contractor. They can only be sold by the Union at the price in force by the aid of the advertisement. We have no wish to labour the point, so will leave it at that.

Mr. Mugford talks about the "unknown gentlemen" who comprise the Cage Bird Union Council, and our contemporary permits him to emphasise the point by the use of italics. Good heavens! think of "W. H. MUGFORD," the unknown quantity in the scales, throwing out his chest and trying to outbalance such deeply respected and reputable pillars of the Fancy as Mr. R. Rhodes, of Nottingham, Mr. W. A. Bladon, of Manchester, honest John Garner, of Stockport, to say nothing of Messrs. Wilson, Robinson, Pretty, Naden, Pope, Freestone, Vale, Hadwin, Lovo and Lythgoe. The spectacle is enough to make a Scotch cat laugh, and our readers may well be left holding their sides at it.

A Legacy of Bird Skins.

Mr. Howard Saunders, the well-known ornithologist, has left the British Museum about 700 skins of Spanish birds, for the most part obtained from Andalusia. The collection, available only to students of ornithology, is a personal one, consisting entirely of specimens obtained by Mr. Saunders in his travels in Spain. It will be remembered that Mr. Saunders prepared for publication a large portion of the twenty-fifth volume of the museum catalogue of birds, dealing with the terns and gulls.

Albinos Common!

Birds with partly white plumage are so frequent this winter they may almost be considered common, says a correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette." A Starling with a pure white back, a Sparrow with white wings, and another with a white tail and three Blackbirds all with conspicuous white markings on the head, wings, and tail, have all come under the observation of a single observer during the past few weeks, and he asks whether it is possible that the cold, sunless summer can have had anything to do with this very noticeable peculiarity in birds' plumage. It is admitted by naturalists that abnormal white plumage in birds is generally due to the lack of colouring pigment in the blood owing to a poor constitution or a lack of vitality from some cause or another. It seems not unreasonable to suppose, therefore, that the unpropitious weather of 1907 may have produced many such birds. Many other instances have been noted in other parts of the kingdom. A nearly white Woodcock has been seen near Tunbridge Wells, and a Redwing of a pale fawn colour has been shot recently near Loughborough.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Baildon Original C.B.F.A.—Feb. 1, Members' Show, four members competing for "President" and "Ambler" Cups, and two society medals, 4 points dividing. Feb. 3, Bull's Head, 8. Finishing up of shows and to arrange supper and other business.—L. Haithwaite.

Battersea Open C.B.A.—Feb. 5, Duchess of Devonshire, 6. Pair shows, all fanciers invited.—F. Easterling.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F. S.—Feb. 4, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. Election of officers, Table Show of Cage Birds; any bird in money at members' show eligible to compete. Friends invited.—W. H. Riley.

Bermondsey and Dist. F.S.—Feb. 4th, Headquarters, Samson Castle, Grange Road, S.E., 8.30.—A. Lupton.

Blackburn and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Meliora Restaurant, 8. Lecture on Seeds.—J. W. Marsden.

Bolton and Dist O. and R.C.S.—Feb. 3, Headquarters, 8 prompt. Business important; members and fanciers invited.—J. Stringer.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 4th, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arranging schedules for Members' Shows; appointing judges, and other important business.—H. Hill.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Round House Inn, 7.30. Annual general meeting, election of officers, and other special business.—F. Mitchell.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Feb. 3, City Cafe, N. Methuen Street, 8. Fixing of judges for Club and Open Shows, etc.—J. Kerr.

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.—Feb. 3rd, at the Landor Hotel (Avondale Hall), Landor Road, Clapham, at 8 p.m. Pair Show.—All fanciers cordially invited.—S. H. W. Baker.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb. 1st, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. To arrange for Annual Dinner, etc. Members in arrears must be cleared on books before April 1st.—F. Rhodes.

City of Dundee and Dist. N.B.M. and B.B.A. — Feb. 5th, Doig's Rooms, 8.—A. Miller.

Coventry O.S.—Feb. 6th, Headquarters, 8.30. Annual general meeting for election of officers.—G. Turrell.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Feb. 4th, Nag's Head, 7.30. Very important general business. Rules; nominations for vice-presidents, etc.—J. C. Heaton.

Crook Original C.B., R. and P.S.—Feb. 5th, 7, to complete arrangements for Table Show, and other important business.—A. Bowes.

Darlington C.B.S.—Feb. 5th, Half Moon, adjourned general meeting, Table Show, pairs Yorks., Nor., A.O.V. Canary, Canary Muling, and Hybrid Pairs.—E. Brunskill, sec., 2, Dancshury-terrace.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Feb. 4th, Bull's Head Inn, 8. Election of officers and other important business.—F. W. Tomsett.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 1st, Royal Hotel, 7.30.—B. Cook.

Dulwich Ornithological Society.—Feb. 3, Herne Hotel, Peckham Rye; first meeting, election of officers and members. Fanciers send in names to Rogers and Mazzoni, hon. secretaries (pro. tem.), 182, Upland Road, East Dulwich, S.E.

Eastfield Side C.B.S. (Sutton-in-Ashfield) — Feb. 1st, new members invited.—J. Cairn.

Eccles and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 5th, Grapes Hotel, Peel Green, 8.30.—A. Wheatley.

Edinburgh Norwich C. and M.C.S.—Feb. 6th, 142, High Street, 8. Fanciers wishing to become members, please attend. John Welsh.

Edinburgh Eastern Dist. O.S.—Feb. 3rd, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbeymount. General business and enrolment of members; new members specially invited.—G. R. Smith.

Edinburgh Western.—Feb. 6th, Reigo Street Hall, 8. Summoned meeting for alteration of rules and other important business.—J. Thomson.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 3rd, Headquarters, Towngate, Gt. Harwood, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, etc.—F. Sharples.

Greenock, Port Glasgow and Gourock O.S. — Feb. 5th, Victoria Hall, 8. Business important.—W. H. Stodter.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 1st, Griffin Hotel, 8. Novice Washing Competition; competitors to bring their own birds. Mr. T. Robertshaw will give silver medal. J. F. Thackray.

Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.—Feb. 1st, Royal Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Election of office bearers and other general business.—R. Gadsden.

Hartlepools' C.B.S.—Feb. 5th, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby-st., 8. Important business.—E. Woodhead.

Hetton-le-Hole and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 1st, 7, at "Crown Inn," business important.—A. J. Notley, sec., 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs.

Larkhall C.B.C.—Feb. 8, Miners' Hall, 6. Table Show; Hybrid pairs; judge, G. Marlin. Fanciers invited; admission free.—G. Kirk.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand.—Feb. 4th, White Swan Hotel, 8. Table Show; Class 1, Open, Nor. Hen Yell.; Class 2, ditto. Novice; Class 3, ditto Amateur. Judge, Mr. E. Noakes. — C. Draper.

Leeds C.B.S.—Feb. 1st, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Annual general meeting, election of officers. — A. Wilkins.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 4th, The Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham, 8. Washing Competition; friends and fanciers welcomed.—H. T. Lucas.

Leyton and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 1st, Headquarters, 2. Pair Show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—B. F. Forse.

Loanhead and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 8th, Volunteer Hall, 7. Enrolment of new members and election of committee; all fanciers welcome (radius 10 miles).—W. B. Smart.

London and Counties Association of C.B. — Feb. 3rd, "The Bay Malton," 8.30. Schedule of British Show; balance sheet of pair show; further consideration of programme of the year; proposed form of application.—R. J. Pretty.

Manningham C.B.A.—Feb. 1st, Mowbray Arms, 7.30; very important. Members please note we have altered the date of our next show from the 1st to the 8th of Feb. Judge, J. Wilman.—F. Western.

Metropolitan Assoc. of C.M. and H.B.—Feb. 6th, "Crown Hotel," Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. To fix date of Young Bird Show and other important business.—A. J. Head.

Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S.—Feb. 8th, Crown Hotel, 3. Members' Show; pairs for Canary, Mule and Hybrid breeding. Friends and fanciers invited.—A. Wake.

M. and N.C.O.S.—Feb. 3rd, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Important business.—E. H. Jones.

Neath and Dist. F.A.—Feb. 4, Glam. Rifle Vols.' Drill Hall, 8.—Members' Show.—W. R. B. Richardson.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Feb. 6th, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Fix show date, and select judges; members and intending members please attend.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Feb. 5th, Cobden Hall, 8. Annual general meeting, election of committee, officers, etc.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 3rd, Headquarters, 7.30. Washing Competition. Fanciers invited.—T. H. Tiffen.

Pelton and Dist. C.B.S.—General meeting Feb. 1, will, through illness of the secretary, be adjourned to Feb. 13, at Fleece Inn, Old Pelton, at 7.30. Election of officers and fix date and select judge for Neat-Feather Show. New members and fanciers cordially invited.—L. Hall, sec.

Perth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Feb. 1st, Danix Temperance Bar, Hannah Street, Perth, 7.30. Important.—R. G. Challenger.

Preston O.S.—February 4th, Empress Cafe, 8. Schedules February Show, etc.—J. W. Clemmison.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Feb. 6th, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Final arrangements for Matched Pair Show.—J. C. Birch.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Feb. 4th, Baptist School, 8. Please note change of headquarters.—S. Jagger.

Reading and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 5th, Palmer Hall, West-st., 8. Annual general meeting. — G. A. Charles.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Feb. 5th, Temperance Club, 8. Report of Back End Show, and other business.—S. M. Clayton.

Rugby and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 4th, The Moat Restaurant, Albert Street, 8. Consider and pass rules. Elect new member; receive entries for forthcoming show; general.—Clem. F. Savage.

Shipley O.S.—Feb. 4th, Victoria Hotel, 8. Business important; lecture on Feb. 11th by Mr. H. J. Chittenden.—H. Dobson.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 1st, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Members' Monthly Show; buff hens, Judge, Mr. Speak.—A. E. Mosten.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 2nd, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Lecture by Mr. Bottomley (Laisterdyke).—R. Bennett.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 6th, Leeds Hotel, 8. To fix date of Open Show, and other business.—J. W. Lowes.

Vale of Conway and Dist. F.A.—General committee meeting, Station Hotel, Llandudno Junction, Feb. 6th, at 6. Will all members return register forms upon that date and say what specials they are willing to give towards Members' show. All subs. must be paid one clear month before the show.—A. T. Johnson.

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Wallasey and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 6th, Headquarters, 8. Discussion on the Mating of Canaries to be opened, by Mr. S. S. Holford. Wm. Mallinson.

Wandsworth F.A.—Feb. 6th, Headquarters. Alteration of rules and other special business.—W. Summers.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A.—Feb. 2nd, Crown Hotel, 7.30. London Club and con. H. A. Watson.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Very important business.—F. W. Johnson.

Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 3rd, 6, Broadway, 8. Annual general meeting; election of officers and committee. Judging competition on British birds. Will member bring Bird.—W. H. Goldman.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Two Important Questions.

A. Rose.—If you had said how the bird was fed, and its probable age, it would have helped us to find the cause of its loss of feathers round the neck. It might be caused by insect pests; examine the cage well for these; or it may be due to weakness, either from advancing age or improper food. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary seed and one part summer rape, and give a little bread dipped in milk and sprinkled with maw seed once a week, together with a teaspoonful of hard-boiled yolk of egg as often. Give green food when obtainable, and a little sweet fruit at other times. Offer a tepid bath daily, if it will bathe. Twice a week for a month or so add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and five or six drops of lemon juice to its drinking water, and on other days add twelve drops of chemical food to the water. 2. As to whether the smell of a paraffin lamp does the birds harm depends upon their proximity to the lamp, the length of time they are exposed to the smell, and the absence or otherwise of free ventilation. In a well-ventilated room, with the lamp only burning during the evening, and where the birds are not hung directly over it, the harmful influence will probably be too small to be appreciated.

To Verify a Strain.

W. G. Boulter.—I read your letter to mean that you wish us to tell you how you can discover the reliability of information respecting the strain of birds offered for sale. If that is so, I am sorry to disappoint you, as I know of no means by which it would be possible to distinguish to what strain any given bird was related. You can only accept the vendor's words in good faith.

Trouble with a Yorkshire.

"Serin."—You are certainly feeding the bird too well. Some remarks on feeding on the "Novice's Notebook" page last week are very applicable to your case. Give the egg food once a week only, boiled rape once a week, apple, carrot, or green food a little once or twice a week. Discontinue the mixed seed altogether for a time, but give the hens a small pinch of Inga once a week. Give no other extras in the way of food. Give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and twenty drops of whiskey in the water three times in one week, and afterwards give twelve drops of chemical food every second day, finishing up each week with a dose of salts as above.

A Canary Not Singing.

H.H.R.—The feeding is at fault. Discontinue giving hemp, linseed, and cole, whatever the latter may be, and give only a fourth part of summer rape and three-fourths Canary, as a staple diet. Give a little green food daily—watercress, or the tender tops of the inner stalks of celery, etc. A very few grains of hemp or linseed may be given as a rare treat, but do not give them as regular articles of diet. Give a little Epsom salts and whiskey as advised to "Serin," in this issue, every third day, for two or three weeks by which time it should be recommencing its singing.

A Roller's Hoarseness.

A Constant Reader.—The bird has almost certainly had a chill. You say you hang him by a window during the day. Are you quite sure there is no draught in such a position coming through the sashes of the window when closed? This would be quite sufficient to account for the bird's condition. It would also cause it if the corner, to which you move the bird at night, is considerably warmer than the place it occupies in the daytime. Attend to these points. See that the bird is not exposed to draught or very great variations of temperature. Give five drops each of oxymel of squills and tincture of tolu, and twenty of whiskey in the water every second day, until hoarseness has disappeared.

Stuck in the Moult.

"L.F."—I am afraid the Yorkshire cock is in a very bad way. It has probably been exposed to draught or damp when moulting. Try the following treatment. Feed on plain Canary seed only as a staple, and give a piece of bread dipped in milk and sprinkled with maw seed every second day. Give a little green food or sweet fruit daily. In the drinking water mix twenty drops of whiskey, and five each of syrup of squills and spirits of sweet nitre every day for a week. At the end of first week give as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence, and if the panting is better by that time, continue afterwards by giving ten drops of chemical food in the water every second day for two or three weeks. Keep the bird warm during treatment, and do not give it cold baths. Avoid damp and draughts above all else.

A Canary Gaping.

J.J.S.—Stop giving the mixed seeds, and feed on Canary seed only for the present, with a small piece of bread dipped in milk, and sprinkled with soft sugar three times a week. Green food may be given daily, when obtainable, and free from frost. For two days give as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence in the drinking water, and afterwards go on with the medicine advised to "A Constant Reader" in this issue, giving it every second day for a fortnight.

A Case of Panting.

O Munrow.—Am not sure whether I have deciphered signature correctly. You cannot do better than follow the treatment advised to "T.O.H.," as you say you have begun to do. Withhold the mixed seeds from your Roller, and give a pinch only as an occasional treat. Protect it from draughts and chills. If this treatment does not succeed, write again.

An Egg-eating Canary.

A Novice.—It is not often that the Canary-breeder is troubled with egg-eating hens. I do not think there is really any practical method of curing the habit. As you say she is a valuable bird, and you wish to breed with her, you can only adopt precautionary measures to prevent the hen indulging in this vicious habit. You can fix up a special nest-box for her, arranged so that the egg disappears into a receptacle underneath as soon as laid. You must not think of breeding yet, so watch the "Novices' Notebook," where you will doubtless find this subject treated of at the proper time.

A Breeding Query.

"Fancier."—Yes, it is "on the cards" that you can get clear young from pairing a yellow green cock to a clear buff hen. Exactly what proportion of clears you might reasonably expect depends upon how these birds have been bred. If the clear bird is from variegated parents, the proportion of clears you would get would probably be very small.

A Canary Without Song.

F. R. Batey.—Are you sure the bird is a cock? Many birds do not recommence singing after the second and later moult until the weather begins to draw them out in spring, so you had better be patient a little longer. Your feeding is not very good for a singing bird. Give as a staple three parts Canary and one part summer rape. Once a week give a teaspoonful of scalded rape, and also once a week a small piece of bread dipped in milk. Give green food each day when the above are not given. Five drops of tincture of iron in his drinking water twice in a week might help him to begin.

Norwich Out of Condition.

A Novice.—There must be something wrong with your feeding or management for your Norwich cock to have been out of condition so long, and not fertilise a single egg last year, but what it is I cannot gather from your letter. You do not say how old he is, and perhaps his age is the cause, more or less. Try the following treatment for a few weeks, and if it is not better, say, in a month, write again and give fuller particulars. Feed on Canary only as a staple; once a week give a little egg food with five or six drops of cod liver oil well mixed in it; once a week a piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar; twice a week give a teaspoonful of scalded rape, and on days when neither of these items are given, supply a little fruit, boiled carrot, or green food. Give all these extras on different days so that there will be something different each day. Be careful not to give wet or frosted green stuff. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence, for two days, after that give ten drops of chemical food every second day; pure water on the alternate days, but repeat the dose of salts for one day only at the end of each week.

Pairing Crests.

Novice.—You do not say whether the Plainheads you have are crest-bred. I assume they are not, and should advise you, if you wish to breed Crests, to mate the Plainheads together, when you could use them for foster parents for young Crests, if required. Then obtain a real crest-bred cock, and hen to mate with the crested birds. As you do not mention the colour or marking of the Crests I can only say on general lines that you would require yellows to mate with buffs, and vice versa, and marked birds to mate with clears. 2. Provided the Plainheads are crest-bred—that is, have a large proportion of Crest blood in their veins—you would, of course, mate a Plainhead cock with a crested hen, and a crested cock with a Plainhead hen, and the progeny would be both crested and plainheaded—or, more correctly speaking, crest-bred.

Bowel Troubles.

I.R.—The bird is evidently in a bad way, and I am rather doubtful, the treatment may be too late to be successful. It is not unlikely the seed of which you send a sample, is largely the cause of the trouble. It is not pure rape seed at all, but a mixture of various rape-like seeds, a proportion of which are almost as acrid as mustard, which is fit only for birds having unlimited exercise in large aviaries. Get a better sample than this, and treat the bird as follows. As a staple give plain Canary seed only; every second day for a week give a small piece of bread and milk, on which for the first day place two drops of pure salad oil, and each time afterwards sprinkle it with maw seed. Next day after giving bread and milk with salad oil, place twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and three of tincture of gentian in the water for two days, then give pure water for two days, next day add five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid to the water. Give no green food or anything else than named above for the first week. For the second week feed as above, but add a teaspoonful of scalded rape, but see that it is the real stuff, on two days, and every second day, give ten drops of chemical food in the water until the end of the week, when repeat the dose of sulphuric acid as above. Let us hear result at end of fortnight. As regards your friend's bird, the change to a warm room is the cause of the moulting. See that it does not get exposed to cold or draughts now, and give a piece of sulphate of iron the size of a hemp seed in the water twice a week.

A Tall Order.

Fred Ellis.—A whole issue of CAGE BIRDS would be little enough to reply to your letter fully in all its details. As you are a "first year's novice," keep your eye on the special page started for your benefit, and if you don't find there what you wish to know, do not hesitate to make your wishes known to us. We want to help you—you want to know what is meant by "malnutrition," which the *postmortem* examiner told you affected your bird. In a word it means that the bird's body was badly nourished, that it was in a more or less starved condition, which may be due to a variety of diseases, as well as poor, or improper food. The liver trouble was probably the cause, and this most likely arose from error of diet, and feeding for too long a period on a too stimulating diet. Acute pneumonia is simply inflammation of the lungs in a severe form, and of recent contraction; your bird had got a severe chill in some way, most likely from exposure to a cold current of air. Such exposure might have been of brief duration. The liver complaint being "chronic" means that it was of some standing, and this would predispose the bird to ill-effects from chill. I am afraid you give the mixed seeds and soft food much too often, or in too large quantities. If you treat all the other birds the same, you should limit the mixed seeds to half a teaspoonful per bird twice a week, and give the soft food only once a week—a small teaspoonful each—and also plenty of green food regularly. Failing that, add a saline aperient to their water once or twice a week. 2. The bareness at the back of head of crest may be a natural defect. Try lightly smearing the place with carbolised vaseline twice a week. Do not use enough to soil the feathers round about.

Crouches on Cage Floor.

"Ivanhoe."—I think the reason for your bird's peculiar behaviour will be found amongst the following three causes. It may have sore or inflamed eyes, which seek rest in the shade; or it may be troubled with sore feet, which makes perching painful; or, lastly, it may have greatly overgrown claws, which render perching a great difficulty. Gently catch the bird, and examine for either or all of these causes. If the claws are overgrown, wash them clean in warm water, dry them, and cut carefully with a sharp pair of nail scissors. Hold them before a strong light and you will see a pink vein running a short way down the claw, showing how far the claw is "quick." Cut the claw off just short of the end of the vein, and it will neither cause pain nor bleeding. If the feet are sore, bathe for a minute or two in a warm solution of boracic acid, dry carefully, and anoint very sparingly with zinc ointment. Repeat every second or third day until better. Should the eyes appear inflamed, bathe in a weak solution of boracic acid, and just touch the eyelids with the tiniest speck of pure vaseline. Are you sure the bird is not troubled with mites? Of course, you give gritty sand in the cage.

An Improvement.

W.S.P.—Am very glad to hear the birds are already much better. By the time this appears you may discontinue the medicine for the young birds, and give instead five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the drinking water twice a week for a fortnight, after which, they should require no further treatment. It is just possible the old bird may be affected by Gapeworm, especially if there are poultry about so affected. Get a very small feather, say, one from a Canary's tail, dip the end in spirit of turpentine, wipe off surplus spirit, then catch the bird, gently open its beak, and pass the tip of the feather into the throat, twist it round a few times, and withdraw it, and see if any very minute worms are adhering to it. If so, burn feather at once. Repeat the operation next day, and afterwards give a dose or two of aromatic sulphuric acid, as advised above. But if the first operation discovers no worms, continue the treatment you are now giving, with the exception of giving five drops of oxymel of squills instead of the sweet nitre, and giving the medicine every second day. Shall be glad to hear how this bird is in a few weeks. Do not mate the young birds yet.

Canary Moulting.

Miss G. Herkomer.—As your bird appears quite healthy, and the others in the same aviary are in good condition, and all kept in an even temperature, I should say that this hen is simply undergoing her natural moult, which probably did not take place last autumn. Keep her free from draughts, give a little egg food once or twice a week, and dissolve a small crystal of sulphate of iron in the water twice a week, and she will doubtless soon be quite right.

Birds Dying.

Richard Wade.—It seems very doubtful what was the cause of your bird's death. It is not quite clear whether the deaths only took place after you had cleaned the cages, or after giving the sulphate of soda, which you saw advised to someone else. If the former was the case, it is quite likely that the birds were exposed to chills during the cleaning operations, and in the latter event it would be interesting to find out whether the drug you gave was really sulphate of soda, as this would scarcely account for the birds dying, in any case. Again it is quite possible that the bird you bought might have introduced an infectious disease, although she was the second to die. Under the circumstances I would strongly advise you to have a post-mortem if any other bird dies, and meantime refrain from buying fresh stock until you have learned the result. We could then advise you much better. Smoke would certainly be injurious to birds if they were exposed to much of it, or for any length of time, but I hardly think this would meet your case.

A Breeding Query.

New Beginner.—No, you should not attempt to keep two cock Canaries, a cock Linnet, and five hen Canaries in a cage 5 feet by 2 feet by 18 inches for breeding. As you have cages, I think you would do far better if you kept one cock and two hen Canaries in the large cage, then mate up a cock and hen Canary in one of the smaller cages, and keep the other two hens also in small breeding cages, and run the Linnet with them alternately, or you could run the cock Canary with the two hens alternately, and keep the Linnet with one hen only. Another good plan would be to mate the birds singly in breeding cages, running the Linnet wholly with one hen, and working each cock Canary alternately with two hens, and keep the large cage as a store or flight cage, to which to transfer the young as they were reared. By doing this you would not need to buy any more cocks.

Canary Wasting Seed.

"Jimmie."—The sample of seed appeared to be very good, but as it contained much dirt I surmise it was a portion of what the bird throws out, so did not test it beyond looking at it. You should satisfy yourself that it is sweet and not musty. You might give the bird a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea in its drinking water for two days, and afterwards follow up with five drops of tincture of gentian every second day for week. Give the Roller cocks six drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and twice during the same time, on days when they do not have buckthorn, give five drops of gentian, as above. Feed plainly, chiefly on Canary seed and milk sop, during the time.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Quartette.

Would-be Muler.—1: Both a Linnet and a Goldie in field plumage (i.e., not house-moulted) are, if very steady, quite likely to breed Mules this coming season. House-moulted birds would be, of course, rather more to be relied upon. I shall personally put up quite half-a-dozen Goldies, with a Linnet, Redpoll and Siskin as well, that have not been house-moulted, and I shouldn't do it if I thought it time for certain wasted. One needs to choose very "kind" specimens; then it is fairly safe. 2: Partly answered above. Size, shape and colour are the chief points in Finches for breeding purposes. 3: The Goldie will have an entirely white beak when quite "up" for breeding (though this is not so in every case), and the Linnet a blue beak. All should be in full, strong song, and feed and pay other attentions to the hens. When they do this, you can go ahead. 4: There is no up-to-date book published.

My Hybrid Couple.

Dinna Ken.—A cage with wired ends, I should not use personally for a Hybrid couple, if I could lay hands on anything else. You could board them up, of course, and this I advise you to do. The size is pretty good. Screen it with twigs, heather, etc., by all means. If you look at the two photographs given in our recent Birthday Number supplement, you will get an excellent idea as to how this should be done. You can be thinking about running your birds together now. The beginning of February is a good time to commence letting one's Hybrid couples get acquainted. I have never found it advisable to plump two birds together without any warning, especially when each has previously had a cage entirely to itself, as a more-or-less serious "dust-up" is invariably the result; when two birds are caught-up from out an aviary, they may usually be placed together in a cage without fighting resulting. Birds are funny creatures in many ways. It is a safe rule to let all couples that one desires to "marry" have a quiet look over each other before turning them into the same domicile. Stock food, canary and teazle three pints, charlock and summer rape one pint each, linseed half-a-pint. Vary this with daily feeds of (1) sunflower seed, lightly cracked, and hemp; (2) niger and maw seeds mixed in equal parts; (3) a good wild seed mixture; (4) a good maker's packet finch mixture. Thistle, teazle and hardheads, if you have them, may be given, while dandelion, shepherd's purse, chickweed and groundsel (especially flowering and seedy) should be given freely as soon as obtainable. A dietary such as this will suit all Hybrid couples, especially those with a Bullfinch hen as one of the partners.

Various Matters.

Plato, Bolton.—A north-east room, quite sunless, is not the most cheerful of places to breed in, it is true, but there is no reason why you should not try, and maybe you will have as good a record at the finish as many a fancier with room, theoretically, much more suitable. My own bird-room faces east by north, and I seem to be doing well in it, despite the severe cold; it is cosy, and damp and draught proof, however, and exceptionally well lighted. What luck I shall have later on remains to be seen. We'll wish one another luck, anyway—eh? You should cage up the Goldie and Linnet separately, and feed them well, giving the former hemp, niger and maw freely, and the Linnet a feed of one or the other every day. They ought then soon to come on song. Look out for early tender young dandelion leaves (grow some under a glass frame, if you have facilities), and give a daily feed, but see it is not given in a frosted condition. A young hen can certainly be put with the young (1907) cock Canary; if you have a tried two-year-old hen (or even three), I should give this lady the preference, however.

In an Aviary.

G. P. S.—1: Your stock mixture is quite good, and the only alteration I could suggest is that you increase the proportion of teazle seed from 1 to 3. Your management is also good, and there is certainly no call for you to so modestly ascribe your success to "luck." In the spring you want to gather and throw in all the seeding and tender shoots of chickweed, shepherd's purse and groundsel, that you can find, likewise dandelion leaves and seeding heads. 2: Birds in health do not need medicine, either "tonics" or otherwise. A little Parrish's Chemical Food in the water twice or thrice a week when moulting is beneficial. 3: You must send your question concerning the foreign birds to our Mr. W. T. Page (note rules). You could certainly include a few forciguers, if floor space permits the addition. 4: If you look carefully through either this (or last) week's CAGE BIRDS, you will see an advertisement of the latest and best book on aviary management, published at the office of this paper.

An Elongated Beak.

A. L. W.—A beak which is badly overgrown is a great nuisance to any bird; often a serious trouble. I suspect this has something to do with the mopishness of your Siberian Goldfinch. Get a pair of sharp nail scissors (or clippers), and trim off all the superfluous growth. It is quite easily done by anyone who is not afraid to handle a bird, and gives no pain—only "blessed relief," in fact. If the tip of the bill seems a little blunt (or square-ended) after the operation—don't cut too far down, of course—file it with the nail file. Keep a

piece of old, hard mortar, or a lump of cuttlefish between the bars of the cage, for the bird to exercise his bill upon. Give him some maw and niger seed daily to eat (say half a teaspoonful), also a little cracked sunflower seed—try hard to get him to taste the latter. Every second day stir a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water; plain water in between.

More Breeding Questions.

L. O. W. S.—I have frequently explained in this column that the cock Bullfinch has rarely (if ever) been known to breed in captivity when paired with a hen of another species. So you will see you supply me with a poser when you ask what hen you should mate up to your own bird. However, if it is convenient for you to do so you cannot go far wrong by asking him to accept as his "missus" a nice chubby Norwich-type hen Canary, preferably a heavily-marked one. I have also in this column frequently dwelt on the difficulty and uncertainty of attempts to breed young in small aviaries containing a mixed collection of British birds. If you refer to back numbers you will find the reasons set out at length. A very large and well shrubbed (not necessarily with live plants) place is the only one in which success can be looked for with any confidence. If you are prepared to be content with the interest attaching to the effort to induce them to breed, then you could try in your place a pair each of Goldfinches, Linnets, Greenfinches, Siskins and Redpolls. You might possibly collect a youngster or two from one or the other of these couples; anyway, I wish you luck. You should read Mr. Norman's lately published book dealing with aviaries, etc.

Food and Mate for Goldfinch.

Izzen.—You are quite right in assuming a Goldfinch requires feeding differently to a Canary. You can't well beat the following as a daily stock mixture: Teazle and hemp two pints each, canary one pint, linseed half-a-pint. You can add a slight sprinkle of charlock and summer rape if you like, though it will probably not get eaten. In addition, mix maw and niger seeds in equal parts and give a small teaspoonful three times a week. You can also offer a little of a good wild seed mixture now and then. Variety is an excellent thing. Goldies are also very fond of teazle, thistle and hardheads, dandelion, both seeding heads and young leaves, flowering groundsel, many kinds of seeding grasses, etc. As regards a mate, if you want to breed good-looking Mules as songsters, you cannot improve on a good-sized stoutly built yellow hen, of Norwich type, and such a bird has the merit of being fairly easily obtained. If you would like a sporting chance of a more-or-less light mule, then a pink-eyed Yorkshire hen, clear or ticked, would be a good one to get, especially if you can obtain her from a clear-bred strain—that is, from parents and grandparents free from markings.

Sex of Siskin, etc

Royston.—It is not easy to describe on paper the difference 'twixt cock and hen Siskins, though, given adult birds, the sex is easy enough to distinguish by sight. The hen is marked exactly like the cock, and the absence or presence of the bib is no sign one way or the other; very many cocks, in fact, show no trace of bib. The hen looks "streakier" than the cock (more heavily pencilled) as a rule. The unfailing distinction, however, lies in the colour. The cock is a pronounced yellowish-green, while the hen is but a dingy, ash-green. Her markings, too, are not a nice, glossy black, as seen in the male (note the cap, especially), but a greyish black. One might mistake a young cock for a hen, if inexperienced with the species, but adult birds are not at all difficult to sex. The cock, too, is an indefatigable singer when in good health. It is not every cock Siskin that will fill eggs in captivity, though the majority are not backward at accepting a Canary hen for a wife.

A Variety.

W H.W.—Your aviary, 4 feet by 3 feet by 15 inches, is not a very convenient size. It should really be at least twice the width (36 inches), from front to back. A good stock mixture for the four birds would be: Canary and teazle three parts, charlock, summer rape, hemp, linseed and sunflower, one part each. For "tithits," note replies to "Izzen" and others this week. Hybrid pairs should be put together—not, of course, with the idea of commencing breeding in earnest, but to permit of them becoming used to each other—at once, or in the early part of February. It is always a thankless task to try to give a "probable price," of birds, so much depending on what the birds are (housemoulted or not, tried breeders or not, their excellence from the show point of view, etc.), and who is the seller. Roughly speaking: Cock Goldfinch, worth showing, unmoulted, 10/- to 40/-; moulted, 50/- to six or seven pounds; hen Canary, 5/- to 30/-; hen Bullfinch, 2/6, fresh caught, to 10/- if moulted and real good. Then there are German hens (sometimes hand-reared) and Siberian hens, all varying in price. Cock Redpoll, fresh-caught 6d. to 5/-, though a genuine big mealy Redpoll would be more. It is quite impossible to give any helpful figures, however, everything depending on the exact quality of the birds.

Teaching Bullfinches to Pipe.

Cecilia.—An old face once again. I have often said that I have never attempted to teach a Bullfinch to pipe tunes—I am afraid I should not have the patience, and am quite sure I should not have the time. Old birds cannot be taught. Young Bullfinches have to be taken from the nest at an early age, and their rearing finished off by hand. When they are getting on to food (i.e., picking up for themselves), the tune it is desired they should learn is played over to them a great number of times daily, in set lessons of a quarter of an hour, or so, at a time. A bird organ is generally used for this purpose, though I have heard of flutes, clarionets, etc., being utilised. The birds are kept in darkened cages (or room) while the lesson is in progress, so their attention is not distracted. It is no use trying to teach one solitary bird, however. The Germans, who are adepts at teaching piping Bullfinches, have scores, and even hundreds, under tuition at the same time, and only a small percentage of these (mark well) turn out proficient. The rest mix up the notes, or learn only a few of them, or none at all, and are, therefore, of little value.

Dry Lark Food.

William.—Any of the high quality insectivorous foods on the market may be fed "dry" to birds if the owner so chooses. It is only necessary to make sure the ingredients (or the biscuit part) are not too coarse (large) to permit of being readily taken. If you buy your own ingredients separately the following would make an admirable mixture for Larks; good quality dog biscuits, or puppy cakes, ground fine, six parts, meat-meal, ground silkworm pupae, dried flies and ants' eggs, one part each, with a dessert spoonful of powdered cuttlefish well mixed amongst each quart of the food when completed. Give all seed in a separate dish. Almost all corn-dealers will put the dry biscuit through a machine for you, and crush it, thus saving you the trouble.

Brevities.

Identity of Birds (J. Heap).—Both friends are correct with regard to the identity of the bird you caught in the cage in your yard. It is a Chaffinch, and a very common local (or popular) name of this bird is the "Pink." They have a bold, ringing song, which, however, is done too varied in character. Some people are very fond of it.

Thrush Off Song (A Throstle).—I certainly think the food you give responsible for the bird's lapse from song. Bread, hempseed, and cheese do not make a satisfactory diet for a Thrush, and probably failed to sustain him against the recent very cold spell. Note reply to "Ignorant Woman" in our last issue but one, and treat according to the full directions there given.

Linnet Soft (Amateur).—Really, you give not a single particular likely to help me to decide why your Linnet has gone "soft." Under these circumstances, I can only advise you to feed the bird generously (giving plenty of maw daily and a little niger and cracked hemp), and to stir half a teaspoonful of dandelion juice into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for 2 or 3 days.

In a Crystal Palace Aviary (A. E. S.).—I could not advise you to turn a red-breasted Linnet into your Crystal Palace aviary, as it would almost for a certainty be very wild. Besides, the red on the breast would disappear at the next moult, never to return. A Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Siskin, and Redpoll, with a Linnet, would make a nice collection (with the Canaries), but I fancy a few of the cheap, bright plumaged Foreign birds would meet your case better still. If you think so too, write our Mr. Page on the point.

What Bird (W. H. L.).—The bird you describe is a Lesser Redpoll, in field plumage. It is a near relative of the Linnet, and a very common species Canary, rape and linseed make a suitable stock food, but a good dash of teazle seed should be added.

Aviary in a Greenhouse (Gartaro).—Birds kept in greenhouses in use for plants, do not often thrive, the damp "muggy" atmosphere being too much for them. I have seen similar failures amongst my own personal friends. Your aviary would not hold above 5 hens and 3 cocks, for breeding purposes, and for those, I recommend all hen Canaries, with Goldfinch, Linnet and Siskin cocks. Any Mules from these should be readily saleable, and are good songsters (the cocks). You could try a Greenfinch, keeping an eye on him for fear he turned "nasty" towards his companions.

Birds for Breeding (Ebo).—The hen Linnet which laid 8 eggs last year would make an admirable mate for a cock Goldfinch. It would be best to put the eggs under a foster-mother. No one who has made many experiments could possibly recommend leaving eggs under hen Britishers when in a cage. That they will sit the time out and then rear the young is most unlikely. One of your Norwich hens (especially a chubby yellow) will make a grand wife for your muling Goldie, and ought to breed some nice Mules.

Feeding Goldfinch (P. C.).—You will find this query covered in the answer given another querist this week.

Canary-Bullie Cross (A. W. Anderton).—The accepted way of mating (and the only really likely one) is to put up a cock Canary with a hen Bullfinch. You will find other queries dealing with this point in my columns this week. Any point you are not clear upon, I shall be pleased to deal with if you will state same briefly and clearly.

Loose in the Bowels (G. R.).—Stop the linseed, and give the hemp only occasionally. Let the Linnet have plenty of maw to eat, and dissolve daily a little citrate of iron (from the chemist) about the size of a small pea, in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. This should soon put the matter right. Give some teazle seed in the stock mixture.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S

Budgerigars and Java Sparrows.

Grey Javas.—Your aviary is rather narrow for the mixing of Budgerigars and Finches, and from my own experience I cannot advise mixing the two. At the same time, I must admit that I never had a Java Sparrow injured by the Budgies, as a rule, the Javas are well able to look after themselves. I have known them kept together by a friend for a period of several years, without any disaster, so, considering that Javas are so cheap, the risk is not a very big one. The other side of the question is, that if the Budgies do get in a bite in the course of a quibble, it means a broken leg or wing for the Java. You have just about the right space for the number of birds you name. If you put up about a dozen husks and nest-boxes, and have several food hoppers, and also well cover the back of the aviary with twiggy branches (pea or bean sticks answer well), you will reduce your risk to a minimum.

Travelling Cage for Grey Parrot.

L.M.—You must let the size of your bird guide you in this; eight inches deep will be sufficient; the height and width must be regulated by the size of the bird. While the cage should be as small as possible, it must be sufficiently large to take a perch which will keep the bird's tail off the floor, and also as to width, it must give space for the bird to perch without its tail rubbing on either side; the same applies to height above perch, there should be sufficient space for the bird to stand on its perch without its head coming in contact with the top of the cage. A few minutes in front of your bird should settle the size for you. If you have an all-wire cage, wrap it well up round the side, but leave a space of, say, three or four inches open on top of cage.

A Question of Worth.

E G.—(1) It is impossible for me to say what it is worth, or give its name, but I presume it is either an Indian Ringnecked Parrakeet, or an Amazon, both of which are spoken of as Green Parrots. At any rate, if it is healthy, it certainly is not dear at 20/-, as it can already speak a few short sentences. If you will describe the distinctive markings of its plumage, I shall have pleasure in naming it for you. (2). I ought to know the species before I can tell you how to feed, but you cannot go far wrong in giving it a seed mixture of Canary, hemp, oats, wheat, Indian corn and sunflower seed, also, at intervals, plain biscuit (dry), ripe fruit, and cuttlefish. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, or any kind of animal food. (3) Yes, cover up at night, that is, all round the cage, but six inches of the top must be left open. Providing the top of cage is below the level of gas brackets, it will take no harm. (4) Let it satisfy its thirst three times a day, and in a fortnight or three weeks, when it has become accustomed to water, you can leave it continuously in cage. It will not then drink to excess. (5) Popular Parrakeets by W T Greene, 1/-, plus postage, from the Editor of CAGE BIRDS.

What Species of Amazon?

Perplexed.—I incline to the opinion that you have an immature Festive Amazon, if so, it is a rare bird, and, like most of the Amazons, it should make a talker if trained; but the common blue-fronted is the most teachable. It is very difficult with miniature birds to fix the species, and also in each species there is a good deal of variation. At the present time they have in Parrot House several specimens of blue-fronts, so different in the distribution of the colour areas of their plumage, as to be scarcely recognisable as the same species. However, I will verify my identification, and give you a definite reply in our next issue.

Age of Grey Parrot.

G.A.M.—I cannot tell you definitely, as my record books give me no information on this point, neither do the books in my library. Speaking from memory, the change begins when it is from nine to twelve months old, and is a gradual one. An aged bird can generally be told by its scaly legs and feet, the scalings of which are hard, and almost horny in aged birds.

Queen Parrakeet Mopy.

F.B.—I should give it for one day a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in two tablespoonsful of water, and give it no other liquid during the day. It will be best to repeat the dose after a week's interval. When not giving the magnesia, well colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food, and continue this for a month, at least. Your diet is about right, but if it will eat it, a small leaf of fresh lettuce occasionally will be very wholesome. It will be a great help for it to be let out of its cage occasionally, and so long as it is kept out of draught, it needs no other cure, for it is a very hardy species, and does well out of doors all the year round. An airy and light position will suit it best, it should have plenty of fresh air, without draught. A few shelled walnuts occasionally, make a wholesome and agreeable change.

The Indian Parrot.

E. W. Whiteley.—A Parrot, especially at this season, does not need a daily bath, once, or at most, twice a week, will be sufficient. By all means let it have a shower bath, using chilled water, at the same time, see that it does not get a chill by being in a draught before it is dry. With ordinary care it is quite safe to give the bath in the coldest weather. My Parrots get one weekly during the winter, if they won't go into the water, they are dipped in, and the superfluous water wiped off with a cloth, and then placed in some sheltered corner till dry. Do not give your bird any milk, tea or coffee slops, nor yet any kind of animal food. For correct diet—see other replies in this and recent issues. Keep the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation, and it will soon increase its vocabulary. Hope you'll have luck with it.

A Parrot's Tail Cut.

J. Downes.—The bird will moult out its tail feathers, and grow perfect ones in due course. If you don't care to wait for it to moult in the ordinary way, the only other course open to you is to extract them at intervals (providing the bird is in good condition), when, if vigorous, the bird should soon reproduce them. It is rather a common practice to cut off, or, rather, shorten the tail of many of the longer-tailed species, so as to bring them over in smaller cages. The first moult over here is usually a protracted one, and often very late before taking place. My rare Hawk Headed Parrot, was 15 months before it renewed its tail. Keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in its cage. When you extract or pull the feathers, keep a watch on the bird during the process, or you may get a piece of your finger extracted at the same time.

Sexing White-Eared Conures.

"Ranty."—The sexes are practically alike in plumage, and it is very difficult to tell the sex of an odd bird, but once you see a true pair together, you will readily recognise the one from the other. The male is distinctly the larger bird, with a longer and more pointed hook to his bill. As already stated, once you have seen a true pair you are not likely to fail to pick out or correctly tell a true pair afterwards, though you may not be able to sex a single bird. If you get any bird offered to you exactly the same size, with no difference in their bills, do not accept them as a true pair, observe the bills in profile, and you will soon see where the distinction comes in. Descriptions of the Amazons will appear in our next issue.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a report by direct 2s 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Goldfinch (A. Brown).—This bird died of an apoplectic fit, possibly induced by a softened liver, and too much rich food.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Budgerigars (J. Wilson).—Pictures of Budgerigars (green and yellow) which, we think, will meet all your requirements, appeared on Mr. Goodchild's coloured plate, "Desirable Aliens," which accompanied our 1907 Birthday Number.

Thanks (G. Dowden).—We much appreciate your Society's vote of thanks. We are always desirous of furthering the interests of cage-bird clubs in any legitimate manner.

Cuttings (D. Thomas and L. P. David).—Thanks very much for your kindness.

Remedy (Sinkvil).—You do not comply with our rules as regards giving your full address, so we are unable to deal with your letter.

No Birds (W Day).—Had you used the deposit system, as we are always advising buyers to do, your money would have been perfectly safe. We provide a means of protection, and as you did not take advantage of it, you have only yourself to blame.

Asthmatical Canary (L. Feney).—We really cannot see that any purpose would be served by publishing your letter, as no reader is likely to desire to have a bird whose "coughing is painful to hear," or to keep such near his other stock. If you *must* give it away, why not offer it, as a fit subject for experimenting upon, to the proprietors of some "asthma" cure? They might welcome it with open arms.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE

THE display of birds at Gt. Horton Show on Friday and Saturday last was truly magnificent. The quality throughout was splendid, the best birds of the country being on view, and we heard several fanciers who visit a lot of the shows class it as absolutely the best held in the district during the present season. The Yorkshires came up well, whilst the display of Greens, particularly those of the Yorkie type, was excellent. Cinnamon marks were fairly numerous, but the feature of the show was the grand display of British and Hybrids.

A GOOD number of fanciers from a distance put in an appearance, amongst whom I noticed, Mr. J. Cuthbertson (Darlington), and a whole string of the "Green" men from Liverpool, the latter contingent having to hire a cab to cart away their specials, etc. One of them, in particular, must have been elated at his success, for he left one of his Green Norwich hens behind him. I suppose his song on Sunday morning, when he discovered his error, would be, "The girl I left behind me."

DURING the week end I have heard a whisper that still another Specialist Club is to be established in Yorkshire. This time the Norwich is the variety to be catered for, and really it is about time the fanciers and upholders of this variety "put their heads together" to try and secure a better classification at shows, and to give the shows better support than has been accorded those fixtures which have catered for this bird. What the British Bird and Mule Club has done for the British, the Yorkshire Norwich Club should also do for the Norwich, once it gets going, and the idea will no doubt be hailed with delight by many of the adherents of the old school, amongst whom may be mentioned Messrs. Haigh and Son, Wilcock, Cowgill and Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. The great advantage to be gained by having variety at a show, is in the large attendance, and the great chance of getting the "upper ten" of the district interested in a Society's work. I have heard it said often lately, that Bradford and District could do with a few less shows, and for those that are run, to be on a more extended scale.

WIBSEY O.S. were having another "Pie" supper and social on Saturday evening last, and the affair, as usual, was quite a success. The secretary of this Society is reported to be "developing" greatly, as is also that member of the Society who is a tram driver. These Pie suppers seem to be doing a number of Wibsey fanciers a lot of good. Norwich stock bird classes will be required for them next season.

KEIGHLEY, the last of the Yorkshire Union shows, takes place this week end. I hope they will receive a good entry, and that their venture may prove a success all round, and so finish up the season in good style.

LENGTH of the Yorkshire Canary: that is now the one absorbing topic in birdy circles. The matter cropped up at Brighouse show in the conversation of several fanciers, one of whom brought from i class one of the birds that has been mentioned as over length, and the opinion of the half dozen fanciers present, was, that the bird may be the standard length (6¾ inches) but is certainly not over that length. The opinion of the fanciers in Bradford and District, with whom I have had conversation, is, that so far as the shows which have been held under Yorkshire Union rules are concerned, little can be said against the birds being over length, very few being over the recognised 6¾in. standard.

"Straight-'Un."

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE STOLEN BIRD AT NEATH SHOW.

A Reward Offered.

SIR,—The Committee of the Neath and District Fanciers' Association deeply regret to say a cage bird was stolen at their show held January 9th. They offer 5s. reward for information for its return or the name of the offender. Mr. Phil Jenkins also offers 20s. reward for the same object. Description:—Buff Norwich cock, marked on eyes, neck, shoulder and both wings.

W. R. B. RICHARDSON.

Penywern, Neath.

NOVICE CLASSES AT YORKSHIRE UNION SHOWS.

SIR,—It having come to my knowledge that a proposition will shortly come before the members of the Yorkshire Union, "That the price of bird and cage in Novice classes be left open," I sincerely hope that all members who are in favour of this movement, will try their best to get this rule passed through. I think it is most unfair to compel a Novice to sell his exhibit (which could possibly be the best bird out that season) for the ridiculous sum of £4 4s., less 10 per cent., only for him to see the following week the same bird standing first in open classes and catalogued at £50. It is such a system as this that has caused many a good fancier to leave the hobby. I maintain that a novice ought to have the same privilege of saying at what price he will sell his exhibit as the open champion, who immediately he sees a good bird claims it at limit price, and perhaps, spoils the chance of the novice winning his gold medal for that season at any rate.

TOM ELSEGOOD.

AN APPEAL BY MR. J. H. PAYNE.

SIR,—Would you kindly grant me a little of your valuable space to say how pleased I am that an appeal has been made by Mr. Hill in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS on behalf of the old gentleman who lost all his stock through vermin at Painswick. I have known him for a number of years, and can honestly say that this is a case thoroughly deserving of support, and nothing will give me greater pleasure than to subscribe a small sum towards his loss. He is such a thoroughly keen old fancier that I am certain it will gladden his heart if he can only see around him once more a few of his feathered favourites. I feel sure there are some kind-hearted fanciers about who would have a Canary they could spare (one that does not come up to the standard, perhaps), and if they will send them on to me I will pay carriage and see the old gentleman gets them safely, and any sums, however small, I shall be pleased to receive, and, with your kind permission, acknowledge through the columns of your valuable paper.

J. H. PAYNE.

17, Northgate-street, Gloucester.

THE UNFLIGHTED YELLOW HEN CLASS AT GATESHEAD.

SIR,—Mr. Taylor says in his letter I was trying to make your readers believe there could be two No. 3's in a class without anyone knowing. Sir, what I have written has been plain English. Mr. Taylor says it was discovered on the judging table. He also says Messrs. Lowery and Buck were set to watch which bird won; further, that one was a Clear, and Mr. Corston's a variegated I will pass the latter remark for a time. Sir, if this was the case, why did Mr. Taylor bring the Clear bird down to my house instead of the variegated, seeing that they were aware of the fact that my bird was not the Clear one? How does Mr. Taylor explain this? For the benefit of your many readers I will repeat what passed in my house. There was a bird lost out of class, and seeing No. 3 was left, and this being my number in class 9, in catalogue, they thought I had taken the other bird in a mistake. When I got up (for I was in bed when they came) they said I had left one of my birds at the show. I said I did not think so, and I asked them into my bird-room, but they refused. So I brought my cage out with both labels on, one for class 78, one for class 9. The labels were both No. 3 for both classes. When they saw my No. 3, they were surprised and said there must have been two No. 3 in this class, to which I replied, it seems so. Never a word about the judging table business was mentioned. One of them said: what about the prize money? The Hon. Sec. said: we must pay two 4th prizes. Then we chatted on the merits of the judging. I was asked was I satisfied I said yes, only I could not see how two birds that were behind me in the Open class stood first and second in the members', but I supposed the hen did not show herself so well in the members' during judging. Then, Sir, and only then, one of the gentlemen said it "might" not have been your bird that won at all, seeing there are two No. 3's. I replied: quite possible, but I am credited with it in catalogue. This was all that was passed, except Mr. Taylor said: it must be Mr. Midgley's bird that was marked absent in class 8. As to Mrs. Corston's remark, one may be excused for not answering if he does not hear. Mr. Taylor says: if I had stated the facts as I knew them to Mr. Midgley, things would have been all right; or something to that effect. It was not my duty to rectify Mr. Taylor's mistakes. If Mr. Taylor when sending Mr. Midgley's prize money had explained to him there had been a mistake in the class, two No. 3's being sent out, I venture to say Mr. Midgley would not have written to your paper when he knew there had been two 4th prizes paid. As to prize card being on Mr. Midgley's cage, that is easily explained. The steward, or whoever put prize cards on, would put it on the first No. 3 he came to, not knowing there was another. The same may be said of the reporter; he would follow the cards. Mr. Taylor says my bird had no card in class 9. Wrong again, Mr. Taylor, it had the 3rd prize card on when I was there on Friday night, and 3rd and 4th both on Saturday, when I was there, both of which I brought out for your inspection, and neither you nor anyone else disputed them. The Hon. Sec. says I entered a bird in class 9 and was also entered in class 78, and only got vhc. Wrong again, Hon. Sec.; the bird in class 9 won 3rd in class 78 and not vhc. Sir, what I said was, Mr. Taylor had transferred the wrong number; the bird that is credited with the transfer is No. 2, variegated, whereas, it should have been No. 3, as this bird was No 3 in each class, and not No. 2 as stated in catalogue, thus making Mr. Vardy and myself of the same opinion, and not as stated in Mr. Taylor's letter to be different. I would also like to state the hen in class 9 was not a variegated, she was a clear body buff with dark cap, a vast difference between this and a variegated or even a clear yellow that Mr. Taylor brought to my house, and yet he says he knew what the hens were before they were judged Mr. Taylor says I stated in my letter of the 18th I admitted I knew there were two No. 3's. Will Mr. Taylor point out what part of the letter this is in? I think, Sir, this puts the top stone on all the mis-statements he has made, and I challenge him to produce in my letter what he has said is there. I leave Mr. Taylor, the Hon. Sec. in the hands of your readers to judge who is most truthful in this case, as I cannot reply to any more such statements. Mr. Taylor brings Mrs. Corston into this. She says he had better leave her out, for it is a poor man who screens himself behind a woman. She also denies his statement as to whose bird won; also regarding bird that was 3rd in class 78. We are not at all colour blind, if Mr Taylor is. Sorry to trespass so far on your valuable space, but as it my last on the subject, I wished to make it as plain as possible C. CORSTON.

LOST MARKINGS.

SIR,—Last summer I bred a Crestbred Cock, a clear Buff Irish with the exception of a grizzle cap. As it moulted it lost its cap, and has come out a quite clear Buff. I have been in the fancy many years, but never had such an experience before, and I wondered if any other fancier had done so. ED. LIGHTON.

EXCURSIONS TO THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I should be glad if you would allow me to bring before readers a notice of excursion to London, February 7th (Crystal Palace Show), as per handbills enclosed. Although not run expressly for the show, we should not have had the cheap tickets unless our society had approached the G.W.R., and we are given to understand that the excursion will be run another year if well patronised now.

THOS. POPE,

Hon. Sec., Western Counties O.S.

[Perusal of the handbill enclosed by Mr. Pope shows that the excursion touches all the Cornish stations on the G.W.R. Co.'s system, from Penzance onwards to Totnes and Exeter, and that one, two or three day tickets may be had at most of them. Fanciers in the district should apply at their local station for one of the handbills, for details of starting, etc.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—To those who intend visiting the Palace Show from the Bradford district, the writer begs to announce that he has again, at the request of a few fanciers who have joined our party in previous years, made arrangements for reserved corridor carriages on the Midland Railway. All those wishing to join the party will please apply to H. H. Towers, Heaton View, Cragg-road, Windhill, or to Mr. R. Garnett, Hon. Sec. C.M.Y. Club, 17, Woodville Terrace, Windhill.

H. H. TOWERS.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR WORCESTER.

SIR,—As we find there are several cage bird fanciers here in Worcester, we are thinking of starting a Cage Bird Society, and we shall be glad if you will insert a notice in this week's CAGE BIRDS asking fanciers to attend a meeting to form the society, at the Black Horse Hotel, Lowesmoor, on Saturday, next, February 1st, at 8 p.m.

A. E. BISHOP, W. MOGAN (of the Potteries Society), and W. PROBERTS.

THE NEW SOCIETY FOR MUSSELBURGH.

SIR,—There was a good attendance of fanciers in McDonald's Rooms, Musselburgh, on January 25th, who met with the object of forming a society for the district. Mr. Pearson was called to the chair, and we soon got to business. It was resolved to christen the new society "The Musselburgh Ornithological Society." After some discussion it was agreed to make it open to all, with an entrance fee of 1s. and 6d. per month subscription, with pen registration 1d. The office-bearers appointed were:—Chairman, Mr. Pearson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. D. Kay; committee, Messrs. Bolton, Kerr, Lumsden, Cavanagh, Ritchie, Watt, Gallaway, Wallace, Dunn, Leckie, Leitch. The next general meeting, to draw up rules, etc., will be held on February 29th, when a large attendance is requested.

D. KAY, Secretary.

A POINT FOR ALL SELLERS OF BIRDS.

SIR,—There is a matter of great importance to buyers that ought to be ventilated. I know of very many cases where people have sent for birds, and have had no intimation from the retailer that the order would have attention. The consequence is, the buyer makes daily visits to the railway station enquiring if they have come. This possibly goes on for a fortnight, or even longer, until they tire of enquiring, and the next news they have is that the birds are at the station dead, owing to the retailer not having sent them notice they were sending the birds on. Only this morning a friend of mine found two Canaries at the station dead. He ordered these two from one man, and a third from another person, and has called regularly every morning since for tidings, with the exception of Sunday morning, when it happened the two were there, and had died before he got them. The least retailers can do is to acknowledge receipt of the order and advise the buyer when they are sending stock off.

W. M. WARNETT.

"THE UNITED KINGDOM LIZARD CANARY SOCIETY."

SIR,—At the meeting of Lizard Canary breeders, held at the Howard Arms, Glossop, last evening, January 26th, 13 prospective members of the new society were present—a fair attendance in such awful weather. It was decided to name the society "The United Kingdom Lizard Canary Society." Also to hold its first business meeting at the Howard Arms, Glossop, at 7 p.m., February 16th next. The following prospective members await election at the next meeting:—Messrs. Barker Clegg, W. Lawton, J. Dewsnap, J. E. Ollevenshaw, J. Hampshire, E. Fuller, C. Fisher, W. Dewsnap, J. Hawksworth, J. Smith, F. Greig, T. Anderton, H. Waters, A. Dove, and J. H. Senior. Lizard fanciers are reminded that this society is not confined to Glossop, but open to the country, and are kindly asked, whether members or not, to make an effort to attend the next meeting.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.). FRED GREIG.

THE INTERESTS OF THE LIZARD CANARY.

SIR,—I see a letter in CAGE BIRDS asking fanciers to form a Society, its object being the promotion of interest in the Lizard Canary. The 14 fanciers who have expressed their opinion of there being need of such a Society must have overlooked the fact that there is already a Society in existence, whose one of two objects is keeping the "Spangle Beauty" at the front, and the members of this Society have sacrificed time and money in the past for its advancement. I speak now, of course, of the Lancashire and Lizard Fanciers' Society, whose secretary, Mr. H. Oliver, lives at Glossop. So having the secretary of the Society, and also several other officials as well, it looks as though Glossop is well enough represented to do without another Society, which reads (according to announcement) as being a local Society, instead of embracing Lizard breeders in all parts of the Kingdom. I notice the mention that a good many novices are also willing to back a new Society up. This may be true, but it will be different from what we find it in the L. and L.F.A., as though we have specially catered for the novices for the last two seasons, we find them anything but eager to second our efforts. Take this as an example: We offer a gold medal for most points in Lizards gained by a novice. What is the result? In 1906-7 we had two competitors, one of these making his initial appearance, I believe, at the last show, the Crystal Palace. The present season 1907-8, speaking from memory, up to the present only one novice has made any effort to win the medal, and in that case he only entered at one show, and so far not a single point has been gained for the medal. Verily, what a rush on the novices' part! Now, I make an appeal on behalf of the old society. Instead of forming a new one, why not join this and help to make it stronger, and if there is anything you take exception to, why not try and make it more progressive and up-to-date, and worthy of what I consider the gem of the Canary tribe? Such stalwarts as Messrs. Hamer, Baker, Ogden, Butterworth, Bardsley, Lowe, Wrigley, Wood, and several others, whose names I cannot think of at present. I quite admit that a younger generation has now the control of the Lizard Fancy, but surely what has been good enough for the men mentioned above should be good enough for present-day fanciers. I have the interest of the bird as much at heart as most, and I personally think that, properly managed, the L. and L.F.A. is quite capable of seeing to its interests, and anything for the improvement of the "Dark 'un" has the support of

JOHN RUKIN.

THE RARE REDPOLL-BULLFINCH HYBRID.

SIR,—I see in your issue of the 25th, Mr. Charles J. Ward still contends that a good specimen of above cross should take premier position if he has size, colour, steadiness, and condition, and goes on to ask if it is fair judgment for those Hybrids that are more easily produced to be placed in front of it. He also takes a slight cut at Mr. Johnson for contending that his (Mr. Ward's) Linnet and Bullfinch is the better bird from an exhibition point of view. Well, did not Mr. C. Houlton, foremost of Hybrid judges, uphold Mr. Johnson's contention at the late St. Helen's show by placing the Linnet and Bullfinch 1st and the Redpoll and Bullie 3rd? In judging those rare Hybrids, certainly rarity should count something, but not everything—not as Mr. Smalldridge thought, viz., it was only requisite to bench one of these rarities to win. If this was the case, it would have a very detrimental effect on Hybrid breeding in general, as every breeder would be rushing off trying for the rarest crosses, to the utter neglect of the older, yet still very beautiful, though commoner, ones. I am indeed sorry to see Mr. Ward take his reverses so badly; be really ought to try and take them more coolly. How many Hybrids has he known win all along the line in their first year? Personally, I have known but one, viz., Mr. Williams' Goldfinch and Bullfinch. I believe this was never beaten. If I am wrong, will Mr. Cunningham kindly put me right, as that gentleman had the said Hybrid during his first season? I bought him after winning at Leicester, and, to my shame let me say, I dared not keep him—he had a very nasty cough when he came to me. Mr. Williams came to my place when I had had him two or three days. He no doubt saw that I was afraid to keep him, so he purchased him along with several more. This Hybrid has not been beaten since going to Friend John, and has won the sectional medal at the Palace Show two years running under two different judges. I very much regret parting with this Hybrid, as from an exhibition point of view he has no compeer, size enormous, shape perfection, and teeming with colour and quality. In my opinion, he is the best Hybrid the world has yet produced. Certainly he is by far the best I have ever seen. Long may he live to grace the bench, for when he is gone I do not think we shall ever see his like again.

WM. JACKSON

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PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR POPLAR.

SIR,—Kindly grant me space in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS to propose a cage bird society for the borough of Poplar. Being only a young fancier myself, I would like some experienced fancier to take this matter up, as I feel sure there are others, like myself, who would like to see and join a cage bird society for Poplar.

WOULD-BE MEMBER.

THE RECENT HUGGLESCOTE SHOW.

SIR,—For the benefit of exhibitors at the above show, held on January 1st, I am sending you a list of awards (or, rather, part of them) just as received from the secretary a week after the show. I might say that I exhibited at this show, after receiving a begging postcard, and managed to get in the money in two classes (according to the marked catalogue received), but although I have written the secretary twice, I cannot even get a reply—never mind prize money. This is the kind of treatment we get after answering begging postcards and doing all one can towards making the show a success. Nor. Yell. (3): 2, Hewitt; r, Herbert. Buff (3): 2, Herbert; r, Herbert; Varieg. Yell (3): 2, Neal; r, Orme. Buff (5): 2, Tyler; 3, Lemon; r, Towers. Unfl. Yell (4): 2, Russell; 3, Hunt; r, Holmes. Buff (6): 2, Neal; 3, Adcock; r, Hunt. Yorks. Yell. (8): 1, Mountain; 2, Foster; 3, Thorp; r, Wall. Buff (7): 1, Wallbank; 3, Anderson; r, Foster. Mules (4): 2, Brotherhood; r, Caunt. British (6): 1, Brotherhood; 3, Poole; r, Tyler. Classes 90, 91, 92 cancelled. Sell., 20s. (5): 2, Russell; 3, Herbert; r, Jeffrey. Sell., 10s. (6): 1, Neal; 3, Wallbank; r, Alderson.

LOUGHBORITE.

SIR,—Referring to the several letters that have appeared in your columns respecting the above show; the same state of things apparently existed last year at this show. I sent two exhibits and obtained a 1st and special and a 3rd in classes with very few entries, and which ought to have been cancelled altogether. I waited a long time for my prize money, and then wrote the secretary, but received no reply. I wrote again, but with the same result. I then rode over to Hugglescote and saw him, but obtained little satisfaction from him. However, after waiting a long time, I received a cheque for 4s., but no "special" which was advertised as being 2s. 6d., given by Mr. James Springthorpe. On the envelope from the secretary, enclosing the cheque, were the words "special to follow." It is before me as I write. I have not had that special to this day, and, of course, have given up troubling about it. I think this is a case where the autocratic, but sleepy C.B.U. might step in and make an investigation—seeing the show was advertised as being under their rules this year.

C. P. SMITH.

A RIFT IN THE LUTE AT DULWICH.

Special general meeting, held Jan. 23rd at the "Montpelier," Choumert Road, Peckham, called at the request of six members, according to the society's rules, with the object of moving that the resolution carried at the annual meeting on Jan. 2nd, should be rescinded. A large number of members turned up. Mr. J. S. Matthes was unanimously elected to take the chair, and conducted the meeting in a very fair and impartial manner throughout.

Mr. A. E. Rogers, in a brief speech moved that the resolution carried at the annual meeting (that new headquarters be found) be rescinded. Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, seconding same, made an eloquent speech in defence of the old headquarters, and Mr. W. Goodwin also spoke at some length in defence. Mr. E. S. Lugg moved as an amendment that the resolution, as carried at the annual meeting should stand. Mr. Lugg made a very forceable speech driving his points well home as to the necessity for the removal of headquarters. Mr H. E. Tringham seconded the amendment.

The chairman here made a few remarks, and then the vote of the meeting was taken. It was decided to do so by ballot, and papers were handed to all present, and upon the same being counted, it was found that 35 had voted for new headquarters being found, and 12 had voted for remaining at the "Herne Tavern." The chairman then declared that the resolution passed at the annual meeting must stand, and the Committee must find new headquarters for the society's meetings and business. The election of officers was next taken, the following gentlemen being unanimously elected:: Patron: H. Bonar Law, M.P.; President: Mr. J Robson; vice-presidents: Messrs. R. Brownlie, T. Brydon, A. E Crowhurst, G. Dansie, D Mabey, R. Glendening, G. Sands, J. Waterman: Hon. Treasurer: Mr. T. Boydon; Hon. Solicitor: Mr. H. R. B. Tweed; Hon. Auditors: Messrs. F. S. Matthes and W. Morris; Hon. Assist.-Sec: F. Cole; Committee: Messrs. H. E. Tringham (chairman), E. S. Lugg, W. J. Cranfield, A. Cunningham, N. A. Meredith, L. J. Richardson, F. Johnson, J. Hazell, F. Cole; Hon. Sec.: W. Hodson. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. After the meeting the following gentlemen handed in their resignations: Messrs. G. F. Woolhouse, A. E. Rogers, C. L. S. Mazzoni and Wilmote. The room at the "Montpelier," the future headquarters of the Society, is in fact, a small hall, with every comfort and convenience, an entrance entirely separate from the house, close to Rye Lane Station and the electric trams to all parts, and members, I am sure, will not be slow to recognise its many advantages. It is well-known locally as the home of several high-class musical societies. The Committee are arranging a series of lectures and demonstrations by experts, in addition to a country ramble, and the usual shows (pair show, young bird show, and annual open show), and ask the members to show their appreciation by attending the meetings and supporting the shows. Unity is strength. Members help your Committee, and then I feel sure that Dulwich and Peckham will indeed be able to claim the good old title, "Nulli Secundus." W. HODSON, hon. sec.

SIR,—It has been decided by about forty supporters to form a new Society to meet the requirements of the locality. It is proposed to name it "The Dulwich Ornithological Society." It will be conducted on up-to-date, progressive lines and will be open to membership to the United Kingdom. The inaugural meeting will take place at The Herne Hotel, Peckham Rye, on February 3rd at 8 p.m., Mr. G. F. Woolhouse in the chair. Will all interested make an effort to attend? If they cannot they will please forward names and addresses to us.—Rogers and Mazzoni, hon. secretaries (pro tem), 182, Upland Road, East Dulwich.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that I have resigned my position in the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. It was not, however, without a wrench, for to disassociate oneself from an organisation which one proposed and helped to form is a wrench which can be easily understood. I should like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Society for returning me at the head of the poll by ballot at the recent election of officers for 1908. Their confidence is a consolation under present circumstances.—G. F. WOOLHOUSE, late chairman and show manager.

AMALGAMATION OF CLASSES AT MALVERN SHOW.

SIR,—Some time ago I received a schedule of Malvern show stating there was a class for Yorkshires yellow, and one for buff. I sent a bird in the buff class, and to my surprise, on reading your valuable paper, I found the above-named show had amalgamated buffs and yellows, making a class of 16 birds. Now, I think, Sir, this is very unfair, seeing that other shows will make two classes if there are only five birds in each class, giving half prize money. I do not complain simply because I did not win a prize or card, but for unfairness of amalgamation. I am only a young beginner in the Fancy, and I can assure you it will make me fight shy of such shows as Malvern in future. W. H. UZZELL.

THE LATE MR. E. J. PHILPOT.

SIR,—In your last issue you state the late Mr. E. J. Philpot belonged to Faversham, but he was bred and born in Canterbury. The Fancy has lost a true friend. Although not having the time to keep birds, he never lost the great love and interest he had in them when breeding and exhibiting the Norwich Plainhead. He will be best remembered as exhibiting the champion N.P., "Canterbury Pilgrim." This bird won everywhere exhibited, har the Palace, where he twice stood cardless. He took 2nd at the Palace with a clear Buff hen, and was also fairly successful at the shows held at Lords, Agricultural Hall, and the Royal Aquarium with N. Plainheads and British. He was very fond of the Hawfinch and Bullfinch, and of these two species he always had a good one. He had had a very successful business career—from errand boy to one of the largest motor and cycle agents in Kent. The deceased was held in the highest possible respect and esteem by all he came in contact with. Letters of condolence were received by the widow and family from Lord Milner, the Dean of Canterbury, Mr. H. Heaton, M.P., etc. There were 57 beautiful floral wreaths sent to the funeral, including one from the Canterbury Fanciers' Society, which he always helped, both financially and otherwise. A member of the committee, he was here, there, and everywhere during the whole time our show was being held. The deceased left a widow, two sons, and two daughters to mourn his loss.- R. PATTERSON.

THE STANDARD LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—Permit me to say a few words in your columns in reply to Mr. House's article on the above. Mr. H. states that the standard adopted by the S.Y.C.C. (and which was in force at Plymouth) is "That the Yorkshire Canary shall 'not exceed' 6¾ inches in length." Where does Mr. H. find the words "not exceed"? Under the scale of points, in the S.Y.C.C. handbook, it reads: Size.—For length 6¾ inches, with corresponding symmetrical proportions. Neither do the words "not exceed" appear in the Yorkshire Canary Club Rule Book. Mr. H. alludes to one of the birds being mine and to me being secretary of the S.Y.C.C., and as such I hold that I have not violated the club's standard, and this view is evidently upheld by Messrs. Mundell, Robson, Payne, and Halliday, all of whom have well placed the bird in question this season viz. third at Battersea, first and diploma best cock at Hastings, and fourth at the Horticultural Hall, where the Y.C.C. Cup competition was given. All these gentlemen are Yorkshire Union judges. Conceding Mr. H. his point (although I do not admit it) that the bird is 7⅜ inches long, I venture to say there were few birds in the class his superior in feather and narrowness at the shoulder. Mr. H. would have us to believe these two birds were the only long ones, as he terms them, at Plymouth. Had he lost his measure when he came to the marked class, as he put one in the money which I think is quite as long? They were compared together at the Horticultural Hall. One matter of great importance is, "Which is the correct way to measure a bird?" This question arose at Great Horton Show last week, when several well-known breeders and exhibitors expressed the opinion that a bird should not be stretched, but laid in a cloth and measured. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. J. Wilman at Great Horton, who stated that he should not hesitate to show a bird of seven inches or over. Mr. H. names this gentleman when he speaks of the conference. At Great Horton Show several birds were shown, with distinction, quite as long as mine, in both sections. Mr. H. says size and length are easy enough to breed. I have always heard that length was very difficult to keep up, and my experience teaches me such. That birds the same length as the two which Mr. H. refers to will always be seen on the show bench, and winning, is the opinion of

J. W. RENNIE.

SIR,—Seeing that Mr. House has seen fit to mention my exhibit passed by him at Plymouth, in his article on "The Standard Length of the Yorkshire," I would crave a few lines of your space to reply to him, and I trust you will allow me the same freedom of speech in answering him as he has used in his article.

Before debating the question proper, I would draw Mr. House's attention to the following remarks made by Mr. R. Halliday at the S.Y.C.C. first feather show some 18 months ago. In answer to a query re the length of show Yorkshires, he replied that he considered you could not have a show Yorkshire too long, providing he did not fail in other show properties. As regards Mr House's contention that he only judged according to the Yorkshire Standard, as laid down by the Yorkshire Union, and to which he argues the S.Y.C.C. is subservient, that is absurd, as it is well-known that Mr. J. Hawes' green marked bird is well over standard length, and he put it in the money at Plymouth, thus showing by his own inconsistency he is not master of his subject. He says amongst some of the critics of his action at Plymouth there are those who have condemned him for not disqualifying the two exhibits in question; if they are anything like some of those who have been airing their superior(?) knowledge through the Press, I should not, were I Mr. House, take much notice of their diatribes. In his somewhat rambling criticism of the S.Y.C.C. rules, he draws attention to a statement, in which he insinuates to bolster up his case that the S.Y.C.C. rules do not permit of birds being shown over length. Nothing of the sort; in both the Y.C.C. and the S.Y.C.C. standards it states under the heading of size, Length 6¾ inches with corresponding symmetrical proportion. No mention is made in either handbook forbidding birds over 6¾ inches in length to be shown. He goes on to say that at Manningham show, none of the big birds were there that are so prominent in the South. Why? because, no doubt the exhibitors knowing this particular judge's fad, kept them at home on this occasion Surely in the face of Mr. Crisp's uncontradicted statement that over length birds are winning at Bradford West, he will not deny that no over length birds are shown in Yorkshire with success. "Size and length are easy enough to breed Never was a greater fallacy uttered, and this proves to my mind that Mr. House has yet a lot to learn of the actual breeding of Yorkshire Canaries. How many birds are bred over 6¾ inches in length in each breeder's room each season? Remarkably few. I can flatly contradict Mr. House and say size and length are the hardest to breed and maintain, the laws of reversion and evolution are much too strong to allow these attributes of the Yorkshire to be so easily produced, and if a Yorkshire possesses all those other lovely characteristics of the variety and is over 6¾ inches long as well, so much the better.

To sum up I would ask Mr. House to answer the following questions:—

(1) If it is essential to judge to exact length 6¾ inches, why not throw out birds for being under length, seeing that birds over 6¾ inches long are bred equally as good in feather and type as those under 6¾ inches long? All practical authoritics are agreed that length is the hardest feature to breed and maintain.

(2) If it is not divulging a confidence, to give the name of the fancier who refused this wonderful yellow, that won at Sandy Lane and nine times after.

(3) Does he deny that birds at Yorkshire Union Shows are winning, that are over standard (6¾ inches) length?

In conclusion, I would gladly like to see this question publicly debated, and for preference between Mr. Crisp and Mr. House, probably an S.Y.C.C. meeting could be called for the occasion; hoping Mr. House will deign to reply to the various points raised.

R. P. BROOME.

[We have scored out of Mr. Broome's letter some personal derogations such as are common amongst disappointed exhibitors, with whom we feel sure Mr. Broome would not wish to be classed. The gratuitous abusing of our judges seems to be popular, but it adds nothing to the dignity of the exhibiting fraternity and detracts considerably from the force of the arguments employed.—EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

SIR,—Re Mr. C. A. House's article on standard length of Yorkshires, I am pleased to see this matter taken up by some one, as in the North birds have been winning over standard length for some time. I called attention some two years ago to it through your valuable paper, when the now President of the Yorkshire Union accused me of "stabbing in the back" for not signing name, but when through your paper, I asked a few questions and signed name, he declined to reply. Now the standard length question wants settling once for all. When you see judges putting birds first at shows held under Union rules which are above standard length and ought to be in stock bird classes, there is something wrong. I maintain that if a judge accepts a judging appointment under Union rules he should judge to rules irrespective of his own opinion, and Yorkshire Union members should impress upon their Committee to see that this is done. I visited two Yorkshire shows to see what type of bird the judges went for. Now at one, he went for plenty of size, several big stock birds winning, well over standard length whilst at the other he kept well to standard, and went in for type and quality, which we want, not the big, coarse birds which are winning (as your correspondent, Mr. Gibbs, describes). But what are we to expect if Presidents of the Unions are supporting 7¼ and over birds? H. GREEN.

THE "MISSING" SHOW AT DEWSBURY.

SIR,—With regard to the "missing" show, which should have been held at Dewsbury, and which purported to be got up by Messrs. Mason and Son, silversmiths and rabbit breeders (as advertised in their schedule), I sent them entries in the cage bird section and 3s. entry fees. I washed my birds and got them ready for the show to be held on January 3rd, but on January 2nd I received a postcard saying the show was postponed until January 17th owing to entries being practically nil. But up to the time of writing this letter I have received no money—only another card saying the show was cancelled. I then wrote asking them to return my entry fees, but I have neither seen nor heard anything since. Now, if this sort of thing goes on, I am sure cage bird shows will soon be a thing of the past. S. W.

Cleckheaton.

SIR,—Will you please state in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS, that the promoters of the said show have no connection with the Dewsbury and District C.B.S. I might say I sent two entries to the show, and I have never seen the money, nor have I had any answers to my letters, at least up to the time of writing this. I shall be only too pleased to join with the other exhibitors to try and make them "stump up."

FRED FAWCETT.

BEGINNERS; YOU MUST read the ANNUAL

RARE-FEATHERED BIRDS AT THE SHOWS.

SIR,—From the tone of the letters from the opposition party, poor Hay seems to be in for a severe winter, they evidently trading on his lack of experience and want of education, and as Mr. W. declines to accept the invitation to enter the field, it is evident this present correspondence is not nearing the settling of that important question, re Albinos, etc., being allowed competition. One can clearly see, I won't go so far as the opposition and say "with their eyes shut," but open eyes, that points not at issue are being introduced, and I hope my antagonists will refrain from doing so. It is no gain to any of us, and like my last letter, I hope they will take the hint and adhere to facts. What Mr. Taylor profits by rushing into print deliberate untruths, he will best explain. I have not, as yet, Tom, met with them injuries you imagine, neither am I out of the ship, but am only working my notice, and let me say we have not yet entered the last port you say I left at, yet I can see it faintly from the offing, and, although ship may keep afloat, under such able management, yet should she go down, be well advised and make an attempt to save yourself, as most British A.B.'s would do. Re your remark, me accusing Gateshead Committee not doing and exceeding their duty, it is tantamount, but wishing proper form, I can only put it, "They failed to perform what I expected of them." Re the song without a tune, I am no musical expert, but would suggest the tune to be a merry going one; if you are convinced you have the song complete, try some local expert to supply you with a tune to the song in prose, but be careful he does not trade on your want of education. Am I to credit your statement that you have already forgot what you did write to me only four weeks ago, while you lead readers to believe you remember me writing a few weeks ago, anent Berwick show. Keep to the point, Tom. No white feathers. 'Tis these feathers that has set the ball a rolling. Why not tell the readers their few weeks is a little over twenty. How do you remember what you told me that far back? If you considered it valuable, tell the readers little of it was acted upon, save affiliating to C.B.U., and I dispute if Berwick gained much by so doing; also the two firms you advised to deal with, neither was accepted by Berwick Committee. Neither did you tell me if you had any Albinos, etc. entered, we were to disqualify them. Why omit this important item? So much for your visit to Berwick, and information, whether learned backwards or forwards. Nevertheless, you enjoyed your visit, was made welcome; why not rush it into print at the time; as friends we met, departed, and is yet, If I am not intruding, and many happy returns of the day, but all rights reserved next time. Stick to facts, Tom, and don't say I tried to teach you how to manage a show. I only wish you to word your schedule as you would like it read, not to read one way and its definition read another. You will insist upon my bird not being disqualified. I again say "according to your schedule" that it was disqualified. All birds debarred from competition are disqualified. You say my bird was judged, yet wrong classed; the first time I knew of birds wrong classed being judged, was it in that class, to my knowledge, five birds were wrong classed, perhaps more, were all these judged, if so, please let me know how the cards were placed. Re wrong classing without another proper one, if you read my last letter right, Tom, you will see in my reply to Mr. W., I only quote Gateshead, no other Society; Gateshead catered for all varieties. Again, your memory leads you astray, or your statement is a deliberate lie; I paid 1s. 6d. to you for this bird to be allowed competition at Gateshead show, and which it was never allowed. Re the colouring of Greenfinches, my bird in any sense is a Greenfinch, and anent standard colour, am I to believe, Tom, the grass green Greenfinch and grass green Border Fancy is identical in colour, if not, which is the correct grass colour. Then how is the handsome bronze green, which won at one of the leading shows in Scotland a month ago, also non-fed, red and yellow-fed Greenies allowed to compete in this standard grass green class. Will you please tell me, Tom, what colour my Greenfinch is? Re G.B., if I misled myself, seeing him take the field, I am sorry, and hope I have not hurt his feelings. Yet, I don't think I make much mistake, as again, he aims at impossible tasks. Neither you, Mr. Buck, or any genius is able to convince a man against his will, and re wrong classing, it might just be possible Mr. W. was wrong in his action. My bird G.B. was shown in the A.O.V. in Members' section at Gateshead, and our greatest form of variegation lies in these Albinos or mis-marked birds. If not allowed to compete in such classes they must not be British birds at all. Why put a question to me when you fail or refuse to answer mine? But to yours, I say, I would judge the lot for type, quality and condition taking or making colour only a secondary matter, and suppose there was a pure white or black one in class, I would judge it like the rest, on above conditions, and if I did not think it merited a prize, then it would not get one, like a lot many more in the class, it must take a back seat, and my experience would not allow me to disqualify or wrong class it, unless I could prove it was not a Greenfinch, or for irregular trimming, etc. If Mr. W. had taken them steps, then I could have said nothing. My question to you G.B. was a reasonable one. I have seen all these birds mentioned exhibited at different shows, and if it is possible to be at various shows then it is possible for them all to be at one, and if that show had only one class for A.V. British, they must all go in it: hence my putting the question. It is no impossibility. A. HAY.

[We have, under the circumstances, allowed Mr. Hay a latitude we are not prepared to extend to other correspondents. He seems, in the above letter, printed as it was sent, to have entirely strayed from the point under discussion, and unless Messrs. Taylor and Buck choose to reply, the matter may now very well close. We would ask both those gentlemen, however, to confine their remarks to the question of the Albino Greenfinch.—EDITOR.]

Several letters unavoidably held over.

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THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

Some Particulars of the Great Forty-ninth Annual Event.

On Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday next, February 7, 8, 10 and 11, the great carnival looked forward to every year by bird-lovers in every corner of the United Kingdom will once again be in full swing at the Crystal Palace. We anticipate that the fixture will prove the same irresistible attraction as of yore, and bring birdie men from far and near to fraternise beneath the roof of the "great glass house." We hear from many quarters, of parties being made up with the object of visiting the time-honoured show, and there is every indication of an enthusiastic crowd—in all probability a record-breaking one—finding its way to Sydenham. It is pleasing to know that a splendid collection of birds will be there for one and all to look over, that practically all the noted "champions" will meet for one last tussle, and that visitors are thus assured a most interesting time. The show will open at 3 o'clock on the Friday, and will close on the Tuesday, at 4 p.m. On the Friday, Saturday, and Monday the time of closing is from 9.30 to 10 p.m. On the Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, the exhibition is opened at 10 a.m.

The show at the Palace will be under the sole management of Mr. J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine-avenue, Brixton Hill, S.W., who will accept orders for stalls and dispatch all birds at close of show. Letters for Mr. Ramsden should be addressed direct to the Crystal Palace on the days of the show. Mr. H. Lambert Brown, 64, Manor Park, Lee, S.E., will dispatch tickets, labels, etc., also pay prize and sale money.

The usual Judges' lunch will be held in the Grill Room on February 7th. Covers at 2 o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Tickets for exhibitors and friends will be supplied by the show manager on application. Ladies are specially invited.

CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the Palace, and we shall be pleased to welcome visitors and friends.

Result of Judging.

Telegrams or letters asking for result of judging cannot be answered by the authorities. Under these circumstances CAGE BIRDS will be pleased to supply exhibitors with the result in any class upon compliance with the following rules—

1. Fully stamped (prepaid) post-cards, letters, or telegraph forms must reach us, at 154, Fleet Street, not later than February 5th.

We will do our best to despatch as soon as judging permits. Any sent to the Palace direct will be treated last.

2 The number of each exhibit and number of class must be stated, and spaces left blank for awards. For instance:—Jones, 15, Aberystwyth Terrace, Swansea.—Class 30, 259 ——; Class 31, 263——

3. All applicants for results at the Palace must write "Result" on top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Excursions to the Palace Show.

All railways, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, are running excursions for this show (except the S.E. and C.R.). I append short details of excursions running on Saturday, February 8th. In addition to these, most lines are booking week-end trips and in some cases special bookings on Thursday, 6th, for three or five days. Full details and times can be had for the asking at any railway station. I hope fanciers will patronise these trips, as unless the trains are fairly well filled, it is doubtful if the railway companies will run similar excursions another year.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—In addition to the usual week-end and regular excursions, on Saturday, February 8th, from Carlisle, Carnforth, Lancaster and Morecambe for three, six, or eight days. From Chesterfield, Hull, Lincoln, Manchester, Liverpool, Newark, Sheffield, York, and most stations in Lancashire and Yorkshire districts for one, three, five or eight days. Also from Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Kettering, Bedford, Northampton, for one, two, or three days.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY, Saturday, Feb. 8th, from Sheffield, Worksop, Derby, Ilkeston, Nottingham, etc., for one, two, three, five, or eight days. Hertford, Dunstable, St. Albans, Hatfield, Hitchin, Luton, Huntingdon, Sandy, and most intermediate stations for half or one day.

GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY.—Saturday, February 8th, from principal stations north of Nottingham, for one, three, five or eight days; also from Rugby, Loughborough, Leicester, and many intermediate stations.

GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY.—Saturday, February 8th, from Hull, York, Doncaster, Lincoln, Sleaford, Cromer, Norwich, Wells, Dereham, Ely, Lynn, Wisbech, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Beccles, and most intermediate stations for one, two, three, or six days; also from Cambridge, half or one day.

LONDON AND SOUTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.—Saturday, February 8th, from Weymouth, Dorchester, Salisbury, Holsworthy, Bideford, Seaton, Axminster, Chard, Crewkerne, Southampton, Winchester, Reading, Aldershot, Woking, many intermediate stations and most stations within 30 miles of London.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—List not yet to hand. Apply at G.W.R. Stations; also see letter from Mr. Pope in correspondence columns this week.—Editor).

Routes for Visitors.

For convenience of visitors, we append the best routes to the Palace from the various railway termini:—

PADDINGTON (G.W.R.).—Take the underground from Praed Street to Victoria or Aldersgate Street; then the Chatham Railway to the Crystal Palace High Level Station.

MARYLEBONE (G.C.R.).—"Bakerloo" tube to Elephant and Castle; then transfer to Chatham Railway to High Level Station.

EUSTON (L.N.W.R.), ST. PANCRAS (M.R.), and KING'S CROSS (G.N.R.).—Underground to Aldersgate Street; or 'bus to Ludgate Hill or Holborn Viaduct, and then Chatham Railway to Palace.

LIVERPOOL STREET (G.E.R.).—Rail direct, via New Cross; or 'bus to London Bridge, Holborn Viaduct, or Ludgate Hill, and then by L.B. and S.C. or Chatham Railway.

WATERLOO (L. and S.W.R.).—Take half-penny car to Elephant and Castle; then transfer to Chatham Railway.

Victoria, Ludgate Hill, St. Paul's, Snow Hill, Holborn Viaduct, Moorgate Street, and London Bridge.—Rail direct to the Palace from these stations.

Direct trains to the Palace also run from Willesden and Clapham Junctions.

A Record Entry.

Wednesday evening found our representative "interviewing" Messrs. H. Lambert Brown and J. W. Ramsden, the enterprising and energetic show managers. Put in "telegraphic" form the summary of the information obtained might be expressed thus:—

APPROXIMATELY 2,350 ENTRIES: 350 UP: A RECORD.

Messrs. Lambert Brown and Ramsden were being assisted, when we found them, by Mrs. Lambert Brown and Miss Russell, making as good a quartette of real workers as one could desire. Our informants were of the opinion that the entry for this year was "simply splendid"—a very gratifying and encouraging position of affairs. We give below an estimate—it can only be a rough estimate—of the numbers of entries in the various classes.

CANARIES.

Norwich Plainheads	400	Scotch Fancy	20
Crests	80	Rollers	100
Cinnamons	80	Belgians	30
Border Fancy	170	Lizards	50

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

About 180 (including 7 Canary Bullies, as last year).

BRITISH BIRDS.

About 500 in all. Goldfinches 53; Bullfinches 34; Linnets 32; Chaffinches 23; Bramblefinches 27; Greenfinches 29; Hawfinches 21 (a really good class). The Any other class includes a white Sparrow, a white Linnet, a white Blackbird, a silver Goldfinch and a black Bullfinch. In the Magpie, Jackdaw, Jay and Chough class there are 16 entries.

FOREIGN.

The Foreign classes have filled well, and include some Black-headed Caiques (a very rare species), a Red-headed Oven Bird and a Black-headed Sugar bird. Two King Birds of Paradise have been entered at £1,000 each.

Perhaps the chief feature in connection with the entries is the Common section which, while it received about 23 entries last year, this year receives about 80—surely a healthy sign. The Belgians, which only just missed being cancelled" altogether last year, this year stand with about 30 entries. The Fancy in this direction seems therefore, by no means to be dying out. The Yorkshiremen, as usual, are well to the fore in their respective classes, and the Norwich men are also more than ever in evidence.

Exhibitors hail from far and near. Entries have been received from all parts of Scotland, England, and Wales, while even Ireland has not failed to send her quota. One exhibitor, at least, seems to have made up his mind to capture the "special" for the "longest distance exhibit," he sending from Fort William. By the time his bird has returned home it will have travelled nigh 1,200 miles. Mr. C. T. Maxwell is probably the largest exhibitor. A healthy feature of the show is that very few classes have had to be cancelled, showing not only the growth of the cage bird Fancy in general, but also an increasing confidence in the management.

The Crystal Palace Company have promised that the heating arrangements shall be on the same successful lines as last year.

A record number of railway excursions has been provided for. Most of these arrangements with the various railway companies were made as far back as November, but in compliance with the railway regulations the announcement had to be postponed until about the third week before the show. Mr. Ramsden, in this column, gives clear particulars of these excursions.

Despatching Birds to the Show.

All exhibitors are requested to send off their birds by trains timed to reach London not later than three o'clock. They will then reach the Palace in good time.

Meetings at the Palace.

The Crystal Palace Company have this year again decided to let the Board Rooms for specialist club meetings at a fee of 10s. 6d. for each club. So application for rooms must be made to the manager of the Palace and not to Mr. Ramsden.

A touch of humour (albeit evidence of real interest taken in the well being of the exhibits) is embodied in Mr. Ramsden's closing remark, when he told us that he had ordered a camp bed for the show nights. "I've had enough of sleeping on benches!" he added.

THE SHOWS.

EAST BOWLING AND DIST. B.F.A,

The society held on January 25th, their first show of the season for 1908, for gold and silver medals and other prizes. The entry was good, and some very good birds were staged. Mr. T. Ogden officiated as judge.

CLASS 1 (6): 1, vhc, Varley; 2, Thompson; 3, Casey; 4, Bleazard; hc, Cowell. 2 (11): 1, Cowell; 2, Bottomley; 3, Firth; 4, Bleazard; vhc, Casey; hc, Bywater; c, Varley. 3 (3): 1, 3, Varley; 2, Bottomley. 4 (5): 1, Warburton; 2, 3, Bottomley; 4, Casey; vhc, Firth. 5 (9): 1, hc, Cowell; 2, Varley; 3, Thompson; 4, Casey; vhc, Firth; c, Warburton. 6 (4): 1, Thompson; 2, Bottomley; 3, 4, Varley. 7 (5): 1, 3, 4, Bottomley; 2, Bleazard; vhc, Thompson. 8 (5): 1, Casey; 2, Bleazard; 3, vhc, Bottomley; 4, Firth. 9 (5): 1, 3, Bleazard; 2, Cowell; 4, Thompson; vhc, Firth. 11 (11): 1, 4, Clark; 2, Gledhill; 3, Battersley; vhc, Robinson and Sharp; hc, Dawson; c, Hodgson. 12 (12): 1, 2, vhc, Clark; 3, Pacey Bros.; 4, Dawson; hc, Battersby; c, Mitchell. 13 (13): 1, Battersby; 2, Gledhill; 3, Robinson and Sharp; 4, vhc, Palframan: hc, c, Clark. 14 (13): 1, Battersby; 2, Palframan; 3, Robinson and Sharp; 4, c, Clark; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Gledhill.—J. E. HUDSON, Sec.

FROME F.S.

The Frome Fanciers' Society held a very successful members' show, at the Lamb Hotel, on January 18th. The six classes provided contained 44 pairs. To these, three classes were added for single birds. Competition was very keen all through, especially in the Norwich Crest classes, and we doubt if ever a finer lot of Crests was ever seen at any of the open shows that have been held in the district. Mr. Young, the indefatigable secretary, was assisted by Messrs. Tottie, Edwards, H. H. Coombs (treasurer), Miss Walker and other members. Mr. A. A. Poole (Bristol), judged in a most painstaking manner, and gave entire satisfaction to all.

CREST PAIRS (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, Tottle, good team, wonderful size and feather; 4, vhc, hc, Young, nice pair leading; c, Stock. NORWICH PAIRS (8): 1, spl, Tottle, lovely, deep, rich colour, neat head, plenty of substance, grand pair; 2, Miss Walker, nice quality and type; 3, Dodge, nice pair; vhc, Moore; hc, c, Beaven. YORKS. PAIRS (4): 1, 2, 3, Miss Walker, grand team, leading pair, well up, wins easy; 4, Mrs. White. A.O.V. PAIRS (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Minty, leading with grand pair of Lancashires, good style, substance and coppy properties, 2 another good pair of Lancs., close up, 3rd was a very good, deep coloured Cinnamon; vhc, Dodge; hc, Edgell. PAIRS FOR MULE BREEDING (8): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Edwards, real good team, well matched pairs; 2, c, Barnes, extra large Greenle, nice yellow hen; vhc, Biggs; hc, Edgell. PAIRS FOR HYB.: 1, spl, hc, Barnes, cock Greenle, hen Bullie, big, bouncing pair, lovely colour and feather, wins silver medal for best pair shown by a novice, well selected; 2, Minty, cock Goldie, hen Bullie, again of good size and grand colour, close up; 3, 4, vhc, Edwards. SINGLE CAN., ETC. (13): 1, spl, 3, Tottle, beautiful grey crested hen leading Crest of good size, very heavy frontal, 3 buff coppy cock, has wonderful large, spreading coppy, monster in every respect, 2nd young green crest-bred, good skull and feather; 4, Minty, good variegated Goldie mule, in splendid condition; hc, White; c, Walker. BRIT. (11): 1, 3, Wheeler; 2, Young; vhc Barnes; 4, Robins; ex. 3, Dodge, all good birds, well worth their places.

CALOW.

The seventh annual show of the Calow and Dist. F.A. took place on Jan. 18, at the Market Hall, Chesterfield, when a large number of visitors patronised the show. The cage bird section was a great success. The secretaries, Messrs. Parker and Rhodes, are deserving of great credit for their good management. They were supported in an able manner by Messrs. W. Evans (chairman), and D. Devonport (vice-chairman); Mr. W. Vardy (Shuckall Hathwaite) judged.

NOR. COL. FED (14): 1, 2, Harris, 1st, clear Yellow, grand type, quality and colour; 2nd, clear buff, good type, quality, nice colour; 3, 4, Bailey, clear yellow grand size, colour and quality, well put down; 4, eye and wing marked, good size, nice type; vhc, Goucher; hc, Gentle Bros.; c, Greaves. YORKS. YELL. COL. FED (9): 1, Harris, marked back of head and wing, good length, with best of wing carriage, nice quality and colour; 2, Goucher, clear, good length, well up on leg, nice wing carriage; 3, Turner, good quality; 4, Brunet, nice bird; vhc, c, Trueman; hc, Lancaster; c, Gee. BUFF (7): 1, cup, vhc, hc, Goucher, 1st grand clear, well up on leg, good length, best of quality and colour, good wing carriage, shown in good form; 2, 4, Hudson, 2 nice length, good quality, well up on leg, 4, another nice bird; c, Trueman. NOR. NON-FED (4): 1, Hudson, good type, nice head and neck, and best of quality; 2, Burge, Hollingworth, nice size, quality; 3, Preskey, another very nice bird. YORKS. YELL. NON-FED (5): 1, Hudson, variegated, good length, best of quality, well up on leg, straight as a dart; 2, 4, Goucher, 2nd, good length, nicely drawn bird, good wing carriage; 4th, another nice bird. 3, Burge and Hollingsworth, grand quality, splendid wings and tail. BUFF (5): 1, Hudson, very nicely drawn bird, grand quality, good wing carriage; 2, vhc, Goucher; 2, nice length, quality; 3, Gentle Bros., good quality, shown in the pink; 4, Bennet. A.O.V. NON FED (6): 1, Smedley, green Crest of nice size, good quality of feather, well shown; 2, Dent, green Yorks., nice style, well up on leg; 3, Dunks, heavily marked Nor., quality all there; 4, Preskey, green Nor., nicely shown; vhc, Trueman. BRIT (9): 1, 3, 4, Milne, 1st Wagtail, 3rd Treepipit, 4th Whitethroat, all shown in grand form, and all well known winners; 2, Gentle Bros., Hawfinch, grand size and colour; vhc, Greaves, good Linnet; hc, Hudson; c, Preskey. FOR. (5): 1, Hulley, Grey Parrot, shown in nice form; 2, 3, Bullington, 2 nice ring neck Parrakeets, in grand form, well up to winner; 3, another Grey Parrot; 4, Trueman, Budgerigars; vhc, Greaves. HYBRIDS (4): 1, 3, 4, Preskey, all three dark Goldfinch and Canary, 1st best in colour, not a deal to choose between the others; 2 (no name), Variegs., Goldfinch Mule. LOCAL CANARY: 1, 2, Turner; 3, 4, Goucher, all nice birds.

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A members' show was held at the above Institute on Jan. 15th. The cards were ably placed by Mr. F. Jackson (Peterboro') to the satisfaction of all present. The Norwich and British classes came up very nicely, Messrs. Handley and Son and H. Rogers being the chief winners in the Norwich section.

NORWICH: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Handley and Son; vhc, Harper; hc, Curry. NAT. COL.: 1, 3, two vhc, Rogers; 2, Handley; hc, Ramsdale; hc, Cox. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Handley and Son; 3, Curry; vhc, Harrold. A.O.V. NAT. COL.: 1, Handley and Son; 2, 3, vhc, Cox; hc, Ramsdale. BRIT., ETC.: 1, 3, Harper; 2, vhc, Cox; vhc, hc, Hipwell. FOR.: 1, vhc, Hipwell; 2, Harper; 3, Simmons; vhc, Curry; vhc, Mowbray; hc, Cox. SELL. (10/-): 1, vhc, Curry; 2, Rogers; 3, Harper; hc, Ramsdale. Special best colour-fed Canary, C. Handley and Son; best Nat. Col. Canary, Rogers; best in classes 27, 28, 29, Hipwell, Geo. E. H. Bellamy.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

The annual members' show was held at the new headquarters, "Prince Albert" Hotel, on January 25th. A better room for the purpose it would be difficult to find, there being plenty of light and space. About eighty birds were staged, and contained many winners in the open. The secretary, Mr. Bowes, looked well after the exhibits. Competition was very close in most of the classes, very little dividing the first three. Some very nice Norwich were staged by Messrs. Weaver, Willoughby and Garfield, and some good Yorks. by Messrs. Howes, Fallows and Millincamp. The British classes contained some very choice specimens, the winning Goldie and Hawfinch shown by Mr. Osborne being gems. In the Mule and Hybrid classes some very good exhibits were staged, the winning Goldie-Greenie of Mr. Tonk's being a lovely example. It took "special" for best in show; Mr. Weaver took "special" for most points with 88, and Mr. Howes second with 41. Mr. Arthur C. Brotherhood judged.

Two classes were provided for Rollers, and Mr. Whittaker (Moses Gate, Bolton), judged. He also explained the different rolls, etc., of the best birds. This proved very interesting to the many visitors from Birmingham and other neighbouring towns. During the afternoon the room was packed. Some very good birds were there, including two which the judge brought himself. All of them responded, and Mr. Whittaker did his best to explain the different parts of their song to the satisfaction of every one present. Such information was very valuable, and could not be given in any other way but by having the birds before them. One prize only was given for old birds, and this went to Mr. J. H. Willows, he being a very easy winner. In the young bird class, 15 came before the judge, some of them being very good. 1st, M. Jacquemin; this bird has a beautiful range of tours, and ran his score up to 27 points. 2nd, Willows, 16 points; 3rd, Jacquemin, 15 points; vhc, Jacquemin, 15; hc, Willows, 13; c, Gibbons, 11 points.

NOR., CL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Weaver; hc, Willoughby. TICK. ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Weaver; vhc, Garfield. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, 3, Weaver; 2, Garfield; vhc, Willoughby. BUFF: 1, 2, Weaver; 3, Willoughby. HEN, YELL.: 1, Garfield; 2, 3, Weaver; vhc, hc, Willoughby. BUFF: 1, vhc, Willoughby; 2, 3, Weaver. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Howes; vc No. 1. BUFF: 1, Howes; 2, Fallows. UNFLL.: 1, Millincamp; 2, 3, vhc, Howes; hc, Fallows. HEN: 1, 3, Millincamp; 2, vhc, hc, Howes. CINN.: 1, Weaver. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Weaver; 3, Hughes. GOLDFINCH: 1, vhc, Osborne; 2, Tonks; 3, Weaver; hc, Machin. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, vhc, hc, Osborne; 2, Barrett; 3, Machin; c, Howes. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Machin. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Osborne; vhc, Weaver; hc, Howes. SOFTBILL: 1, Jones. LIGHT MULE: 1, Barrett; 2, Weaver; 3, vhc, hc, Tonks. HYBRID: 1, spl, 2, Tonks. FOR.: 1, 2, Jones. SELL.: 1, 3, vhc, Millincamp; 2, Weaver; hc c, Roberts.

WALLASEY.

Held January 23rd. It has been the custom in previous years to hold two night shows, viz., a British bird show and a show of pairs matched for breeding purposes. This year, however, the two were thrown together, which, of course, made it more important. The greatest interest has been taken in these annual shows in consequence of members competing for the best aggregate of points gained at all this society's shows, and the member scoring highest became the holder of a challenge cup. There were 12 British bird classes, and 14 pairs classes for Canaries, and just over 100 entries were secured. Mr. Mallinson, the secretary and treasurer, does his level best for his society and members to make these shows and the club a success, which he has so far succeeded in doing. As Mr. A. Coffey had won the challenge cup two years, it created a spirited competition, and Captain A. P. Hurst and Mr. C. Stewart both made large entries in order, if possible, to capture the coveted trophy. Both made a bold bid. Mr. Stewart scored with the Canary sections, and at one time was leading, but the very strong hand held by Mr. Coffey in the British section just landed him the proud winner. Mr. Chas. Houlton made the awards, and the results were well received all round.

GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 2, vhc, c, A. P. Hurst, with a quartet of fine-conditioned Finches, led by the well-known "Pride of Liverpool," looking very grand in feather and condition; 2nd, stoutly built, but fails in rich wealth of body brown to first, the others just beaten in levelness and expanse of blaze only; 3, hc, A. Coffey, real gem 3rd, youngster with perfect moonings and bars on wings, fine big square well-defined blaze, rich and level in colour, and a good flow of tauning, glossy condition. BULLFINCH (7): 1, 3, Hurst, first largest, very level in feather, bit duller in colour than 3rd, which is smaller, very bright colour, fine head and good condition of feather; 2, vhc, hc, A. Coffey, 2nd, large, capital head and chest good back, nice colour; c, Jas. Coffey. LINNET (9): 1, vhc, Hurst, leader very rich in colour, upstanding, good markings, nice size; vhc, beaten in markings, etc.; 2, 3, hc, c, A. Coffey, 2nd perfect colour and markings, beautiful satin gloss in feather, and with some training to stand at a more upright angle, would be hard to beat; 3rd, very large, grand cobby shape, fair markings, fine head. GREENFINCH, COCK (9): real beauties; 1, 3, hc, Hurst, gems of the first water, leader a Jonque, others buff, nat. col., all in grand feather and condition; 2, vhc, A. Coffey, very large nat col. bird, magnificent shape, rare head, neat feather and condition; c, Jas. Coffey. HENS (2): 1, Stewart, good size, nice feather and condition; vc, No. 1 a nat. col. buff cock. BRAMBLE, OR CHAFF. (8): 1, 2, vhc, c, A. Coffey, very fine Bramble and Chaffinch respectively leading, both great size and shape, first grandly spangled and in fine body condition, was said to be recent Bahlgate winner, latter is in good colour and fine condition; 3, Hurst, very nice coloured Chaffinch, bit below par at present in body weight and condition; hc, Stewart. SISKIN (3): 1, Hurst, well-known, high-coloured bird, broad dark laced cap and nice bib and markings; 2, A. Coffey, beaten in cap and size of chest; No. 2, A. Coffey, absent. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Hurst, fine larger Jonque Redpoll and nicely-marked Twite, both in tip-top form; 3, vhc, A. Coffey, very good Jonque Lesser Redpoll, in perfect condition and markings, and a Twite, very like 2nd in all respects; hc, Stewart, a big Twite, good shape and markings, beaten a little in condition and steadiness. BUNTING, ETC. (7): 1, Hurst, fine, well-marked Yellow Bunting, nice colour and feather, steady and tight in condition; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Stewart, fine Reed Bunting, and very big Yellow Bunting; the other three all Reed Buntings, unsteady as yet. LARGE SOFTBILL (2): 1, A. Coffey, good Skylark, steady; 2, Stewart, Song Thrush, nice spotting, bit off in wing flights at present. YORKS., YELL. COCK, BUFF HEN (5): 1, 3, vhc, A. Coffey, first a fine var. yell. cock and clear buff hen, nicely balanced pair, full of breed and quality, not too large, well rounded and finely drawn; 3rd, finely drawn, neat position and stylish; 2, Stewart, coarser in one bird, very fine in the other, should balance well; hc, J. Coffey. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (5): 1, 3, hc, A. Coffey, first a most typical pair of clears, and well able to score separately in open competition, an ideal pair to breed winners; 3rd, var., yell. and clear buff, grand shape and rounded, and coned off A1; 2, Jas. Coffey, very little behind first in most points, clears, a very likely pair indeed; vhc, Stewart, all these pairs above the average. GREEN YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (2): 1, Stewart, foul tail yell and self buff; 2, A. Coffey, rather larger and more feather in the buff. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (2): 1, Stewart, fine pair all round them; 2, A. Coffey, neat, but shorter and paler rather. NON-FED (2): 1, A. Coffey, best of shape all over; 2, Stewart, small yell hen and large buff cock. PAIRS, NOR (7): 1, 2, 3, c, A. Coffey, first a grand pair of clears, excelling above the rest in all-round Norwich properties; vhc Jas. Coffey; hc, Stewart; No. 5, A. Coffey, absent. BORDERS (6): 1, 2, 3, hc, Stewart, first on the small side, but best in evenness and condition; 2nd, eye and wing marked and a clear, might have won if marked bird had been in better condition; vhc, c, Woodman, latter rather large and too rough in feather. GREEN OR CINN. BORD. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Stewart, first Greens; 2nd, Cinns., not much in them for type, quality and condition; hc, c, Woodman.

GARSTON B.B.A.

The Garston Bird Breeders' Association held their sixth annual show at headquarters, Wellington Hotel, and it must be registered as a great success, there being 232 entries. Mr. A. Thompson won the Tate Cup, also Hyde's Special, and also Ramsden's Medal for hottest fed bird. Mr. J. Wilcock (Bradford) was judge, and not a grumble was heard with his placings of the cards. The secretary is Mr. A. Wilkinson, to whom great credit is due for his able system of management.

YORKS. CL. YELL: (11): 1, 2, Thompson; 3, hc, Crawley; vhc, Woods; c, Ireland. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Thompson; 2, hc, Carson; vhc, Griffin; c, Banks. TICK, ETC. YELL. (9): 1, Carson; 2, Christall; 3, vhc, James; hc, Royden; c, Lewis. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Christopher; 2, Crawley; 3, Thompson; hc, Carson; c, Lewis. CL. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Crawley; 2, 3, James; vhc, Slater; hc, Banks; c, Thompson. BUFF (9): 1, Christall; 2, Crawley; 3, Slater; vhc, Carson; hc, Lewis; c, Griffin. TICK. ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, Crawley; 3, Carson; vhc, Lewis; hc, Robinson; c, Slater. BUFF (6): 1, Banks; 2, Kelly; 3, vhc, Thompson; hc, Lewis; c, Robinson. CINN. TICK, ETC. YELL (5): 1, Thompson; 2, Griffin; 3, Ireland; vhc, James; hc, Christopher. BUFF (4): 1, vhc, Thompson; 2, Christopher; 3, Lewis. CINN. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Ireland; vhc, c, Christopher; Kelly. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Christopher; vhc, Christall; hc, Crawley; c, Griffin. GREEN SELF YELL. (3): 1, Christall; 2, Roydon; 3, Kelly. BUFF (6): 1, Ireland; 2, Chivers, 3, c, Lewis; vhc, Kelly; hc, Peake. GREEN FOUL BUFF (3): 1, Kelly; 2, Lawson; 3, Lewis. GREEN SELF, ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Ireland; 2, Chivers; 3, Christall; vhc, hc, Royden; c, Thompson. BUFF (4): 1, Kelly; 2, Lewis; 3, Peake; vhc, Thompson. GREEN SELF ETC. YELL. 1907 (6): 1 Chivers; 2, Ireland; 3, Lewis; vhc, Kelly; hc, Thompson; c, Royden. BUFF (5): 1, Lawson; 2, Kelly; 3, Thompson; vhc, Lewis; hc, Peake. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Crawley, vhc, Boothroyd; hc, Lewis; c, Mercer. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Lewis; 2, hc, Thompson; vhc, James. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (6): 1, hc, c, Lewis; 2, vhc, Thompson; 3, James. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Thompson; 3, vhc, Lewis; hc, Boothroyd; c, Crawley. GREEN SELF BUFF (3): 1, Davies; 2, Boothroyd; 3 Lewis. GREEN FOUL BUFF (5): 1, Davies; 2 Peake; 3, Boothroyd; vhc, hc, Lewis. GREEN SELF ETC. BUFF HEN (3): 1, Davis; 2, Kelly; 3, Lewis. MULE ETC. (10): 1, Crawley; 2, hc Thompson; 3, vhc, Lewis; c, Jones. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Thompson; 2, hc, Royden; 3, Christopher; vhc, Jones; c, Lewis. BRIT. LINNET (6): 1, c, Lewis; 2, Bridge; 3, Thompson; vhc, Jones; hc, Woods. BRIT. GREENFINCH (6): 1, hc, Royden; 2, Thompson; 3, Woods; vhc, Jones; c Lewis. SISKIN ETC. (7): 1, vhc, T. Royden; 3 Chivers; hc, Lewis; c, Jones. BRAMBLE FINCH ETC. (6): 1, 2, Lewis; 3, Thompson; vhc, Woods; hc, T. Royden; c, Jones. A.O.S. BRIT. (2): 1 Jones; 2, Thompson. SELL. CAN. PAIR (25/-) (4): 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Ireland; vhc, Lewis. SINGLE CAN. (15/-) (8): 1, Ireland; 2, Slater; 3, vhc, Thompson; hc, Crawley; c, Lewis. (10/6) (3): 1, Lewis; 2, 3, Thompson.

LITTLEHAMPTON AND DIS. F.A.

The second members' show was held at the Gratwicke Hotel, on January 15th. This society is making good progress in the quality of their exhibits, and with the help of the able and obliging hon secretary, Mr. C. E. Baker, and his committee is pushing greatly forward. The members put down some good birds, which were exceedingly well staged. Mr. Albert Burtenshaw judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Mustain, nice fine-drawn buff hen, in good condition, wins; 2 another buff, nice length, good second; 3 buff, another nice one, vhc, good yellow. NORWICH (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, Calloway, good, chubby bird nice head and colour, fine feather, 2 also nice buff, 3, good hot colour, fine substance; vhc, hc, White, good wing ticked buff, fine feather, worth its honour, hc variegated feather; c, Mustain. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, spl, Calloway, smart Goldie, grand head and blaze, excellent trim, well buttoned; 2, White, close up, deserves its place; 3, vhc, Mustain, nice Finch, good colour, nice condition; vhc, will make a smart Goldie when "quieted down." A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Haddlow, 1 grey crest, nice centre, falls well over the beak, 2 variegated buff Crest, 3 another Crest, nice even centres, vhc, grey Crest.

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GREENOCK, PORT-GLASGOW, AND GOUROCK C.S.

This society held their annual show in Victoria Hall, Rue End-street, Greenock, and it was well up to those of former years. The number of entries was 154, while the quality was all that could be desired, and in the majority of classes the awards were keenly contested. A cup for most points was won by Mr. William Park, and a special for most prizes also taken. A cup for the best in Bullfinch. Bullfinch and Linnet classes, was won by Mr. Brown, Greenock, with a superb Bullfinch. Mr. D. Reid (Glasgow) and Mr. Taylor (Greenock) acted satisfactorily as judges.

SCOTCH FCY. CK.: 1, McMillan; 2, Wright; 3, Kennedy. HEN: 1, Wright, and best in Hall; 2, McMillan; 3, Kennedy. CK. BRED 1907: 1, Wright. HEN: 1, Wright, and spl; 2, Gemmell. NORWICH CK.: 1, Forrester; 2, 3, Bolfey. HEN: 1, Forrester, and spl lady's silver watch; 2, Gemmell; 3, Bolfey. CK. BRED 1907: 1, 2, Muir; 3, Saunderson. HEN: 1, Park; 2, Boffey; 3, and silver medal, Muir. CREST CK.: 1, 3, Loudon; 2, Gemmell. HEN: 1, spl, Loudon; 2, Saunderson; 3, McKay. CREST-BRED CK.: 1, spl, Black; 2, 3, Saunderson. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Loudon. CREST, 1907: 1, spl, Black; 2, spl, Napier; 3, Gemmell. CREST-BRED 1907: 1, Gemmell; 2, 3, Loudon. BOR. FCY. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Park. HEN: 1, 3, spl, Park; 2, Gemmell. BOR. CK., 1907: 1, 2, 3, Park. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Park. WILD LINNET: 1, 2, spl, Brown; 3, Muir. LINNET BRIT.: 1, spl, McDermaid; 2, Brown; 3, McMillan; 4, spl, Kennedy. GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, Saunderson; 3, McDermaid; 4, Gemmell and spl. GOLDFINCH FOR.: 1, spl, Saunderson; 2, Black; Saunderson. BULLFINCH CK. BRIT.: 1, cup, McKay; 2, spl, 3, Kennedy. HEN: 1, Gemmell. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, 3, McDermaid; 2, Haxton. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, spl, McDermaid; 3, Napier. LIGHT MULE: 1, spl, Black; 2, Loudon; 3, McMillan. DARK: 1, spl, Loudon; 2, Haxton; 3, Black. BRIT.: 1, spl, Gemmell; 2, Forrester; 3, McDermaid. GIFT: 1, Park; 2, 3, Forrester. SELL.: 1, Loudon; 2, Saunderson; 3, Forrester. NOVICE CLASS: 1, 2, 3, spl, Kennedy. Mr. J. Gemmell won special for most entries.—W. H. STODTER, Sec.

LUTON.

This fixture, held on January 15th, was, so far as the cage birds were concerned, a failure, and possibly this was accounted for by the very late issue of the schedule and the fact that the classification was too extensive for a mixed show. Exhibitors of cage birds are naturally dubious of sending entries to a show of such proportions, especially if the arrangements appear to have been made hurriedly, as was the case at Luton. There are instances, of course, where a very representative collection of cage birds is got together at mixed shows, but this is where local enthusiasm look up the section independently of the general secretary. The quality of the exhibits was good, but in some cases as many as four classes had to be put together to keep the thing going, while some were cancelled altogether. We fear exhibitors will regard this as a very serious barrier, as no rule was inserted in the schedule to enable the committee to amalgamate. The secretary is Mr. H. L. Sell, and the committee consists of the following: Messrs. S. J. Abrahams (Chairman), D. Shedd (Hon. Treasurer), Bradley, Bloomfield, Page, Cox, Cooper, Day, Hooker, Hadley, B. Kingham, G. Kingham, Hawkes, Laurence, Primett, Dr. Rose, Simpkins, A. J. Smith, A. Smith, White and Webb. The six local classes were rather poorly supported, there being twenty entries altogether. Messrs. Webb, Sapwell, Dr. Rose, Bloomfield, Allen, Cooper and Bradley, showed some nice exhibits. The cages throughout the show were nicely staged at one end of the hall, and were well looked after by the stewards. Mr. Gardner was down to judge Cages and British birds, but as there were only 92 entries in his section, the committee asked Mr. Ambrose, who was judging at the fixture, to take his classes, Mr. R. J. Watts taking the foreigners.

NORWICH (classes amalgamated) (14): 1, hc, Kilby, topping clear yellow, closely followed by 2, 3, vhc, F. Webb, 2nd good buff, which secured members' spl; r, Mrs. Barber; vhc, Winstone; hc, Silk. YORKS. CL., ETC. (amalgamated) (15): 1, ex 3, spl best bird in show, W. Walsh, 1st yellow, lovely feather, style and position, well shown; 2, hc, Hudspeth, yellow, nice shape, well done; 3, feather; 3, Hawes, very nice buff; r, Silk; vhc, F. Webb; c, Young. VARIEG. (7): 1, withheld; 2 Walsh; 3, Hudspeth; r, F. Webb; vhc, F. J. Webb; hc, Buckingham. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (amalgamated) (12): 1, 2, Jupe, a grand couple, a clinking Bullie leading, with a rattling good Goldie close up; 3, vhc, C. G. Williams; r, Andrews; vhc, Harris, Herbert, Tonks, and Poole, junr. MULES LIGHT, ETC (amalgamated) (10): 1, vhc, Winstone, nice Bullie-Greenie leading; 2, hc, Lees, grand coloured yellow Goldie-Canary, marked one wing; 3, Andrews; r, vhc, Tonks; hc, Goodall. A.V. HARDBILLED BRITISH (both classes amalgamated) (16): 1, r, vhc, Goodall, 1st topping Greenfinch, in fine feather; 2, Jupe, Linnet, A1 colour, nicely pencilled, grand feather; 3, Holliday; vhc, Carter, Child, Rose, and Osborne. FOREIGN, a very attractive section, and some beautiful birds being on view. — COCKATOO, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Cooper; 2, Mrs. Warren Vernon; 3, Howe; 4, Martin; vhc, James; hc, Moody. SEEDEATERS, SMALL, ETC. (amalgamated) (16): 1, c, Howe; 2, vhc, Mrs. Warren Vernon; 3 Timeous; 4 Mrs. Howe; hc, Sinceton. INSECTIV., ETC. (9): 1, Pickles; 2, 3 4, c, Mrs. Warren Vernon; vhc, Timeous. SOFT (10): 1, Cooper; 2, Holliday; 3, Meadows; 4 Mrs. Warren Vernon. LOCAL CLASSES.—NOR. (3): 1, 3, F. Webb; 2, F. J. Webb. YORKS. (5): 1, F. Webb; 2 (no name); 3, F. J. Webb. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, 2, Bloomfield; 3, Dr. Rose. HYBRIDS (7): 1, 3, F. Webb; 2, Cooper; r, Dr. Rose; vhc, hc (no names). BRIT. (3): 1, Cooper; 2, F. J. Webb; 3, Bradley. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Cooper.

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GREAT HORTON O.S.

The annual open show of the Great Horton O.S. was held in the Congregational Schools, Great Horton, on Jan. 24th and 25th, and following, as it did close on the heels of several disastrous failures, the result quite exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine supporters. The room is one of the very best, and could find accommodation for even a larger entry than the one received and still leave comfortable room for visitors. It is splendidly lighted, and as Friday proved to be a very foggy day it was a good thing for the judges that there were plenty of windows, for had it been a bad room for light they would have been hampered considerably. Saturday, however, saw the fog away, the afternoon being splendid for the large number of visitors who assembled. The show was held under the rules of the Yorkshire Union, and the patronage of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C., Green Canary Association and the Bradford and County British Bird and M.C. A grand schedule had been issued of 40 classes, with splendid specials for each section, besides half-crown special for each class, thus attracting an entry of 696, an average of 15 per class. The Yorkshires came up in fairly strong numbers, absolutely the cream of the fancy being assembled. Green Yorkshires totalled 70 in the four classes, and were a splendid collection. The Norwich Greens were not large in numbers, but were fine for shape and quality. British, Mules, and Hybrids were a show in themselves, no less than 56 birds being staged in the three classes provided, many birds of undoubted merit not even getting into the cards, so keen was the competition. These classes all the afternoon on Saturday were surrounded by visitors. The Novices turned out once more in good style, attracted no doubt by the valuable and useful specials allotted their section. Selling classes made a big advance, both for numbers and quality of the exhibits, on the last few shows, and many birds were claimed, and were cheap at the price. The points specials in the Yorkshire section were won by the following exhibitors:—Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, first, took the splendid painting in oil, on opal, of Yellow, Green and Cinnamon Marked Yorkshires, two Norwich, Goldfinch and Bullfinch, in a good frame, this picture being executed by Mrs. Fred Hammond, wife of the popular secretary of the Yorkshire Union. "Jimmy" seemed to be delighted with his capture. Mr. Shackleton was the runner-up, and Messrs. Cruise and Wadsworth tied for 3rd and 4th positions. In Cinnamon marks, Messrs. Ogden Bros. had a long lead, and received the grand case of Jeyes' Specialities. Mr. Wilcock took the 2nd prize, a pair of silver-plated salts and spoons, presented by Mr. Harmston, and the third was secured by Mr. H. H. Towers, a novice in the competitions, but who, after this show, will have to be placed amongst the champions. Mr. J. Walsh secured the oil painting of Redstart and Grey Wagtail, painted and presented by Mr. P. Jowett, for most points in British, Mules, etc., and A.O.V. Classes Messrs. Axe and Leigh being on a level for 2nd place. The grand prize in the Yorkshire Novice section was an oak coal vase, presented by Mr. J. Farrar (one of last year's novice medal winners), and this was won by Mr. A. Frankland, who put down a strong team. Mr. H. Lodge came in for 2nd honours. Messrs. Allen and Swaine for 3rd, and Messrs. Greenwood and Shaw Bros. tied for 4th place. In the Norwich Novice section, Mr. C. Barker gave a lovely framed engraving for most points, and Mr. F. Hammond secured this, the runner-up being Mr. J. W. Holmes, both these exhibitors having a strong team down that did credit to their owners. Special for best bird in Novice section was awarded to the Yellow hen, the property of Mr. A. Frankland. The management was in the hands of the secretary, Mr. Samuel Dean, who was ably assisted by Mr. Holroyd, the esteemed President, Messrs. Cruise, Mann, Hartley, Hammond and Barraclough, vice-presidents, with Messrs. Simonett, Benn, Lane, Waterworth, as committee, and B. Hainsworth, assistant secretary. Messrs. Pullan, Hunter and Watts were engaged as stewards. All are good fanciers, enthusiastic and hard-working, and they carried through their duties in first-rate style. The show closed at 6 p.m. on the Saturday, so as to allow exhibits from a distance to reach home in good time, and this was greatly appreciated by visitors (particularly the eight or nine "Greeny" men from Liverpool). All birds were cleared from the show and on the way home by 7.30, so should get home in good time, a van being engaged to take them down to the station. Mr. J. Broadley was the official judge of the Yorkshire Union, and took all the Yorkshire classes (except stock bird and selling), being assisted by Mr. H. S. Naylor, who judged Norwich Greens, Norwich Novice, British, Mule or Hybrid, Stock Bird and Selling Classes. Their decisions on the whole seemed well received.

Mr. Broadley's Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (15): 1, spl., Towers, nice length, shapely, grand back and wings, very clean feathered, nice colour and position; 2, Bailey and Swanger, slim, grand shape and quality, nice position and style; 3, W. Walsh, good shape, nice and narrow at shoulders, neat quality, fine position and style, worth its place; 4, Cruise, splendid shape, well drawn out behind, nice quality; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Farrar; c, Gibbons. BUFF (14): 1, 3, spl, Shackleton, grand length, extra shape, beautiful shoulders, feathered to perfection, plenty of style, one of the best; 3, grand shape, well filled neck, good back, wings and tail; 2, 4, Bailey and Swanger, 2nd splendid shape, well up on legs, grand quality of feather; 4, lovely quality, shape and position; vhc, hc, Wadsworth; c, Wilson. TICK. YELL. (10): 1, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, tick neck, beautiful shape, well up in position, full of quality and grand style; 2, c, Cruise, tick cheek; straight as a dart, grand wedge shape, lovely quality, nice position; 3, 4, spl. Bailey and Swanger, very stylish, very shapely, rich colour; 4, grand position and style, in splendid order; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Wilson. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, noted ticked wing bird, grand shape, quality, like wax, extra position; 2, Wadsworth, tick neck, extra quality, shape and position; 3, Peel, tick wing, grand length, shapely, nice quality, stylish; 4, Brayshaw and Jowett, slim, straight as a rush, well up on legs; vhc, c, Shackleton; hc, Walsh. UNEVEN MKD. (11): 1, spl, Dewhurst, yell., long straight good positioned bird, correct type, fine quality; 2, Armstrong, buff, neat shape and style, marvellous quality, rich colour; 3, Bailey and Swanger, buff, grand shape, well up in position, nice quality of feather; 4, Wilcock, yellow, long one, good shape and quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Brayshaw and Jowett; c, Murgatroyd and Son. FOUL MKD. ETC. (12): 1, Ogden Bros. long, well drawn yellow, good shape, A1 quality; 2, Armstrong, buff, grand position, ad there for quality and style, rich colour and typical; 3, Waterworth, yellow, lengthy, good type, stylish, nice quality; 4, Priestley, another yellow, slim excellent shape and style; vhc, Gill and Pickup; hc, Reed; c, Gibbons. UNFLI. YELL. (16): 1, spl, Radley, loug, slim, grand shape, quality like wax, extra position, a gem; 2, Chapman and Bateman, well up in position, nice shape and quality; 3, Dewhurst, long slim bird, of excellent shape; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Mann; c, Long. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Wadsworth, grand shape, beautiful quality, nice colour, good position; 2, Long, slim, correct type, rich quality; 3, W. Walsh, grand shape, splendid position, full of quality; 4, Walton, nice shape, grand head and fine round back; vhc, Bailey and Swanger; hc, Dyson; c, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (19): Grand class; 1, 2, spl, Snackleton, long graud shaped lady, nice quality, well braced wings and tail, good position; 2nd, grand quality, shape and style, extra position; 3, c, Wilson, slim, neat shape, very stylish, lovely quality; 4 vhc, Cruise, typical well up in position, nice quality; hc, Wadsworth. BUFF HEN (20): 1, Dyson, grand shape and position, rich quality, well carried wings; 2, Peel, good type, well drawn out, fine position, well braced wings and tail; 3, hc, Bailey and Swanger, grand shape and position, extra fine quality; vhc, Wilson; c, Farrar. FOUL MKD. CK. (11): 1, spl, Ramsden, Green Marked Yellow, grand shape, straight tail and wings, nicely carried, good quality; 2, Dewhirst, yellow green marked, extra shape, well drawn out, nice quality and style; 3, Wallbank, cinn. marked, a gem for position and shape, nice quality; 4, Hartley, Cinn. marked yellow, slim, capital type, all there for position and quality; vhc, Bailey and Swanger; hc, Dean; c, Dawson. CINN. TICK. ETC. YELL. CK. (10): 1, vhc, spl, Ogden Bros., hot colour, grand shape and position, nice quality; 2, Wilcock, fine position, lovely quality and colour, plenty of style; 3, Cooper, pale in colour, very slim, correct shape, nice quality; 4, Hirst, good markings and shape; hc, Wood; c, Blakey. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 4, spl, Ogden Bros., grand team, leader extra good shape, fine position, lovely quality, 2, splashed frout, grand position and quality, neat type; 4th, nice shape and style; 3, Hirst, grand shape and stylish, good quality; vhc, hc, Wilcock; c, Chapman and Bateman. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 2, spl, Towers, winner nice quality, lovely back, wings and tail; 2nd, very straight, good quality, long flights; 3, hc, Wilcock, good shape, rich quality and colour, grand position; 4, Bentley, very slim, neat quality and good colour; vhc, Holmes; c, Hartley. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Brayshaw and Jowett, lovely shape and style, fine feather, and rich colour; 2, Ogden Bros., grand type and position, good wing carriage and nice piped tail, rattling quality; 3, Cowgill, good shape, nice quality, grand back; 4, Wilcock, grand position, all there for quality; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Blakey; c, Hartley. GREEN SELF ETC. YELL. (20): 1, Vernon, lengthy, good shape, well filled neck, good quality and colour, neat pencillings; 2, hc, Clayton, very slim, grand type and position, rich colour, long well-carried wings, good tail; 3, 4, spl, Gill and Pickup, straight, true Yorkie type, neat quality, well up on legs, good colour; 4th, very leggy, correct position, good shape, quality and colour; vhc, Hadwin; c, Deacon; a grand class. BUFF (21): 1, spl, Tempest, rattling type, well up in position, grand quality and colour; 2, Rowlands, foul, grand colour, nice shape and style; 3, Higginbottom and Riley, grand quality and colour, typical, stands on a pair of good legs; 4, Clayton, long fine drawn bird, true type, nice quality and colour; vhc, Benson; hc, Deacon; c, Carswell. YELL. HEN (17): 1, 2, 3, hc, spl, Deacon, grand team, leader, grand length, good type, rich colour and quality; 2nd, neatly drawn, straight as a rush, nice quality and colour, long pipe tail; 3, extra position, lovely type, good colour and quality; 4, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, grand shape, nice narrow shoulders, good quality and colour; vhc, Clayton; c, Hellewell. BUFF (13): 1, 4, hc, spl, Carswell, extra good grassy colour, plenty of size, nice quality and shapely; 2, c, Deacon, grand shapely, neat head, nice colour; 3, Deacon, grand type and position, rich colour and nice quality; 3, Hadwin, neat, plenty of leg, nice shape and colour; vhc, Clayton. NOVICE YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (24): 1, spl, Greenwood, long shapely exhibit, grand position, nice quality and colour; 2, Frankland, good length, straight, well up in position, fine quality; 3, Shaw Bros., grand positioned bird, nice shape and quality; 4, Sowden, fine position, neat quality, grand long flights; vhc, Wilson; hc, Chapman and Bateman; c, Armstrong. BUFF (24): 1, spl, Wilson, slim, grand shape, stands well up, extra quality; 2, Allen and Swaine, grand shape, good shoulders, neat quality, plenty of swagger; 3, Sowden, nice type and position, good quality; 4, Roberts, tick wing, A1 shape, nice wings and tail, neat feathered; vhc, Chippindale; hc, Simonette; c, Robertshaw. UNEVEN ETC. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Greig and Pearson, grand straight bird of good position, nice type, well up in position, good wings and tail; 2, Hammond, long, grand type, good wings and tail, correct position; 3, Greenwood, grand quality, nice round back, good wings; 4, Lodge, good type, stylish, nice quality; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Ackroyd; c, Norton. BUFF (6): 1, spl., Shaw Bros., nicely-marked, good shape and position, fine quality; 2, Frankland, slim, neat drawn, grand position; 3, Townsend, good quality and position; 4, Armstrong, plenty of length, good back, wings and tail; vhc, Hammond; hc Lodge, latter has often won during season, and was claimed at catalogue price, £4 4s. YELL. HEN (24): 1, spl, and spl for best in Novice classes, Frankland, tick neck, grand type and quality, straight as a pencil, good well-carried wings, nice pipe tail, a gem; 2, Lodge, capital position, typical, fine quality, plenty of leg, good wings and tail; 3, Myers, Cinn. marked, stylish, good shape and quality, nice exhibit; 4, c, Sheppard, neat shape and style, good quality; vhc, Townsend; hc, Allen and Swaine. BUFF: 1, spl, Chippendale, grand shape and position, full of quality, good wing carriage, neat tail; 2, Frankland, good shape and quality, nice position, neat pipe tail; 3, c, Allen and Swaine, fine quality, well up on legs; 4, Lodge, extra quality, not a feather out of place, shapely; vhc, Firth; hc, Ackroyd.

Mr. Naylor's Classes.

NOR. GREEN SELF ETC. YELL. (9): 1, Harrison, grand type, plenty of substance, grand head, rich colour and quality; 2, c, Hawkes, neat type, good colour and quality; 3, Moss, cobby build, nice quality and colour; 4, Hales, foul, extra good substance, correct type, nice quality and colour; vhc, Walker; hc, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. BUFF (11): 1, Moss, grand chested bird, very cobby, lovely quality and colour, good head; 2, 3, spl, Walker, another good one, plenty of substance, chesty, rich colour, nice quality; 3rd, good size, typical and fine stamp; 4, Hales, nice quality; vhc, hc, Hawkes; c, Harrison. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Walker, grand short-built bird, good chest, nice quality and colour; 2, Hales, extra good chested bird, plenty of size, grand quality and colour; 3, Harrison, nice type, quality and colour; 4, vhc, Hawkes, neat, grand shape, lovely quality and colour, we liked much; hc, Pilling; c, Hadwin. BUFF (10): 1, Hales, grand type, very cobbily built, good substance, rich colour and quality; 2, hc, Walker, rattling type, well filled up neck, nice quality and colour; 3, 4, c, spl, Moss, 3rd slightly foul, graud substance, rich colour, nice quality; 4th, good colour; vhc, Cowgill. YORKS. STOCK BIRD (16): 1, spl, Reed, buff, grand length, shape good, fine quality, well up on legs, grand stock bird; 2, Long, buff, of red hot colour, extra quality, correct type, and plenty of size; 3, Richardson, yell., grand shape, lovely quality, splendid wings and tail; 4, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, buff of great length, splendid back, well carried wings and tail; vhc, Ludhrook; hc, Myers; c, Farrar. BRIT. HARDBILL (24): Grand class; 1, 2, spl, Axe, leader Yellow Bunting, grand size, feathered to perfection, rich colour, very steady; 2nd, Hawfinch, large, grand condition, steady as a rock, nice bib; 3, Wood, Goldie, very steady, nice blaze, rich wing bars, not so well buttoned; 4, Duncan, junr., Linnet, nice size, marvellous colour and pencilling, in grand order; vhc, Dean and Jowett; hc, Walsh; c, Edmoudson. SOFTBILL (14): 1, vhc, hc, spl, Mason, winner, Grey Wagtail, lovely bird, rich colour, steady, feathered to perfection, a gem; 2, Cowgill, Blackbird, marvellous condition, shines like satin, grand colour, very steady; 3, c, Walsh, Wryneck, grand size, beautiful markings, feathered like wax, a real treat; 4, Inman, Redstart, grand colour, steady as a rock, a credit to owner. MULE (18): L, 2, spl., Leigh, noted winners, leader Greenie-Bullie, grand size, lovely colour and feather, steady in fine condition; 2nd, 3-pointed Goldie-Canary, yellow, nice size and colour, fine quality; 3, Ward, Linnet-Bullie, plenty of size, in good order, splendid colour, a gem; 4, hc, c, Walsh, Linnet-Canary, nice size, good pencilling, full of colour and quality; vhc, Inman. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, vhc, spl, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, Cinn. Nor, nice size and substance, rich colour and quality; 2, R. E. Hellewell, 4 pointed Yell Yorks., nice type, lengthy, well up in position, good evenly balanced marks; 3, Hirst, Yell. Nor., grand substance, type and colour; 4, S. Hellewell; 4-pointed buff Yorkie, good size and quality, neat markings; hc, Spencer. NOVICE NOR. (11): 1, hc, c, spl, Holmes, grand yellow, splendid substance, rich colour, extra type and quality; 2, vhc, Lloyd, buff, grand quality, good shape and substance, rich colour; 3, 4, Hammond, foul buff leading, exceptional size, grand chest, full of colour and quality; 4th, Yellow, nice substance, chesty, lovely quality, unflig. HEN (15): 1, vhc, hc, c, spl, Hammond, leader buff, rattling type, marvellous substance, brimful of quality and colour, good short wings and tail; 2, Lloyd, Yellow, good size and substance, rich colour and quality, neat lady; 3, 4, Holmes, 3rd, grand type, cobby, lovely colour, nice quality; 4th, Yellow, neat, shapely rich quality and colour. SELL. YELL. YORKS. (£1) (20): 1, spl., Hammond; 2, Hudson; 3, Cowgill; 4, Self; vhc, Murgatroyd and Son; hc, Richardson; c, J. and A. Halmshaw. BUFF (15/-) (20): 1, Watmough Bros.; 2, Jennings; 3, Self; 4, J. and A. Halmshaw; vhc, Lane; hc, Coates; c, Wilman. A.V. (12/6) (19): 1, Ludbrook; 2, hc, Pollitt; 3, Cowgill; 4, Slater; vhc, F. Self; c, Hartley. YORKS. HEN (12/6) (15): 1, spl, Cowgill; 2, Hudson; 3, Hollos; 4, Slater; vhc, hc, Pollitt; c, Watmough Bros.

DALMELLINGTON.

The Dalmellington O.S. held their annual show on January 25th in the public schoolroom, which, by the way, proved quite an ideal "house" for the event—having the advantage of both comfort and good light. The cage bird section (confined to a limited radius), attracted fairly good entries, and was undoubtedly the feature of the show. The six classes aggregated 60 entries, showing an average of ten per class, which, for a first attempt, must be considered very good. Mr. James Pettigrew made an ideal secretary, and to him and his committee must fall a special word of praise for the complete and practical arrangements made in order to ensure success. We understand that a better classification for next year is anticipated, and if the management can see their way to open up the classes to a wider area, it is quite possible this may in due course prove quite a fashionable "end of season" show in Ayrshire. The judging was in the capable hands of Mr. P. McQuiston (Ayr), whose awards gave entire satisfaction.

CAN. A.V. CK. (14): 1, Napier, varieg. Crest, good quality, nice crest, of good shape, well staged; 2, vhc, R. Pettigrew, Bord. Fcy., even marked buff, beautiful feather, shape, colour and quality, neat head and wings, smart carriage; 3, J. Wright, yell. Nor., grand shape, full, deep, nicely-rounded chest; hc, McLean; c, Rorke. HEN (7): 1, 2, R. Pettigrew, 1st honnie clear yellow Nor., very hot colour, good wings and tail, nice round head, full neck, wins well, 2nd buff varieg. Bord. Fcy., grand shape, nice head and neck, good wings and tail; 3, Hodge, yell. Nor., good natural colour, well put down; vhc, Gault; hc, Wight. LINNET (11): 1, Napier, graud size, good colour, shape and markings, well staged; 2, Murphy, another good exhibit, nice breast markings; 3, Wight, another good bird, field-moulted, will make a nice one with another moult; vhc, Graham; hc, McCutcheon; c, Gerrand. GOLDIE BRIT. (10): 1, spl, Napier, nice face, breast and buttons, in grand form; 2, hc, Murphy, neat, nice clean-cut face, grand colour, well staged; 3, Pettigrew, grand little Finch; vhc, Wight; c, Stoddart. SISKIN. ETC. (7): 1, Hodge, shapely Siskin, in splendid condition, very rich colour, well laced; 2, Pettigrew, Twite, steady, nice colour well staged; 3, spl, Heron, lovely Lesser Redpoll, shown in perfect condition, nice bib and thigh markings; vhc, McLung; hs, Orr; c, Rorke. BRIT. A.O.S. (11): 1, spl, Murphy nice Bullfinch, grand, rich colour, good, dense cap and wing bars, well staged; 2, 3, Hodge, 2nd Greenfinch, in lovely order, feathered like wax, 3rd another Bullfinch, grand breast colour, bars and cap; vhc Buchanan; hc, Pettigrew; c, Stoddart.

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ROTHLEY.

This show was held on Jan. 18, when entries in the cage bird section came up very well, though not, perhaps, so well as on some previous occasions. The Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. Tyler and Braycott, are to be congratulated upon their successful management of the show, and upon having the arrangements well in hand. Mr. A. Brewin (Rothley), judged.

A.V. CAN.: 1, Seal, Norwich cock, good stamp of bird, rich colour; 2, Freer, Norwich hen, nice type bird, rich colour; 3rd, vhc, Jeffery, ticked yellow, cinn. ticked buff; 3rd, vhc, Jeffery, ticked yellow, cinn. ticked buff; 3rd, vhc, Jeffery, ticked yellow, rare length and stand, nice, long-sided bird. UNFLI. YELL. (5): 1, hc, Foster, nice quality feather; 2, 3, vhc, Wortley, 2nd, thigh ticked, nicely moulded, unsteady, which told against it; 3rd, long, raking bird. BUFF (3): 1, Foster, straight down back; 2, 3, Jeffery, leader marked both wings and eyes, nice feather; 3rd, grand back and flights. HENS (5): 1, 3, hc, Foster, 1st, yellow, grand quality, well finished off, wins easy; 3rd, very neat; 2, Jeffery, another nice quality yellow, good back and flights; vhc, Wortley. NOR. (8): 1, Hallam, big, bouncing buff, good quality, wins easy, takes special for best Norwich; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Hallam, 2nd yellow, good colour, well staged; 3rd, another of good size and colour. YELL. UNFLI. (5): 1, 2, Hallam, leader moderate-sized one, rare colour and quality, a good one; 2nd, very similar, not much to choose between; 3, vhc, hc, Dufner, wing ticked, extra good feather. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Dufner, winner fine hen, rare substance and quality, could win in much keener competition; 2nd, similar, but not quite the size of winner. HEN (7): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Dufner, leader wins easy, fine bouncing hen, credit to its owner; 2nd, wing and head marked, grand quality; 3, Hallam, a nice chubby bird. BRIT (13): a strong class; 1, Widdowson, Bramblefinch, easy winner, in grand order; 2, Elliott, Greenfinch, in good condition; 3, Hubbard, fresh-caught Goldfinch, good blaze, not quite steady yet; vhc, sc, c, Widdowson, Siskin, Chaffinch and Yellowhammer, in order named. MULES: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Blower, all real good Goldfinch Mules. FOR.: 1, 2, vhc, Widdowson, Pekin Nightingale and Zebra Finch; 3, Hubbard, Russian Goldfinch.

LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.

Usual fortnightly meeting held January 21st. Mr. W. A. Gibbons presiding. Messrs. Colver and Pole were elected members; the balance sheets for the year were read, showing an income of £69 6s. 2d., and an expenditure of £59 3s. 10d., leaving a cash balance of £10 1s. 3d., with which to commence the current year's work. Mr. E. Noakes judged table show as follows:—Class 1, BUFF NOR.: 1, J. Needham; 2, 3, A. H. Jones. Class 2, BUFF NOR. NOVICE: 1, 3, c, E. Kilsby; 2, C. Adcock; vhc, Boulter; hc, Hunt. Class 3, BUFF NOR., AMATEUR: 1, Peberdy; 2, c, E. Buck; 3, vhc, Gamble. Messrs. A. H. Jones, E. Kilsby, and W. Gamble won point specials in each class.—CHAS. DRAPER.

CREWE AND DISTRICT O.S.

An excellent members' show was held on January 25th in the Co-operative Hall. The entry was not a large one, but the quality of the exhibits was far in advance of that of any previous show of the kind we have seen here. The condition and staging of the birds were also very good, reflecting great credit upon their owners, especially the younger members, who appear to have taken full advantage of the advice and help so freely rendered by the more experienced ones. Mr. A. Wilkinson, the secretary, had the arrangements well in hand. In the Norwich classes, Mr. T. Crimes staged a grand team, which was much admired, and should be heard of again. Mr. Potte led in Mules, with a fine dark buff Linnet, in lovely feather. British were a grand lot, and proved very attractive to visitors, the winning Goldfinch, Hawfinch, and Bullfinch, being splendid specimens of their respective species, and capable of holding their own in keen competition. Foreigners were also good, Mr. T. Hancocks being very successful. The awards were made by Mr. J. Pitchford (Stoke-on-Trent).

NOR., CL.: 1, Heaton; 2, Latham; 3, Crimes. TICKED: 1, Crimes; 2, vhc, Latham; 3, Potts. HEN: 1, Crimes; 2, Heaton; 3, Lawton; vhc, Potts; hc, Latham. UNFLI.: 1, 2, Crimes; 3, Latham. vhc, Heaton; hc, Kirk. YORKS., CL.: 1, Potts; 2, Lawton; 3, Henson; vhc, Potts. TICKED: 1, 3, 2, Lawton; 2, Lawton. HEN: 1, Lawton; 2, Henson; Henson; 2, Lawton. HEN: 1, Lawton; 2, Henson; 3, Potts. BORDER TICKED.: 1, Heaton; 2, 3, vhc, Hancocks. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Hancocks. MULES: 1, 2, Potts; 3, Elks; vhc, hc, Grant. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, vhc, Jones; 3, Lawton; hc, Kirk. LINNET: 1, Potts; 2, Kirk; 3, Lawton; vhc, Crimes. BULLFINCH: 1, Lawton; 2, 3, Bowker; vhc, Kirk. GREENFINCH: 1, Jones; 2, vhc, Bowker; 3, Kirk. CHAFFINCH: 1, Lawton; 2, 3, Bowker. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Potts; 2, 3, Jones; vhc, Elks; hc, Bowker. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Bowker; 3, Grant; vhc, Heaton. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Jones; 2, 3, Potts. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Hancocks; vhc, Potte; c, Bowker. SELL., 10/6: 1, 3, Hancocks; 2, Latham; vhc, Heaton.

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DUNDALK.

The Dundalk C.B.A. held their first annual show in the Town Hall, on January 22nd and 23rd. The birds were well staged, and the room only wants a little more light to be one of the best in the kingdom. The President, Mr. J. W. Rowe, was busy all day looking after the welfare of the exhibits, and Mr. J. P. McEneaney, the secretary, and his assistants, worked hard and well to make the show the success it was. They deserve every credit for their able management. The Yorkshires were the pick of the show, and no wonder, seeing they were under the patronage of the Y.C.C. of Ireland. Messrs. Sheridan and Fry put down a strong team, and were well rewarded. Messrs. McQuade and Mulligan also staged some lovely birds. Seeing that this is the first show of the Dundalk Society, we must congratulate them on their success, and hope that it will continue. Amongst other fanciers present on the first day of the show we noticed Messrs. Sheridan and Fry, Mulligan, Devins, Duigenan, Tighe, McQuade, and Sholedice. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CKS. (11): 1, 3, vr, Mulligan, 1st wing marked, good head, grand wings and tail, clear on chest, 3rd typical, full of quality; 2, Roe, rich colour, grand type; vhc, Mayor, W. J. Trotter; he, c, T. F. O'Reilly. HENS (6): 1, Carson, good head and chest, grand wing carriage, rich colour, boxey feather; 2, Major Trotter, nice colour, full of quality, neat, round head; 3, Connell, type and quality A1; r, Mulligan. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 3, Carson, rich colour, grand type, full of quality, good head, fine wings and tail, 3rd typical and rich in colour; 2, r, c, Stewart, good head and chest, nice quality; vhc, Killen; he, Mulligan; c, O'Reilly. HENS (7): 1, No name, grand hen, full of quality, short and chubby, nice mealy colour, very steady; 2, Stewart, good head and back, short and chubby; 3, T. F. O'Reilly, quality A1, pale colour, neat head, very cobby; r and c, Mulligan; vhc, Carson. VARIEG. COCK. (8): 7, he, Mulligan, 1st buff var., rich colour, grand type and quality, good wings, short tail; 2, Stewart, yellow check and wing marked, rich colour, good head and chest, nice quality of feather; 3, vhc, Connell, 3rd buff variog. grand stamp of bird, full of quality; r, Carson, variog. yell.; c, Roe.—HENS: Cancelled. Mr. C. Mulligan won Ramsden special for best fed bird, Class 8, No. 6. YORKS. YELL. CKS. (13): 1, 2, C. A. O'Reilly, grand position, long flights, well placed, good piped tail, full of quality, 2nd rich colour, good wings and tail, nice feather; 3, Cloke, nicely-fed, good head, position, carries wings nicely; vhc, he; c, T. F. O'Reilly. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Sheridan and Fry, two lovely birds, 1st grand length, straight as a rush, good head, wings and tail, full of nerve, 2nd nice colour, grand position; 3, he, C. A. O'Reilly, rich colour, well up on leg, long flights, clean on breast; vhc, Tighe, nice bird, wants just a little more time; c, Mulligan. TICK, ETC., CK. (15): 1, McQuade, unevenly marked buff, full of quality, well up on leg, long flights, and tail, slim and nervy; grand stock bird; 2, Hawkins, yell. grizzled on neck, typical, full of quality, carries wings and tail well; 3, C. A. O'Reilly buff, cheek ticked, nice quality, position A1, neat head; vhc, Duigenan; he, Sheridan and Fry; c, T. F. O'Reilly. YELL. HEN (13): 1, vhc, T. F. O'Reilly, 1st long, slim, and typical hen, full of quality, beautiful head, nice wings and tail; 2 C. A. O'Reilly, position and quality A1, good piped tail, neat, round head; 3, South, very rich colour, full of quality; he, c, Sheridan and Fry. BUFF (11): 1, M'Quade, pale colour, good head, clean on chest, grand wings and tail, very stylish, full of quality; 2, vhc, Cloke, 2nd grand stamp, neat head, good wings and tail; 3, South, slim and typical, full of bloom and quality, well up on leg; he, Sheridan and Fry; c, T. F. O'Reilly. TICK, ETC. (14): 1, South, cinn.-marked yellow, not a big one, but a gem, feathered like glass, grand type, shown to perfection, we liked her much; 2, T. F. O'Reilly, another cinn.-marked yellow, typical; 3, he, Mulligan, small hen, boxey feather, good wings and tail; vhc, Duigenan; c, Cloke. NON-FED CL. CK. (15): 1, 2, Sheridan and Fry, 1st yell, well up on leg, good head, long flights and tail, full of quality, 2nd buff, boxey feather, typical, neat head, clean on breast, good wings and tail; 3, M'Quade, yell., long bird, grand head, good wings and piped tail; vhc, Hawkins; he, Devins; c, Cloke. TICK, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Sheridan and Fry, 1st buff variog., grand quality, position A1, good head, wings and tail, 2nd buff variog., long flights, good head; 3, c, Sholedice, buff, wing-ticked, nice type and quality, carries wings and tail well; vhc, T. F. O'Reilly; he, Thompson. NON-FED CL. HEN (11): 1, Sholedice, yell., typical, full of quality, neat head, clear on breast, grand wings and tail, very nervy; 2, he, Sheridan and Fry, buff, round head, good back, carries wings and tail well; 3, c, Hawkins 3rd yell., slim, long wings and tail, nice type; vhc, Duigenan. TICK, ETC. (4): 1, Sheridan and Fry, variog. yell, nice quality, well up on leg, lovely wings and tail, good stock hen; 2, Thompson, yell. tick, nervy, good flights and quality; 3, T. F. O'Reilly, buff, cinn.-marked, full of quality, nice position. NOVICE.—YORKS. CL. (13): 1, 3, Farrell, 1, yell., good head, nice quality, carries wings and tail well, 3rd yell., typical, good wing carriage, full of quality; 2, Keating, buff, neat head, typical, nice quality, good wings and tail; vhc, Devins; he, M'Ilveen; c, M'Kone. TICK, ETC. (10): 1, Miss O'Perrin, variog. buff, typical, full of quality, grand wings and tail, very nervy; 2, Farrell, variog. cinn.-marked, yellow, lovely quality, grand wings and tail, clean on breast; 3, vhc, Devins, yell. ticked, well up on leg, good long flights and tail, nice type and quality; he, M'Ilveen; c, Welsh. CL. HEN: 1, Welsh, buff, grand position, long flights and tail, full of quality; 2, Devins, buff, good head, nice wings and tail, lovely quality; 3, c, Keatings, yell., typical, nice quality and nerve, good wing carriage; vhc, he, M'Kitterick. TICK, ETC., HEN (8): 1, Miss O'Perrin, buff cinn. variog., lovely feather, well up on leg, grand wings and tail; 2, c, Devins, yell tick, full of quality, nice type, good head, wings and tail; 3, Farrell, buff cinn.-marked, long flight and tail, position and quality, neat head; vhc, M'Ilveen; he, Thompson. SELL. YORKS., 15/-: 1, Fortune; 2, C. A. O'Reilly; 3, he, Sheridan and Fry; vhc, Harvey; c, C. A. O'Reilly. CAN. MULE. CL., ETC. (10): 1, Mulligan, variog. Goldfinch and Can; 2, M'Garrity, variog. Goldie Can.; 3, he, Lyons; vhc, M'Peake; c, M'Clenaghan. DARK (10): 1, Carson, very good Grecnie-Can.; 2, Harvey, nice Linnet-Can.; 3, Birse, a fine Goldie Can.; vhc, c, Butterfield; he, Lyons. A.O.V. HYB. (6): 1, 2, 3, Lavery, grand team, 1st Goldie-Bullie, beautiful feather, show well, 2nd Goldie-Grecnie, 3rd Goldie-Bullie; vhc, Butterfield; he, Gallaghar. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Birse, good blaze and buttons, very steady, grand condition; 2, Kellin, nice condition, good buttons; 3, he, c, Lavery; vhc, Tighe. LINNETS (2): 1, 3, Mulligan, 1st, fine bird, nicely pencilled, good condition and colour, 3rd good pencilling, shade lighter in colour; 2, M'Ardle, nice brown, good pencilling, rare condition; vhc, Harvey; he, Birse; c, Miss O'Perrin. LARKS (6): 1, Miss O'Perrin, rich colour, beautifully spangled, shown in pink of condition; 2, Goodman, nice colour and spangles; 3, O'Connell; vhc, Lyons; he, MacNamee. A.O.S. BULLFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Mulligan, 1st lovely Bullie, shown in rare condition; 2, Phillips; 3, Lynch; he, Morgan, junr.; c, Fulton, junr. LARGER (4): 1, Cornish Chough, grand condition, Phillips; 2, Hawthuch, Phillips. SELL. 15/-: 1, 3, Harvey; 2, O'Hara; vhc, Grimes. CONFINED CLASSES.—YORKS. (8): 1, Grimes; 2, Keatings; 3, M'Kitterick; vhc, M'Kone; he, Walters; c, Bingham. GOLDIE (12): 1, Rowe; 2, Goss; 3, M'Glenaghan; vhc, Fulton; he, M'Fadden; c, Twibill. LINNET (4): 1, Byrne; 2, Miss Anna C. Byrne; 3, Fulton, junr.; vhc, Lynch. WORKING MEN'S CLASS.—A.V. CAN. (16): 1, vhc, Monaghan; 2, Byrne; 3, Lawless; r, Clarke; he, Groombridge; c, Grimes.

GOREBRIDGE.

Gorebridge and Dist. held their annual show on January 25th, in the Newbyres Hall. Cage birds were staged in the lesser hall, which was very comfortable, and possessed good light. The Canary section turned out in fairly good numbers, but what may have been lacking in quantity was well made up for in quality. A good number of Scottish National winners were again on view. Border Fancies were the main variety here catered for, and were well handled by Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso). President, Mr. A. Brown; Vice-President, Mr. J. Clapperton; Treasurer, Mr. J. Thomson; Committee, Messrs. A. Thomson, P. Russell, J. H. Beveridge, A. Pringle, J. Sharp, R. Smith, T. Hyslop, R. Bernard, J. Hyslop, J. Thomson, and A. Falconer. Mr. Bryson, the active and obliging secretary, had his committee in good working form, and had everything well in hand when judging started. The show was well patronised by the public, and we hope the society will be able to have a good working balance in hand.

Critique.

BOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, 4, spl, Bennet, leading with the Scottish National winner, tick on head, lovely bloom, neat, round head, very short in wings, wins well, 4th good level colour; 2, Smith, very jaunty carriage, good in head and neck; 3, Hamilton, neat body, well set on legs; 5, spl, 7, Thomson; 6, Walker. HEN (9): 1, spl, B.F.C. medal, Bryson, A1 head, neatly rounded front, good wings; 2, Bennet, neat and very good carriage, fine, short wings, grizzle head; 3, Walker, also tick head, shade longer body, good feather; 4, Beveridge, neat head and neck, well balanced body; 5, Smith; 6, Harper. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (11): 1, 4, Bennet, again leading with one of the real sort, grandly moulded head, neat, round waist, well-drawn body, 4th very similar; 2, Harner, lovely feather, very neat head, good back, well tapered body, not much behind winner; 3, Bryson, sound, level colour, close fitting wings; 5, Ewing; 6, Masterton; 7, Whitelaw. HEN (8): 1, Smith, to the front with the Edinburgh winner, shown in lovely feather, neat, jaunty carriage; 2, Bennet, neatly-rounded head and body, good wings and tail; 3, Rowe, very neat body, well set on legs; 4, spl, Sintin, good wing carriage, neat tail; 5, Masterton; 6, Walker; 7, Smith. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, Bennet, very neat three-pointer, very short in flights, neat head, well rounded back; 2, Hamilton, nearly an even, grand quality feather; 3, Masterton, close up, 1 eye, 2 wings marked, A1 feather and finish; 4, spl, Bryson, also well moulded type and feather, neat, jaunty style; 5, Arnot and Jamieson; 6, Hardie and Brownlie; 7, Welsh. BUFF (6): 1, Thomson, well-known, five-pointer, shown in best of feather, well rounded front, good wing carriage; 2, Whitelaw, three-pointer, very neat shape, and well finished feather; 3, Hardie and Brownlie, very stylish variog., good feather, sound colour; 4, Welsh, good head and back; 5, Arnot and Jamieson; 6, Bryson. EVEN MARK (5): 1, Thomson, well-known yell. cinn. even, shown in grand bloom, good type; 2, Arnot and Jamieson, well-balanced buff, good eyes and wings, A1 type; 3, Hardie and Brownlie, even, good, all round; 4, spl, Whitelaw, best of type, in good feather; 5, Fairgrieve and Baird. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, 3, 4, Thomson, well pencilled Green leading, 3rd good, sound grass; 2, Bennet, fine grassy Green, close up; 5, Hislop. SELL. BORD. (6): 1, Jardine, very fine buff uneven; 2, Bryson, yell.; 3, Beveridge, yell.; 4, Harper; 5, Linton; 6, Ewing. SCOT. FCY. CK. (6): 1, 4, spl, Beveridge, winner very reachy buff Green, gets head well down, good back and shoulder, 4th very reachy yell. fonl, grand head and neck; 2, Yule, massive buff-pied, good back and depth of rib; 3, No name, buff Green, good top end, well filled in back; 5, Briggs; 6, Paxton. HEN (6): 1, spl, 2, Beveridge, two well-known exhibits, former the Haddington and Lauder winner, at once takes hold of perch, draws for all she is worth, 2nd similar, well-filled back; 3, Briggs, yell.-pied, very stylish, grand nerve, good top end; 4, Paxton, buff, strong back and good rib; 5, Yule. NOR. CK. (9): 1, 3, Smith, leading with grand yellow, fine round head, well-rounded chest, good depth of body, wins well; 2, Beveridge, very neat, lovely feather, good substance; 4, Gardiner, good coloured buff, good back and wings, was shown in a glass-fronted box, which tended to spoil the bird's appearance. It, however, attracted plenty of attention. NOR. HEN (8): 1, 3, 7, Smith, leading with a beauty, of a clear yellow, a new face we understand, grandly rounded head, fine short back and flights; 2, 5, Gardiner, former very good type and lovely bloom; 4, spl, Dickson, neat, short body, well-rounded front; 6, Beveridge. BRIT. (9): 1, 3, Sinton, well-known old hero, Fieldfare, still going great guns, in fine feather; 2, Blaikie, good Hawfinch, finely-cut crown and bib; 4, spl, Lennie, nice Greenie; 5, Pringle and Son; 6, Sharp; 7, Small. MULE (3): 1, Falconer, very finely coloured Goldie-Can.; 2, 3, Bernard, Linnet and Goldie respectively, good size.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

A back end show was held on January 15th, and proved a great success. Mr. J. Law won spl. for points, and also spl. for most entries. The spl. for most points in the Lancashire classes and gained by a novice went to Mr. J. Nuttall. YELL. COPPY, cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, Lord; 2, 3, Adams; 4, Nuttall. YELL. P.H. (3): 1, Law; 2, Adams; 3, Lord. BUFF (2): 1, Adams; 2, Hughes; 3, Nuttall. LIZARD GOLD (3): 1, Nuttall; 2, 3, Holt. SILVER, cancelled. HEN LIZARD (3): 1, Leach; 2, Nuttall; 3, vhc, Sidaway; 4, Holt. CREST (5): 1, 2, Radcliffe; 3, Law; 4, Collinge; vhc, Nuttall. CREST. BRED (3): 1, 2, Radcliffe; 3, Collinge. YORKS. CL. YELL. (2): 1, 2, E. Scoby; 3, Pregnall. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Schofield; 2, Bescoby; 4, Lees. TICK YELL. (6): 1, 3, Bescoby; 2, Faulkner; 4, Lees; vhc, Clayton; he, Pregnall. BUFF (5): 1, Clayton; 2, Leach; 3, Bescoby; 4, Lees; vhc, Faulkner. NOR. YELL., cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Horsman; 4, Lees. TICK YELL., cancelled. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Lees; 4, Sidaway; vhc, Radcliffe. A.O.V., cancelled. BRIT. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, 3, Law. HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Law; vhc, Sidaway. SELL. £1 (9): 1, Adams; 2, vhc, Radcliffe; 3, vhc, Clayton; 4, Horsman; he, Hughes; c, Lees.

MALVERN.

This show was held on January 22nd, and we regret to have to chronicle the fact that the entries did not come up quite so well as last year, several classes being cancelled. We should advise the committee, to whom much credit is undoubtedly due, another year to re-arrange the classification, and bring it more up-to-date, when we feel sure they will get a good entry. The room in which the birds were staged is a capital one for a limited show, being well lighted, free from draughts, and right away from the other sections of the show. The exhibits were nicely staged, and were ably looked after by the well-known local enthusiast, Mr. Johnson. Mr. Samuel Grillith, the secretary, is the right man in the right place, and much of the credit for the able management of the show is reflected on him. The King Parrot of Mr. Howes, and the Chough of Mr. Jones, were greatly admired, as was also Mr. Lovell's well-known Linnet. It would be a difficult matter to find three birds to beat them in their respective classes. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

YORKS., CL., ETC. (16): 1, vhc, Green, yell., good length, nicely drawn, stands well on a good pair of legs, has nice flights and tail, and good quality of feather; 2, Johnson, buff, unfli., grand feather and quality, good position and style, nice back, clean chest; 3, Wells, yellow, finely drawn, grand feather, good position, bit soiled; vhc, Portman; he, Lovell, Bishop; c, Collier, Uzzell. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Summerhill, yellow Scots., nice top, gets head well down, and tail well under, good length of side, well cleaned out front; 2, he, Edwards, frizzle Crest, nice droop and radiation, good frontal and back crest; 3, vhc, Bishop, Crest-bred, good-shaped skull, well feathered; he, c, Munn; c, Ballard. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, vhc, Edwards, nice rich blaze, grand feather and buttons, good back and chest, very stylish; 2, c, Portman, nicely tanned chest, well cut blaze, nice checks; 3, he, Osborne, Bullfinch, grand shape, nice cap, bars and back, good-coloured breast, shows well; vhc, Baker; he, Shaw. BRIT. A.O.S. (9): 1, Jones, Cornish Chough, magnificent feather and sheen, good size, grand-coloured bill and legs, in rare order; 2, Lovell, well-known Linnet, beautifully-pencilled sides and breast, grand colour and polish, shows to perfection, hard lines to meet winner; 3, Barry Bros., Bramblefinch, grand feather, nicely laced, very steady; vhc, Chick; he, Edwards; c, Portman. FOR. (12): 1, Howe, King Parrot, most beautiful colour, deep rich and bright, good shape and size, real gem; 2, vhc, Hadley, Blue Mountain Lorrikeet, nice colour and feather; 3, Davies, King Parrot, deep, brilliant colour; he, Poole; c, Hill, Jewes. SELL. (8): 1, Elsmore, smart yellow Yorks.; 2, Poole, nice Bullfinch; 3, c, Bishop; vhc, Davies; he, Smith. LOCAL CLASS, CAN. A.V. (10): 1, Probert, yellow Yorks., nice colour, stand and length; 2, vhc, Miss Graham, smart clear yellow Border, good shape and feather, nice jaunty carriage; 3, McCann, yellow Norwich, nice shape and feather; he, c, Miss Burrows; c, Tipping.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Third annual show of pairs matched for breeding, held at the Bay Malton, Great Portland-street, on January 25th. There were close upon 100 pairs entered, and the collection all through was a very nice one indeed. Evidence of the increasing popularity of mule and hybrid breeding in the ranks of the fancy was to be found in the fact that close upon half of the pairs staged were intended for this purpose. The collection of hen Bullfinches was a noticeable feature. This growing popularity of mule and hybrid breeding is in strange contrast to the sentiment of "the olden time" of the fancy, for in days gone by it was scarcely considered worth while to incur the trouble, expenditure of patience, and repeated disappointment attendant upon mule breeding. To-day, however, the production of a tip-top mule or hybrid is looked upon as a profitable and creditable exploit. In the Canary section the Cinnamon class was the most meritorious, and it is but fair to say that nine pairs in one class, and those of undeniable quality, is an experience seldom met with at a society show of matched pairs. If indicative of re-awakening interest in the variety, well, and perhaps nothing could be more appropriate than that the re-awakening should start "at home," for the secretary of the Cinnamon Club (Mr. R. J. Pretty), is also secretary of the London and Counties Association. The birds were comfortably and conveniently staged; and the excellent assistant secretary and Mr. W. Shakespeare, and others rendered willing help in the arrangements. A good number of visitors attended the show in the evening, and everything passed off satisfactorily. The specials were won as follows:—Messrs. H. Stacey, E. Pretty (2), G. A. Morrison (2), O. Handt, W. Quantrell, W. Gilbert, Adamthwaite (2), W. Shakespeare. Mr. George Gardner judged. CHAMPION SECTION. —NOR. A.V.: 1, Tringham; 2, Shakespeare. C. AND C.B.: 1, 2, 3, 4, E. Pretty. YORKS.: 1, Shakespeare. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, c, Handt; 4, R. J. Pretty; vhc, he, E. Pretty. LIZARDS: 1, Shakespeare. LANC.: 1, 2, E. Pretty. BOR.: 1, Shakespeare. A.O.V.: 1, Shakespeare. NOVICE SECTION.—NOR. A.V.: 1, 2, 3, Stacey; 4, Sparke; vhc, R. J. Pretty. C. OR C.B.: 1, Hammant. YORKS.: 1, Gilbert; 2, 3, vhc, Morrison; 4, Williams. CINN.: 1, Williams. GOLD. AND CAN.: 1, Thorpe; 2, R. J. Pretty. LINN. AND CAN.: 1, Morrison; 2, Heine; 3, Adamthwaite; 4, Pearce. GREEN AND CAN.: 1, Stacey; 2, Morrison; 3, Hammant; 4, R. J. Pretty; vhc, Adamthwaite. A.O.S. FINCH AND CAN.: 1, Williams; 2, Goodall; 3, Pearce; 4, Morrison; vhc, he, Adamthwaite. BULL CROSS A.S. BRIT.: 1, Handt; 2, Morrison; 3, Stacey; 4, Thorpe; vhc, Adamthwaite; he, Quantrell; c, Ransley. A.O. CROSS TWO BRIT.: 1, 2 Quantrell; 3, Thorpe; 4, Heine; vhc, Morrison. SELL 30/-: 1, Shakespeare; 2, 3, Stacey; 4, Sparke; vhc, he, Handt. SELL. 20/-: 1, 3, Ransley; 2, 4, c, R. J. Pretty; he, Handt.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

On January 15 the members held one of their popular "table" shows at headquarters in Guildhall Street. In connection with the proceedings an amateur judging competition took place. Special prizes were presented by the Chairman (Mr. A. E. Brooks). Mr. W. Linsey, and others. The quality of the birds was very good, especially the Goldfinches, in which class Mr. A. E. Edwards' exhibit took first place, also the special for the best British in the show. Specials were also won by Mr. C. Lambert and Mr. C. Ison. The judging was undertaken by Messrs. Doggett and Woods, and their awards gave very satisfaction.

NOR. P.H.: 1, 3, Brooks; 2, Ison. YORKS.: 1, 2, Linsey. NOR. PAIRS: 1, Brooks; 2, Ison. YORKS. PAIRS: 1, Linsey. GOLDFINCHES: 1, Edwards; 2, Rogers; 3, Williams. BULLFINCHES: 1, 3, Lambert; 3, Williams. GREENFINCHES: 1, McQuarrie; 2, Ridgwell; 3, Edwards. LINNETS: 1, Ridgwell; 2, Bye; 3, McQuarrie. SISKINS: 1, Edwards. A.O.S. BRITISH: 1, 3, Lambert; 2, King. Amateur Judging Competition: 1, Ison; 2, 3, Lambert and Ridgwell (tied).

SPALDING.

A capital little show was that of the Spalding Fanciers' Association, which was held on January 23rd. This year's fixture was held in the Corn Exchange, a building more suitable even than the Drill Hall, in which the shows have been held for some years past, the light being better. The birds were nicely arranged at the end of the hall, and looked not only very pretty, but also very cosy and comfortable. Taking the classes through, the quality was splendid, Norwich particularly so, the winners of Messrs. Moore and Keech being greatly admired. Yorkshires were a nice quality lot, but several of them began to look as though the end of the season it at hand. Britishers made two interesting classes, and some very beautiful Foreigners were staged. All the arrangements were carried out by the stewards in the best possible fashion, whilst Messrs. Murrell and Elviss, the secretaries, were most energetic and obliging in the discharge of the duties pertaining to their office. In them the Spalding fanciers have a real good brace of secretaries. The committee responsible for this year's show were Messrs. E. W. Farrow (chairman), R. D. Wellband (vice-chairman), H. Chapman, J. Belsham, T. Foreman, G. Elsom, C. Cooke, T. Merryweather, W. J. Monney, and H. Thompson, Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL. (13): 1, Robinson, rare shape, beautiful colour, fine silky feather, but hardly so tight as it might be; 2, Handley and Son, on the small side, but a gem for shape, colour and quality; 3, 4, vhc, Smith, a trio grand shaped, fine quality birds, beautiful colour, the latter hardly so well shown as his stable companions; vhc, Axe; he, A. Keech; c, Priestley. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Moore, very short chubby bird, neat wings and tail, great depth of chest, grand even colour, well mealed; 2, W. A. Keech, neck ticked, beautiful colour, high quality of feather, well mealed, nice shape, but hardly so full in chest; 3, Adnitt and Driver, variegated, rare shape and colour, very close in feather; 4, Moore, grand body, full of quality, nice colour, not quite so good in head; vhc, Handley and Son; he, Axe; c, Brown. HEN (13): 1, W. A. Keech, a little gem, very short and chubby, neat wings and tail, as tight as a Java, rare colour, meal, and bloom; 2, Clews, very stout grizzle-headed yellow, good wings and tail, nice even colour, fine quality; 3, Axe, another beautifully-shaped buff, but not put down in quite the same bloom as winner; 4, Brown, grand shapely yellow, full of quality, and nice colour; vhc, Moore, Jupe; he, Adnitt and Driver; c, Isom. YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, 4, Hawes, two very nice slim, well-tapered birds, beautiful quality of feather, neat heads, rare wing carriage and plenty of nerve; 2, Wilcock, beautiful feather and style, grand wings and tail, trifle stouter; 3, he, Emery, very fine colour and quality, good shape, hardly so clever with his wings; vhc, Parrott; c, Walsh; absent, 9, Wing. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Emery, rare shape, colour and quality, neat head, capital wings and tail; 2, Hurrell, long, tapering, wing ticked, finely drawn, nice style; 3, Ross, beautiful shape and feather, rare style, not so neat in tail; 4, Wilcock, one of the best in the class, a rare shaped bird of lovely feather, but drops right wing; vhc, Hawes; he, Walsh; c, Parrott. HEN (11): 1, Ross, charming little yellow, full of quality and style, fine shape; 2, Walsh, very neat stylish buff, grand feather, and good form; 3, Hawes, really smart variegated yellow, but had brought a little of the London fog down with her; 4, vhc, Parrott, smart buff and yellow, shapely and nice style, not put down in this exhibitor's usual style; he, Wilcock; c, Murrell. A.O.V. (9): 1, 2, spl, Axe, even marked Crest, well known winner, and a rare shaped, sound coloured buff Cinnamon; 3, Swingler, beautiful yellow Cinnamon, rare shape and colour, nice quality; 4, Exton, graud shaped buff Cinnamon, rare colour and quality, not so stout in head; vhc, Adnitt and Driver; he, Looker; c, Miss Ives. BRED 1907 (14): 1, Clews, very sweet yellow Norwich, lovely quality of feather, nice shape and neat wings and tail; 2, Wilcock, head ticked buff Norwich, grand shape, colour and quality, inclined to be a little slack; 3, c, Murrell, very smart, shapely yellow Yorkshire, neat head and wings, very stylish; 4, Adnitt and Driver, variegated yellow Norwich, nice shape, good colour, and fine feather; vhc, Isom; he, A. Keech. MULES (9): 1, spl, Thomas, well-marked, rich coloured Goldie-Bullie, in lovely form, not a feather out of place, and as tight as wax; 2, 3, 4, vhc, he, c, Hunt, four-pointed Bull, nice shape and feather, rich blaze, nicely-marked, 3rd Chaffinch-Bramble-finch hen, not in good form, 4th yellow Cinnamon Canary-Grecnfinch, nice colour and feather. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (17): 1, Wilmot, very choice little Goldie, beautiful blaze and bars, nice buttons, capital cheeks and breast, very steady; 2, Swingler and Blackwell, very handsome blaze and bars, neat buttons, hardly so rich in his chestnut; 3, c, Featherstone, smart handsome Bullie, grand, rich-coloured breast, deep, glossy cap, lovely back; 4, Popple, fine, big rich-coloured blaze, not so large in body, good feather and style; vhc, he, Axe; he, no name. LINNET, ETC.: Cancelled. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (11): 1, 4, Axe, well-known Hawfinch and Cornbunting, in splendid form, two grand birds; 2, Fowell, well-marked, nicely feathered Snow Bunting; 3, Bescoby, rich coloured Chaffinch, good head and breast, neat markings; vhc, Swingler and Blackwell; he, Ostler; he, Taylor. SOFTBILL (Small and Large): Both cancelled. FOR. SMALL (10): 1, 3, spl, Howe, very handsomely plumaged, beautifully marked Green Cardinal, and a most charming yellow Budgerigar; 2, Meadows, handsomely marked, close feathered pair of Grassfinches; 4, c, Hunt, rich coloured, good crested, Red Cardinal; vhc, Caunt; he, Thomas. LARGE: Cancelled. SELL. 25/- (16): 1, Wilcock, sweet yellow Yorkshire, a bargain; 2, Exton, fine big buff Cinnamon; 3, Hurrell, neat, stylish buff Yorkie; 4, Bescoby; vhc, he, Oliff; vhc, Howe; he, Peters, Keech, Howes. 15/- (22): 1, Howe, stout buff Cinnamon; 2, Bescoby, really good Redwing, in grand form; 3, Oliff, smart yellow Norwich; 4 Hawes; vhc, Isom, Fowell, Dickett; he, Hedworth, Axe, Rogers, Adnitt and Driver.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A members' show was held on January 25th and 26th, at the Railway Hotel, Bedford, Leigh. The committee also provided two open Linnet classes, to be shown in hop cages, some smart birds being shown here. Mr. H. Parkinson, judged.

NOR. YELL. COCK: 1, Gaskell; 2, Davies. BUFF: 1, Marsh; 2, Clare; 3, Davies. HENS: 1, vhc, Marsh; 2, 3, Gaskell; he, Davies; c, Clare. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Cavanagh; 2, 3, Slater. BUFF: 1, Cavanagh. HEN: 1, 3, Cavanagh; 2, Whittaker. Cavanagh. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Hart. CREST BRED: 1, 2, Hart. MULE: 1, J. Crelly. BRIT.: 1, Hart, a Goldfinch; 2, Davies, a Chaffinch; 3, Slater, a Goldfinch; vhc, Davies; he, c, Gaskell. HOUSE-MOULTED LINNET: 1, D. Banks; 2 he, J. Eckersley; 3, Davies; vhc, Woodward; c, Jones. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, vhc, Woodward; c, Jones. Parr; vhc, Hart; c, R. Davies; 2, Banks; 3, vhc, Parr; vhc, Hart; c, Cavanagh. SPECIAL CLASS: 1, 3, vhc, Marsh; 2, Slater; he, Clare; c, Gaskell. SELL. 12/6: 1, White taker; 2, Ordish; 3, Davies.

The Novices' Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

Concerning the Use of Distemper.

To finish cages that have to be distempered or white-washed you will next lay on one or two coats of material — two always is better—evenly and smoothly. The sanitary distempers which are now on the market are most convenient, being no more difficult to apply than paint or whitewash, and they have many points in their favour over whitewash or enamels, as I have long since pointed out, and need not repeat here.

I always prefer a light tint for breeding cages, either white, or a very light tone of bluish-grey, or stone colour. It makes the inside of the cages appear brighter and more cheerful. As they have to be packed indoors, perhaps in a not very well lighted room, cages done thus are lighter in the early morning, at evening, and during dull weather, when the interiors of cages painted with dark colours are quite dismal. That the birds appreciate the difference is quite clear, for you will always find them astir earlier and later during the spring and autumn months in these light coloured cages. That is a trivial matter on first sight, but there is no doubt it has advantages if the young of the first brood get only one feed morning and night, before and after their less favourably placed brethren are astir.

Quicklime Precautions.

But this is a digression. Although we have no objection to whitewash made with the balls of common whiting to be obtained from most oil and colour dealers, we do strongly object to the so-called whitewash made with slaked quicklime, such as is commonly used in country places. Provided the lime had been slacked by exposure to the air, and had lain exposed until it had lost its heat, I see no objection to its use. But then it is doubtful whether it would be as good an insecticide as the distemper already referred to, and I have known of so many cases of eye trouble, and several of blindness, attacking the birds after the cage had been limewashed that I would strongly advise everyone to avoid such a risk.

Whatever material may be used for the purpose, we will suppose the insides have been done satisfactorily. Replace the front securely, see that the doors slide or turn quite freely, and fasten securely; repair any defect in the wiring, and polish up the outsides. Give a fresh coat of varnish, if necessary. When quite dry put on a set of perfectly clean and disinfected seed boxes, water vessels, and egg drawers, fit in new perches, and you are ready to begin the great work of the year.

The Turn-out.

Now to start operations on the bird-room. If a spare room or other available space can be temporarily utilised where the birds will not be exposed to any draught and where the temperature is neither very considerably higher nor lower than that of the bird-room, itself begin by removing the cages (birds included) to these temporary quarters. If there is the slightest suspicion of the position being draughty keep the cages covered over with some light material. A variety of linen articles for the purpose might be borrowed from the domestic supply, if your manner towards the "reigning authority" is sufficiently persuasive. (As a matter of good policy always make it a point to be on the very best terms with these authorities when your annual overhaul is about to begin).

Then clear out everything movable, and begin by cleaning the room. Sweep up all dust and litter from the floor, walls, and fixed staging, and burn it at once. Wash with a strong solution of disinfectant, which may be most easily applied with a distemper brush in the same way as ordinary white-washing. If the walls have been whitewashed or distempered, any loose chips or blistered places should be scraped over to remove the loose material prior to the initial sweeping. But where they are covered with wall-paper, and this is not going to be removed, the brush down will need to be more careful and thorough.

Avoid Papered Walls.

It is, however, much the best plan to avoid having papered walls. Even when put up by practical workmen it is exceedingly rare that they do not crack or blister, or get loose in places, which, however, small and insignificant the defects may be, afford most excellent harbours for insect pests. For the walls and ceiling there is absolutely nothing to equal good hot limewash prepared with quicklime. In spite of all we urged against its use in the cages themselves, there is no gainsaying the fact that it is a splendid dressing to eradicate both insect pests and disease germs. As there is no possibility of the birds coming in direct contact with it on the walls and ceiling, there can be no reasonable objection to its use for this purpose, so that its good qualities may be utilised here.

If the glaring whiteness is objected to, it may be relieved by the addition of a little "dry stainers," — coloured powders which any oilman will supply at a few pence per pound. A sky-blue tint may be obtained by adding a colour popularly called "lime blue," and stirring it well in sufficient to make the mixture when ready for use appear moderately dark blue. A simpler method still is to stir into the "wash" a packet or two (according to quantity of "wash" and the tint required) of Venetian red, which can probably be obtained at any oil-shop in the country. This will give any tone required from the lightest pink to a very warm red. But it requires to be made rather darker than one desires it to be permanently, as the colour will fade several shades after a few months' exposure to light.

It is quite easy to gauge any tint required by smearing a little of the "wash" on a piece of brown paper and drying before the fire, when one can see what tint the stuff will be when the wash is dry on the walls. This should be done from time to time, when the colour is being added, to avoid making it too dark. It is always easier to add a little more colour, when the shade is not deep enough, than it is to dilute the "wash" to the proper tint if too much is added.

Progressive Work.

One can now go straight ahead. Give the walls and ceiling two good coats of the limewash, and work it well into the corners, particularly with the first coat, and if there are any small cracks or holes in the plaster, fill them up as you proceed with a little of the thick sediment from the bottom of the vessel holding the "wash." Allow the first coat to dry, and then go over it again, stippling it well this time to bring up a nice even and smooth surface. This done, recommence on the fixed staging, and scrub it down well with hot water and carbolic soap. Next clean any paint or woodwork in the same manner, and finish with the floor, leaving all to dry thoroughly with door and windows open meanwhile.

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Back to the Cages.

Whilst the room is thus drying one can get on with the remaining cages. Here it is that one will find the advantage of having the two or three spare cages ready done. Give the birds a bath, adding quassia to the water, and a few hours later remove them to the clean cages. Of course the number you will treat in this way at a time depends upon the number of clean cages you have. If you have three spare cages done, then you will bathe the birds and afterwards remove to the cages the occupants of three of the cages brought from the birdroom.

Having done this, remember the caution to keep the cleaned articles quite isolated from the rest. Do not place the food and water vessels off the cages from which the birds have been removed, on to the clean cages they have been transferred to. To do this is to practically undo much of the good of your labour. See that everything is equally cleaned and disinfected as you proceed, and also keep the two sets of cages quite apart from each other, and take equal precautions against draughts finding a way to either.

The three (or more or less, as the case may be) cages now vacated should be put through the same process of cleaning and inspection and repair if necessary, as already described in detail. By the time these are done and quite dry, the room will probably also be dry and ready for the cages to be replaced in their proper position there as they are finished. If that is so, make the necessary arrangements, and if the room has been heated see that it is brought to something near its usual temperature, and afterwards replace the first set of clean cages and their occupants, and proceed as before in transferring the birds from the dirty cages to the clean ones held in readiness. Replace the remainder of the stock at once in their proper places in the bird-room.

Caution is Necessary.

A word of caution may be advisable here to avoid rushing the work too hastily when you get to this stage of going through the cages by degrees. Unless careful to avoid it, one is very apt in the heat of the moment to pass over a cage as quite dry, which is still damp enough to soil a bird's plumage, or at least, to have the distemper very easily rubbed off in patches by the birds. Heat from a direct source is to be avoided in drying the cages as it is very likely to warp them, but if they are placed in a good current of air, or in a room where a fire is kept, but not near the fire, it will assist the drying process and enable the work to be got through a little more expeditiously.

The Cleaning of Utensils.

No matter what trouble and labour one may expend over the small appliances and utensils such as glass, zinc, or earthenware water vessels, egg drawers, finger drawers, nest pans, brackets, or even seed or nest boxes, nothing will be any more efficient, and in the vast majority of cases not one-half as efficient, as the simple plan of boiling them. Being small and portable, and, and if we except the seed and nest-boxes, unaffected in any way by the process of boiling, they may be placed in batches of any convenient number in a large copperful of cold water, a handful of common washing soda thrown in, a fire lit, and the water brought gradually to boiling point. Let it boil a few minutes—the exact time is of little importance—then withdraw the fire, and allow them to cool slowly. A final rinsing in clean water is sufficient to complete the work, and these appliances may be counted amongst the purest items, from a hygienic standpoint, in the bird-room.

The only objection to this process is in respect to the wooden nest-boxes and seed-boxes, which may be warped and the varnish or paint on the seed-boxes will be destroyed. The latter is a trivial matter, however, and easily remedied by applying a coat or two of fresh varnish after they have become thoroughly dry, and this will have at least one advantage in that it will hermetically seal any cracks which might have been strongholds of mite. Warping may also be largely prevented by taking steps to see that these wooden articles are thoroughly immersed from first to last, and not allowed to float on the surface.

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The Green Canary.

By J. W METCALFE.

(*Continued from page* 22.)

Chapter II.—The Yorkshire Green.

If anyone were to take the trouble of visiting all the fanciers in Liverpool and District, they would be struck with the number of men who have taken up the Yorkshire Green. Never mind what a man's fancy is, as soon as he gets in Liverpool, he will soon take up the Greens as a hobby. In birdy talk it is little else but Greens.

A General Review.

Looking over the Yorkshires from an exhibitor's point of view, the yellows compare very favourably indeed with their clear brethren; they certainly could do with a little more size, and some of our present-day judges put a small bird down never heeding what it makes up for in other properties. I will admit that a good, big one should always beat a good, little one. The Yellow fails a little in the neck, but a bull-necked bird spoils the shape of an otherwise good Yorkshire.

The Buffs, I think, are miles behind the Clears in shape, size and quality, and if there is a change wanted it is in the Buffs. Some are being exhibited with necks and heads that would not digrace a Norwich Green. I have got them myself, so I should be one of the last to speak. I cannot say that we can improve the back and flights; in fact, I think we could not get better. The legs, however, are too short. Admitting you cannot get the same length of leg in Buffs as you can in Yellows, there is still room for a big improvement. I have noticed some grand birds, which, had they a bit more leg, would have looked 50 per cent. better. The waist and tail are main points in a Yorkshire, and here, too, I would say that some of these would suit a Norwich better than some of the Buff Green Yorkshires.

This answers for both the Yellow and Buff hens as well. Can any of us Green Canary Fanciers point out a dozen good hens in either colours? These faults want remedying at once, or else one of these show seasons we Liverpool men will wake up and find ourselves beaten at every show by men who have taken these points in hand where we have failed. Certainly we have the colour, that will take some removing from us; never mind what people say about the old original Grassie Green, we have the best colour in the United Kingdom at the present day. You cannot go back, you must go forward I don't think it is necessary for me to go over the points of a tip top Yorkshire, as I think that can be gathered from the Y.C.C. or G.C.A. standard. Let every fancier learn them off by heart, so that when he is selecting his stock birds he will know what he wants, and not have any kind of a Yorkshire palmed off on to him.

The Selection of Stock.

Assuming that you are taking up the Greens, if your pocket will allow, I should advise six pairs or four cocks and six hens. I will speak of the six pairs first. No. 1 pair, self-yellow cock and self-buff hen. Get this pair from a man who you know, has been breeding and exhibiting with success. Mind you, I am not saying that a man that does not exhibit has no good birds; some times it is the reverse, but if a man gets birds fit to win, he will send them out. And when a man is winning, he is always improving his stock. So by going to him you are sure to get the right thing. In this pair you want good type and quality as well as a deep colour.

No. 2 pair: self-buff cock and self-yellow hen. You can, if possible, get these from the same man, but don't forgot what I have said relative to the buffs. These two pairs get as dark as possible and let the pencilling on the cock birds stand out distinctly, they being well pencilled down thighs. The legs should be dark (it is nigh impossible to get them black without black-leading). The hens do not carry much colour, so don't look for it; you rarely find it. But let them be typical and of good quality, and get them to match the cocks, or you will only be breeding song birds. Insist on getting them as big as you can, combined with the above properties.

No. 3 pair: both foul. Let this pair compare favourably with No. 1 and 2 pairs because you will want their produce later on, as I will explain. By foul birds I mean one to be foul in wing and tail, and the other foul on body.

An Important Pair.

No. 4 pair. The faults I have mentioned rather strongly against the Yorkshires, I want you to remedy in this pair. These you must get from Yorkshire. Get them heavily marked if possible, but clear if you cannot get suited in heavily marked. When sending for this pair, you must not have any of the aforementioned faults in them. It is of no use thinking you can breed it out; you must breed the good points in, and this is the pair you have got to do it with. Don't be put off with fair birds; have the best or none at all. Don't take the Greens as a model, take the best clear or ticked Yorkshires as your ideal. You want to make the Greens like them. This pair may be the dearest of the six pairs, but I think it would be the cheapest in the end.

No. 5. With the previous four pairs you really don't know what you will get in the produce. If you come out on top first time, well and good, but these last two pairs you want to pair up for a set purpose, knowing before hand almost what you will breed from them. I want you to breed large birds from pair No. 5, so get two big birds as large as can be got. Never mind if they are a little bit rough, or not quite up to type. From this pair I want you to keep the largest and best quality cocks; sell the hens at once; they will be of no use, as they are bred from rough parents, and they might throw back too much.

No. 6 pair must be just the reverse of No. 5 pair. Get them with extraordinary type and quality and good colour. You need not mind the size so long as they are not *too* small. From this pair keep the best shaped hens that are teeming with quality, and the following year pair them up with the best quality and largest of the cocks from the No. 5 pair. I have found this a good method indeed. You may, when you have followed it out, say that you have made your own foundation. You will have brought size and quality into your room from two different sources, besides probably being able to breed some good show specimens.

The Pairing of Produce.

Going back to No. 1 and 2 pairs: from these you should breed some very fair birds, and no doubt you will breed the majority of them self in colour. Use your utmost tact in pairing the produce. Should you breed them too dark in ground colour, pair up to a brighter coloured youngster from No. 3 pair. But should you breed a good foul from No. 1, pair it up with a dark one from No. 2 or vice-versa. From No. 3 keep the best of the youngsters that are only slightly foul, and if you breed any that are very foul on the stomach and vent (as you doubtless will) sell them, because you want to do away with this light colour in the places beforementioned.

The best from No. 3 will do you some good to brighten the produce from Nos. 1 and 2, and they will come in handy for the foul classes. From No. 4 pair select the most heavily marked that follow their parents in type, quality and size, and gradually graft them into the best specimens from Nos. 1, 2 and 3 pairs. This pair will save you a lot of trouble. If you get hold of the right thing to commence with, you will not want to run about looking for odd cocks and hens for a few years to come.

Taking the four cocks and six hens, I spoke of, I should advise the first four pairs as above, and then get a good foul hen to run with No. 1 cock, and a foul yellow hen to go with No. 2 cock. In selecting these two hens, get them foul in wings and tail only, not foul on the body. You will have them sufficiently foul on body in No. 3 pair, and also in No. 4 When you are selecting your stock be careful not to get them unsound, if you do you will deeply regret it, as in the first season it will come out in the youngsters and probably more so in the best show specimen you will breed; it generally happens that way. If a bird suits you in type, etc., don't jump after it at once. Put it down for a minute or two while you are looking at others, but keep your eye on it, and if it has a tendency to keep drooping its tail with heavy breathing, you may be sure the bird has a touch of asthma, which seems prevalent in Canaries. It is advisable to give a bird of this description a wide berth. I know the cold weather will make almost any bird droop a little, especially the hens; so look for your stock in the mild weather. Never breed with a bird that has the slightest touch of asthma; by so doing you are only courting disaster.

(*To be continued.*)

THE STANDARD LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

Some Opinions of Breeders and Exhibitors.

(*See also the correspondence Page.*)

I think the standard length, 6¾ inches, is large enough for any Yorkshire show bird. I think if we altered this length we should get worse birds. Six and three-quarter inches is a grand length, and should be adhered to by the judges as near as they can without taking the birds out of the cage to measure them. If we alter the length we shall, in my opinion, go back to the Lancashire Plainhead, and we shall lose style and quality.—J. WILCOCK (Eccleshill).

Respecting the length of the Yorkshire show bird, I think 6¾ inches ought to be adhered to, as it states in the Union rules very plainly that no show bird shall exceed 6¾ inches in length. I note Mr. House has an article in this week's CAGE BIRDS, which is very plain and to the point. I have read a lot about birds being 7 inch and 7½ inch long, but have not seen such a one yet with all the essential points that a winning Yorkshire should have. I think when there is no limit to size, it will be a backward move in the Yorkshire Fancy.—J. BAILEY, of Messrs. Bailey and Swanger (Sandy Lane, Allerton).

I have read with much interest the correspondence, etc., upon this subject, and am penning a few words to express my humble opinion. Now, if a club has a standard of points, I think an exhibitor should endeavour to breed a bird to comply with all such points. But as all of us know, it is a very difficult matter, and up to the present I do not suppose a perfect specimen has yet made its appearance although I admit some really grand birds are now being put on the show bench. When in conversation with a friend the other day, the subject of exhibiting dogs came forward and he told me that he had had the misfortune to be put down with two of his dogs recently, owing as the judge told him, to their being over weight, viz., 25 lbs. (but as a matter of fact they did not quite scale the limit) this official stating that he preferred them rather smaller than the standard. Therefore, if a dog is "stood down" for exceeding its club's standard weight, why should not a Yorkie be also subject to the same ruling if it exceeds its club's standard length? As the standard reads "Shall not exceed 6¾ inches," I take it that that is intended to be the limit, and an exhibitor is to breed a bird to or but not exceeding that length. I certainly do not see where we shall get to if we depart from the standards laid down by specialist clubs, whether it is for Yorkshires or any other Fancy. Therefore, in conclusion, I say if a standard is in force let us try and breed and exhibit to it and not overstep the limit.—H. E. PARROTT (Weybridge).

Respecting the length of the Yorkshire Canary. In my humble opinion the judges should certainly stick somewhere near to the standard of length as laid down by the rules of the Yorkshire Union, viz., 6¾ inches. During the present season I have visited every show, except Dewsbury, held under the rules of the Yorkshire Union, and really very few birds could have been thrown out for over length. One or two, I know, are certainly well up, or even slightly over this standard, but I do not think a single one of them would measure 7 inches in fair measurement. Of course, different fanciers' have different ideas of the way in which a bird ought to be measured and anywhere from ⅛ to ¼ of an inch difference can be made by the style of measuring adopted. Some let the bird draw back its head at its own free will; others draw out its head much further then you ever see one draw out in its natural position. What I like in measuring is to hold the neck between the thumb and first finger in a nice, easy position, to get somewhere near the length of the bird as it stands in a show cage. Years ago much larger birds were put down in Yorkshire than those staged to-day, many, indeed, are now getting too much on the small side, particularly a few of the hens that have been shown during the present season, some of which would scarcely measure 6¾ inches, and I think a limit should be put on, that the minimum should be 6¾ inches, or we shall be having Border Fancies winning in the Yorkshire classes. What I like in a Yorkshire show bird is one full up to the length, with nice narrow shoulders, tapering away the full length right down to the tail, good, long, flights, well braced, and neat pipe tail, not as some like them, as wide or wider across the body at the thighs than they are across the shoulders. If a fancier can breed a bird of the proper shape and fulfill ng all the requirements as to quality, etc., but slightly over the standard length, I should think it very hard lines if such had to be kept at home on account of this extra 1-16th or 1-8th of an inch in length. Of course, if birds were shown, as your correspondent, Mr. Gibbs, says, 7¼ in. to 8 inch long, ungainly, long-tailed, flat-sided, coarse-headed, ugly-beaked, flighty feathered, loose-breeched specimens (where, oh where, did you find all these terms, Mr. G.?), they should certainly be thrown out, and if not on account of their length, on account of any of these other undesirable qualities, which to-day would leave them no possible chance, where a judge who knew anything about the Yorkshire Canary was officiating; unless, of course, there was nothing except their like in the class, when the judge would have to make the best of a bad job or otherwise disqualify the whole lot, and save the society a little prize-money. In the article by Mr. C. A. House, one thing I quite agree with is the remark about sending a bird as used for stock purposes by the Yorkshire breeder, to a fancier outside Yorkshire. If there is not great length behind it, the bird is promptly returned as of no use; type and quality do not seem to count for much outside the county of broad acres. When the Yorkshireman does use one of these very large stock birds, he pairs it up with two and sometimes three of the tight little hens about the size of a Border Fancy, and often by this means secures some decent specimens The fancier outside must have one of a pair over the standard length, and the other must be very little less, or they are returned as of no use. I hope this matter will be thoroughly thrashed out, but in avoiding the mountains, do not let us get to the other extreme and come down to the molo hills.—SAMUEL DEAN (Great Horton), Assist. Secretary Yorkshire Canary Club.

I am in favour of the standard length of 6¾ inches being adhered to by the judges. I am not in favour of that standard being ignored, as I think that a bird of 6¾ inches is about as long a bird as can be bred and carry with it all the grace and beauty that go to make an ideal Yorkshire. In fact, I believe that many of the present day champions are under that length, and that very few indeed exceed it, yet it cannot be denied that the Yorkshire of to-day is a far superior bird to what it nine years ago, when size seemed to have a greater value than it has at the present time. As I am of the opinion that the excellence of the Yorkshire to-day is mainly due to the majority of our judges judging principally for type, style and quality of feather, I am afraid if we were to do away with the standard length of 6¾ inches there would again be (as there was years ago) a striving after size that would eventually spoil the Yorkshire and cause him to lose his well-deserved title of the "Gentleman of the Fancy."—H. W. WALSH (Halifax).

Should judges strictly adhere to the standard length 6¾ inches? It is useless to pretend that judges, or exhibitors, agree upon this point, or to even a reasonable limit over the length. Six threequarter inches is a fair length, but I think not too long. This standard length was only arrived at by the Yorkshire Union after years of controversy, and they have seen no reason to alter it yet. Will the advance of the Fancy, and improvement generally in the breeding of Yorks. Canaries compel them to in the future? Personally, I think a reasonable limit must be allowed to judges, but when a judge finds a large class of all lengths, he should not hesitate to pass abnormally long birds. They are unreasonably beyond the standard and invariably faulty and too strong. Yet one or two are true to type, full of quality, and elegant in style, though a little over length, and I could not pass those. Find me the judge who could, or the honest fancier who would blame him! Still, I think the craze for length has gone too far, and think it is time steps were taken to get the opinion of all Yorkshire Canary judges, breeders, and exhibitors on this point. When the standard was set to 6¾ inches there were not many breeders of Yorks. outside two or three counties. What of to-day? There are three or four specialist societies, with a large number of members, breeding and exhibiting hundreds of Yorkshire Canaries. While breeders and judges of the County of Broad Acres cannot plead "not guilty" to the charge, I must admit the South, West of England, and Welsh breeders and judges (especially the latter) have favoured the long strong ones too much, and sacrificed the birds of standard length, type and quality, thus causing discontent, and further, causing many to stop showing or breeding Yorkshires. I would suggest, Mr. Editor, that the specialist Yorkshire Canary clubs, through their secretaries, or even through your columns, ask all breeders and exhibitors of Yorkshire Canaries to vote upon the question by post-card I know all Y.C. fanciers' feel keen upon this, and that there is a difference of opinion among judges that ought not to exist. Such a vote would let the latter know what is the opinion of to-day.—T. H. MELLUISH (Cardiff).

(We may say that CAGE BIRDS has been endeavouring to get a representative expression of opinion on this point, and that the above constitute some of the replies received. The remainder we shall hope to publish next week. —Editor, CAGE BIRDS).

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(Continued from page 71).

Chapter IV.—The Proper Feeding of Birds.

To-day I am going to give some hints on the proper feeding of birds. There is a good old Yorkshire proverb, which says that it is a poor rider who starves his own nag's belly. I allow it is a bit coarse, but still it is very much to the point, and applied to the aviculturist it means that you should never keep birds that you can't afford to feed properly. Now this takes a lot of knocking into some people. I know plenty of otherwise kind-hearted folk who still think peameal and water the ideal food for soft-bills! Now I mean here to recommend some strange nourishment for birds ere this paper concludes, but I can assure my readers that it is all based upon long and actual experience. I have never been above teaching a chap eager to pick up wrinkles.

I remember the words of Parmenio: My son, said he, to Philotas, make thyself small before Alexander, contrive for him now and then the pleasure of setting thee right, and remember it is only by seeming inferiority that thou will retain his friendship. This was the secret of Lord Beaconsfield's great popularity with the young. In conversation he used to give the impression that it was their opinion he most desired to have, their confidence he most coveted. Now if you want to learn about birds, that is the way to go to work. Pretend you know everything: you will learn nothing; feign gentle ignorance, and the fountain of knowledge will be freely opened to you. Aviculture is a field of liberal proportions, and the labour of those who till it is enlivened by many exciting discoveries. Who would dream, for example, that peptonised milk was good for some birds; and yet such is a fact; but of this, anon.

A golden rule in all well-regulated aviaries is this: Let there be a superfluity of food vessels; these should be kept always handy, like Sairey Gamp's bottle, that the thirsty or hungry bird may refil himself if he feels "so dispoged."

The Menu of Seed-Eaters.

Now, first of all, with regard to what are called "Hard-bills," that is to say, seed-eating birds. They are the more often kept, and are undoubtedly far less trouble than so-called "Soft-bills." The only soft-bill that I see commonly kept is the unfortunate Blackbird, Thrush, and Lark; and I fear that in many cases their death is accelerated by unsuitable diet. Still, it is wonderful how long a good strong bird will live on peameal, though owners, to judge by your "Query Columns," are occasionally surprised that they should venture to die on such generous diet!

For Hard-bills, the first question is not a difficult one. Buy only the best seeds, and always keep them in separate saucers, as the birds waste such a lot trying to get their favourite tit-bits. Never buy your seed by pennyworths. Get a stone at least at the time; it is then always ready, and if kept in a big biscuit tin, is safe from the mice. The seeds required are the best *Spanish* Canary, small Indian millet (very small and brown), not the big yellowish sort, hemp seed in limited quantities, and for young Quails and such birds as Bearded Tits, maw seed. These seeds, with a plentiful supply of ground-sell and flowering grasses, "will give them all they need to ask." The floor should be freely sprinkled with good red sand from time to time, and there should always be two or three pots of fine grit and cuttlefish bone to peck at. It is surprising what a lot of the latter birds can put away. Budgerigars are always eating it, in season and out.

I now turn to the far more complex question of the Soft-bills. Now here is an observation which I hope my readers will observe religiously: Do not attempt to keep Soft-bills unless you have a fairly long purse. Feed them as carefully as you will, they are bound to cost money. If you intend to feed only on peameal, I have done with you. One might just as well try to feed you on saw-dust.

Now, of course, the first requisite is a "staple food." There are many good ones no doubt on the market, but on the principle that I never eat "blood puddings," because I like to know what I am eating, so I never buy ready-made foods for my birds. These foods have to be sold at a profit, therefore, the makers naturally buy their materials in the cheapest market. You don't expect a bought plum pudding to be made of quality equal to one manufactured at home, at least, I hope you don't, unless you wish to confirm the saying, "Blessed is he that shall not be disappointed!"

The Requirements of Soft-Bills.

We all think our own roses the best, our own cabbages the most successful, our own children prodigies, therefore, I am to be excused if I consider my own soft food mixture the best in the world! at anyrate, it has been well tested and has produced the most satisfactory results; and, as they say, the proof of the pudding is in the eating.

My formula is as follows: — Buy 6lbs. of "tea biscuits" from your grocer. They are rather fat and soft and sound, like the skull that old Kaspar's grandchild picked up and was playing football with in the celebrated poem we were once made to learn:—

It was so large, and smooth, and round,
Which he beside the cottage door,
In playing, thus had found.

They are very cheap, about 2½d. a lb.; so it won't hurt you, then send for 3lbs. of "dried flies," and 2lbs. of the *best* "ants' eggs," the best mind, then get 1lb. of crissell, pound up 3 cuttlefish bones, and mix with the other ingredients. You will, of course, pound up the biscuits. It is rather laborious work, but if you have any children, set them to do it; they always love to destroy something, even if it is only a biscuit. A good way is to put all the biscuits into a strong canvas bag, tie up the mouth, and let the youngsters jump upon it, till they are tired, by which time the biscuits will be reduced to the desired powder. The children will have had a new and healthy form of exercise, and you will be spared great exertion. Then go to the cook and borrow, with tender words of love, her best bread bowl, and place all the ingredients therein, and well mix them by hand.

Then get 1lb. of the best beef dripping; mind it is quite sweet and fresh, and melt it in the oven in a jam pot; when properly liquid, pour it on to the mass, and thoroughly mix it until the whole is just nicely damp, but not sticky. It is a truly dirty job; at least, I think so; so if you are fastidious about your hands, tip the cook to do it for you. She will make nothing of it.

Next get ½lb. of the best honey; thoroughly liquify it and add it to the whole, thoroughly mixing it, and taking care that there are no lumps. If there are, go on mixing till they disappear. The whole, if properly mixed, will pour quite easily through your fingers.

Place the mixture in big biscuit tins, and it will keep for years in a dry place, and is always ready for use, and any sort of bird will eat it eagerly and his days will be long in the land. *Never damp* the mixture *with water*. On this mixture and a few mealworms, any sort of bird will do well. But if you go in for breeding, other things are needed.

The Gentle Maggot.

Another most important food for Soft-bill birds is gentles, alias maggots. I used to breed them myself, but it is a Home Industry sorely discouraged, and more than once I have been severely threatened by indignant neighbours because of the fearsome smell in the front field. Why, it was really not so bad as they made out—only a sheep's paunch and an old hen hanging up in the hot sun! And what lovely maggots they produced! Now I have to go afield. I discovered a gentleman who makes an industry of breeding maggots for fishermen. He has a large greenhouse (properly heated) in which, in place of charming foreign birds and plants, he keeps a lot of gorgeous Bluebottle flies. Under the glass a gauze netting is tightly stretched, and there the flies live and multiply and replenish the land. He buries dead calves, lambs, cats and dogs, and other interesting dainties; the flies "blow" them and maggots result in myriads. These my friend retails at 1s. and 2s. a tin. He used to send them by post; but the authorities objected to having live maggots (escaped ones) crawling about over the letters, and prohibited the trade. Now, they have to come by train. The worst of maggots is that they don't keep long. On arrival, put them into jars of dry earth, about three quarters full, and use them up quick, or they will turn into the pupa stage, and then into flies. They will keep for a week if the weather is not very hot. I put them into little potted meat jars, and the birds help themselves, when they feel "dispoged" like Sairey Gamp. One more item: "Clocks" or Black Beetles These, like the poor, are always with us. There are few kitchens, indeed, that are not blessed with them at nightfall. Set plenty of Demon beetle traps overnight, and in the morning put them on the aviary floor, and the contents will soon be removed by eager and attentive birds. Indeed, so eager do the birds become, after a time, that they will hardly wait for the trap to be put on the ground before they are sitting on the edge with head on one side and eye cocked.

This is rather a long paper, but I throw myself on the mercy of my readers, as a certain Irish Bencher once did on that of the court. In defending a prisoner, he besought the jury to remember the *scriptural* doctrine, that there is more joy in heaven over one guilty person who is acquitted than over ninety and nine innocent men who are convicted.

I don't want to be dull, so I will end, because dullness I have ever found is (most unfortunately) the invariable accompaniment of soberness and chastity. Unfortunate that it should be so, but so it is. And the Editor might be quoting at me the old Yorkshire saw:—

A magpie can talk for a terrible span,
And so, by gow, can a Yorkshireman.

(To be continued.)

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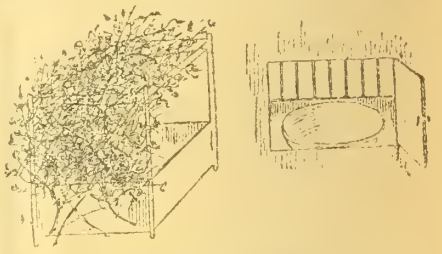
No. 175.

NEST FOR HYBRID BREEDING.

Sent by G. Yates, 12, Wetherby Grove, Burley, Leeds.

Enclosed is a sketch of a nest-box I use for getting Bully hens to build in. I find they nest most readily in one closed over as follows. I get one of the small German wicker cages. Take out the spars at each end and back, then I cover the front and top with heather. Tie it on with fine wire or string, wire preferable, as the string



Nest for Hybrid Pairs.

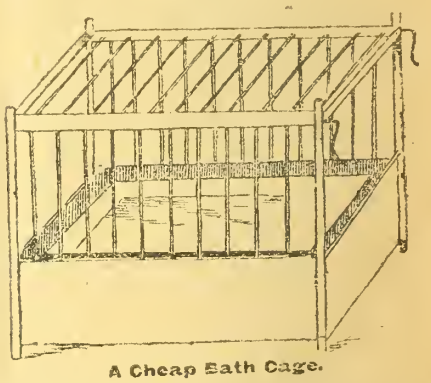
causes too much amusement for them. Having a door at the back of my cage, made to open as shown in sketch. I insert an earthenware nest-pan and hang up inside. I fix a perch opposite each opening at end, rather low down. I find very little difficulty in inducing them to nest. The door at back of cage enables you to remove eggs without disturbing the birds in the least. G. YATES.

No. 176.

A CHEAP BATH CAGE.

Sent by W. Smith, 68, Sinn Street, Heavygate Road, Sheffield.

I enclose a sketch and particulars of an easy method of producing one's own baths, which birds take to more freely than any I have used, and especially the German breeds. First of all, get a Hartz Canary



A Cheap Bath Cage.

travelling cage, and take out the perches and seed-box, also remove all the sticks from one of the ends. Then get a "Thunder cloud," or other suitable tobacco box, which can easily be got from a tobacconist. Take off the lid and the bottom will fit tightly in cage bottom. Next fit two wire hooks so that it will hang on cage front, which completes a cheap and useful bath. W. SMITH.

Migrating Robins.

Regarding the migration of wild birds, there is every reason to think that nearly every species is more or less subject to its influences. Even the homely Robin, a bird so familiar to us that we think he is in our garden, or in the adjoining meadow, the whole of the year round. Such is not the case, however, for these birds move in spring and autumn, not merely from the woods to the garden, but occasionally in small flocks. We have evidence of this from our lighthouses. The notes taken from time to time at these make very interesting reading to the bird lover. Here is one I have from the far north, taken last October. "Most worthy of note was the unusually large number of Robins. At daybreak, and all throughout the day and night of the 24th, they were to be met everywhere, and quite a number of them took up their quarters for a whole day and night in our coal cellars, and other outside houses. Some of them made themselves very free with us. So much so that they even came into our dwelling houses. They remained, however, only for a day or two, and then we saw no more of them.

The most delightful and appropriate Postcards for Bird Lovers on the market are those sold by "Cage Birds."

The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

(*Continued from page* 623.)

THE CANARY-FINCH (*Serinus canaria*).—This species is found at Madeira, Canary Islands, and the Azores

Adult male: The general colour of the upper surface is greyish-brown, suffused with yellow and streaked with dark brown down the centre of the feathers; wing coverts (excepting the lesser, which are olive-yellow) black, margined with yellow, the greater coverts also tipped with white; flights, dark brown with greyish edges; upper tail coverts yellowish-brown, with dark brown centres; tail feathers dark brown, with ashy edges and tinged with yellow; front of head, yellow; crown, olive-yellow streaked with blackish; lores, light dusky; sides of face, cheeks, and throat and under-surface, Canary-yellow; lower abdomen and under-tail coverts, whitish; sides of body and flanks ashy, streaked with black; beak dusky, with the lower mandible much lighter. Total length, 4½in., tail, 2 1-8th in.

Adult female: Similar, but browner and the yellow of her plumage not so rich as that of the male.

This is the last species of this genus which can come within the scope of this book. Nests and eggs of the various species being so similar, they have only been given with one or two species. It only remains to say that very few of the species have bred in captivity; this fact, combined with their vivacity, fearlessness, and power of song, should make them popular with aviculturists generally.

THE SISKINS. — This is a fairly large genus. D. Bowdler Sharpe catalogues 24 distinct species as follows: *tristis, varrelli, spinescens, sclateri, atriceps, spinoides, psaltria, mexicana, colombiana, xanthogaster, stajnegori uropygialis, atrata, spinus, barbata, icterica, notata, forreri, nigriceps, lawrencii, cucullata, thibetana, pinus, citrinelloides, melanops, citrinella, totta.*

Of the above, all handsome and interesting species, space will only permit me to describe some half-dozen. This genus does not as a rule arrive in a very healthy condition, and most certainly need care and attention during the first few months of their stay in this country, but once over this critical period, they do well and thrive on very simple treatment. They have not much song, simply a twittering little melody, uttered rapidly and almost continuously. None of the species are common, consequently they are not by any means cheap, yet not so costly as to place them beyond the reach of the ordinary aviculturist.

As regards diet, this is very simple. They require much the same menu as the English Goldfinch, Siskin, etc. An American writer (H. Nearling) recommends the following seeds: Canary, flax, hemp, rape, oat-grits, and lettuce seed, generally diminishing in favour in the order named. Speaking of C. *tristis* the writer states that while birds captured when adult rarely live more than a year in a cage, that if taken young, he has known them to live thirteen and even fifteen years under the conditions of cage life. Mr. V. Castellan, writing of C. *icterica*, believed it to be hardy, though he had not tried it out-of-doors, and he found it to thrive on a mixture of Canary and rape seed for its staple diet, with a little linseed and any other fancy seed now and then for a change.

These simple directions will suffice to keep this genus in health and condition, and so treated they are not short lived, though some individuals come to hand in such exhausted condition as to survive the hardships of importation for but a very short period.

THE AMERICAN SISKIN (*Chrysomitris cristis*).—This is one of the handsomest of the group, and is on view in the small birds' house at the Zoo at the present time (Dec., 1907).

Adult male: It may be briefly described as of a Canary-yellow colour, with the wings, body, and top of head to middle of crown, black; the wing and tail feathers being partially edged or tipped with white; upper tail coverts pale whitish-yellow; beak, legs, and feet, brownish-flesh colour. Total length, 4 5-8th in., tail 2in.

The male has a winter plumage, when he is mostly of an earthy brown colour, washed yellowish; sides of face and throat, yellow; under-surface, whitish-yellow; comparative a dingy bird compared with his brilliant summer dress. From the specimens at the Museum it would appear that the breeding plumage is attained by a direct moult, and consequently it must have both a spring and autumn moult.

Adult female: Upper surface, olive-brown washed with greenish; rump, lemon-yellow; wing and tail feathers brownish-black, partially edged and tipped with white; crown of head, dark olive-yellow, brighter yellow on the forehead and eye-brow; lores, eye region and under-surface of body, bright yellow; ear coverts, dull olive-brown; sides of neck and body, greenish. Beak, legs, and feet as in the male. Total length, 4 3-8th in. The winter plumage is browner and duller.

From Mr. H. Nearling's interesting book "Our Native Birds of Song and Beauty," I make the following extracts: "The Gold finch,* also known as the Wild Canary, Thistle Bird, Yellow Bird, and Lettuce Bird, is an abundant and familiar species. The nest is a very neat cup-shaped structure, composed of compactly woven plant fibres, etc., lined with plant down and other soft materials, placed in tall bushes or low trees. Eggs, plain pale bluish or bluish-white." It is resident in the whole of temperate North America.

* Its principal native appellation.

THE COLOMBIAN SISKIN (*Chrysomitris colombiana*).—Adult male: Above mostly bluish-black, slightly varied with olive-yellow bases to the feathers of the hind neck and mantle; the feathers of the rump have white bases, having a somewhat ruffled effect; wings and tail, black wing coverts and primaries partially edged and tipped with white; top of head, lores, and ear coverts, black; checks, eye region, and under-surface of body, bright yellow; beak, dark horn colour, the lower mandible much pales than the upper; legs and feet, blackish. Total length, 4ins., tail, 1½ins.

Adult female: May be briefly described as dull olive-yellow on the upper surface, and yellow on the under-surface.

Habitat: Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru.

THE BLACK-HEADED SISKIN (*Chrysomitris icterico*).—Several specimens of this pretty species have been on the show bench of late years, one exhibited by Mrs. C. Cooper has so appeared for 3 years. I know this species is wintered in a cold room, and recently (1907) it was looking very fit.

Adult male: Upper surface mostly olive-yellow, streaked with olive-green and blackish-brown; rump and upper tail coverts, bright yellow; lesser wing coverts, olive-yellow; median and greater coverts, black tipped with bright yellow; remaining coverts and flights, black edged with yellow, also yellow at base; tail feathers black, yellow at base; the whole of the head and throat, black; hind neck, sides of neck, fore-neck, and under-surface of body, bright yellow; beak, legs and feet, blackish. Total length, 4½in., tail 1¾in.

Adult female: Upper surface including head and wings greyish green; rump, yellowish; tail feathers, dusky brown, with concealed yellow bases; sides of face and under-surface of body, greyish, suffused with yellowish-green on the throat and ventral region. Total length, 4 3-8th in.

Habitat: Brazil, Argentina, Chili, and Patagonia.

THE HOODED SISKIN (*Chrysomitris cucullata*).—The Rev. H. D. Astley was the first to bring this species to the notice of English aviculture: In the "Avic. Mag." (Vol. 1, new series), he speaks of it in high praise, describing it as a most charming gay little bird, wth song, movements, and general demeanour very similar to the English Siskin and Goldfinch. This species has a charming song, and the specimens now at the Zoo are fully deserving of Mr. Astley's eulogy.

Adult male: The general body colour is dark vermillion; wings and tail, black, more or less edged and tipped with pale vermillion and red; the head is black; beak, blackish; legs and feet, brownish flesh-colour. Total length, 4in., tail 1 3-8th in.

Adult female: Upper surface, ashy grey, washed with vermilion on the upper back; lower back, rump, upper tail coverts, fore-neck and breast, orange-scarlet; sides of face and throat, silvery-grey; abdomen, thighs and ventral region, white. Total length, 3¾in. An ideal cage bird.

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The Woods in Winter.

The frost and snow have left us. The west wind is blowing, bringing with it the cheery notes of the Song Thrush, which is some distance away, perched in one of the beeches up on the hill. But in a damp west wind, the song will carry a long way, much farther than one can see. In the elms at the back, the song chirp of the great Tits has been repeated all day, and away across the meadows the Skylark soars occasionally. Wild birds somehow appear to be more numerous than they did a week ago, possibly many have returned now the weather is milder; birds are quick to note these changes, and quick to recover their old gaiety and perkiness. One pictures a wood in winter as a damp, dreary sort of place, where the wind whistles through the branches, and where the moisture from dead leaves and underwood, makes a ramble anything but cheerful. But if one chooses the day, and has an object in view, few places are so full of interest at this time of the year. The general view is not lacking in colour. Contrasting with the dead leaves of many shades, the weather stained trunks of the beeches, (at places covered with vivid green moss) with here and there patches of brambles and evergreens, the whole forms a pleasing picture. Bird life is plentiful, a big Woodpigeon flaps his way out of the higher branches of the beeches, where he has possibly been hunting for stray nuts, although most of the kernels dropped some time ago. The Woodpigeon is a handsome bird, although mature specimens appear bulky in body, the head and neck being small and somewhat out of proportion. Unless one handles these birds, it is impossible to correctly estimate the delightful colouring of the plumage. Few can tell off-hand the colour of breast. In some specimens, during the breeding season, this is almost a pure lilac, a shade one would hardly expect to find in what is apparently a common blue-grey bird. The white patch at the sides of the neck, white wing feathers, and metallic lilac colouring of the lower neck, give plenty of contrast, and if we only possessed a small bird, with the Ring Dove's plumage, he would be as popular a cage bird as any we have. Further in the wood we disturb small parties of Chaffinches, Greenbirds, and several fine Blackbirds. All these are busily hunting among the dead leaves, which lay inches thick under the trees. What do they find? Beech nuts must be fairly plentiful still, for there was a good crop, and being scattered among the leaves, would not be so easy to find, and would consequently last some time. A wood is always warmer than the fields, and no doubt insects of many kinds would be snugly tucked away under the rubbish, and in the crevices of the dead wood scattered about, where they would be found by the Blackbirds, Tits, Hedge Sparrows and Robins. Although the last-named bird is generally looked for nearer the homestead, in winter, many of them must live in the woods. One has only to sit on a fallen log for a few minutes, when Master Bob is sure to put in an appearance. The same can be noticed by anyone with sporting tendencies, and I have heard the Woodcutters say that no matter where they work, a Robin is sure to put in an appearance at meal times.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

The Golden Eagle.

It is said that the Golden Eagle rarely lays a second clutch of eggs, if the first be taken. Some of these large birds are not very prolific and will sometimes miss a season altogether.

The Russian Bullfinch.

The Russian Bullfinch has been shot in England in a wild state both in Norfolk and Yorkshire, and probably many other places unrecorded. One can hardly take this as meaning that these birds were actually migrants to this country, as so many are imported as cage birds, and it is of course very probable that the shot specimens were escaped birds.

A Curious Experiment.

During the summer months when we pry into all the stray nests we find in the hedgerows, we not unfrequently see a Thrush's egg in a Blackbird's nest, or even in that of the Robin or Hedge Sparrow. In many cases the young bird is safely reared, but a curious case came under notice last summer. It was that of a young Thrush being hatched and reared by a pair of Jays. It is just one of those peculiar occurrences that one would very much like to have under observation, so as to note how the old birds treated the stray chick, and upon what they fed it. Young Jays keep with the parents for some time after they are able to do for themselves. One wonders if the young Thrush formed one of the party, or did he get about on his own?

Food Bill of the Gannets.

Nowhere in the British Islands are the Gannets so numerous as upon St. Kilda. There they swarm in thousands, and quite cover the rocks. One authority has tried to estimate their yearly food bill at something like two hundred millions of fish. Although this appears a rather tall bill, I am told by one who has seen the colony, that there appears to be no exaggeration in this huge number.

The Grouse in Winter.

Possibly few birds have such a hard struggle for existence during a bad winter as the Grouse. To begin with he is not very thickly feathered. He has to expose himself to all weathers in the mere effort to collect his meagre fare, which consists of berries of the juniper, wild grape, haws, and other berries, not covered by the snow. Failing these, he has to make a meal of the buds of the cedar. This latter gives the flesh a most bitter flavour. The birds must be exceedingly hardy or they would never manage to exist, and in some cases they are actually fat when other species are starving.

The Long-eared Owl.

The Long-eared Owl is fairly common, and most pine and fir woods contain one or two of these interesting birds. Some of the Surrey woods have highways running through them, and if one has the opportunity to quietly go through one of these, many birdy items may be noticed. As dusk approaches the Owls may be heard. The cry of the Long-eared is a peculiar barking noise, repeated slowly and sounding as if it is some distance away, whereas the bird may probably be in the trees just above the listener. He sits perfectly upright with his two tufts (ears) erect. He is shy and therefore seldom noticed, and is not by any means noisy. He is much smaller than either the Brown, or the Barn Owls.

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PAIR Yorkshires, 10/6; Siberian Goldfinch, 10/6; English Goldfinch hen Canary, 10/6; mulers; both Goldfinches twice house-moulted; 7 lb. imperial paint (red powder), 5/-, cost 7/-, or exchange Norwich cocks and hens, Yellow, must be big birds; send first; no rubbish; little cash for good birds.—Boysen, 542, Grosvenor-buildings, Poplar.

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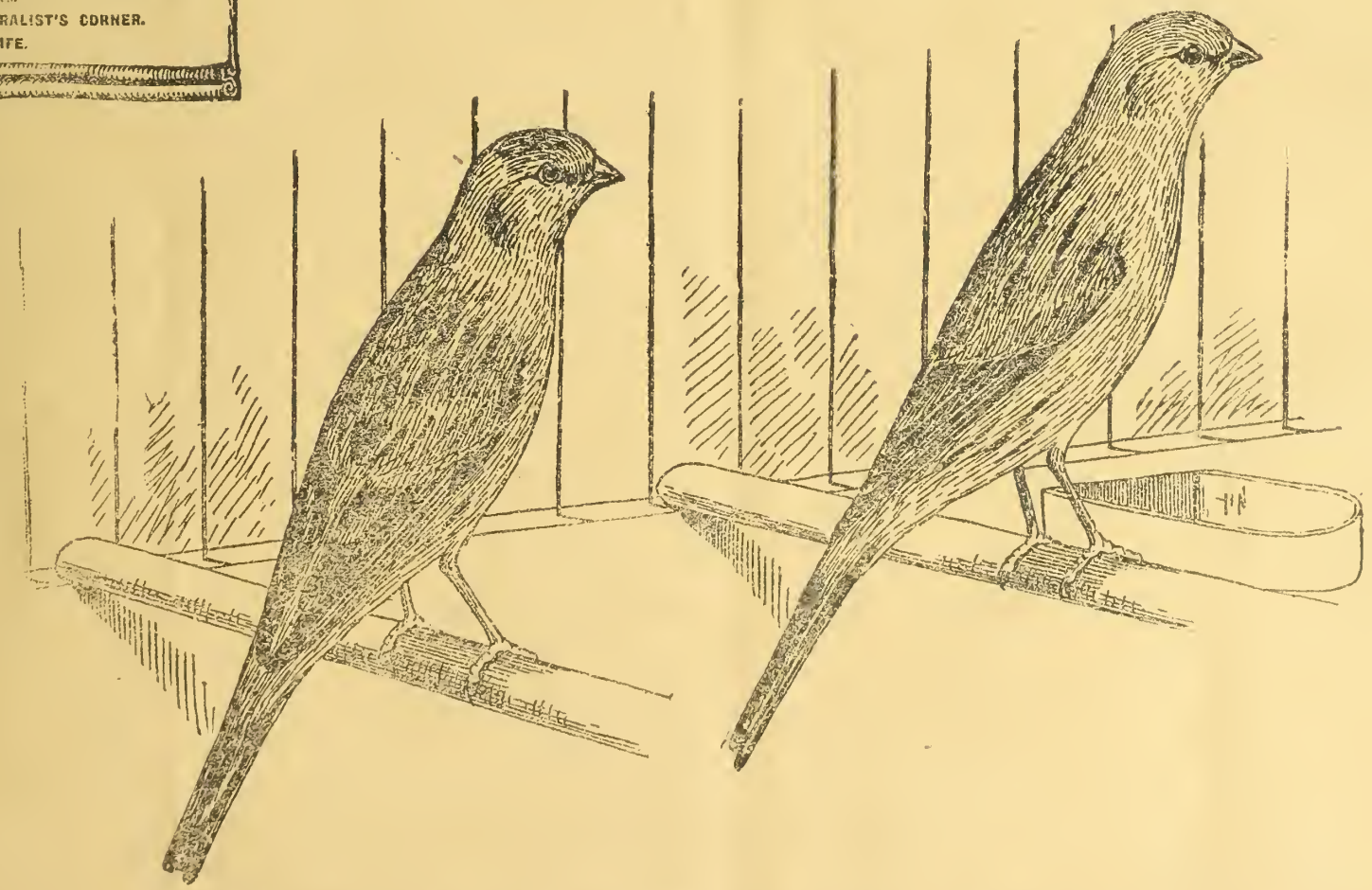

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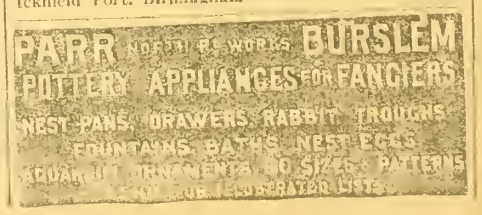

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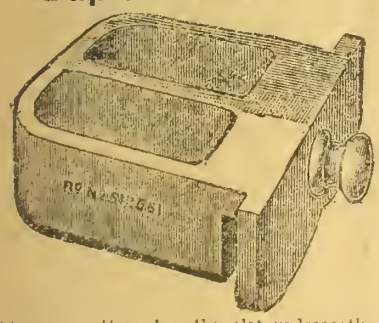

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YELLOW Green Border cock, 1st St. Helen's, under Robson, 17/6; approval; cash or deposit.—Wagstaff, 55, Ramsden-st., Barrow-in-Furness.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, one buff cock, one yellow cock cheap; also Cassell's Canaries and Cage Birds, perfect condition, 12/6, cost 45/-.—H. Fry, Alwinton, Godstone-rd., Purley.

GRAND Cinnamons, pairs or single birds; state your wants; reasonable prices; several winners to spare; overstocked; must part with about 30 birds; approval.—R. Ingram, St. Ives, Hunts.

CLEAR Buff hen, from uneven strain, almost six-pointed Buff hen, even strain, 15/-; or exchange for clear Yellow cock, from even strain; approval both ways.—Campbell Bros., Odril-st., Tillicoultry.

A FEW champion young self Cinnamon cocks, from noted breeders' rooms, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; a few good hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; approval.—Pimm, Icknield Port, Birmingham.

SELF Cinnamons, buff and yellow cocks, 8/6 each; hens, 6/-; two buff Cinnamon green cocks, 6/0 each; yellow hen, 4/6; approval; cash or deposit; satisfaction guaranteed.—Mennard, 113, Cemetery-rd., Holbeck, Leeds.

SPLENDID pair, show and stock, 50/-; others equally well bred and suitably matched, 15/-, 20/-; odd broken Cinnamon and Green, cocks and hens, suitable for maintaining size or for muling.—North, 435, Oxford-rd., Reading.

WALLBANK, breeder of high-class Cinnamons, has a grand lot of champion buff cocks for sale, prices from 8/6 to 25/6; buff hens 8/6 to 20/-; yellow hens, 12/6 to 20/-; state wants and have them on approval first.—35, Withers-st., Blackburn.

MRS. CLIFTON, Bridge-st., St. Ives, Hunts, owing to the death of Mr. Clifton, all his valuable and winning birds must be sold, about thirty Cinnamons; mostly colour-fed; also few good Crest and crest-bred; state your wants; approval with pleasure.

CHAMPION CINNAMONS.

E. CODLEY, Rishton, nr. Blackburn,

Breeder & Exhibitor, has a few choice birds fo sale. Also **Norwich.**

Crests and Crestbreds.

CRESTBRED Yellow cock, dark feathery head and wings, 10/-.—North, 435, Oxford-rd., Reading.

GOOD Crests and crest-breds, monsters, single or pairs, reasonable; approval.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

WANTED, large young green crested hen; exchange crest-bred (Barnett's).—Boutcher, Eastgate, Exeter.

WILL send photo 1907 winners with list of birds for sale; send stamps.—Denham, 47, Blackboy-rd, Exeter.

CREST and Crestbred Canaries, one pair good birds, 12/6.—Nicholson, 85, Eveline-st., of Dunchatenst., Glasgow.

REDUCING stock, have about forty good stock birds for sale; best blood only.—Slade, 37, Cranmer-rd., Brixton.

EDISON Bell Elf, new, cost 35/-, for C.B hen, 1907, sell 30/-.—Hands, St. Margaret's-rd., Ward End, Birmingham.

CRESTS and Crest-bred Canaries from prize strain; stamp reply.—James Winton, 25, Nethergate, Dundee.

GREEN Crest cock, unflighted, 21/-; ditto hen, 15/6; pair of good Crests, 30/-.—Rippon, 62, High-st., Chelmsford.

WANTED, first-class Green Crestbred hen, Buff or Yellow, 1907; London birds preferred.—Dowie, 51, Morrison-st., Edinburgh.

CREST and crestbreds, 1907; also matched pairs, sell cheap to effect a clearance.—McColl, Park-terrace, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

HIGH CLASS Crests and Crestbreds for sale, from winners; or exchange high class cinnamons.—Peace, 26 Fieldhead-road, Sheffield.

...st-bred Canaries, cocks, guaranteed, 5/-, 7/6 each; crest-bred hens, 3/-.—Leng, 104, Broadfield-rd., Catford, S.E

YELLOW and buff Crest, crest-breds, single or pairs, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- pair; approval.—Harris, 15, Bleasby-st., Sneinton, Nottingham

BURGESS AND SON, Bridgwater, offers grand crested cocks, 15/-; ditto crest-breds, 10/- upwards, bred from our winners; approval.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, Barnett's, seven pairs from 10/- pair; what offers for lot; deposit; inspection any day.—Murdoch, 43, Davis-st., Leeds.

CREST and Crestbreds, single birds from 10/-; pairs from 15/6; bred from winners; approval.—Hesketh, 49, Canopbell-st., St. Helen's.

CRESTS, four good stock pairs, some winners and from winners, Dunfermline, 25/6 pair; approval, stamp.—William Campbell, 3, Leishman-sq., Alva.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, from 7/6 to 15/-; pair of Coppys, 25/-; seen after 2 p.m. or Sunday; stamp reply.—W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., Woburn, London.

WM. REID, Falklands, Fife, winner of 45 prizes, 19 specials, and challenge cup this season, has Crests and crest-breds, including winner from 10/-; approval.

W. H. BALE has several grand, large, typical crest-bred cocks and hens, bred from noted winners, from 15/- upwards; approval.—55, Newport-rd., Barnstaple.

LARGE, heavily-feathered young crested and crest-bred cocks, cold-room bred; approval, 10/6 and 12/6 each.—Thomas Heslop, 65, Cavendish-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

FOR sale, fine Yellow cock, in full song, 10/-; also Crestbred hen, pure Yellow, from good strain, 5/-; 1907 birds.—Particulars, Miss Borras, 54, Victoria-st., London, S.W.

LARGE clear crest-bred, even marked, dark crested, brothers, £1 each, or 30/- both, same blood as winners; approval.—Mr. R. Parker, No. 6, Priory-rd., Compton, Plymouth.

CHAMPION large Crests and crest-breds, King and Roberts' strain, from 7/6 each; champion Yorkshires, Ogden Bros.'s strain, from 6/- each.—Wood, 32, Linden-rd., Gloucester.

BARGAINS! four stock pairs, clearing at 40/-, 30/-, 22/6, 17/6; two crest-bred cocks, 40/-, 30/-; young Crest cock, 30/-; stamp particulars.—Perkins Brothers, High-st., Exeter.

FEW good stock Crested and Crestbred, 15/- to 20/- each; no better blood; I am giving up the fancy; all winners sold at a good price; approval; stamp.—Sisson, 5, Blake-st., Ilkeston.

CRESTS. I have few matched pairs from 15/- to 25/- to dispose of; also odd Crested hens from 10/- to 15/- each, from my winners; majority 1907 bred.—J. E. Ashby, 73, Chelverton-rd., Putney.

WALLACE, breeder of twenty-five years' standing, winner at leading shows, including Palace, can supply matched pairs, single cocks, hens, 12/6 to 60/-; approval.—115, Rosemont Place, Aberdeen.

GRAND stock hens, Crests and Crestbreds, for disposal, from 20/- each; pairs well matched from 40/-; inspection invited; approval.—Gibbons, 11, Roseford-terrace, Shepherd's Bush, London.

FEW grand matched pairs of Crests, formerly 25/-, now 12/6 per pair; will exchange for common hens or singing Norwich, Yorkshire cock or hens.—Edgar Broadbent, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

FEW pair of Crest, good stock birds, Barnett's strain direct; also show and breeding cages for sale; or exchange, wanted very small pom or double B.L. gun.—Mr. Clinneck, Alwyn-terrace, Torquay.

CRESTS and Crestbreds. Few good stock birds for sale cheap to clear; cocks or hens; also eye-marked cinnamon marked; approval; deposit.—Cross, 20, Empress-avenue, Cranbrook Park, Ilford.

LARGE, clear body, dark crested cock 25/-; marked crested bred hen, 20/-; dark crested cock, crested bred hen, pair 35/-; dark crested cock 12/6.—Mr. Hayling, 5, Moorend, Terrace, Cheltenham.

J. BERTIE, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham, has several rare good Crests and Crestbreds to spare; two Crestbred cocks, fit to win at Palace, Yellow and Buff; approval; stamp reply

G. PENNINGTON'S high-class Crests, crest-breds, have decided to clear this week: I want the room, about fourteen pairs, 25/- pair, worth 60/-; guarantee my own breeding.—87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

MUST sell all my birds, want of room; nine Crest and Crestbred cocks, 10/- to 25/-; 12 Crest and Crestbred hens, 5/- to 20/-; bargains; approval.—John Towers, Riverview, Woodbridge-rd., Guildford.

FOR sale, good Crest birds, 25/- to 50/- pair; young, bred from winners, good stock; approval for cash; return cash on receipt of birds not approved.—Apply, Thomas Smith, 46, Melbourne-st., Bedford.

GRAND Crests and Crestbreds; crested cocks 10/- to £3; crested hens 10/- to 30/-; Crestbred cocks 7/6 to 20/-; Crestbred hens 5/6 to 20/-; pairs 15/- upwards; approval.—Hewett, Rose Tavern, Mariners-lane, Norwich.

GRAND variegated dark Crest cock, 15/-; well-feathered dark Crest hen, 7/6; large, well-feathered variegated C.B. hen, 5/-; Barnett's strain; approval; cash or deposit.—Price, Green View, Northop, Flint.

CRESTS and Crestbreds. Buy from the breeder and save dealers profits; only a few left; Barnett's strain; cold room bred from 20/- per pair upwards; approval.—Inspector Storey, Police Station, St. Ives, Hunts.

WALLBANK, 20 years' breeder of champion Crest, has about 40 Crest and crest-bred cocks for sale, prices from 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 up to 25/-; state wants, and have them on approval first.—35, Withers-st., Blackburn.

CRESTBREDS, variegated, good size birds, bred from best blood. Having so many cocks for next breeding, will sell a few cheap, or willingly exchange for hens; approval.—Tetin, 130, St. Mary's road, Plaistow, Essex.

W. G. FRENCH, 28, Seymour-avenue, Plymouth, winner of silver cup for best Crest or Crestbreds, 1907, bird, 3 firsts, 3 seconds, 4 third, 3 fourths, Plymouth show; few Crest and Crestbred cocks to part with from 10/- to £3.

C. ROBERT'S champion Crests are acknowledged by the press the best ever seen on the show bench, few pairs cheap to clear, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; single birds from 15/6; state your wants; approval.—67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

BUFF Crestbred cock, 3rd Birmingham, 3rd West Bromwich, 70/-; lightly-marked Buff Crest cock, first cross Lancashire, 17/6; even-marked Yellow Crest cock, first cross, 17/6; approval.—H. Wilkes, 7, St. Martin's-lane, Birmingham.

LARGE wing-marked Crest hen, stout, really Green Crestbred cock, 40/-; also several others, cheap to clear, all 1907 bred and my own breeding, and bred from the very best of blood.—Gordon, Edenhall, Langwathby, Cumberland

GREATEST bargain ever offered, three crested hens, one crest-bred cock, same as my winners, only 21/-, to clear; on approval; cash with order, worth double; exchange winning crest-bred cock for young crested hen; change blood; or sell 50/-.—Calam, Brunswick-rd., Whitby.

HEAVILY feathered matched pairs, crested, 12/6, 15/-, £1; crested and crest-bred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; ditto hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- upwards: travelling cage 3d. extra; approval; cold-room bred.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

GOOD crested cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; crested hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; crest-bred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; crest-bred hens, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; stamp reply; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION Crests and crest-breds for sale, same strain as my winners, winner of over 2,000 prizes, including bowls, cups, medals, and other specials, see report of Bristol fanciers' shows, one first, two seconds, and three thirds, pairs from 30/-; single birds equally cheap.—A. A. Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

I AM still supplying heavily-feathered Crests and Crestbreds with the highest satisfaction to new as well as old customers. Those requiring either please make enquiries, and be sure of birds of reliable stock; matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- upwards; odd birds reasonable; all cold-room bred and approval anywhere.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, best blood in the world, winnings well known, Barnstaple and Plymouth bowls outright, Bristol three; have only shown three times this season, but won bowl for best Crest, 1st and special Crestbred Plymouth, three 1sts and specials, 2nd, etc., Bristol; few to spare; state price prepared to give; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

MONSTER even-marked dark Crest cock, 12/-; massive Green ditto, beauty, 10/6; variegated ditto, 9/6; massive Green Crest hen, 10/-; monster variegated ditto, 10/6; monster clear Crest hen, 10/6; massive Yellow variegated Crestbred cock, beauty, 9/6; monster Buff variegated, ditto, 12/6; ditto, 9/6; massive variegated Crestbred hen, 9/6; ditto, gem, 6/6; splendid value; all grand stock birds; Barnett's strain; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest-class Crests, Crestbreds, Barnett and Joyce's strains: monster wing-marked Crest cock, 16/-; massive heavy-feathered Green dark Crest cock, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered variegated dark Crest cock, 12/6; monster clear Crest hen, 13/-; massive heavy-feathered variegated ditto, 12/6; monster clear Crestbred cock, 14/6; monster variegated ditto, 15/-; massive Green ditto, grand head, 12/6; massive feathery variegated Crestbred hen, 12/6; ditto, 10/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.
High-class birds at moderate prices. — W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

E. L. A. CROW,
having purchased Rev. David Dickson's entire stock of Crests and Crestbreds, has the same for disposal, at very moderate prices, in matched pairs, or single birds; this strain has won numerous prizes; the birds are all in good condition and should be invaluable for stock; on approval.—64, London-rd., Lowestoft.

CHAMPION CRESTS,
bred from my winners at London Provincial Ornithological Society, 1906, including championship, diploma, and medal winners; also Norwich, Crystal Palace, etc. I have a few as low as 15/6 pair and upwards; state price. Note.—I am not a dealer; absolutely all my own breeding and carefully matched, which is impossible to obtain elsewhere other than a breeder; cold room; approval, stamp.—A. Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich.

WICKS BROS., NORWICH,

offers grand Crested and Crestbred cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- upwards; ditto hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; selected pairs matched for Crest breeding 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, upwards; approval; simply state wants; correspondence a pleasure; send for current price list of birds and catalogue of all appliances, post free.—Postal and telegraphic address, Wicks Bros., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS CRESTS.

I have some good crests and crest-breds for sale. Many that can win at our very best shows, and some grand stock birds; I don't exhibit now. I breed for my customers to win. Best blood in the fancy; many winners sold by me; 30 years breeder; approval, and before payment, to any fancier I know.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-rd., Nottingham.

Dutch Frills.

GOOD Dutch Frills, 20/- to 100/-.—Brooks, Abbey-rd., Cambridge.

Greens.

GREEN Yorkshire cock, 10/6; pink-eyed cock, 8/6.—183, Thorold-road, Ilford.

A FEW Yorkshire Greens for sale, may be seen on Sunday. stamp.—J. Tempest, 86, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

LARGE Green Norwich cock, Yellow, 10/-; Buff ditto, 8/-; grand birds.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

R. E. HELLIWELL has young self Yellow Norwich Green hen to spare, Ryno's direct, 12/6.—Thorn View, Halifax.

A FEW good Yorkshire Greens and clears, both sexes; seen personally Sundays.—A. Jennings, 7, Rivington-st., Everton.

HIGH-CLASS green Yorkshire cock, Self or foul, from 7/6 upwards; approval on deposit.—P. Hayden, 64, Upper Pitt-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, from best room in England, Palace strain; cocks, 8/6, 12/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6.—Rees, Glantaf, Abercanaid, Merthyr.

I HAVE a few good Yorkshire Greens to spare, single or pairs; best blood obtainable; reasonable; approval.—Metcalfe, Brythen-st., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, singles, pairs, carefully matched; few good show birds.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

FEW pair Norwich greens for disposal, reasonable; also yellow and variegated hens, two large carpenter-made breeding cages, enamelled, loose fronts, 4 feet, 1 by 6, 11/-.—Norman, 56, Albany-rd. (basement), Camberwell.

Lancashires.

TWO buff coppies, cock and hen, cheap.—Apply, Marsh, 1, Nicholson-st., Deeplish, Rochdale.

TWO buff coppy cocks, 18/-, £1, related to my winners; stamp; deposit.—Adams, 17, Barron-st., Rochdale.

TYPICAL Lancashires, Plainheads, cock or hen, 10/6 each; ten days' approval.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WANTED, large Plainhead hen for cash, or I will give good hybrid pairs; see report last week's issue, Frome show.—P. Edwards, Woodbine-cottage, Frome.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Lizards.

EIGHT Lizards. For price and particulars, apply Marsh, 1, Nicholson-street, Rochdale.

FEW pairs of good Lizards 12/- pair; approval.—Miss Whipp, 18, Rushcroft-rd., High Crompton Shaw, near Oldham.

LIZARDS, Baker's and Rukin's strains only, from Palace winners, pairs from 15/-, or single.—H. Denham, Blackboy-rd., Exeter.

I have a few good Lizards to dispose of; best blood obtainable; reasonable; approval. — John Hamer, 17, Evelyn-street, Oldham.

FEW pairs left, same strain as Rochdale, Manchester, Mansfield, Notts, Oldham, Derby and Horticultural Hall winners, from 15/- pair; see reports.—C. E. Fisher, Surrey-st., Glossop.

Norwich.

MRS. TITCHFIELD has a few pairs from 15/-.—2, Ribblesdale-rd., Streatham Park.

NORWICH Plainheads, cocks and hens, all colours.—Orr, 129, Petershill-road, Glasgow.

NORWICH cinnamons, show or stock birds, cheap.—Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, have a few yellow hens from 5/- each; also buff hens.

BUY from the breeder; Norwich Canaries from 8/-.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

NORWICH, a few pairs, grand stock birds; also several good hens.—82, Burns-avenue, Liscard.

FEW large well-bred Norwich; approval; deposit; from 5/-.—Miss Gibbons, Boddington, Cheltenham.

NORWICH Plainheads, winners still a few grand birds left; approval.—R. Pollock, Gardnerwell, Bathgate.

FOUR pair Norwich, two Linnets, cages, first P.O. 20/- the lot; letters only.—Ellis, 140, Lillie-rd., Fulham.

NORWICH cocks and hens, all colour-fed, reared in outdoor aviary; approval.—Nalson, Althorne, Essex.

FEW splendid birds left; pairs from 12/-; grand thick-set typical cocks from 6/-.—Lindsey, see Yorkshires.

HOWARTH, Rydal Stores, Little Harwood, Blackburn, has a few good Norwich for sale; approval; stamp.

WANTED, high-class Norwich; exchange Welsh cock Goldfinches.—Kirkup, 2, Ivy-st., Cardiff; approval.

NORWICH. A few good Yellow hens, also cocks, cheap; stamp reply.—Dallimore, 20, Turner-rd., Cardiff.

H. BAILEY, Tower-st., Launceston, has several useful Norwich cocks at 7/6 each, full of colour and quality.

NORWICH Canaries for sale; pairs 6/9; separate cocks 5/-; hens 2/6.—G. Brown, 44, Bartholomew-st., Leicester.

GRAND Norwich songsters for sale from 6/-; hens from 3/6; all healthy.—Denker, 57, Leman-street, London, E.

OWING to removal, must sell two pair Norwich; 6/- pair, to clear.—Bevan, Cambridge-st., Coalville, Leicestershire.

NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks 3/6 each, or cock and hen 5/6; approval.—Stewart, Pouter-place, Castle Douglas.

TYPICAL cocks, big birds, wonderful quality from 10/6; a few good hens from 5/-.—Miss Gwyn, Somerville, Ramsgate.

CLEAR and variegated yellow cocks, buff cocks, and hens, cheap, to clear.—Smeaton, 63, Summerlic-st., Prestonpans.

1907, grand Norwich Canaries in full song for sale, 6/- each; yellow buff, healthy birds.—Mr. Bullen, 98, Hook-rd., Epsom.

NORWICH Plainheads, pairs from 10/6; cocks 8/6, yellow and buff; cold room.—Miss A. Fooks, Knowle House, Brentwood.

WANTED, good clear yellow Norwich hen, winner preferred, and can win.—Apply, Anstee, 51, Queen's-rd., New Tredegar.

ONE Buff cock and two Yellow hens, 1907 birds, 8/6 the lot to clear.—A. Plevin, 21, Queen's-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

GRAND lot of Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; splendid breeding Norwich hens, only 3/6 each.—Varney, Angel-lane, Stratford.

TWO large Norwich Plainhead buff cocks, only 4/6 each; one yellow variegated 5/6, 1907.—Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

CLEAR buff Norwich hens, 3/6, 2/6; exchange three for yellow Norwich cock.—Phillips, Main-st., Goldthorpe, Yorkshire.

LARGE, typical buff Norwich hen, same strain as my winners, 20/-; yellow cocks 12/6, 15/-.—Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

1907 Norwich cocks 4/6, 5/-; hens 2/6; approval; deposit; guaranteed good, healthy birds.—Johnson, 77, Druid-st., Hinckley.

EXTRA large buff Norwich cocks 7/6 and 8/6 each; ditto yellow hens 6/-; approval.—Townley, Victoria Grove, Ripon.

HEALTHY Norwich Canary cocks on song 6/-; hens 2/6, 1907 birds.—J. Shilpton, Post Office, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea.

SIX good cocks, Yellows, Buff, 6/6 each; near offer for lot; room wanted for Yorks.—Lucas, 18, Chantry-rd., Stockwell.

50 GRAND Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; sure to please.—Miss Sawbridge, Lutterworth, Leicestershire.

GOOD Norwich for sale, cocks from 10/-; buff hens from 5/-; yellows from 10/-; approval.—Walton, Hunter's Bar, Sheffield.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

TWO good stout, healthy, 1907 buff Norwich hens, 3/- each; 5/6 the two; approval; deposit.—Hance, 22, King-st., Tring, Herts.

GRAND Norwich cocks from 5/6; hens 2/6; good spangled Lizard cocks 6/-.—Coles (side-door), 109, High-st., Borough, London.

EXHIBITORS, two grand four-pointed Norwich cocks, yellow, and one buff, both winners, 55/6 the two.—Morris, Fancier, Ryde.

LARGE quantity of Norwich cocks, good songsters, 4/6 each; hens, 2/6; all in good health; approval. Akers, Holbrook-rd., Belper.

PURE bred Norwich, yellow cocks, 5/-; buff hens, 2/6, 7/6 a pair.—Hyde, 163, Junction-rd., London, N.

YELLOW, two Norwich hen Canaries, good, healthy birds, 3/- each; deposit; approval.—Blower, 15, Vickers-rd., Erith, Kent.

NORWICH bred songsters, large stock, rich colour, cold-room, cocks, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6.—L. Baker, 67, St. Aubyns, Hove, Sussex.

1906 AND 1907 birds, grand stock, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, 10/-, 12/- and 15/-; approval.—Carstairs, 277, High-st., Perth.

LARGE buff Norwich cock, winner second prize open show, good stock bird 12/6; approval P.O.—Inwood, New Marston, Oxford.

DECLINING Fancy, Plainheads and Crests, C.B., pairs 10/-; cocks, 7/6: hens, 3/6; healthy.—White, 34, Ellerker-avenue, Doncaster.

THREE pairs buff cocks, yellow hens, will win, Spillman's strain; price reasonable; approval.—Pavey, 4, Gavin-st., Plumstead.

NOTICE, extra grand pair Norwich Canaries, sure winners 15/-; approval; easy payments.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

EIGHT healthy 1906 Canaries, two cocks, six hens, one Linnet, 27/6, or near offer; giving up.—Childers, 56, Clifton-rd., Peckham, London.

BUY from the breeder Norwich cocks from 6/6; Yorkshire cocks from 6/6; 7 day's approval.—G. Wyer, The Aviaries, March, Cambs.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks; one Buff, 17/6; two ditto, 8/6; two Yellows, 10/- each; approval.—French, Newsham, Northumberland.

NORWICH Plainheads for sale, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs; seen after 5 any evening.—E. Meades, 68, Griffin-rd., Plumstead.

BREEDING condition, cocks, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/-; own breeding; stamp reply.—Swanwick, East Bridgford, Nottingham.

NORWICH prize-bred; see report last week's CAGE BIRDS, cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; approval.—Marsh, Village View, Leigh, Lancashire.

CHAMPION Norwich, 15/-, £1 pair; inspection invited; numbers of hens; approval; stamp.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

SEND your address on a postcard to Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster, for new illustrated price list of birds; carriage paid; on approval.

GOOD bred 1907 Norwich cocks, buffs, 7/6; yellow, 10/6; one cock and three hen Goldfinch mules, 6/6; approval.—Imeson, Somerset-place, Ripon.

FOUR 1907 Silv.-bred Cinnamon blood Norwich Canaries, good feeding strain, 10/6 each.—Mrs. Askham, Merivale, Crane's Park, Surbiton.

GRAND pair large, stout, buff, variegated Norwich 1907 bred, good stock birds, 12/6; bargain.—F. Simonds High-street North, Dunstable.

TWENTY typical colour-fed Norwich cocks, clear, ticked, Yellows, Buffs, unflighted; approval, deposit.—S. J. Penfold, 30, Gayhurst-rd., Dalston.

NORWICH Plainheads, a few good birds for sale, same strain as my winners this season; approval.—George Mitchell, 118, Montrose-st., Brechin.

NORWICH cock Canary, 3rd open last month when out of condition, should win 1st now, 5/-; approval.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, has few pairs of his champion Norwich from 20/- to £5; single birds from 10/6; state wants; approval.

NOW is the time to buy hens for breeding; I have got some grand birds, from 2/6 each.—Oakley, Mortuary, Warwick-place, Whitecross-st., E.C.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; pairs, 7/6, 8/6; grand typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

THREE Norwich hens, yellow, green, yellow marked, 4/- each; lot 10/-; exchange large buff, good hen.—Johnson, Railway Hotel, Newport, Wight.

GENTLEMAN wishing to sell up stock, has a few good birds for sale, cocks from 6/6, all 1907; also good breeding aviary.—6, Celia-rd., Tufnell Park, N.

HEALTHY Norwich, in song; cocks 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens 3/-, 4/-; cold room; approval; deposit.—Wall, Tankersley-lane, Hoyland Common, near Barnsley.

J. EVANS, runner-up for cup, has a few grand birds for disposal; surplus stock; real Norwich type; cheap; stamp reply.—157, Rectory-road, Burnley.

A. HUMPHRIES has for disposal yellow and buff Norwich cocks; also hens; good size, colour and quality; approval; stamp.—The Lodge, Acomb-road, York.

FOX'S champion Norwich have been winning for 30 years, the country through, some genuine bargains; approval.—Curzon-st., Long Eaton, Nottingham.

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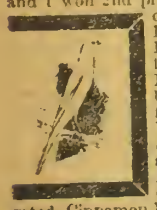

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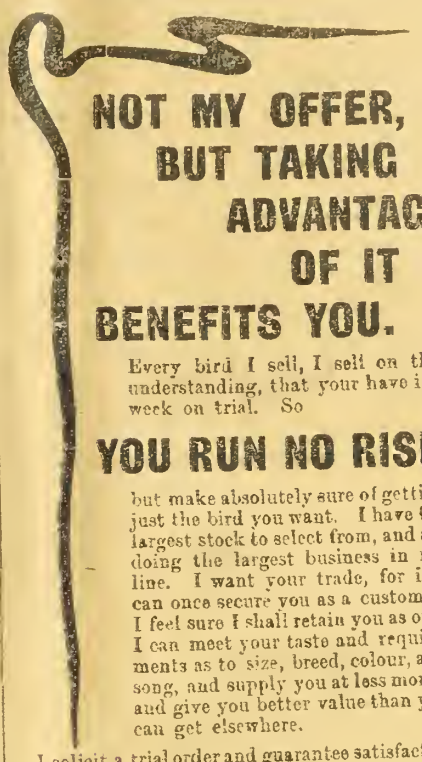

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WANTED, Yokshire Canaries, exchange fine young talking Amazon Parrot, in square cage, value 3 guineas.—H., 183, Church-rd., Hove.

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WANTED, for export, large quantity of strong, healthy Canaries, both cocks and hens, all varieties, cheap.—Clarke, 37, Great St. Andrew-st., Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W.C.

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WANTED, large unflighted Yellow Norwich cock in exchange for two unflighted Norwich Buff hens, or will sell them; approval both ways.—Langham, 83, Mortfield-lane, Bolton.

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TWO pair Black Magpies, 1907, Warner's strain; exchange Canarics or anything useful.—T. Powley, 38, Napier-st., Norwich.

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Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

YELLOW and buff Norwich cocks, 1907, singing hard, from 6/6.—Beeston, Ross-on-Wye.

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GOOD long Yellow Yorkshire cock, 1907, for two ditto hens; no rubbish.—Cornwall, New England, Peterborough.

GOOD Crest, crest bred hens, cheap; exchange Borders, or Rollers.—L. A. Hughes, Haulfan, Penygroes, S.O., N. Wales.

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PAIR high-class Buff Yorkshires, sell for best offer; or exchange anything.—V. Smith, 136, Lodge-rd., West Bromwich.

PAIR of Norwich; also two yellow Yorkshire hens; exchange Common Canaries, or sell cheap.—Rollinson, Waughst., Oldham.

EXCHANGE one Yorkshire cock and two hens, winners, for good phonograph and records.—9a, Simpson-st., Battersea.

TWO good Norwich hen Canaries in exchange for Yorkshires, or anything useful.—Eastoe, 147, Copenhagen-st., King's Cross.

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EXCHANGE large buff Norwich cock, 1907 bred, for good cocks, Hawfinch, or sell 12/6.—John Smith, 25, Kinnaird-st., Arbroath.

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EXCHANGE good Norwich cock Yorkshire hen for large Green Crestbred cock, heavy head feather.—Watson, Ballycarry Station, Ireland.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire for cycle tyres (28 1¼); Norwich hen for standard Yorkshire hen; breeding pans from 10/6.—Patience, Romford.

EXCHANGE good buff Norwich cock, 1907 cock Goldfinch mule, for pair high-class Norwich.—Croft, 16, Hanby-terrace, Stockton-on-Tees.

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FEW good Norwich hens, 3/6; Seifert Roller Schoolmaster, 15/-; large buff Norwich cock, prizebird, 20/-; exchange.—Gandy, Grocer, Herne Bay.

SMART pair Yorkshires, exchange pair large Norwich, four good feeding hens, exchange Goldfinches, or Hawfinches.—Gibson, Leeds, Maidstone.

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EXCHANGE Seifert Schoolmaster (beautiful songster), for green Crest cock, must be good; on approval; Crest first; or sell 20/-.—Veitch, Eldenplace, Kelty, Fife.

FOUR Norwich hen Canaries, one cock, healthy, 1907 birds; will exchange Crystal Palace aviary, or anything useful; or sell 14/-.—Hart, East Hall, Wennington, Essex.

WHAT offers in common Canaries for marked buff Norwich cock, winner 1st Rochester, coloured, grand stock bird, correct type.—Bassett, Queen-st., Gravesend.

THREE Yorkshires, two cocks, one hen (can win), and two cock linnets, sure mulers, 30/-; or exchange sewing machine; or offers; approval.—Wills, John-st., Filey.

LARGE buff York hen, prize winner; exchange exhibition Partridge, Wyandotte Cockerel, from 1st International; no rubbish.—Dexter, 68, Lascotts-rd., Bowes Park, London.

HANDSOME Black and White Pomeranian dog, eighteen months, grand coat, good house dog, £2; or exchange for Canaries, Cinnamons preferred.—98, Clapham-rd., Lowestoft.

EXCHANGE large healthy 1906 Buff, foul green, Norwich hen, he only time shown for Buff 1907 Yorkshire hen; must be good; approval.—Wells, 46, Wellington-rd., Stoke Newington.

EXCHANGE three pairs Borders, 1907, for pair Norwich stock birds, yellows preferred, clear or marked Norwich, best; approval.—David Hopkins, East Main-st., Darvel, Ayrshire, N.B.

GRAND Norwich Crests. One pair 1907 birds of good strain; Crest cock Crestbred hen in exchange for good young Roller Canary; no rubbish given or taken.—Nicholson, 85, Eyelinest., Glasgow.

GRAND yellow Yorkshire cock 1907, hot colour, fit for keen competition, £1; also good pair Yorks, grand stock birds, £1; or exchange either for good poultry.—Warcham, Waterlooside, Radstock.

EXCHANGE pair of Yorkshires; also variegated yellow Norwich cock, with show cage; also 150 CAGE BIRDS to date, for tents, or offers; will separate.—S. Burnett, 426, Hortonlane, Bradford.

LOOK, half-ream superior note-paper, 500 envelopes to match, for yellow variegated Norwich hen 1907; sample, stamp; no rubbish; satisfaction ensured. Hornby, 17, Nesterst., Beeston, Leeds.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire Canaries, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- and upwards per pair; exchange long lace curtains, eiderdowns, provisions, anything useful for horse.—Crathorne, Clarence-rd., Bridlington, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE evenly-marked buff Border fancy hen, 1907 buff Norwich hen, and Greenfinch cock, all winners, cards sent, for large dark yellow cock Goldfinch mule; approval.—Bell, 16, Wellington-st., Hawick.

THREE crested cocks, 3 crestbred cocks, 15/- each; 4 pairs Yorkshires, 12/- pair; exchange for good light young crested hen or crested bred; all bred from winners; approval both ways.—Green, 9, Wesst., Wisbech.

FIVE Norwich hen Canaries, two cocks, Linnets, one house-moulted, one caged September, one cock Goldfinch, house-moulted; exchange for pair Yorkshire or large Norwich cock, or sell 27/6.—N. Langley, Bushey Heath, Herts.

AN excellent yellow Yorkshire cock, in fine form, head slightly ticked; exchange clear Norwich cock (Norwich first); or sell 15/-; also exhibition Bramblefinch, and Chaffinch; exchange for two good Norwich hens,; Finches, house-moulted and in grand condition.—Kearsley, Parkst., Meadeley, Salop.

EXCHANGE for Yellow Norwich cocks one pair Black Carrier Pigeons, one pair Black Tumblers, one pair of Flying Homers; lot 15/-, cash; pair Lizard, Gold cock, Silver hen, 12/6; pair Yorkshires, Yellow cock, Buff hen, 15/-; pair Norwich Yellow cock, Buff hen, 20/-; pair dark Crested cock, clear Crestbred hen, 25/-; set Cinnamons, Norwich Yellow cock, Buff hens, 25/-.—Carter, Butcher, 360, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

NORWICH buff green cock, 4th Manchester, 20/-; foul yellow Green cock, c Manchester, 20/-; unflighted yellow green cock, 15/-; large buff cock, 15/-; unflighted yellow hen, 15/-; var. Yorkshire cock and yellow green hen, 10/6 pair; several Norwich cocks, 6/- to 10/- each; four N.P.C. cages and cages from 1/- each; large flights, 4/- to 7/6; all kinds of accessories cheap; exchange gold watch or chain, common Canaries, pike reel, landing net; offers.—R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE young African grey Parrot and cage for good dog.—Bennet, 14, Queen's-crescent, Lincoln.

EXCHANGE pair Dragon pigeons, winners, grand stock birds, value £2, for Budgerigars, approval.—Munro, 60, High-st., Forres.

CAT, handsome Persian, Chinchilla male, cost £5, or exchange Parrots, Parrakeets, preferred.—Lewis, 154, Hutton-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

GENUINE South African grey Parrot, talking, and very tame, with strong cage, £4; or part exchange.—Miss Daley, 6, Kempstone-st., Liverpool.

ROSE-BREASTED Cockatoo, acclimatised, talks, whistles, with massive cage, 25/-; or exchange Budgerigars.—Mr. Parker, 37, Caldervale-rd., Burnley.

VERY tame White Cockatoo, acclimatised, not noisy, in large square cage, 35/-; approval; or exchange Grey or Green Parrot.—63, Western-rd., Brighton.

PARROT, talking; exchange good mule or anything useful; Norwich cock, exchange Cinnamons; Norwich hen; approval.—Williams, Game Dealer, Ruthin.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

GOOD yellow Dragoon cock; exchange Canaries.—B. Balkwill, East Water, Bideford.

WHAT offers for two pair of new 18yd. clap nets poles.—Hatton, George-st., Brighton.

WANTED, Canary-Mules; will give breeding cages, or fronts.—24, Guildford-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

FOR sale, or exchange, poultry, Canaries, Bullfinches, and Goldfinches.—H. Piggott, Wantage.

DOUBLE silver albert, value 10/6; exchange Canaries.—Smith, 44, Greville-rd., Walthamstow.

EXCHANGE bushel charlock seed for Finch mule, Goldfinch song.—Busbridge, Poundstock, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE large pair of rabbits, for pair of Norwich Canaries.—Edwards, Risca-rd., Cross Keys.

EXCHANGE Sandow's grip dumbbells, 7/6, for 1907 Norwich cock.—Anderson, 32, Bryson-rd., Edinburgh.

SALE or exchange, good set of Linnet nets, complete for Canaries or breeding cages.—Wing, March, Cambs.

AVIARY, good condition, sell 10/-, or exchange anything useful.—Dale, 26, Grange-st., Hexton, London.

Violin bow and case for sale, 17/6; or exchange Canaries.—D., 20, Leathwaite-rd., Clapham Common, S.W.

EXCHANGE punch-bar fronts, for Canaries, or cash.—Marshall, 4, Preston-terrace, Bunbury-st., Nottingham.

PAIR good white Angora rabbits; what offers in Canaries, birds, or cages.—Sharpe, 27, John-st., Heanor, Notts.

WHAT offers in British cage birds for good sound silver watch, sell 20/-.—Mullock, Porter, Longport Station, Staffs.

WILD Pheasant cock, two hitch Ferrets; exchange Lizards, cage birds.—Braigen, Comrie, Cairnie, Huntly.

WHAT offers in cash for 100 CAGE BIRDS, 17 plates; 12 "Birds' World"?—E. Harris, 53, King-st., Wellington, Salop.

EVERY description of cage and wire fronts made to your order; exchange Canaries.—Pimm, Icknield Port, Birmingham.

FOUR spangle Bantams, 2 pullets, 2 cockerels; exchange for a pair of Scotch Fancy.—Barkley, Gilling, East York.

IRISH Water Spaniel dog, 16 months, 20/-; or exchange Canaries to value, 25/-.—Appleton, Castle-st., Merthyr Tydvil.

EIGHT coloured plates, CAGE BIRDS, 2/6; exchange hen Canary or cock Bullfinch.—S. Halls, 52, Primrose-hill, Chelmsford.

BULL MASTIFF and spaniel pup, five months; exchange good cock Canary or poultry.—Ford, Worcester-st., Stourbridge.

WHAT offers in Norwich for 186 CAGE BIRDS, 27 plates, 12 supplements.—Standring, 37, Crofton-st., Rusholme, Manchester.

FOX terrier bitch (pedigree), good breeder, will sell, or exchange for birds, 25/-.—Edwards, 67, Lupin-st., Birmingham.

SELL or exchange Fantails, Jacobins, Chequers, for Canaries, Linnets, Goldfinches.—Collins, 13, Regent Terrace, Mortlake.

THREE well-marked fox terrier dog puppies 7/- each; exchange Canaries, poultry, anything.—Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

EXCHANGE bird World Magazine for large cylinder record case, or sound wave trumpet.—Taylor, 183, Sumner-rd., Peckham.

WALKING-STICK air-gun, in good order, with pump, sell 15/-; or exchange Norwich Canaries.—A. Chapman, Upton, nr. Acre.

TEN box cages, enamelled, pale green, loose fronts for 1907 Norwich cock, or sell 14/-.—Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London.

EXCHANGE two gross pen and penholders, valued 10/-, for good cock canaries, or useful exchange.—Walker, Tobacconist, Conway.

AMERICAN organ, powerful tone, 9 stops, 4 sets reeds, £6; room wanted; particulars.—Kirke, Sidlesham, Chichester-rd., Tombridge.

EXCHANGE two black Tumblers, fit to show, one white, three English Owls, sell £1, or what offers Canaries?—Tait, Glebe, Dunoon.

WANTED, cage fronts or anything useful, for good Homer training hamper, holds twenty, or sell 6/-.—Jack Cooper, Long Buckby.

EXCHANGE auto harp for cock and two hen Canaries, Yorkshires preferred, or sell 15/-.—George Allton, Chapel End, Atherstone.

CAGE fronts, sizes to order, work guaranteed; exchange Canaries or small Foreign birds.—Baldwin, 60, Marroway-st., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE Sandow's grip dumbells, 7 springs, for cock Canaries, or anything useful.—D. Atkinson, 53, Portmanmoor-rd., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE CAGE BIRDS, from 1905 to present date, for pair of Yorkshires or Norwich.—H. Dean, 84, Hebers, Middleton, Manchester.

INTERNATIONAL Library, twenty volumes, £6, cost £12; or part exchange Roller Canaries.—Forward, 85, Victoria Bridge, Leeds.

EXCHANGE every description of cage and wire front, made to your order; or exchange Canaries.—Pimm, Icknield Port, Birmingham.

MAYNARD'S Aviaries, Bethnal Green; exchange winning Pigeons for cage birds, or anything useful; send offers please; inspection invited.

GOOD piano, equal to new, £12, or nearest offer, or part exchange; anything useful.—Lovatt, 34, Long-row, Madeley Heath, nr. Keele.

THREE good black Jacobins, sell 10/-; or exchange cock Goldfinches and hen Bullfinches; approval.—Smart, Waulkmills, Arbroath.

EXCHANGE pair ivorine-handled carvers for one cock Canary or three hen Canaries.—Robert Simpson, 10c, 4 house, Fawcett-st., Sheffield.

TWO jet black curley French poodie bitches, champion breed, 12/6 each; approval; or exchange Canaries.—J. C. Smeaton, Broad-st., Stirling.

FOURTEEN long distance pedigree homers, pedigrees sent, sell £1; exchange Yorkshire Canaries, 25/-.—Watson, 132, Gloucester-rd., Bootle.

SILVER watch, nearly new, perfect timekeeper, 15/6; exchange Yorkshires or crosthred, offers.—Nathan, 90, George-st., Hucknall Torkard.

SPLENDID case and four Scotch Fancy show cages, slightly used; exchange Canaries; stamp.—A. R. Langlands, Confectioner, Montrose.

SPLENDID "Improved" D piccolo, condition as new; what offers in exchange, or sell 10/6.—R. Kinder, No. 2, Mansfield-rd., Pleasley, Notts.

EXCHANGE Chaffinch, 3rd Spalding, 12/6; Clarionet, 15/-, for crested hen or Yorkshire cocks; approval.—Bescoby, Pavilion-st., Doncaster.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch mule, full song, for Norwich or Yorkshire show cages, or double breeding cages.—J. Shea, 51, Warner-st., New Kent-rd.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, ladies' hand-made high leg boots, threes, best calf, cost 21/-; worn once; approval.—Webb, Peashill Rise, Nottingham.

EXCHANGE pair Black-Red Bantams for breeding cage, cock Canary; approval both ways.—Ingram, 52, Earlswood-rd., Earlswood, Surrey.

EXCHANGE well-bred Fox Terrier dog, very smart, 18 months, for muling Goldfinch; offers first.—G. Kirkbride, Heathwaite, Windermere.

EXCEEDINGLY well marked, prize-bred, smooth fox terrier dog pup, ten weeks, 10/6, or offers in Norwich Canaries.—Williamson, Bassingbourn.

BULL Terrier pup, three months old, make fine dog, 12/6; exchange Canaries, anything useful.—Perrins, Bruche Lodge, Poulton, Warrington.

WRIGHT and Butler's eclipse patent heating stove, for bird room or greenhouse, 10/-; exchange Pekin pullets; offers.—Tom Tom, Llangollen.

TWELVE mounted views of British battles, ready for framing, size 15 by 11; exchange for cock or two hen Canaries.—H. Steel, 14, Cook-st., Bradford.

SPARKEY. Tom Thumb call or Redpoll cages, 2/9 a dozen; or will exchange British birds or hen Canaries.—Address, 20, Upper Dawson-st., Liverpool.

"FRUITGROWERS' GUIDE," coloured illustrations, 11 2/- parts, unsoil, for pair Budgerigars, Canaries, offer.—Glover, Bunlton, Petersfield, Hants.

ZITHER-HARP, perfect condition, 30/-, and pair of Nutmeg Finches; exchange sewing machine or Norwich Canaries; approval.—Willis, John-st., Filey.

WINNER four silver, two bronze photo awards, sends framed enlargement to value of Canaries sent with photo.—Welbon, 75, Attercliffe Common, Sheffield.

AVIARY 27 inches by 18, height 42, two compartments, cock Chaffinch, twice house-moulted, good bird, exchange; offers.—Tyers, East Leake, Loughboro'.

SPLENDID picture, entitled "Home of the Swans," 40 by 30, valued guinea, accept 10/6; exchange good singing cock Roller Canary.—15, Grand Parade, Harringay.

GRAND black Minorca cockerel, April hatched, a winner, 20/-; or exchange cake birds, wants room; approval pleasure.—F. Chorley, Albert-st., Bridgwater.

MOTOR omnibus fretwork, 25/-; exchange pair Borders, Norwich, or Yorkshires and cash, or small Foreigners; offers.—Baker, 14, Compton-st., Hanley, Staffs.

SALE or exchange, three whippet pups, parents cup winners, dogs 10/- each; bitch 7/6; or exchange cage birds; offers.—Biggs, Lower Union-lane, Torquay.

LANCASTER'S Royal Instantograph camera, four double slides, legs, and outfit; exchange good Canaries, or sell; approval.—J. Richmond, Pateley Bridge.

BEAUTIFUL pedigree Irish terrier, brood bitch, good guard, game, affectionate, 30/-; exchange Canaries, British, offers.—Dunkirk, 87, Green-st., Eastbourne.

DOZEN cage breeders and singing cages; also a wire cage, hold a monkey, Larks and cages; exchange anything or sell cheap.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

YORKSHIRE Terrier dog, 15 months old, clean, and fond of children; price £1, or what offer in Canaries.—John Brown, Hill View, Medom-ley, co. Durham.

BUFF Orpington cockerel and four hens, prize strain; exchange Lizards or Green Yorkshire Canaries, sell 25/-.—J. Plowes, jun., Fairfield Stud, Buxton.

EXCHANGE new gas lamp, box carbide, value 7/6, for Yellow Norwich hen or cock Goldfinch; approval both ways.—George Mitchell, 40, Broad-st., Alloa.

EXCHANGE pen of barred rocks, Slater's and Jackson's strains for good Crest Canaries! no rubbish wanted or given.—John Bellman, Rosewarne, Camborne.

OFFERS, pure Rollers for pen, English rabbits, 1 black buck, won 6 times, open, 2 does, black tortoise.—Chowler, 13, Smith-st., Higher Ardwick, Manchester.

PHONOGRAPH, Edison Home, and 90 records, large horn, sell £5 10s.; will take good talking Parrot in part payment.—Harland, 28, Chapel-lane, Armley, Leeds.

EXCHANGE single barrel breech-loading gun, 410 bore, nearly new, for 2 pairs of Norwich Canaries, to value 30/-; no rubbish.—Gold's, Farwig Lane, Bromley, Kent.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Contest for Linnets' quality singing, held at King's Head, Shannon-street, when 26 birds sang for four good prizes. Some very good singing was heard. 1st prize, T. Summers; 2nd, D. Clegg; 3rd and 4th shared by T. Stead and J. Nicholls. Judges, Messrs. H. Hayes and C. Cooper.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON.

Usual fortnightly Linnet singing contest held at the Alexandra Inn, when 22 birds sang. Result: 1, W. Leah; 2, T. Armitage; 3, T. Statham; 4, J. W. Jones; 5, H. Richardson. Judges, Messrs. P. O'Neil and F. Crawford.—W. J. MATHER, Secretary.

An open Linnet singing contest was held at Alexandra Inn, Scotland-road, for time singing only, when five prizes were given by Mr. R. Thompson There was some capital singing. The following are the results:—1, 2, G. Tryner; 3, P. O'Neil; 4, C. Drury; 5, Jones. Judges, P. O'Neil, E. Loughton. The usual fortnightly contest will be held at above house on Feb. 1st, 1/- per bird, and every fortnight throughout the season.—J. W. MATHER, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Small Bird Protection and F.A. held their week-end singing contest for quality on February 1st. A great number of birds competed. Winners: 1st, G. Rostron; 2nd, G. James; 3rd, J. Harrison. Contest January 25, at the Club House: 1st prize, G. James; 2nd, 3rd, P. Blackshaw. Judge, Mr A. Catteral.—R. HAYHURST, Sec.

YORK.

Weekly singing contest held on February 1st at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, when 28 birds faced the judge, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. The following were the principal prize winners:—1st, T. Massheder; 2nd, A. Watson; 3rd, Moleywarp; 4th, T. Lindert; 5th, W. Laverick; 6th, J. Evans. Judge, Mr. John Paver; timekeeper, Mr. J. Lambert.—WM. EMPSON.

Weekly contest, held at Crown Inn, North-street, when 26 birds sang for six prizes. Some very good singing was heard, with the following result:—1st, Oxberry; 2nd, Stothard; 3rd, Horwell; 4th, Grainger; 5th and 6th, Moore. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, J. Mason, both gave every satisfaction.

NEWBOTTLE.

Contest held at Sun Inn, Newbottle, when 29 birds sang for two valuable prizes given by Mr. R. Wood. The birds' singing was very moderate. There was a good muster of visitors. It was a pity, but the contest had to be postponed owing to the darkness. The finish will be on February 15th, when the following will compete: Messrs. R. Laidler (2), G. Voso (2), and J. Kirtley (1). Judge, Mr. J. Lowery. Timekeeper, Mr. W. Markham. Another contest will be held February 15th.—LINTIE.

THE PECKHAM BIRD CLUB.

The club held its annual supper on January 20th. After the "feast" there was a social, the ball being set rolling by Messrs. C. Crooks, Mitchel, Clark, Boyce, and Barnes. Mr. T. Rowley sang "All That's Glitters is Not Gold"; Mr. T. Mason, "The Old Brown Jug"; Mr. Church, "As the Ship Went Out." The sons of old Jack Briley, of Chaffinch fame, sang songs which caused much laughter. The night finished up with a vote of thanks to all. Linnet handicaps are held weekly.—C. CROOKS, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN AND DIS. L.S.A.

Mr. H Rothwell, of the Good Samaritan Inn, Grimshaw Park, Blackburn, has most generously presented the Association (which I may say, is about the largest L.S.A. in England), with a very beautiful silver cup, pedestal and globe, valued at ten guineas. The conditions are: 1st, for members only; 2nd, the member getting in the most time in all the season's club sings, to count once in the cup and hold the same until the following season; 3rd, to be won twice in succession, or three times in all. The Association also gives a valuable solid gold medal to the winner of the cup each season. Our members very greatly appreciate this generous gift. We are going "big guns" this season, as it is proposed to give a great All-England sing, with prizes the value of £10 downwards, of which, more anon Anyone wishing to compete for the cup must become a member on or before the 20th of the present month.—JOHN SHEFFIELD, Hon. Sec.

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CLUB REPORTS.

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RUTHERGLEN AND DISTRICT O.A.

A meeting was held on January 21st, Mr. Manson, Vice-President, in the chair. Messrs. Boyd and Bowman audited the treasurer's book, and the year's transactions showed a balance in hand of £2 3s. 2½d. This was considered satisfactory. The following office-bearers were appointed:—Hon. President, Provost Johnstone; President, Mr. Wm. Moffatt, M.A.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. J. Manson and T. A. Boyd; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Frank Wilson, 9, Jedburgh-avenue; Committee, Messrs. J. Lappin, I. Hutchison, W. McAulay, R. Livingstone, and T. Joel. This was all the business. —FRANK WILSON.

CINNAMON MARKED YORKS. C.C.

A committee meeting was held on Feb. 1, at Gt. Horton, Mr. J. Greaves (President) in the chair. The Secretary reported having received a bronze medal from the Toronto C.B.A., and it was decided to give the medal to the next bird in Cinn.-marked classes at the Crystal Palace show. Two members were reported by the Y.C. for having borrowed and lent birds, and it was decided to suspend Messrs. Hall and Raynor until Dec. 21st, 1908. A suggestion from the Y.C.C. that our presentation of competition prizes should take place on the same evening as theirs, was discussed, and a small committee was appointed to meet the Y.C.C. and make final arrangements. Feb. 29th next, at 6.30 p.m. was suggested as the date and time. Other business was left over until the annual general meeting. —R GARNETT, Hon. Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

The annual general meeting was held on January 22nd. The hon. sec. and treasurer presented the balance-sheet, which showed a balance on the right side. Mr. Grant proposed that it be passed, coupling with it a hearty vote of thanks to the hon. sec., Mr. A. S. Treasure, for the way he had carried out his duties; this was seconded by Mr. T. J. King, and carried unanimously. The retirement of the president, Mr. T. J. King, was received with regret, and a vote of thanks was accorded him for his services during the past three years. The society have been fortunate enough in getting Mr. W. W. Theobald, a gentleman who was a prominent exhibitor of Crests and Foreigners to fill the presidential chair for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. G. Grant; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Hands; hon. auctioneer, Mr. J. H. Boulter; hon. auditors, Messrs. T. J. King and J. H Boulter. The assistant hon. sec. Mr. T. N. King, and the hon. sec. and treasurer were both re-elected.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

The annual general meeting was held at headquarters, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High-street, on January 22nd. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Hon. President, Sir John Rolleston; Hon. Vice-Presidents, J. R. Macdonald, M.P., J. Furbee, Esq., J. T. Beggs, Esq., T. J. Thorneloe, Esq.; Hon. Solicitor, J. T. Hincks, Esq.; Hon. Auctioneer, J. H. Tricks, Esq.; Chairman, Mr. W. Stevens; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. G. Edwards and E. B. Hunt; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Tylor; Trustees, Messrs. Jos. Adams and W. Oakey; Committee, Messrs. J. W. Hutchison, T. Ride, T. West, A. Highton, G. Harrison, J. Heighton, J. Wood, and F. Archer; Auditors, Messrs. A. S. Lowe and E. Freer. A most successful balance-sheet was put before the meeting, and this it was seen, did great credit to the retiring secretary. Mr. Heighton, who, through business, was unable to continue in the post. The following were the awards for table show held January 22nd, judge, Mr. G. Lauder:—Open Class 1: 1, Stevens; 2, 3, Tyler; vhc, he, Heighton (J.); c, Moore. Class 2: 1, Claypole; 2, Stevens; 3, J. Heighton; vhc, Tyler; he, c, Moore. Novice Class 3: 1, Seal; 2, Burbridge. Novice Class 4: 1, 2, Dent; 3, Seal; vhc, Lemon; he, Burbridge.

MORRISTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

A most interesting evening was spent by the members at the Woodfield Coffee Tavern on January 25th. Mr. Harding Williams, one of the most noted Yorkshire fanciers in this district, demonstrated the art of washing cage birds. After Mr. Williams got over the process a lively discussion took place, in the course of which it was asked if the demonstrator usually used glycerine and borax in the water for washing birds. His reply was that he occasionally used the former, but never the latter, as the water of this district was so much softer, and any ingredient of that sort was unnecessary. Mr. E. M. Lucas said he always used borax when washing birds, as he found it very beneficial. Mr W. T. Kirby concurred with Mr. Evans, while other well-known exhibitors agreed with Mr. Williams. Messrs. T. Hopkins, W. R. Morgan, D. M. Powell, A. E. Taylor, D. Jeremy, and others took part in the discussion. It was also decided to hold a cold luncheon and a smoker, and I hope some of our local talent will assist us in having a miscellaneous concert on February 29th to celebrate the first annual show, which was a most successful one. I should like all exhibitors to note in their respective diaries this society's show next year, as we have in hand enough to pay their prize money next year. The last show passed without a hitch, and all birds were got safely away; all prize money was paid without cancelling any classes.—D. JEREMY, Sec.

JARROW AND HEBBURN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The final meeting for the year 1907 was held at headquarters, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond-street, on January 17th. The balance-sheet was read by the secretary, Mr. J. T. Carrick. Mr. J. Campbell took the chair, and everything was stated to be very satisfactory for the past year. The late show was classed as a success, considering the number of shows being held on the same date, and also considering the depression of trade on Tyne-side. The following business was carried out: Election of officers, as follows—Chairman, Mr. J. McKenzie; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Summons; secretary, Mr. J. T. Carrick (re-elected), also treasurer, Mr. T. Pickett; auditors, Mr. R. Hutler, and Mr. F. Furlong; the following gentlemen were appointed as committee, Messrs. P. Donnelly, F. Furlong, J. Summons, and J. Campbell. The remaining officers were re-elected. The society then changed its name to Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.I. Society, the meeting to be held on the second Wednesday in every month, instead of the first Wednesday. Our show date was fixed for October 22nd and 23rd, and the judges were nominated, but are not decided upon yet. The first feather show is to be held on June 13th. The secretary next gave his report on the late South Shields and Jarrow Combined show, held at Shields, and which was very satisfactory. This being the end of the business, the meeting closed, there being a good attendance.—J. T. CARRICK, Hon. Secretary.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

Result of election of officers for 1908:—Committee, Messrs. T. Heath, 53; T. W. Barnett, 49; W. Glasscock, 49; E. L. Crisp, 47; W. E. Greeves, 47; J. Robson, 44; T. J. King, 42; R. Rhodes, 42; R. V. G. W. Joyce, 40; G. Crabb, 37; G. Coltidge, 37; J. S. Clark, 37; J. Tyson, 35; H. Mills, 33; J. H. Scothern, 33; G. Godley, 32½ J. Dobson, 29; T. Ind, 28; G. C. Ley, 27; C. Roberts, 25; R. B. Tope, 25; W. Bowyer, 24; H. Horton, 19; J. Brotherton, 19. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, 53; T. Heath, 51; T. W. Barnett, 50; W. E. Greeves, 48; J. H Scothern, 44; R. Rhodes, 43; J. Tyson, 42; W. Glasscock, 41; T. J. King, 41; Rev. Joyce, 37; J. Dobson, 2nd, R. B. Tope, 22. Auditors, Messrs. J. S. Clarke, 46; T. Heath, 50. Hon. Secretary, J. Tyson. Sixty-nine voting papers returned; several not in order.—Signed, T. HEATH and J. S. CLARKE.

METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION C.M. AND H.B.

The annual general meeting was held at headquarters, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., on January 23rd. Mr. J. Nicholas, 91, Tyneham-road, Battersea, was nominated for membership. The balance-sheet for the past year, which was submitted, and unanimously adopted, shows cash balance in hand of 7s. 3½d., the assets of the society being £2 16s. 3½. The meeting was heartily congratulated on the successful year's working, with so small a subscription, viz., 2s. The election of officers was next proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, J. Tindall, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. D. Mabey and C. A. House; Chairman, Mr. F. J. Martin; Treasurer, Mr. G. Saytch; Committee, Messrs. Cooper Bros., F. S. Matthes, W. McGregor, C. Mabey, E. A. Box, T. Wythe, G. Hartley, J. Best and W. Sawyer; Auditors, Messrs. A. E. Wilcox and E. Blum; Secretary (pro. tem.), Mr. A. J. Head, 471, Battersea Park-road, S.W.; Assistant Secretary, Mr. C. Peck. The fixing of dates for the young bird and annual shows was adjourned until next meeting. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close. —A. J. HEAD, Hon. Sec.

LEWISHAM AND DIST. C.B.S.

A well-attended meeting was held on January 21st at the headquarters, The Roebuck Hotel, High-street. The balance-sheet for the two months in 1907 (the society only having been started in November) was submitted and duly passed, showing a balance in hand of the secretary of £1 16s. 6d., and this, after having purchased materials for staging, etc. Report sheet for members show held January 7th was also passed, showing a balance to the society's advantage of 11s. 4d. As no entrance fee was charged to visitors, the society is to be congratulated on the success of this first venture. Prize money and specials were afterwards presented to the winners by the chairman, Mr. E. S. Lugg, who officiated in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. W. T. Kinnear, who had promised to take the chair. Messrs. W. R. Wall and G. Stevens were duly elected members, after which officers for the present year were elected as follows:—President, Major Coates, who has accepted subject to a membership of fifty; Vice-Presidents, Councillors Clayton, Ball, Messrs. Colley, Kinnear, Biscoe, Sandiford, and the Rev. J. C. Morris; Committee, Messrs. Lugg (chairman), White (vice-chairman), Steed, Jordan, Phillip, Scott, Thomas, Sullivan, Butter, Bellinger, Wraight and Lucas (hon. secretary); Treasurer, Mr. F. W. Sullivan; Auditors, Messrs. Dowling and Botting. An excellent programme for the year was drawn up, full particulars of which will be announced in due course. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to chairman and secretary.—H. THOS. LUCAS, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Annual general meeting, January 15th, at Headquarters. After the election of Mr. A. Head, the following candidates were nominated for membership: Mrs. F. Wyse, Mrs. W. Page, Messrs. A. J. Marley and W. Pile. Our advertisement in C.B. Annual, was ordered to be repeated. The result of ballot for council was Messrs. A. W. Curtis and W. Shepherd 42 votes, H. Davis 41, J. Pooley 39, A. W. Hart 38, W. Pratt and F. Easterling 35, P. G. Cooper and H. Offord 31, J. Burton 25, A. Lazarus and F. Curry 22 (Messrs. J. Rennie and H. Vickery withdrew, not being able to attend). The attendance list was read, and showed Mr. E. C. Offord had attended every meeting. The annual show balance-sheet, with a profit of 17s. 7½d. (10s. since received for tickets, etc.), was confirmed, also the annual balance-sheet, showing assets to the amount of £80 9s. 7d. The dates of the various shows were fixed as follows: Finch show, March 21st; young bird show, July 4th; and annual show, November 20th and 21st. It was decided to join the N.B.B. and M.C. in their annual outing if they proposed having one. An Essay Competition, entitled "Birds I have Kept," was confirmed, with a gold, silver, and bronze medal to the three winners. Mr. A. W. Curtis's amendment to Rule 13, was carried, also that of Mr. Wynn's, together with the new definition of a novice, as adopted by the delegates representing London societies. Miss Rose Shephard, and Mr. E. C. Offord were elected scrutineers for the year. A vote of thanks was given the past officers of the association. Special prizes for the pair show were given by Messrs. Crisp, Hart, Francis, Burn, Marley, and Miss Shephard.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The society held a very successful social evening on January 25th, when the members' show prizes for 1907 were presented to the winners. About 40 fanciers and friends sat down to a meat pie supper at the society's headquarters, "The Horse and Groom Inn," and full justice was done to the fare provided. When supper was over the party adjourned to the concert room, and music was the order of the evening. The secretary's report and balance-sheet were presented during the evening, and great satisfaction was expressed at the society's sound financial position. This is the first time for the last few years that the society has had a balance in hand, owing to heavy losses on open shows. The society has increased in membership from 19 to 39 during the year, and there is every prospect of a further increase during the current year. The members' shows have been an unqualified success during the year, there being 438 birds exhibited by 19 members at six shows, and the coffers of the society have been swelled to the extent of nearly £5 from this source. After songs had been given by Messrs. Rimington, Parker, Wright and Hollis, Mrs Ormondroyd, the hostess, presented the prizes to the winners, and expressed her pleasure at the splendid prizes which she had to distribute. She hoped that the prizes would be more in years to come, and that the society would continue in the present state of prosperity. Messrs. Baldwin and Burrow proposed and seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Ormondroyd in a very appropriate manner, and the music was continued until the clock pointed to eleven all too soon, and the party broke up with the singing of the National Anthem, and with many expressions of pleasure at the very enjoyable evening spent. E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

EALING, HANWELL AND DIS. F.S.

A capital meeting was held January 23rd, at Mission Hall, Church-road, Hanwell, Mr. Smales in the chair. In spite of the bad weather, a good number met to hear Mr. Bayliss' address on "Foods and Feeding," and a long discussion followed on the relative values of various foods and systems of feeding. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mr. Bayliss for his instructive lecture, and the painstaking manner in which he answered the numerous and varied questions. The following fanciers have joined the society:—Mrs. Robinson (hon. member), and Messrs. Mallam, W. Turner, Hutt, Whitbread, Robson, Cook, Dingley Clayton.—W. BIRD, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS UNITED C.B.S.

The annual meeting was held at Royal Oak Hotel, on January 16th. Mr. J. Stevens presided over a good attendance. The secretary, Mr. A. E. Golden, read the balance-sheet and report for the past year, the society's receipts totalling £54, 19s. 4d., and the expenditure £47 14s. 7d., leaving a balance in the society's favour of £7 4s. 9d. The report is as follows: During the past year we have had several interesting lectures given by our president, Mr. E. E. Clarke, our vice-president, and other friends of the society, but am sorry to say they were but poorly attended. Our first feather show was a decided success, nearly 100 birds being staged. The annual exhibition was held at the Central Hall on November 19th and 20th, and eclipsed all previous shows, the total number of birds shown being 527; Mr. J. H. Payne judged. The contest for the society's challenge cup resulted in a popular win for Messrs. Upton and Button, with a crested Canary. The committee take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to all those ladies and gentlemen who have so generously contributed to them in the past, and also hope to merit their patronage in the future. The officers for 1908 were elected as follows: President, E. E. Clarke, Esq.; vice-presidents, Harvey Du Cros, Esq., M.P., Messrs. J. Booby, J. Cockett, T. G. Coombs, T. T. Fox, T. Parkin, M.A., J.P., F.Z.S., A. Cleaver, E. P. Overton, and J. H. Bellamy; hon. treasurer, H. Godden; hon. auditors, Mr. J. Ashby and W. Ellis; hon. sec., A. E. Golden; assistant hon. sec., H. L. Harris; committee, Messrs. J. Stevens, R. Cragg, A. George, G. Barham, J. Dawson, H. Morris, G. Stubberfield, W. Upton, C. Nagel, W. Button, R. Harris, E. Daun, A. R. Mays, W. Jenner, S. Stevens. It was decided to hold the annual show first week in November, and election of judges and hall to take place on February 20th.

TORBAY O.S. (Paignton).

The annual meeting was held at Newman's room on January 20th, Mr. T. H. Veale presiding. A very satisfactory balance-sheet was accepted. Mr. H. Whitley was again elected president, Mr. W. J. Ham, vice-president; Mr. J. B. Eastley, hon. solicitor; Mr. G. L. B. Sharpe, treasurer; Mr. F. W. Puddicombe, auctioneer; and Mr. W. Drew, auditor. The committee was elected as follows:—Chairman, Mr. J. Webber; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Innes; Messrs. T. H. Veale, E. Parnell, C. Parnell, H. Daw, H. Fletcher, G. Mudge, T. Badcott, G. Heathman, J. Bastard, P. W. Mugford, W. Hodge, and J. Elliott. Mr. T. H. Veale could not see his way clear to continue as chairman as he was unable to give as much assistance this year as last, whereupon Mr. C. Parnell felt that without that help he would find it too difficult to continue as hon. sec. Mr. J. . Jeffery, Sartor House, Winnek-street, Paignton, was elected in the latter's place as secretary, while Mr. J. Jeffery, junr., was elected as assist. hon. sec. Both Messrs. Veale and Parnell accepted a vote of thanks, unanimously given to them, and expressed their willingness to serve on the committee and render all possible help in furthering the interests of the society. Votes of thanks were also given to the President, Vice-President, Hon. Solicitor, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Auctioneer, Hon. Auditor, and several others. The annual open show was fixed for October 28th, both the Badminton and Public Halls being booked for the occasion. Other fixtures include a members' first feather show on 17th June next, while an important alteration was made in members' subscriptions—seniors reduced from 4s. to 3s., and juniors from 2s. to 1s. yearly.—J. N. JEFFERY, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The Society held its second annual general meeting on Jan. 14th at the headquarters, Park Chapel Schools, when about 34 members were present. Mr. G. R. Rushworth occupied the chair. The treasurer, Mr. J. Farrar, presented his report and balance sheet for the past year. This showed that the society had nearly doubled its balance of the previous year. The secretary then gave his report, and thanked all the members for their loyal support during the past year. On the occasion of our last annual meeting we had 30 members, and with the seven gentlemen who had been elected to membership, we had just doubled that number. The average attendance at all meetings throughout the year has been 28, a very good record, and I hope the members will show their appreciation of the Society's efforts by giving every support during the present year. The question as to whether we shall run an open show this year was left until the next meeting. The election of officers resulted in Mr. E. Suddards being again re-elected as President with a unanimous vote; Messrs. G. R. Rushworth, W. Cruise, H. Peacock and G. White as vice-presidents, Mr. H. Hill, secretary, with Mr. F. Gelder as assistant-secretary. Mr. J. Farrar was re-elected as treasurer, and Messrs. W. Laycock and A. Wilkinson as auditors. The balance sheet for our first annual tea and concert was also read, and resulted in a substantial profit, this along with the balance from the year's working, putting us in a sound financial condition. Since the meeting I have received from Mr. A Farrar a Gold Medal for the winner of most points in Novice Section this year. H. HILL, Secretary.

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TWITTERINGS.

We are informed that Mr. A. Wellings, of Prescot, will judge Aberdeen Show on December 25.

Kindly note that my address in future, writes Mr. J. Fowler, late Sec. of the Leek O.S., will be 60, Queen-street, Leek.

Kindly note that I have removed from 5, New Rowley Road, to 11, Firs Street, Dudley, writes Mr. J. J. Mullett, the secretary of the Dudley and Dis. C.B.S.

We have an open radius for membership, and specially invite outside fanciers to join writes Mr. J. Emmett, Secretary of the Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.

I should like to thank you for the grand report of our late open show at Walthamstow, writes Mr. F. H. E. Handscombe (Walthamstow).

The present is my first venture at the Crystal Palace, writes Mr. William Winnard (Carnarvon), and it is all through reading CAGE BIRDS, which I thoroughly enjoy.

Before your next issue appears, writes Mr. W. R. Eames, the hon. sec., all prize money in connection with the late Reigate Fanciers' Association, will have been paid.

Kindly note change of address from 4, Falmouth Avenue, Otley Road, to 112, Fitzroy Road, Barkerend Road, Bradford, writes Mr. F. Rhodes, Sec. City of Bradford O. S.

On and from February 10, writes Mr. A. Watson. Hon. Sec. of the Civil Service Fanciers' Association, my address will be 116, Maurice Avenue, Noel Park, Wood Green, London, N.

I had so many replies to my recent advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Lewis (Ormskirk), that I could not possibly reply to all. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

I have been elected Sec. of the Perth and District C.B.F.S., writes Mr. R. G. Challenger, and all correspondence should be sent to me at 13, School-street, Cymmer, Porth, Glamorganshire.

The date of our next show has been fixed for 17th October, writes Mr. J. Ford, Sec. of the Kelty and Blairadam F. S., and popular judges for all varieties have been selected. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

I am a constant reader and subscriber to CAGE BIRDS, writes Miss A. Burrow (Malvern Wells), and find it a great boon. I wish I had taken it years ago. I have bought some splendid Snow Buntings through its columns.

Kindly thank those who replied to my advt. in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. Leventon (Melton Mowbray). They were too numerous to answer individually. Wishing your paper further success.

We hear from Mr. J. W. Cleminson, the secretary, that the Preston O.S. open show will be held on November 6th and 7th, the annual members' show on February 15th and the First Feather Show on July 11th.

We hear from Mr. D. A. Ogilvie, Sec. of the Blaydon on Tyne and Dis. C.B.S. that the annual open show will be held on November 6th and 7th. The judges will be Messrs. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch) and J. Wilcock (Bradford).

Will all members, writes Mr. H. Hill, Sec., Bradford (East) O.S., who intend going to the Crystal Palace on Saturday, February 8th, meet at the Midland Station under the clock, at 7.15 a.m., to catch 7.35 train.

Kindly state that I have so many replies in answer to my advert. in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Logan (Dysart), that I cannot possibly reply to all. CAGE BIRDS is without doubt the paper to advertise in.

There are still a few special prizes to be sent out for our recent annual show, writes Mr. W. Pawley, secretary Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., which will be forwarded as soon as possible.

We hear from Mr. E. Nash (Cheshire), that he has purchased the whole of his brother's stock, including the winner which was advertised in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, and for which he received many applications.

Kindly thank, through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, all who replied to my advt., writes Mr. R. Armstrong (Sunderland), as they are too many to answer myself. Wishing every success to your paper.

I had a good sale of my birds through your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS. The best papers I like on Fridays are CAGE BIRDS and "Poultry World." I wish them every success.—E. R. ROBERTS (Pennygroes).

We hear that Mr. W. P. Barnes of Grantham has been engaged to judge Norwich, Crests, Crestbreds, and Lizards, for the third year in succession at the Wallsend and Mid. Tyne Annual Show on Nov. 13 and 14 next.

Am sorry I could not answer all who replied to my advt. in CAGE BIRDS with reference to Blackbird and Thrush, writes Mr. J. Lay (Lowestoft). They are sold. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

Mr. Anthony Hay, the Sec. of the Border Counties, Norwich and Cinnamon C. C., sends us a balance-sheet for the past year, which shows a balance in favour of the Club, and is highly satisfactory, and a credit to the Secretary.

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I have sold my winning Greenie Bullie Hybrid to a prominent Welsh exhibitor, writes Mr. W. Sharp (Bathgate). I had over 20 replies from all parts for him, which shows the large circulation of your valuable journal, CAGE BIRDS.

We have received a copy of the Wombwell and District C.B.A's. balance-sheet for 1907 from the Sec. Mr. C. Gleadhall. It shows a balance on the right side of £1 14s. 1½d., which is a very creditable showing, and augurs well for the Society.

The balance sheet of the Torbay O.S., a copy of which we have received from the secretary, Mr. E. C. Parnell, shows a balance on the right side of £4 14s. This being a first year's result, the society is to be congratulated on the year's working.

Jarrow and Hebburn and District C.B.F.S. have now fixed their show dates, writes Mr. J. T. Carrick, the secretary. Open show November 27th, and 28th, judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield). Members' First Feather Show, June 13th judge Mr. Maddison (Newcastle).

The balance sheet of the West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S., a copy of which has been sent us by the sec., Mr. T. Duffield, shows this one-year old society to be in a flourishing condition. A cash balance of £4 0s. 6d. on the right side is very creditable.

We hear from Mr. T. Duffield, the hon. sec. of the West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S., that on January 28th, the society made a present of a nicely engraved walking stick to both him and the assistant secretary, Mr. Jennings, as marks of the society's esteem.

I may say that never a day passes but what I receive orders from one part of the Kingdom or another in reply to my advt. in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. T. C. Crawball (Newcastle-on-Tyne). It speaks worlds for the circulation of your paper.

I am still receiving enquiries respecting the trio of Yorkshires advertised for sale in CAGE BIRDS a fortnight ago, writes Mr. E. Woodhead (West Hartlepool). Will you please state that same were sold immediately. Those whom I have not replied to, please accept thanks for enquiries.

Kindly thank through your most valuable paper CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. H. Platt (Bethnal Green, E.), all fanciers who answered my advt. in CAGE BIRDS re Norwich bens. I have now sold out and could have sold and exchanged twice as many. I therefore could not spare time to answer all.

Kindly thank, through CAGE BIRDS, all applicants for my Rollers in exchange for pair for Muling. I have had over 40 letters, etc., and cannot answer all. They came from all over the country, also Ireland. My birds were sold on the Saturday. Your paper has a splendid circulation.—W. M. CULLOCH (Hampstead).

The balance sheet of the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S., to hand from the hon. sec., Mr. W. H. Colman, shows that the past season has been the most successful the society has ever had; interesting and progressive work having been accomplished, while, despite a deficit on the annual show, the assets top the liabilities by £6 15s. 11d.

Through misplacing a word in my advert. in CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. Matthews (Hyde), I seemed to leave some under the impression that I was giving up altogether. Such is not the case. As a matter of fact, owing to illness I had to dispose of my surplus stock. But I am well again now and customers will be welcomed as usual.

I exhibited at the recent Lancaster show, writes Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn), and I was very pleased with the manner in which the show was carried out. My birds arrived back early the following morning and by the first post on the second morning after the show my prize-money and spls arrived. This is, I think, very good and reflects great credit on the officials.

Not Feather Curling.

Lanarkshire fanciers, like most other "young people," delight in the rejuvenating and healthy exercise of skating. We are told by one of our Scottish correspondents that not even the delights of the show room kept them off the ice, for on the occasion of Douglas Show, when the district was "clad in winter garment," snow lying to a depth of six inches upon the ground, with a keen frost prevailing, and the lochs in the neighbourhood safely coated with ice, the jolly fanciers, instead of viewing the feather, were busy at "the roaring game of curling."

Will you please inform fanciers who have entrusted me with their orders, writes Mr. J. W. Ward, that through the serious illness and death of my mother I have not been able to execute all their orders, as I have had to suspend all business for a short time. All orders, however, will have been executed by the time this appears in print, and I hope fanciers will accept this explanation.

By an unfortunate misunderstanding, the 1907 balance sheet of the Lancashire Canary Association was last week spoken of as that of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. The newly-elected secretary, Mr. W. Adams, resides at 17, Baron Street, Rochdale, and will be pleased to hear from lovers of the "giant" Canary, who would like to support this specialist society. Members are asked to note that subscriptions are now due.

The members of the Blackburn District Linnet Singing Association have cause for self-congratulation. A very beautiful silver cup, value ten guineas, has been presented to the club by Mr. H. Rothwell, of the Good Samaritan Inn, Grimshaw Park. It is to be held for the year by the members counting the most time in all the season's club sings, and to be won twice in succession, or three times in all, before becoming the absolute property of anyone. New members entering during the present month will be eligible to compete.

The Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S. at their last general meeting, writes Mr. W. Nichols, Sec., passed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. E. Reeves, of Canning Town, for his kindness in helping the committee at the last annual show, in erecting the staging and in doing his best on both days to make it the success it was. We congratulate the Dulwich and Peckham Cage Bird Society in having such a good fancier in their list of members and we are looking forward to seeing him again at our First Feather Show.

I was pleasantly surprised on receiving my copy of CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. C. Fisher (Glossop) to see the photo of my Horticultural Hall winner on the front page. The photo, I must say, does both you and the bird full justice. I regret to inform you, however, that he will not be at the Palace show, as he dropped in the soft moult on his return from Westminster, as also did my Broken Cap Silver and two other of my best team. I have therefore only been able to enter two for the big show. Being an old and regular reader of your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS, which I have always found a great help, I wish it every success.

The recent Dudley Show was the finest ever held in Dudley, writes "One who was there," both for numbers and quality. The judge said the Hybrid Section was one of the best staged this season. The British classes also had got some grand specimens in them, in fact all the classes had keen competition. Everything was in good order, with all birds staged nicely and comfortable, so that visitors could see same well, and they had catalogues with awards printed in them (not slips), ready for sale by 5 o'clock on the first day (in two hours from the time the judge had finished). What told against the officials was the lack of gate money, for want of visitors, but maybe time will mend this, as the show gets better known. It deserves every support.

Yorkshires at the Palace.

In our last week's review of the entries at the Crystal Palace Show, by some unfortunate chance, the figures for the Yorkshire section were omitted. There will be a grand display of the "birds of grace and beauty," some 450 of the breed being due to face the judges, which will be welcome news for the crowd of Yorkshire enthusiasts visiting the 'Glass House." All the champions will be on the benches.

National British Bird & Mule Club.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the committee room Crystal Palace on Saturday, February 8th, at 6 o'clock sharp

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Starlings Commence Building.

I have under notice, writes Mr. D. Thomas (Portmadoc) a pair of Starlings which have paired and commenced building within a week. They have reared their broods in the same spot now for three years, but I have not noticed them building so early as this before.

Southern Norwich P.C.

Will members who have not yet posted their voting paper do so before annual general meeting, February 10th, at the Crystal Palace Show? All members who have won any special champion and Novice Section cups or cash specials, please attend to receive same at the annual meeting. All correspondence S.N.P.C. business to be addressed after Friday to F. S. Matthes, Great National Cage Bird Show, Crystal Palace.

Long-lived Ringdove.

Two ladies living at Thames Ditton are said to have recently lost a Ringdove which had attained a very old age. It flew into their house on Whit Sunday, 1880, from a house adjoining, in which it was hatched in the previous September. It remained with them and grew very tame and attached to the ladies. Its last moult was not completed as soon as usual, and its feet seemed to give way, so that it was seldom in its cage, but about in the room or nestling on its mistresses. It died on December 20, 1907, being then twenty-eight years and three months old.

OBITUARY.

MR. BASSETT (Devonport).

I am very sorry to have to inform you, writes Mr. W. Gouldson, a member of the Western Counties O.S., of the death of Mr. Bassett, an old and respected fancier of Devonport.

The Canary's Cork Leg.

If a rose by any other name may smell as sweet, says a writer in the "Birmingham Daily Mail," so, I suppose, a Canary with a cork leg may sing as merrily. Anyway, a gentleman at Ashted has a Canary which possesses an artificial cork leg, and it trills as gaily as ever. The bird, it appears, recently broke one of its legs by getting it entangled in a part of its cage, and being a renowned songster its owner went to considerable trouble to provide it with a more or less satisactory substitute for its broken limb. First of all he tried a wooden substitute, but that did not answer expectations, and now he has made a cork leg, which suits admirably.

Another Sex Problem.

This more-or-less truthful story is retailed by Mr. F. G. Aflalo, the well-known naturalist. A man desirous of breeding Canaries purchased a number, and then asked the man in the shop how he should tell the cock bird from the hen, as he wished to pair them off. "Oh," said the shopman, "that's quite easy. All you have to do is to feed them on mealworms. The cock bird eats only male worms, and the hen bird eats only female worms." "Yes, that's all very well," was the amateur's reply, "but how am I to tell which are the male worms and which are the female?" "Ah," said the bird-seller, "you must ask that somewhere where they keep worms. We only know about birds here!"

Defunct or Only Sleeping?

I notice in your columns of the last issue, writes Mr. A. G. Marshall (Morpeth), a note about Ashington Club taking the show date of the "defunct Morpeth Club." Truly the old Morpeth Society has been wound up, but there are still some good fanciers here whose enthusiasm is sure to assert itself in the near future. There is a movement on foot to reform the Morpeth Society, and ere your next issue is in circulation we will have had our inaugural meeting. The details of this meeting we will acquaint you of, and we trust we will be able to put our name before the fanciers of the North as a flourishing and progressive club, having liberal aims of encouragement to all lovers of cage birds. Personally I don't like the word "defunct" being applied to the fanciers of Morpeth and district. I prefer to think we are just turning over a new page. We are hoping to show ourselves alive in the near future. Trusting you will help us through your paper CAGE BIRDS, which proves itself, I think, the connecting link of all the fanciers in the British Isles.

Albino's Peculiar Capture.

A fine Albino cock Blackbird was caught a few days ago by some masons who were working in an outhouse adjoining a country mansion some three or four miles from Chard, writes Mr. S. Hayward. It was a very cold day, and the bird evidently owing to cold and want of food was driven into the outhouse. It was very tame and easily caught on the ground. The bird is a really handsome specimen, and is settling down to cage life quite contentedly. Its head is nearly all white, and the wings and breast mottled with white.

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Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 13, Headquarters, 8. Election of officers.—D. Harwood.

Admiral Duncan O.S. (Nottingham). — Feb. 8, Owing to Society's visit to Crystal Palace, on that date, there will be no meeting. Members and fanciers' please note.—Wm. Healey.

Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 13, at Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. Browning, "Preparation for Breeding."—W. Richinson.

Bingley and Dis. O.S.—Feb. 11, at Co-operative Rooms, 8.—A. Livesey.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Feb. 8, at Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 8. Important business. Mr. Chittenden's lecture postponed owing to Palace Show, until Feb. 22.—H. Clegg.

Bury and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 11, at Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30. Agenda, lecture by Mr. G. Waring, on "The Roller Canary"; also other important business. —F. E. Holden.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Feb. 8, at Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. Please note change of club room and time of meeting.—Parker and Atkinson.

Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 8, at Love's Hotel, 7. New members to enrol and arrange table shows. —W. Rutherford.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Feb. 12, at George Hotel, 8. Arrangements for Pair Show, Linnet Singing Contest, and other business.—R. S. Black.

Dewbury and Dis. C.B.S.—At Royal Hotel. Members Show, birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. A. Chew (Leeds).—B. Cook.—(No date given.—Editor).

Dudley and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 12, at Crown Hotel, 8.30. Proposing new members; completion of show business, etc.—J. J. Mullett.

Ealing and Dis. F.S.—Feb. 14, 8, Mission Hall, Church Road, Hanwell. Framing of rules for silver cups and other business.—W. Bird.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Feb. 8, at Barley Mow, Bowling, 7. Business very important.—J. E. Hudson.

Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 13, at Ram Hotel, 7.30. Members' stock pair. show, Norwich; P.H., two classes; A.O.V. Can., one class; Mule and Hyb. breeding, one class. Mr. J. H. Payne will judge. Fanciers invited.—J. Houghton.

Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and Dis. F. and F.S.—Feb. 9, at Horse and Groom Hotel, 7. Election of officers.—W. Jackson.

Great Horton O.S.—Feb. 8, at Butcher's Arms. Members' show, birds staged 3 p.m.; close at 6 p.m. Meeting at 8 p.m. Business: Balance sheets for show and year. Election of officers, etc.—S. Dean.

Grimsby O.S.—Feb. 12, Slatter's Rooms, Freeman-street. Table show of matched breeding pairs (Norwich) and Hybrid pairs. Several specials.—H. Harding.

Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 10, at St. George's School, 8. Table show for Linnet and Goldfinch or Bullfinch. Entry 3d. per cage. Judge, W. Booth.—T. Allsop.

Inverness O.A.—Feb. 12, at Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Fix date of annual show and select judges.—A. Urquhart.

Jarrow and Hebburn and Dis. C.B.F.S.—Feb. 12, Lockart's Cafe, Ormond-street, 7.30 First meeting for year; also first subscripton due.—J. T. Carrick.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Feb. 15, at Royal Oak Hotel, 2 p.m. Annual Members' Show. Judge, Mr. R. Sutcliffe. 3d. per bird each class added.—J. Pownall.

Lancashire C.A.—Feb. 15, at Rochdale O.C. Rooms, Crook-street, 7. Important business.—W. Adams.

Leeds C.B.S.—Feb. 8, at Lockhart's Cafe, next door to Hope Bros., 7.30. Special general meeting. Balance sheet for 1907. Shall we have open show. Resignation of secretary, etc.—A. Wilkins.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 12, at Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High-street. Table show; matched pairs for breeding; open and novice classes. Judge, Mr. Needham, who will also give his views of what and how to pair to get best results.—J. A. Tyler.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 11, at Railway Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for annual supper on Feb. 22; discussion on birdy matters. Friends cordially invited.—R. H. Davies.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Feb. 13, at Oldham Hall, 8. Annual dinner and Pair Show. Five classes as per balance sheet. Judge, Mr. J. W. Metcalf. Fanciers' invited.—A. Thompson.

Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 8, at Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—J. Simon.

Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 15, at Co-operative class room, 6.30. Monthly meeting. Business important; intending members invited.—E. Barker.

Metropolitan Association of C.M. and H.B.—Next meeting "Crown" Hotel, Lavender-hill, S.W., Thursday, Feb. 13, 8. Business: Alteration of rules; fix dates for pairs, young bird, and annual shows. Every member should be present. Fanciers are invited. Subscription 2/- yearly, and the club has a cash balance in hand.—Head and Peck, Secretaries, 471, Battersea Park-road.—Advt.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Christ Church Schools, 8. Election of officers.—J. Davey.

Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Tea party account and general business. —F. Steenle.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Feb. 10, Chapel-st. Congregational Hall, 8. Alteration of rules.—W. Jackson.

Sale Open O.S.—Feb. 10, at Sale Hotel, 7.45. Table show of Yorks., four classes; also lecture on same. Judge and lecturer, Mr. W. Broughton (Wilmslow). —G. E. Hardcastle.

Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.—Feb. 8, at Station Hotel, 7. Business very important.—J. M. Nicholson.

Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 13, at Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone-street, 8. Lecture on matched pairs for breeding, by a specialist judge. Election of secretary, T. Bishop resigned.—T. Bishop.

Shields C.B.S.—Feb. 12, at Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. Business very important.—W. Duke.

South London Col. and F.A.—Feb. 13, at the Royal George, Tanner's-hill, Lewisham High-road, S.E. 8. Pair cage birds, etc., show birds to be staged by 7.30.—G. A. Jeffreys.

South West London C.B.S.—Pair show will be held at Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, Feb. 15.—Lilly.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Feb. 11, at Devonshire-sq. Church, 8. Arrange classes for match pair show.—Geo. Dowden.

Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.—Feb. 13, at Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Annual general meeting.—A. Hitchings.

West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 11, at Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Arrangements for pair show.—T. Dolfield.

Wombwell and Dis. C.B.A.—Feb. 15, at Railway Hotel, 7.30. Table shows and contest.—C. Gleadhall.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Variety of Questions.

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J. Fletcher, Liscard.—If you mean the ordinary Canary nest-box, you will not want to fix any platform or anything at all to them. The birds will alight on the edge of the box. You will simply hang them on to nails driven in the wall at a convenient height for you to see in the nests without disturbing the birds. As you are going to allow the birds to fly loose, you need not remove the cocks when breeding, but do not have too many of them. Two cocks and six hens would be quite sufficient to start with. Of course, you must not put in the nest-boxes, nor mate the birds for a few weeks yet.

Breeding London Fancies.

"Quite a Novice."—As you have had no experience whatever in breeding Canaries, I cannot disguise from you the fact that you set yourself a most difficult task in attempting to breed London Fancies by crossing a Norwich cock with a London Fancy hen. It is quite possible to breed such a cross, and then by breeding back to the London Fancy to soon get the birds pure again. But such crosses always require much experience and skilful management to make them successful, so that a novice who has never bred birds must not expect too much. Anyway, by crossing the bird you have with a clean-bodied London Fancy hen, and then mating the cleanest-bodied cock back to the hen, and the cock that most nearly approaches the London Fancy standard, with a pure London hen, and then mating the best cock and hen from amongst these young cross-breds together, you would get a fair stock of useful birds for mating up the following season. The Norwich cock you could only use one year, but as you are going to breed on a fairly large scale. If you were quite sure of getting a London Fancy hen which was accustomed to conditions similar to those in your outdoor aviary, you could certainly breed these. But I doubt your doing so, and should advise you to accept unnecessary risks by breeding mules. In the aviary with birds flying loose, you could run two hens with one cock.

Hard to Kill.

"Silliw."—Your Belgian cock, which has had a very bad way since catching a chill in March, and failed to respond to any kind of treatment, whilst kept in a heated living room, and which has now, after being placed in a cold room, recovered both his voice and his spirits, unaided, should certainly be fit to breed with at the proper time. As you say he is quite healthy, and the shortness of breathing seems entirely gone, I would not hesitate to breed with him if he still remained sound and healthy, when the breeding season arrives. The probability is that your heated living-room is either draughty, or subject to great variations, which was the cause of the bird's illness when kept there.

Treatment for Diarrhœa.

E B.—If you are giving green food, discontinue it until the looseness is stopped, and be careful afterwards never to give any with the least suspicion of frost about it, or that is wet and sodden. Give first as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the water for one day, and afterwards give a piece of sulphate of iron as large as a good-sized hemp seed every second day for a week. Dissolve the iron in the water, of course.

A Record of Disaster.

Trumpeter.—Judging from your letter, you have already experienced a fair share of failure, and you now go and encourage a promising pair of birds to mate at this early season, in spite of all the warnings you have seen of late in CAGE BIRDS. Although I would not say you are doomed to another failure in this effort, I do say that you are very considerably reducing your chances of success. If the birds are kept in a warm kitchen, where it is not very cold at night, or early mornings, you may possibly succeed, but if the reverse is the case, I would advise you, even now, to take the cock away until a more favourable season. He ought not to have been introduced to the hen yet awhile. By putting the cock in the one half of a double breeding cage, occupied on the other side by a hen which is rather forward, is the surest way to excite the hen into full breeding condition.

Lice on Canary.

T B.—I suppose you mean the grey-coloured lice which live on the bird permanently, and not red mites, which only visit them to feed. If so, the quickest way to get rid of them would be to get someone competent to perform the task, to hand-wash the birds, and add a teaspoonful of spirits of camphor to the second and third basins of water. Whilst the birds are undergoing the process, paint the cage all over, inside and outside, with the spirits of camphor. If you cannot get them washed move them to clean cages for a few days, and give a tepid bath daily, in which a few drops of essence of quassia has been mixed. If they do not bathe, spray them daily, and keep them safe from chills until quite dry. Treat the cages vacated as mentioned above during the birds absence, and re-varnish if necessary.

Roller Not Moulted.

E Allsop.—I assume you are quite sure the bird has not moulted gradually by dropping its feathers very slowly. If not, it will doubtless drop into moult in a few weeks, when the weather begins to get milder. You can do no more than feed it on a good, wholesome diet, and keep its general health good for the present. Say, give as a staple food a mixture of two parts Canary, and one part summer rape, twice a week, a small piece of bread dipped in milk, and twice a week half a teaspoonful of maw seed. Keep warm, free from draughts and give ten drops of chemical food in its water once or twice a week.

Buying Birds to Breed.

Willie.—As you intend starting with two pairs, you should get a yellow and a buff in cocks, and the same in hens, instead of having two yellow cocks and two buff hens. You do not say whether you wish to breed clear or marked birds, but anyway, even if you are going in for clears, you should have at least one buff ticked, or lightly variegated. A rich, deep yellow cock—natural colour, if you please, here—and a ticked or variegated buff hen, for one pair; and a clear, or very slightly ticked buff cock, and a clear yellow hen, for the second pair should suit you well. If you take care to secure birds that are not closely related, even if they belong to the same strain, you could mate the young of these pairs together the following season. You would do well to procure a cock and two hens from one source, and the other cock from a different place, then you would have no difficulty in mating up your stock for the next two or three seasons, without seeking fresh blood if they appeared to fail as well. Mr. Weston would be pleased to advise you re the Goldfinch and Linnet when mated.

Sore Feet.

Novice.—The bird is probably an old one, in which case it will not resume its singing until the weather gets mild. You can relieve his sore feet considerably by bathing for a minute or two in a fairly strong warm solution of boracic acid—say, a teaspoonful of acid dissolved in four tablespoonfuls of hot water. After bathing, dry carefully, and anoint them sparingly with zinc ointment. Keep the cage floor and perches very clean.

Loose in Bowels.

J S.—You should not be giving bread and milk every day. If he refuses to eat seed, give only a very small piece of bread and milk, and gradually reduce the quantity, keeping him well supplied with good, sound, Canary at the same time to try to get him on to a seed diet. For the looseness, give a piece of sulphate of iron the size of a hemp seed in the water one day, next day give twenty drops of whisky and ten of glycerine, next day give pure water. Then repeat over again in the same order, and continue doing so for a fortnight, if necessary.

Canary Eating its Feathers.

G J Kingswood.—The best way to cure a Canary of plucking out its feathers and eating them is to discover the cause, if possible, and remove it. You do not say how the bird is fed, so I cannot tell whether that may have anything to do with it or not. The worrying attacks of insects are often the cause, so first examine the bird, and very carefully seek for these, and exterminate them if found. Give a tepid bath daily, in which a little essence of quassia is mixed. Feed on a plain, wholesome diet—three parts Canary to one part rape, with green food, and a bit of bread and milk twice a week. If you have Pipit Lately, give a mealworm each day for awhile. Give no hemp, linseed, or inga. For a week or so put a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in its water every second day.

A Question of Peppers.

J Smith.—Almost any seedsman who deals in bird seeds and cage appliances now-a-days, knows what tasteless pepper is, and supplies it in the proper season. Ordinary chemists would not be likely to keep it, unless they combined a bird seed and food department with the ordinary business. You should ask your seed dealer for it, or obtain it of some dealer in our advertisement columns, where you may see dozens offering it for sale during the autumn months. I suppose you know that it is useless starting to give colour food now. It can only act upon the colour of the plumage during the moulting season, so you must wait till about the end of August before you begin giving colour food.

Septic Fever.

K.E.G.—It would be quite impossible to give you any fair idea of the origin and progress of this terrible disease in a reply of this kind. The very best thing you could do is to get Dr. R. H. Clarke's exhaustive handbook about it from this office (post free 7d.), and study its contents. There is absolutely no cure for the disease, and as it is frightfully infectious, you should not attempt to get any fresh stock for some time to come, and in the meantime carry out the most rigid plan of disinfection, as you will find laid out in Dr. Clarke's book. Cages and appliances that are not very valuable, it is much cheaper to burn at once. Disinfect room also, and even then it would be advisable not to start again in the same room if another can be used. You do not say what the book you have is titled. Perhaps Mr. House's Manual would suit you, or one of our handbooks on special breeds. Shall always be pleased to help you with advice.

Seed Samples.

"Fosseite."—Both samples of Canary seed are very good indeed, and cheap at the price you pay for them. There is very little to choose between them, but what advantage there is, is in favour of No. 2. No. 1 contains a good proportion of grains not quite so large as No. 2, but otherwise, both samples are about equal. The two samples of rape are very inferior. Both are mixtures, and appear to contain a large proportion of wild mustard. No. 1 is probably slightly soiled by mice, but is otherwise rather better than No. 2. Neither sample of rape is fit for feeding caged birds.

Norwich Still Coughs.

H.L.—Discontinue your present treatment, and give instead ten drops of glycerine and five each of syrup of squills and ipecacuanha wine in the drinking water every second day until the coughing has ceased.

What Book?

Novice.—Most handbooks, I think, describe the differences between the sexes of Canaries. You will find the question dealt with fully, and also illustrated, as well as it can be done on paper, in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," from this office, which will, as you are a novice, help you in many ways.

A Trio.

Sayn.—Hope I have got signature correct. The answer to your queries: 1, I consider good household bread two days old—or at that age when it will rub into fine crumbs easily, without getting clammy—preferable to biscuit for making egg food. It blends better with the egg, and forms a nice, moist food without the addition of water or any other moisture than that contained in the egg and the bread itself. 2. You do not give enough particulars for me to judge what may be wrong with the Yorkshire hen which mopes about the cage floor, yet eats and drinks well, and bathes, but breathes heavily. Having no more data to go on, I should say she was over-fat. Try giving her a limited diet, plenty of green food, and add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water every day for a week, and then every alternate day for another week. If not better then, write again, and give more particulars. 3. Yes, it will be quite safe to cover the floor of the large flight you have with sawdust, and stand pots of grit about the floor.

Ruffled Feathers.

Novice.—Very glad to hear the bird has now got rid of the asthma, after being removed to a cold room from the one in which a fire was kept only at intervals. The cold room is doubtless the cause of it not singing so much, and appearing a little ruffled. If it now keeps quite active and healthy, you need not worry over these symptoms, which will pass away as soon as the weather gets mild. Instead of giving the mixed seed, as you are now doing, give half a teaspoonful of hemp seed one day, and the same quantity of rape the next, and continue giving these on alternate days whilst the weather is very cold. Discontinue the maw seed, and add ten drops of chemical food to its water every alternate day for a week.

Not Well Yet.

Phyllis Yaldwyn.—Try giving twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and five of sweet spirits of nitre in the water every second day for a fortnight, and at the end of each week, give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the water for one day. Feed on Canary seed only, and continue to give the bread and milk as advised, but sprinkle it with soft sugar instead of maw seed, which may tempt the bird to eat it. Are you sure the bird is not a hen?

Breeding in Crystal Palace Aviary.

"Malvern Wells."—To reply to your four questions collectively, I do not think you would do very well in trying to breed with three pairs of Canaries partitioned off in the three compartments of a Crystal Palace aviary. I fear they would be too much exposed to outside disturbances to settle down seriously to housekeeping. Still, as you say your drawing-room is large and quiet, there is just the chance that you may succeed, especially if you cover the domes with cloth to ensure a little more privacy for the birds. It may be as well to cover the ends, too. The situation in a south window would only do for the purpose if it is quite free from draughts, and is shaded from the full rays of the sun during the daytime in summer. If not well shaded, a cage in such a position is subjected to very great differences of temperature by day and night. If you do make the attempt, you should not start for another month, at least. Keep the sexes out of sight of each other until nearly time to mate them together.

Keeping Birds Together.

Nutts.—Yes, you can quite safely introduce two cocks to breed with six hens in an aviary of the size you name. By so doing you will stock it to about the highest limit you should go for a start, as, if you have anything like a fair amount of success, this number of stock birds should quite fill your aviary to its utmost capacity before the breeding season is over, and overcrowding is to be strictly avoided.

Canary Panting.

W.M.—The Canary's trouble appears to be of digestive origin, although you should assure yourself it is not exposed to any draught or chills. In addition to its staple diet of Canary seed, give a small piece of bread and milk twice a week, and every second day for a week give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of lemon juice in its water. At the end of the first week, give ten drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water for two consecutive days. After that, give ten drops of chemical food every alternate day for a little longer, and repeat the same dose of acid once a week. Do not give apple until quite well again. I suppose you give it gritty sand in the cage. A cube of hard, common salt stuck in the wire for a few days for it to peck at would help to do it good.

Feeding a Singing Canary.

Beginner.—You are not by any means over-feeding your singing bird, if you give only the food you mention. On the other hand, you might feed a little more liberally, with advantage, except, perhaps, as regards the hemp seed, of which you give quite enough. In addition to the staple diet of Canary seed, give half a teaspoonful of rape seed twice a week; once it may be given dry, and the second time soaked or scalded; once a week give a similar quantity of hemp seed until the weather gets warm, and then stop it, and substitute a small piece of bread and milk instead, once a week also give a teaspoonful of hard-boiled yolk of egg mixed with bread crumbs, and every day when obtainable, and quite free from frost, a small spray of green food, and when this fails substitute a little sweet fruit of some kind. Supply gritty sand in cage regularly.

Breeding for Colour.

B.S.F.—I cannot gather from your letter whether you know the difference that exists between yellow and buff colour in Canaries. If not you should get CAGE BIRDS Annual, and read up the definitions of fanciers' terms. A yellow bird has the yellow colouring carried right to the tips of the web of the feathers, whereas a buff, although it should be just as decidedly yellow on the body of each feather, loses the colour at the extreme tips of the feathers, which are white, and give the bird the appearance of being yellow dusted over with white powder. From this you will be able to tell whether the two cocks you require mates for are yellows or buffs; you will see the powdery appearance on the yellow part of the plumage. As these are heavily variegated, you will require clear hens of the opposite colour to mate with them. Thus, if your birds are variegated buffs, you will require clear yellow hens to mate with them, and vice versa. Sorry, for obvious reasons, we cannot mention any particular dealer or fancier who would supply you with the birds. Any of our large advertisers would know what you require if you described your bird to them. Or you might consult the Breeder's Directory in CAGE BIRDS Annual, to see if there is any known breeder in your neighbourhood.

Norwich Hens.

H. Jones.—As far as I remember this case, the hens were suffering from the effects of over-feeding, and therefore the cure will be very slow. Continue to feed on the same lines as previously advised, with the exception that you might try cutting off all the little extras and give the Canary seed only, with an increased supply of green food every alternate week. Instead of giving the sulphate of soda now, give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water one day, next day give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid, the third day give pure water, and repeat this over and over again for a fortnight.

Two Mistakes.

B.D.—You have certainly made two serious mistakes with your birds; first, by putting cock and hen together at the end of December; and, secondly, by removing the cock, and giving the hen nesting material when you found she had commenced to lay. The best thing you could have done under the circumstances was to have left the birds together and let them go on nesting. The result might not have been quite what you wished, but that is only what it is now, and there was just a glimmer of hope that by keeping the birds warm and comfortable, the nesting might have gone on successfully. The best you can do now is to keep them apart, and out of sight of each other until the end of March, by which time they may be ready for mating again. The seed mixture you are giving is better suited for occasional use—say, once or twice a week—than as a staple food, and it is doubtless largely the cause of your birds being in such forward condition. It contains far too much linseed, millet, and inga, for regular use. See other other replies the last week or two for regular diet of Canaries. The cock bird will probably begin singing again now he is away from the hen.

Dressing for Inside Cages.

Robin Redbreast.—I would emphatically advise you not to use limewash for doing the inside of your cages. If you look up the Novice's page last week, you will find some pertinent remarks on this subject which will show you reasons for objecting to its use inside cages, and also where it may be very usefully employed. As regards using creosote on the wood, I do not think it would do any harm at all, provided you do not use it very strong, and allow the cage to stand in the open air a few days for some of the odour to pass off. The greatest objection to its use would be its powerful and not altogether agreeable smell, which might make your visits and duties in the room more of a task than a pleasure—a thing that should certainly be avoided as far as possible.

Colour Food Again.

C. Rawson.—As stated in another reply in this issue, you cannot expect to colour a bird's plumage by colour-feeding now. You must wait until the moult is about to commence. A very good, and generally useful "feed" is composed of twelve ounces best tasteless, red pepper, two ounces Natal pepper, and two ounces soft, moist sugar, well mixed together, and stored in glass jars with air-tight covers.

Canaries and Mules.

Perplexed.—To distinguish the sex of Canaries without hearing the cocks sing is a very difficult task for a beginner, and is no less difficult to describe in writing. The cock is more bold and jaunty, his "tweet" has a more defiant ring in it, his appearance generally is more commanding, the under-tail coverts are fuller, and form a more graceful curve with the lower part of the breast, and in clear birds the colour on the throat is generally deeper. All these points, however, are distinctly comparative, and often elusive. Catch the bird and blow aside the feathers of the abdomen, and the vent of the cock is more prominent and painted of a deeper tint than that of the hen, which is flatter and more expansive. 2. Your Mule breeding query should have been written on a separate sheet for our Mule expert. Of course, you could mate a hen Canary with a cock Linnet, and in doing so it is pretty safe to conclude that the great majority of young will be "Sparrows." It is as well to expect only these, and if anything better does turn up, why, then, so much the better; the surprise will be a pleasant one.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Pairing Matters.

Muler.—You will find hen Mules will accept the attention of male birds (whether other Mules, or of some distinct species) in the same manner as do other hen birds. The cock Mules will also mate with hen birds of any suitable kind, providing they will accept their attentions. In both cases, however, the eggs they lay, or the eggs they "sire," all prove unfertile—at least, I have never seen a Mule bred from a Mule, and do not know anyone who has. I did not always trouble to provide with a mate the hen Mules I intended using for foster-mothers. Give them a nest and some building material, and they will, when they feel they must (so to speak), put up a nest and commence to sit. It hurries them up, however, when one permits them the attentions of some high-conditioned, pushful mate bird. I always found hen Mules — most of mine were small to average-sized Goldie-Canaries — devoted mothers and excellent feeders. A lot of latitude is permissible in the changing of the eggs, etc. I have put eggs under a hen Mule which have hatched out after she has been sitting but three or four days, and she has fed and brought up the young quite as if that were the usual thing. They are not particular as regards sitting a day or two over time, either. Young, common German hen Canaries make good foster-mothers, too; likewise Border Fancy hens. You should let your cock Greenfinch and hen Canary strike up an acquaintanceship at once. This does not mean, of course, running them together with the idea of domestic duties beginning right away. The trouble when leaving the hen Canary and cock Finch together through the winter and onwards, is that she invariably goes to nest before the Finch is ready, when the result is clear eggs, and one nest wasted.

Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid.

W.J.W.—Paragraphs regularly appear in the lay press about the pairing of a cock Blackbird to a hen Thrush, invariably from those who do not know how closely some hen Blackbirds (probably young ones, say, a year old) resemble a dusky kind of Thrush. Or it is a melanistic Thrush (that is, one with its plumage more or less black), which gets the credit of being a "Blackbird-Thrush Hybrid." Several of the latter have been sent along to me as "certain" Hybrids; but certain structural peculiarities which distinguish the two species have always been against the contention of the sender of the freaks. I should say that you have got hold of a hen Blackbird which is rather browner and more mottled than usual. If its tail is still in, compare it for length with that of a Thrush and a Blackbird; also note whether it carries and flirts it like a Blackbird. If you then still feel in doubt, and like to send it for me to look at, I will give an opinion, after inspection, with pleasure.

Pairing up a Goldie.

Shelbourne.—It is no use pairing the Goldie and hen Canary up yet, especially seeing that the Finch is not house-moulted. As I am often pointing out, May is the earliest month (especially if we have cold, backward weather during the early spring), in which the Hybrid-breeder can hope to get full clutches. In a state of nature the Goldfinch is a late breeder, May being well turned ere he is far embarked upon domestic duties. Of course, we sometimes hear of Goldfinches kept in captivity (in, say, a heated living-room), and fed on stimulating seeds, fertilising eggs in February, or even January. The beginner is often misled by such reports. He forgets that breeders who perform feats of this kind rush at once into print to let us all know about it, and that the scores, maybe hundreds, who get clear eggs through their rashness in starting early, never say a single word about their failures—to shout in success and suffer in silence is very human. I should say the Norwich hen you describe will make a good mate for your Goldfinch. Let them get to know each other by sight, by all means, but don't put them together and give them a nest-pan just yet. Look out for early, tender dandelion leaves for the Finch.

Thrush and a Goldfinch.

H.J.B.—As regards the Thrush's leg, you really ought not to have let it remain in the state you describe for six months. The marvel is the bird still lives, and I think you will be very fortunate if you cure it. Get an ounce of boric acid from a chemist. Dissolve half a teaspoonful in a little boiling water, then fill up to half a pint so that it is then bearably warm. Steep the leg in this for a few minutes twice a day, afterwards drying gently in a soft cloth. Then anoint it gently but thoroughly with Zam-buk ointment. If you persevere for a few days, you will, I think, find good result. As regards the Goldfinch, it is not so much wrong food as keeping birds under wrong conditions that causes them to commence casting body feathers at the wrong season. I expect you have had the bird in a draught, say in a draughty corner of a window; or have been hanging it out of doors on bright but cold days, afterwards taking it back into a warmed room. If things of this kind are what you have been guilty of, avoid them in future, and all should be well. You might certainly do worse than try one of the "thing cures" for birds advertised in our medicine column.

Food for Buntings.

A Fearman. The only "stock mixture" you require for Buntings is plain Canary seed. Few will eat any quantity of other seeds, though, now and again small oats, wild seed mixture, rape, cracked hemp, coarse oatmeal, maw, and one or two other seeds will be picked over and a few eaten, but not sufficient to warrant their inclusion in a "stock mixture." To make up a little variety in the diet, it is best to give a feed of soaked ants' eggs frequently, and live insect food (mealworms, flies, secured gentles, small beetles and grubs generally) according to season. Fresh (wet) ants' eggs are relished exceedingly. "Ship" ants' eggs (get the best quality only) are well liked if soaked in a little new milk, drained on a cloth, and then given the birds. Many Finches, too, appreciate them when prepared in this way. It is well to mix a sprinkling of a good insectivorous food among the ants' eggs, gradually increasing the quantity, as in this way Buntings (other species, too) can be got to eat it readily; and it is very good for them. Green food these birds are not keen on, but you can always offer them a sprig of whatever you may happen to have in the place.

Concerning Linnets.

Doubtful.—Within quite recent numbers, I have given lengthy directions, both for sexing Linnets, and feeding them. The extent of the white on the flight feathers varies even in the male, but it is a pretty general rule with this sex that it extends right back to the quills, or very near it, whereas in the hen Linnet the edge only of the feather is white. If you get a bird with very little white showing on the outer flight feathers, and quite greyish-looking on the back and shoulders (wing butts) you can put it down as a certain hen, especially so if it has a heavily streaked (pencilled) breast. The cock has a nutty-brown back and shoulders, and is rarely heavily marked (that is, with long, thick dark streaks), on the breast. An excellent seed mixture now would be: Canary and teazle two pints each, summer rape and charlock one pint each, linseed half a pint. A pinch of maw, hemp, wild seed mixture, packet Finch mixture, etc., can be given frequently by way of a change.

"Denuded of Feathers."

Durban.—Really, the case, as stated by you, is extraordinary. I never heard anything like it. Seeing that it cannot be redmite, for you say you are "quite familiar with that evil," I am at a loss to locate the cause. I trust you are quite sure, however, that neither redmite nor bird-lice (a greyish, very active parasite, larger than the redmite) are at work. The latter, as a matter of fact, always result in ragged plumage, and even loss of plumage, when allowed to go unchecked. Assuming your statement to be well-founded, however, I should feed the bird plainly. Knock the linseed and niger out of his stock mixture, and give a little mixed maw, dandelion and thistle as a "tit-bit." Twice a week for a fortnight, dissolve as much sulphate of soda (get two ounces from a chemist) as will lie on a sixpence in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water; leave this on the cage for one day. Keep the bird in a clean, good sized cage, and every morning run him out into a small cage (a "hop" cage) and spray him lightly with lukewarm water turned just cloudy by the addition of a few drops of Sanitas cloudy ammonia. Don't drench him, and don't let any draughts get to him while he is wet—keep him cosy and warm, in fact. A course of this treatment should bring about an improvement in the Goldie's condition. Look out for young, early dandelion leaves for him.

A Mating Matter.

Milk Thistle.—It is highly probable that your two Greenfinches, seeing the friendly terms they are on, would nest in a good-sized cage, providing you put them in a quiet spot, and do not interfere with them over-much. You should install them in their new quarters right away. The deformed claw of the hen will hardly be likely to affect her breeding, though unfortunately you do not tell me what the malformation is like. It will be little use trying to mate her up now with a cock bird of another species, seeing how "chummy" she has got with the male of her own kind. It will be absolutely useless so long as the cock Greenie is anywhere within either her hearing or sight; the hen would probably "set about" the intruder promptly, and give him a very bad time.

Stock Mixture; & Sundry Things.

Try Again.—I will give you a stock mixture, with pleasure. But I suppose you know that this is a very expensive (because very wasteful) method of feeding a collection of Britishers in an aviary? The economical way is to give all the principal seeds (Canary, rape, teazle, sunflower, and hemp, for instance) in separate dishes, and make a mixture, or mixtures, of the others, and give them occasionally, by way of a treat. However, here you are: Canary and teazle three pints each, hemp, summer rape, charlock, and sunflower one pint each, linseed half a pint. Maw, niger, wild-seed mixture and the like can be given now and again, for variety. As the breeding season comes round, the thing to do is to look out for and gather and throw into the birds all the young, tender shoots of dandelion, and flowering and seeding heads, likewise flowering and seeding chickweed, groundsel and shepherd's purse that you can discover in your country walks, or in old, neglected garden-paths, or ground. Railway banks, facing south, are very favourable spots to search. I suppose you are aware that successful breeding results are not often realised among a crowd of mixed British birds—even in such a spacious indoor room as your own.

Doubtful Linnet Mules.

Tom.—It is almost impossible to explain on paper to a beginner how the sex of Linnet Mules may be told. If, however, your two birds have not yet given any sign of song, then you can bet your boots they are two hens. No self-respecting cock Linnet Mule would fail to sing at this time of the year, providing, of course, he enjoyed good health. Briefly put, the hen Linnet Mule is a quieter, more meek looking bird, and a uniform greyish-brown (almost grey) in colour, whereas the cock has all the life and go of the male Linnet, is a nice, warm (nutty) brown in body colour, and shows a flush of (Canary colour (that is, golden-yellow) about the throat face, and underparts. Feed your birds as advised an enquirer on Linnets this week, giving a few corns of hemp frequently. Mules will not breed (that is, produce young birds). See another reply appearing this week.

Wives for a Greenfinch.

Hibernian.—As regards accepting a plurality of wives, the Goldfinch is singularly open-minded (no pun intended), but because this is so in his case, you must not lightly assume it true of other Finches. The Linnet, for instance, if not exactly "faithful unto death," is at least faithful for a season, and will but seldom tolerate being run with a second hen. The disposition of the average Greenfinch is very similar, and he generally lets the second bride have unmistakable proof of his adherence to the principle of monogamy. And as a "flayed-alive" hen is neither use nor ornament, one has to hurry up to remove her. Your position, however, is different to that of the average breeder, who has to keep each couple in a cage (or compartment) to themselves. You have the cock Greenfinch and three hen Canaries together in a large flight cage, and they agree perfectly. If the cage is large enough to leave the four in for breeding purposes, the Greenie may quite likely accept the trio of wives without fuss. Anyway, if trouble arises you can easily deal with it; and the trouble is probably more likely to spring from the hens fighting one with the other. Birds differ so in disposition, and behave so differently even under practically similar conditions, that it is well-nigh impossible to forecast the result of any experiment with them. Sunflower seed is not "bad" for Canaries; it is a very good seed. Greenfinches are not "egg smashers" after the manner of the Goldie.

Mules and Mule-breeding.

Nourishing Pat.—On the cold food, on the bottle. 1. Mules are very quarrelsome and cold, and you will be foolish to try turning seven into a flight cage to moult and colour feed. Put each bird in a separate box-cage. You can't depend on them all dropping into moult at precisely the same time. 2. It is now safe to say that a hen Canary will not mate with a Goldfinch, so long as a cock Canary is being kept in the same room. At the same time, I am not going to dispute that it is better to have no cock Canaries within sight or hearing of one mother Finch. 3. Light Mules of any kind look at their best in a cage with the inside and wires enamelled a dark green (a shade with no blue in it). A dark-topque Siskin Mule I should personally show in a cage which had the wires and inside enamelled a very light blue. I agree with you that most judges won't look at hen light mules; but, then, so many good cock birds generally put in an appearance. A good, big, very lightly marked, yellow hen Mule however, should hold her own. I once myself exhibited a big 4 pointed yellow Goldie-Canary hen, with considerable success; at first glance she looked like a good-coloured buff cock. 4. The tin finger-drawer is useful and ingenious enough, but, to be candid, I should always prefer the white earthenware ones myself.

Brevities.

Linnets and Canaries (Constant Reader).—It will be much better to provide each couple with a separate cage, rather than to attempt to keep two cock Linnets and two hen Canaries in each cage. The latter procedure will bring you disaster, I am sure.

Skylark Not Singing (Elm).—You give no particulars likely to guide me in forming an opinion. The food you mention has a high reputation, though I have never personally used it. Does the bird seem in its usual good health, or does it mope about, looking listless and slack in feathers? Is it continually picking among its feathers and scratching itself? There must be some reason for the absence of song, but, of course, I can't guess at it.

Identity of Bird (Woodman).—You have a young cock Blackbird, undoubtedly. He will come jet-black on the breast at the next moult. I have frequently met cases where birds, taken young, have retained patches of nestling plumage until the second moult. Feed it well, and it will soon commence to sing out loudly.

Festered Claw (Mrs. Relas).—You must wash the foot well in nicely warm water, and then open the festered part on the claw with a needle, or sharp point of the blade of a penknife, gently pressing out all the matter. Afterwards wash out the place with more warm water (a few spots of Condy's Fluid in it, if possible, or other good safe disinfectant), and then anoint it freely with boracic ointment, which any chemist will supply. Repeat, or dress it again, if necessary.

A Red Blotch (G.W.T.).—I really couldn't say whether the "red blotch at the end of breast bone" spells enlargement of the liver or not. So long as your Goldie keeps well and cheerful, my advice to you is not to worry about it, perhaps it is only a birth-mark. Anyway, you do not say that it seems to be inconveniencing him. Stock mixture: teazle seed three pints, hemp two pints, canary one pint, linseed half-a-pint. Give a little maw and niger now and again as a treat.

Inflamed Eyes (W. Goode).—It is really too bad of you to have let the eyes remain inflamed for a month without treatment. Get a bottle of Condy's Fluid, stir a teaspoonful into a breakfast-cupful of water just nicely warm to the touch, and bathe the eyes gently twice daily (morning and evening) with this. Use a piece of surgical lint (from the chemist), or very soft old rag to do this with, and take care not to saturate the bird's plumage.

Canary Seed Samples (Noadvub).—Of the four samples of seed, I do not care for number 2. It is very small, and too many shades of colour, which points to it being a mixture of good and badly-ripened grains. No. 4 is also small, but looks plump and nice, and tastes well. No. 3 looks a very decent seed, clean and well-ripened, but just a trifle thin. No. 1 is a bold, even sample, but as it came along mixed with dirt (to say nothing of other seeds), I did not care to taste it.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Grey Parrot Unwell.

Rector.—To cover immediate need, give half a teaspoonful of castor oil on a piece of sponge cake, or something similar that it will eat, and let me know how you have been dieting the bird, but if it is a case of paralysis, its condition is hopeless. Keep it warm and quiet, and food vessels within easy reach, offer it water three or four times a day that has been well coloured with Parrish's chemical food. Very probably constipation has started the trouble. The bowels should be kept moving freely, but not watery loose. Sorry I cannot help you further unless you can supply further details.

Java Not Renewing Feathers.

"Joey."—For one day make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts, and for the next few weeks lightly colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. I should advise caging it up separately and keeping it on a room in which a fire is continually burning, in some light and airy, but not draughty position. Diet: Canary, millet and spray millet, with a leaf of tender lettuce about twice a week, keep a piece of clean cuttlefish bone in its cage, and also scatter a few ants' eggs over the sand tray occasionally. These birds are very fond of spray millet, and picking the seeds out of same will supply very healthful exercise. If all goes well with the passing of the cold weather its plumage should be renewed. Hang a cocoanut shell husk in the top of its cage, and give it a little moss or hay, and it will make a snug roosting place with same.

A Moping Grey Parrot.

"Wagner."—Stop the bread sop at once, and diet the bird as under. Seed mixture: Two parts Canary, wheat, oats and dari, with one part each of hemp and sunflower seeds, mix well together, and keep a supply continuously in the cage; so at intervals (dari is nit dry), ripe fruit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best, and also economical, for there is no waste at all being to do), green food (leaf of fresh lettuce). As regards cuttlebone, the supply should be continuous. Do not on any account give tea, coffee or milk sloh or any kind of animal food. Spray or dab (use a camel-hair mop brush), the bird's nostrils two or three times a day with diluted glyco-thymoline, till the discharge ceases. It will do no harm if a bottle of the solution is swallowed. Cleanse the brush or spray, and use fresh solution for each application. Soak one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into a piece of bread, let it remain in cage for one day and repeat this at intervals of two days to keep the bowels (or better, the watery loose). Also make the bird's drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's chemical food. If the trouble does not yield to above treatment, you had better write again, with fullest details, a fortnight hence.

An Indisposed Grey Parrot.

C.W.H.G.—Your bird has probably caught a chill, but indigestion is the main factor of the trouble, undoubtedly largely attributable to the husk diet. You must stop this as soon as possible, but not so as to let the bird really want for food. The proper diet is a seed mixture of Canary, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, sunflower seeds and oats; (two parts each of the three former and one part each of the two latter items. Well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. As the bird is accustomed to Indian corn, it will do no harm to add one part of same to the mixture. Supply in addition at intervals plain biscuit (dry), nuts (shelled walnuts are best), ripe fruit and green food. A clean piece of cuttlefish continually in the cage, and, of course, water regularly to drink. You had better give it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in drinking water, and repeat every other day for a week, unless its bowels should become watery loose. Spray or douche nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline two or three times a day, and report progress in a week's time. But remedies will do no good unless you change its present unwholesome dietary. This you must do or the bird will surely die, though if, as appears probable, it is a strong specimen, it may linger some time. On the diet advised, a grey will thrive and keep in health, providing it is kept clean and is protected from draught.

Description of Amazons.

Enquirer.—Blackmed Amazon (Chrysotis diademata). The general body is green, many of the feathers being edged with dusky; forehead, crimson; lores, purplish-red; crown lilacine; nape and hind neck green, edges of the feathers pale lilacine; eye region, greenish-yellow; chin, vinous red; wings, green; base of secondaries, red, tips of same rich blue; primaries, black, with outer webs green at the base, and tipped with rich blue; tail green, with the bases of the inner webs of outer feathers red, and the tips yellowish-green; bill, dusky, upper mandible lighter than the lower and yellowish at base. Total length 14½ inches; tail, barely five inches. Habitat: Amazon Valley; very rare. Salvin's Amazon (Chrysotis salvini). This is very similar to *diademata*; in fact, differs only in the following points: Frontal band and lores, crimson; feathers of crown, nape and hind neck green, with lilacine edges; sides of face, greener and darker in hue; the under surface paler and suffused with yellow, slightly smaller than the Blademed, and it has a wider range, viz., Central America, Nicaragua, Panama and the Amazon Valley—very rare. There is another species very similar to both the above, the Lilacine Amazon (Chrysotis lilacina), but can readily be distinguished from either by its distinctly yellowish cheeks, deeper shade of lilac on the nape and hind neck, and the black edges of same; the loral streak also extends above and beyond the eye, where it is yellow and red, this extension is but narrow. Very rare.

Cages for Foreign Birds.

Tom D.—I cannot advise you to keep any foreign birds in your scullery; cold does not kill, but draughts will, and very soon, too, even when the birds are kept in a warm room. To avoid this danger as far as possible, I always advise the use of box-cages, that is, one wired at front only. A plain, neat cage of this type looks really well if stained black or mahogany outside, and distempered inside a pale sage-green. Budgerigars are hardy birds, and will do well in the cage you name, you could put in two pairs and hang up four cocoanut husks (no nesting material is required) up against top of cage, with opening facing the light, and as far apart as possible; put two right against the back of cage, and two well towards the front. White Java Sparrows would breed for you in a box-cage, say, 2½ feet by 12 inches by 18 inches high, with a nest in either corner. The same conditions would suit a pair of Zebrafinches, and the same would apply to either Ribbon Finches or Bengalese, all of which are easy to keep, and are also pretty, interesting, and not costly little birds. Note.—Only one pair must be kept in a cage for breeding purposes, and it is best to screen the nest-box with heather sprays or twiggy branchlets. Foreign birds do not bet with the same regularity as Canaries, often will waste the whole of the warm weather, and then bring off their broods quite late in the autumn.

Nest Box for Cockatiels.

E.F.E.—This is a very simple matter, the bottom of any nest-box must, however, be concave. It will not, however, be necessary to use the three-inch thick board; two inches will be ample, as 1½ or even 1 inch will be ample for the concavity, the main thing to keep in view being a gradual slope from all sides to a given centre. The boxes I use are 12 inches long by 8 in hes wide, and have barrel-like bottoms. Another method is to get a small box and screw half a cocoanut husk in one end of same, and pour cement to fill up level to edge of husk cavity; either answers their purpose admirably, but the first-named is the more easily kept clean. The nest-box is usually in a shocking condition after a brood of Cockatiels have flown; do not allow them to sit again till it has been cleaned out, if eggs are already laid, disturb the hen rapidly, clear out the box, replace the eggs, and in most instances as soon as you are out of the way, she will return to them, and continue incubation. Anyhow, the cleaning must be done; it is better to lose a clutch of eggs, than to have young hatched out on the filth of a former brood.

Keeping of a Pekin Nightingale.

H.B.—This is a Robin-like bird (really an Aecentor), its principal body colouring being olive-green, brighter on the head, throat, breast and eye region, rich yellow; beak, legs and feet, coral-red; the large wing feathers have their outer edges, orange-red. It is a bright, lively and beautiful bird, and ought not to be kept in a small cage, its cage should contain several natural perches so that it can expend some of its energy about same. It is a fine songster, though talent in this respect varies a good deal with different individuals, but a good one closely resembles the Blackcap. Diet: Some good, soft food mixture, several are advertised in our pages, ripe fruit, and a few live insects, pupæ, earwigs, smooth caterpillars, beetles, etc. If you cannot obtain these, three or four mealworms (obtainable from any bird dealer (see advertisers in our columns) daily. Of course, or advertisers in our columns) daily. Of course, gritty sand and water for drinking and bathing must be supplied. It will soon learn to take food from your fingers, and a fly round the room occasionally when it has become tame, will help to keep it healthy.

Foreign and British Together.

G.P.S.—(1) Yes, it is a dangerous mixture, and I cannot advise you to put the smaller Ornamental Foreign birds with them, but there are certainly some which could safely introduce with good prospect of successful result. (2) The only small species of successful result. (2) The only small species of successful result. (2) The only small species

soft food, ripe fruit, and a few mealworms or other insects daily. Note: I fear you will have trouble with the Britishers amongst themselves as the breeding season comes on, and I certainly advise you if any of the larger ones become aggressive, then to give them their liberty. Cockatiels I have never found to harm even the smallest Warbills, and you will be charmed both with the Diamond Doves and Quails. Pile up a bunch of heather sprays, etc., in one corner as cover for the last-named.

Teaching Amazon to Talk.

E.W.—Keep the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation, also repeat words to it, and talk to it, both casually and by constant repetition persevere with it, and it is sure to pick up some of them, sooner or later. It should have a weekly bath, choose a warm, genial day for the purpose, and carefully keep it out of draught till dry. If it will not bathe, take the tray out of cage and spray the bird with chilled water. Parrots are very irregular, and the moult is very protracted, three different species of Parrots are moulting with me at the present time. The moult is always a drain on the system, and at this time I always give Parrish's chemical food in the drinking water, and if there is any tendency to constipation, a dose of Diuneford's magnesia or Epsom salts will give relief.

A Sick Parrot.

L. Freeman.—I am glad to note there is an improvement, and you must continue the treatment already advised. Slightly moisten with water a small crust of bread or piece of madeira cake, and dust it with flour of sulphur. Because a Parrot worries it is not right to let it share your meals, when, as often happens, what you are taking is very unwholesome and unproper for it; the difficulty is easily got over by having something of a proper nature to hand, and then letting the bird see you bite a little of it off, or the pretence of doing so, will soon satisfy it, this I know from experience; at any rate, you must keep to the diet prescribed, or the bird will not get well; you must not give it tea or milk, you are only aggravating the trouble and really killing the bird by kindness. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and if there is any exsion from the nostrils, spray same with diluted glyco-thymoline, this will do no harm if a little is swallowed. I am of the opinion your bird will gradually mend, but in such a case recovery cannot be rapid.

The Sexing of Budgerigars.

H. W. Durham.—You have been correctly informed, the cere of the hen is brown, that of the male blue; during the winter (the off season), the cere of the hen is bluish, but when in breeding condition it is brown. You may possibly possess a true pair, as the hen, or supposed hen, may be immature, for I gather from yours the supposed cock chatters a lot more than the others, the hens can do their share of this, but they are much quieter than the males. You will be able to tell this quite easily about a month hence by their ceres, if they both remain blue, you may be pretty sure they are cocks, in that case write to some regular advertiser in CAGE BIRDS for two hens in breeding condition, and accept only those which have brown ceres.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Black Stuff in Canary Seed (A. G. Marshall).—We print your remarks with pleasure. As regards the sample of "black stuff," we are afraid you omitted to enclose it, for we can find no trace of same.

Prize Drawing (W. Hussey).—If you do not mind us making the suggestion, we think it might be well, seeing that the date announced is quite a recent one, if you wrote direct to the promoters. Failing a reply, we shall then be pleased to give the matter publicity in our columns.

Negative (G. Bowler).—We have been so extremely busy, that to turn out every corner has not been possible, but rest assured that after the Palace Show number has appeared, we will proclaim a holiday, and spend it in a merry hunt after your missing negative.

Papers in Book Form (M. Staples Browne).—The papers you refer to are not published in book form, but we can in due course supply you with a bound volume of CAGE BIRDS which contains them.

Admission to Palace Show (W. Pawley).—There is no "second charge" for admission to the bird show. The usual charge for admission to the Crystal Palace covers the bird show as well.

Photograph (R. Bald).—Many thanks for photograph, which we shall hope to publish in the near future.

Seed Crusher (Geo. Stocks).—Several of the large advertisers of fanciers' specialities claim to have adjustable seed, etc., crushing mills, and if you drop them a postcard stating your requirements, you may be able to fill your want.

A Trip (Pompey).—We have made enquiries, but cannot obtain information of any trips on February 8th or 10th. At the head office, however, they told us it would be well to enquire at the local station. Probably, however, you have already done this.

A Book (Ecivon).—We do not know of any up-to-date book dealing with the subject you mention.

Letter of Importance (H. Radley).—Sorry, but we could not possibly publish such a letter as you send, knowing, as we do, absolutely nothing of the circumstances leading up to it. It might involve us in a collision with the law.

Birds Killed by a Cat (H. Sutton).—We are extremely sorry to hear of your loss, but we really cannot see our way to insert your letter. Cats will be cats where birds are concerned, and it behoves all bird-keepers to prevent them getting at their pets. And no doubt you will take steps to ensure this offending puss being quite inoffensive in the future (bury it deep).

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 455, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (C.W.B.S.).—Bird in very diseased condition, suggesting hereditary taint, or inefficient diet, or exercise. Liver softened, lungs ulcerated, spleen and kidneys inflamed. The cage occupied by this bird should be thoroughly disinfected.

Canary (J. Howie).—This prize-winning young hen might have continued her victorious career after death, if there were any prizes for the fattest carcase. Her death was caused by enlargement and softening of liver, feverishness and apoplexy.

Cinnamon Hen (E.M.B.).—Softening and enlargement of liver, with ulceration and inflammation, recently extending to lungs. Fruit or salad is suggested.

THE STANDARD LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

Some Opinions of Breeders and Exhibitors.

(*Continued from page 97*).

In my opinion the standard of 6¾ inches ought to be adhered to. I think very few of the present winning Yorkshires are over 6¾ inches; those that are over it are only a shade. The majority are under standard length that have been winning at Yorkshire Union shows this season. I think the judges have kept very near the mark. For myself, I should leave the present standard alone; if this is not done, I am afraid it will be worse for the Yorkshire fancy.

Skelmanthorpe. E. RADLEY.

Respecting the standard length of the Yorkshire canary, my opinion is that if a bird over 6¾ in. length is good in all other points, it should win, and I should give this bird the preference, as a good big bird takes more breeding than a little bird. Anyone can breed a good little one, but it takes a man with some skill to breed a good big one.

I have always found in my twenty years experience a greater demand for large birds than little birds, and I could always get double the amount for them as well.

Windmill. P. MASON.

Surely 6¾ inches is long enough for anyone, and there is no doubt the connoisseurs of the home county were beautifully gifted, when they drew the standard to that length, for, when one sees a good bird that length it makes one's heart swell and eyes glitter and inwardly say "Gad, but it's a reight un." Get one over that length, I find that though one likes the bird there is something about it which doesn't create that feeling. Though not feeling competent to join in, I admire those gentlemen who have brought the matter forward, and anxiously peruse our Fancy developer CAGE BIRDS, to see how much further they have got. For I think it is quite time something definite was done, as our standard bids us breed one thing and the judges ask for another, at least that is the experience of

Swansea. HARRY CREBER.

I think we should take 6¾ inches as the ideal length of a Yorkie, and our judges should judge somewhere near this standard. But I would leave a little to the judge's discretion. In the North we know little or nothing about the 7¾ in. birds. I have never seen one, and in my judgment our Northern judges stick well to the standard. But the little experience I have had of Southern judges leads me to think some of them have gone a little mad over length, and neglect the other properties, putting some birds in whose qualification is merely length alone.

Heighington. G. W. CUTHBERTSON.

In reference to the length of the Yorkshire Canary. As a prominent breeder and exhibitor of this variety, I venture to give my opinion on the subject. I believe that the rule laid down by the Union should be strictly adhered to. It is a well known fact that the gems among the Yorkshires are the 6¾ inch, and not the 7 inch birds. I do not doubt but that there are a few good 7 inch ones, but they are rare. I think if we had more stock bird classes it would be much better, as the judges could then throw out birds for over length. It is hardly fair to a fancier who tries to keep to the proper standard length to be beaten by a stock bird. Suppose a man is competing for a cup or trophy; he puts his birds down as near standard length as possible, he takes a good run under the majority of judges, gets nicely to the front, and then, just at the last show or two, the big birds come in, and the result is that the man loses his cup. I say it is rather hard lines, and discourages a man. Let us by all means keep to the typical 6¾ inch bird for that grace and beauty, which are characteristic of the true Yorkie. If we get beyond the limit, it will mean ruin to the fancy sooner or later, as all true fanciers will agree.

Lidget Green. JAMES HARTLEY.

Our opinion is the 6¾ in standard is a nice length for a Yorkshire Canary, and ought to be adhered to as nearly as possible without the absurd idea of taking birds out of the cages and trying to measure them. Nobody can measure a bird in the hand as it stands in position on the perch; it is impossible to do it. If you could get a bird to stand in position whilst you placed a rule such as is used by the clog and boot maker for measuring the foot, then it would be possible to get a correct measurement, but in no other way; and I am afraid there would not be one of the disputed birds that would allow the process. One fancier says that they ought to be measured in the same manner as they weigh rabbits and small dogs. It is quite an easy matter to weigh rabbits and dogs, but not so easy to get the proper measurement of a Canary. He mentions a judge who would rather have one under the standard weight. If I am not mistaken, it is more difficult to breed these very small dogs and have everything else combined. Look how many you see running about that are overweight, and of no good. Now, in breeding the Yorkshire Canary, everyone knows there are any quantity of birds on the small side that would have been champions had they been a quarter of an inch longer. If judges went in for this sort of bird, as many would make us believe they ought to do, everyone could be breeding winners, and plenty of them. In our experience we find the good long flight and tail the most difficult to get; this is the bird we want and the bird that ought to do the winning; and I do not hesitate to say there are very few birds you find over the 6¾ in. that have all other properties combined. When you get a 7 in. bird or over, he is built accordingly, is too raking, and often bulky, and has not the sweet carriage of the 6¾ in. bird. A bird of standard length is what I term a fine specimen, and I have not seen any that have been winning around us that I term over standard length. At Great Horton Show, the winners in the stock bird class were larger than those in the ordinary classes. If stock bird classes were provided at all shows I think it would be a means of keeping the other classes within the standard much better than the measuring idea.

D. MALLINSON (Mallinson and Son).

Huddersfield.

In no rule does it state that the Yorkshire shall not exceed 6¾ in. I take it that it is left to the judge's discretion to award a prize either over or under the 6¾ in. if the bird is good in all other properties. True it is that birds have been winning over 7 in.; but where is the fancier that would not like to have them or breed some like them? I don't mean the coarse feathered birds that one generally breeds of that length, but birds that have splendid quality of feather. How is it that when we get Yorkshire judges to come south to adjudicate, birds of over 6¾ in. take premier honours? Is it because they are over length, or is it because they carry such other good qualities it is impossible for these judges to pass them? I should say alter the rule to read, "6¾ or not more than 7in." and compel judges to adhere to the standard of length. What is more, I would provide the right to appeal against the judge's decision by the paying of a small fee, say 2s. 6d., by the objector, which should be refunded if the objection is sustained. That would give the working man (the back-bone of the fancy), an opportunity of appealing, whereas he could not afford to plank down more. There should only one way of measuring. I think myself the fairest way is by holding the bird between the finger and thumb, across the neck and waist, and laying it on a rule, as then you can get one sixteenth. It is no use fixing a standard unless you can compel the judges to adhere to it. Therefore we should as exhibitors, have the right to appeal, for a small fee. That I believe, would keep the judge more to the standard. I have birds of 6¾ inches that have done a lot of winning. But the craze for big birds is such that it is better to keep them in your room. I asked a few exhibitors the cause, and the reply was: They are not large enough. If such is the fact (which speaks for itself), the sooner the limit of length is adopted, the better it will be for all breeders of that variety.

Fulham. F. EASTERLING.

The Secretary of the Yorkshire Union's Emphatic Views.

As regards the question of length of the Yorkshire Canary for exhibition purposes, I unhesitatingly admit myself a supporter of the standard as at present enjoined (I am afraid I cannot say enforced) by the Yorkshire Union and kindred societies. But when I admit so much I wish it to be clearly understood exactly what it is to which I extend my support—not a misapplied interpretation of standard No. 2 of the "Yorkshire Union Standards," but the real thing itself, viz., "That the Yorkshire Canary shall not exceed 6¾ inches in length." This standard is not the inflexible hard and fast rule which many would make it out to be. It certainly fixes a maximum length, but allows a very useful latitude in the other direction. I have been asked several times why I would exclude a 7 inch bird, and, at the same time, admit one measuring 6½ inches. Simply because the one comes within the standard and the other does not. Then, almost invariably, comes the question, "Why not then alter the standard and allow unlimited length?" On the answer to this question hangs the issue of the whole matter so far as my support of the standard is concerned. At the risk of being considered partial, I vote the true Yorkshire bird, the "King of the Fancy," in all matters pertaining to the beautiful perfection of shape, dignity of position, boldness and fearlessness of appearance, unexcelled quality of closely carried and silk-like feather—in fact the altogether lovely. To such a bird (and there are many of them), figuratively speaking, I raise my hat. And more, I am jealous of his reputation, hence my strenuous opposition to anything likely to injure it in any way. Consequently I am opposed to the maximum length in the standard being altered or abolished.

In the first place, if the length was altered, judges would find themselves in precisely the same predicament as now, and if abolished their already-too-numerous perplexities would have received an enormous addition. But say some, what would you do with the bird which exceeds standard length and is perfect in all other respects? I suppose we need not fear a time coming when any judge will seek the disgust of the entire fancy by measuring every bird which in his eye exceeds by one-thousandth of an inch the maximum standard length! The standard, I take it, was not fixed for any such purpose, but more with a view to arriving at some degree of uniformity, and preventing excess. I admit this allows a certain latitude for the particular views and fancies of the various judges, and, in my opinion, this is as it should be, for no sane person would require any man to judge the length of a bird within a hair's breadth, but when birds approaching 7½ inches are exhibited as "true specimens" of the Yorkshire, I think it is time to cry halt, and, in all such cases, without hesitation of any kind, I most unreservedly support that course of action adopted by Mr. House at Plymouth, viz.; passing the birds as being over length. Therefore my answer to the foregoing question, as touching what I prefer to call these very exceptional birds, must be that they be treated much in the same way as the evenly-marked specimens are in these parts to-day—shown in their proper class, or kept at home. Why? And what is their proper class?

Answering the last of these two questions first, I would say at once such a class as that at Great Horton Show on Jan. 24 and 25, viz., "Yorkshire Stock Bird, above 6¾ inches." And now for the first question. Why? To me this is by far the most important item in the whole discussion, and I am prepared to allow anything else I may pen to take a secondary position as against my answer to this question. In passing, I am sorry to have to admit that these Stock Bird Classes are not so numerous as many could wish, and speaking altogether in an unofficial sense, I trust the day is not far distant when the Yorkshire Union will insist upon a certain specified classification at all shows held under its rules, in addition, of course, to any special classes desired by the society holding the show, and I sincerely trust that this compulsory classification may be found to contain a class for the "Yorkshire Stock Bird, over 6¾ inches." Until such time the owner of the perfect-in-every-other-way, 7½ inch bird, must content himself by exhibiting it when and where such class is provided.

And now to the point. There are already sufficient "Stock Bird Classes" from which to draw a deduction. I suppose the most perfect specimens conforming with the required length are, as a rule, put down in these classes, and, perhaps, now and then we come across one of these wonderful 7½ inch exceptions. But let any unbiassed person who is qualified to judge a Yorkshire bird, apart from any question of standard length, take the whole class as it stands and compare with any of those classes in which the stern fight for the championship takes place, and what conclusion will he be forced to? He has before him the best of two kinds—the "standard" birds and the "over-standard" birds. The exceptions in each are ignored, or at any rate, not allowed to rule. Each class is taken as a whole, and not the individual components of either. Such comparison over, I would ask this competent judge, and I would likewise ask all who make this graceful bird their study and delight, if they are prepared for the change of model from the standard of to-day to that of the "Stock Bird Class?" I venture to predict that not many in the county of broad acres would consider the matter worthy of a moment's consideration. Still, unless they are wide awake it may concern them some day, and very vitally too. To my mind it follows as a natural consequence that the outcome of allowing an increase in, or the abolition of, the maximum standard length, can only be the substitution of such birds as at present delight our eyes and bring hope and encouragement to scores of fanciers, by a class of bird, which, however useful and necessary in its proper sphere, cannot by any stretch of imagination be considered as even approaching in beauty those lovely specimens which to-day grace our show benches. Such a policy as this change would call for is condemned by Yorkshiremen almost every day, though in many cases unwittingly and indirectly. Not once or twice, but hundreds of times, I have had it said to me, when being shown some of these 7½ inch stock birds, "You could not have better feather or nicer shape in a bird this size." I quite agree with the truth of this remark as applied to the majority of cases, and for that reason I am against any alteration of the standard which shall tend to this class of bird becoming the recognised type of a Yorkshire.

To-day our favourite is known throughout the Bird World as a bird combining type, quality and style in proportions bordering on, if not actually reaching, perfection, its beautiful feather, lovely carriage, fearless and soldier-like attitude, and, in fact, its general all-round excellence calling forth the admiration and unstinted praise of all who see it. Such is the result of wise foresight on the part of those who laid the foundations some years ago in the form of certain standards to regulate the various points in connection with this variety, and it behoves the fanciers of the present day to see that the advantages so gained are not lightly or thoughtlessly frittered away, and that there shall be no undue interference with or alteration of such of the standards as have carried the Yorkshire bird to the top of the tree and will maintain his position there. Undoubtedly such a standard is the one which reads:

THE YORKSHIRE CANARY SHALL NOT EXCEED 6¾ INCHES IN LENGTH.

FRED. HAMMOND,

Hon. Sec. the Yorkshire Union of O.S.

(To be continued.)

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CLUB REPORTS.

GLASGOW AND DIS. DERBY S.F.A.

A meeting was held in Grand National Hall, Sorhals Cross, on January 28th, to consider balance-sheet for 1907 and elect office bearers for 1908. A large and enthusiastic number of members were present. After discussion the balance-sheet was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Andrew Jardine, seconded by Mr. George Fulton. The election of office bearers for 1908 resulted as follows:—President, J. M'Illwaine; vice-president, Mr. William McClure; secretary and treasurer, Mr. David Black, 2, Alexandria-terrace, Govan. The revision of rules was then proceeded with, and after a few alterations they were passed. It was agreed to hold our next Derby Show on September 12th. A hearty vote of thanks to the officials brought a very successful meeting to a close.—D. BLACK, Sec.

HEYWOOD AND DIS. C.B.S.

The first annual meeting was held on January 28th at the Central Dining Rooms, Mr. James Perry, president, in the chair. The auditors' report and balance-sheet were read, and were considered very satisfactory. The election of officers for the next 12 months then took place:—President, R. D. McMurdo; vice-president, J. W. Howarth; treasurer, R. Schofield; auditors, Lewis Mayes and John Ogden; committee, Wm. Riding, James Booth, Lewis Mayes, John Mooney, John Ogden, and James Perry; secretary, A. H. Meadowcroft; assist-secretary, Jesse Riding. In the absence of the president, Mr. McMurdo, Mr. J. W. Howarth, vice-president, took the chair. It was decided to hold a table show of pairs matched for breeding, to be followed by a supper and smoking concert at our next meeting, February 25th.—A. H. MEADOWCROFT, Hon. Sec.

LOWESTOFT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at the Fox and Hounds, Jan. 27, to elect officers for the coming year. The following gentlemen were voted on the committee: Messrs. Hart, Blackburn, Catchpole, Lay, Fitt, Wigg, Hatch, Smith, Mumford, Kirk, Larke, and Grimmers; Hon. Treasurer and Chairman, Mr. W. Lang; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. Bagshaw; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Nichols. Six new members joined the ranks. It was arranged to hold a show on Feb. 3, in the club-room, for matched pairs of Norwich Plainheads, Crests, and Cinnamons (three champion classes, three novice classes). No member is to make more than two entries in each class. Entrance fee 3d. cage, and prize money on sliding scale. No member will be allowed to compete at this show unless his subscription be paid, and all paid-up members will be sent their club number to fasten on the show cage. Non-paid members can pay their subscription on night of show, and will then receive cage numbers. All fanciers in district heartily invited.—W. NICHOLS, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters on January 27th, when 34 members, exclusive of friends, were present. The following members were nominated:—Mrs. Rowntree, Mrs. Pile, J. Warwick, and H. P. Morgan. The following were elected members:—Mrs. F. Wyse, Mrs. W. Page, and Mr. A. J. Marley. A letter without either address or sender's name was read, but was quickly disposed of by a unanimous vote that no anonymous communications whatever be taken notice of. Prize money and special prizes won at the recent pair show were awarded. In consequence of the Palace Show, etc., falling upon the date of the next meeting, it was decided to adjourn it. The chairman then called upon Mr. C. Gardner for his lecture, entitled "The Lessons of 1907 as they apply to the fancy." Before entering upon his subject Mr. Gardner expressed thanks to the members for their splendid generosity in contributing to his "Old Folks Fund." A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Gardner at the close, for his intensely interesting lecture, with a hope that he would be spared to again be amongst us another year.—VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The annual meeting was held on January 8th, when a fair muster put in an appearance. The usual business was gone through and the balance sheet was read, showing a balance in hand of £7 2s. 10½d. This augured well for the society, seeing it only commenced a year ago. We considered we had not stinted ourselves during the year and it was hoped this financial success would spur our members to greater efforts. The following officers were then elected: Chairman, Mr. Nightingale (quite an appropriate name for such an officer); Vice-chairman, Mr. R. Robinson; Treasurer, Mr. Shaw; Auditors, Messrs. Nightingale and Harding; Committee, Messrs. Clews, Metcalfe, F. Emerson, Clapham, Crowston, Dowie, Harding, Cotterill, Cartwright, Townsend. Mr. H. Emerson was re-appointed as Secretary. The rules were then re-considered. The first alteration is of the utmost importance, "That this society be called 'The Grimsby Ornithological Society,' and that all persons, at the discretion of the Society are eligible as members." We have therefore opened our society to everyone wishing to join. Several other rules were also altered. We enrolled ten new members. We have a new scheme to consider, concerning trophies among our members and have left this over till the next meeting. Next month we are to have a washing exhibition by Mr. A. Townsend, together with some interesting schemes to discuss.—H. EMERSON, Hon.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, 25, High Holborn, January 30th, 1908. Present: Mr. Robson (chairman), Messrs. Maxwell, Trower, Dobson, Silver, Goodchild, Dewhurst, Weston, Wyse, Plumbridge and Carr. The committee were notified that their bronze medal was superior in size and value to that offered in exchange by the Toronto Cage Bird Club. It was proposed by Mr. Maxwell, second by Mr. Trower, that a bronze instead of a silver be given in exchange. Letters were read from Messrs. Nichols, Mays, and Browning. Proposed by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Silver, that the birds recently added to the club list be submitted (with an idea of getting the feeling of the members) at the annual general meeting. Proposed by Mr. Dewhurst, seconded by Mr. Trower, that a hearty vote of thanks be sent to Sir William Ingram, Bart., for his generous donation. The committee were notified that the club room would not be available on Thursday evenings for the use of the club. It was proposed by Mr. Trower, seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, that our meetings be held on the third Monday in each month. Proposed by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, that the question of the classification of Albino and rare-feathered birds be discussed at the annual general meeting. Proposed by Mr Wyse, seconded by Mr Dewhurst, that the question of Hardbills being exhibited in plain uniform cages be discussed at annual general meeting. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, Hon. Secs.

POTTERIES AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

The annual meeting was held on January 18th, when a very satisfactory report of the past year's working was read by the secretary, showing a balance in hand of over £2. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. Edwards; vice presidents, Messrs. R. J. Hall, J. Rathbone, Goodall, Fitchford, and W. Roberts; chairman, Mr. T. Hawley; vice-chairman, Mr. T. Ibbs; secretary, Mr. J. Simcock; treasurer, Mr. Yates; auditors, Messrs. Birks and Roberts. Headquarters, Red Lion Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent. Meetings are first Saturday in the month at 8 p.m., and the subscription is 6s. per annum.—J. SIMCOCK, Sec.

ILFORD F.A.

Annual meeting held at 4, Cranbrook-road, Ilford, on January 28th. There were a good number of members present. It was suggested that the name of the Association should be altered to "The Essex Fur and Feather Society," and there is every likelihood of this new title being adopted. The membership is now open to the whole of Essex, and it is to be hoped this will be the means of bringing in many new members. The Association is fortunate in having a capable committee and officials, and if those interested in the breeding of cage birds throughout the county will support the Association, there is every prospect of its becoming a first-class society.—W. SIMMONDS, Hon. Sec., 27, Queen's Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

LANCASHIRE CANARY ASSOC.

Meeting at Rochdale on January 18th. A good number of members were present, and Mr. Nadin, the President, occupied the chair. The guarantees to Manchester and Littleboro' Societies were confirmed. The standard show cage question, along with the suggestion as to giving medals in place of guaranteeing classes are matters to be discussed more fully at the back end show in 1908. It was also resolved that secretary's report and balance-sheet be accepted, subject to auditing, which had been omitted on account of the amounts of guarantees at the above-mentioned shows coming in late. It was decided to ask Mr. Ackroyd, of Oldham, to again act as scrutineer in the election of officers for the present year. It was further resolved that Mr. Wm. Adams become secretary in place of the present acting secretary, Mr. S. M. Clayton, who is compelled, through pressure of business, to resign his post. A vote of thanks was recorded to the secretary for his past services, and this brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

WALLSEND AND MID TYNE C.B.A.

The annual general meeting was held at the headquarters, Station Hotel, on the last meeting night of 1907. There was a good turn-out of members, and in the absence of our respected chairman, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Wm. Ronald, vice-chairman, conducted the business. It is not often "Billy" gets a chance of showing his abilities as a chairman, as "Mac" is one of the ever-presents. The balance-sheet for the year was considered by all present to be very satisfactory, and showed an improvement on those of previous years, there being a nice balance carried forward. The nomination and election of office-bearers for 1908 was then proceeded with. All last year's officials were re-elected, with the exception of a little alteration on the committee. Alderman Matthew Murray (ex-Mayor) was re-elected president; vice-presidents *en block* from last year; Mr. John M. Macdonald, chairman; Mr. Wm. Ronald, vice-chairman; Mr. John Hyslop, treasurer; Mr. James Johnston, 60, Neptune-road, Wallsend, hon. sec.; Mr. John Cox, 21, East Bourne-avenue, Walker, assistant-secretary; committee, Messrs. Wm. Cockburn, Wm. McGinn, Ed. Langlands, John McQuinlan, Thos. Haikney, Fred. Reeves, Tom Hopkinson, John Evans, Wm. Simpson, John Heddon, Hugh McColl, Wm. Appleby, Nichol Hymers, Wm. Allison; auditors, Messrs. Robert Christer and David Hembrough. No less than fourteen new members were proposed at this meeting, and more to follow, which I think speaks well for the harmony that is in our society. The following is a list of the new members:—Messrs. John Ross, Robt. Ford, Percy Taylor, Jas. Haikney, Joseph Watson, Jas. Laws, F. W. Chapman, George W. Livermore, Robt. Hackworth, Harry Newton, George Greenwell, Thos. Parker, Geo. Lowery, Jas. King, Percy Main. The entrance fee is 1/- and 2/6 subscriptions; meetings on last Thursday of each month at 7.30 p.m. It was decided that the nest feather show be held on the first Saturday in June. The annual show was also fixed for November 13th and 14th. This being all the business, the meeting closed, Mr. Melville moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Ronald, which was suitably replied to.—JAS. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

The annual general meeting was held in Lockhart's Cocoa Rooms, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle, on January 29th, Mr. J. R. Slack in the chair. Our president, Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson, and vice-president, Dr. C. Duncan O'Neal, were present. There was a fair attendance of members. The secretary's report was received and adopted. In it he stated that 33 members had been proposed, but only 22 had paid their subscriptions. This is the usual thing with specialist clubs, but it is hoped that those who do join in future will not do so in a half-hearted way, but will try their best to help the club by getting new members, and by providing keen competition for the various specials offered. The challenge cup, which was greatly admired, was won by Mr. Cuthbertson, and presented to him. He suitably replied, and the medals were presented as follows: Special for most points by three nominated birds at four shows, gold centre silver medal, G. W. Cuthbertson. Silver medal for best old bird at the following shows: Newcastle, Mr. Davison; South Shields, Mr. Cuthbertson; Blaydon, Mr. Carr; Gateshead, Mr. Grieve. For best young bird: Newcastle, Mr. Carr; South Shields, Mr. Cuthbertson; Blaydon, Mr. Ellwood; Gateshead, Mr. Grieve. Novice medals: Newcastle, Mr. Davison; South Shields, Mr. Steele; Blaydon, Mr. Crieve; Gateshead, Mr. Fletcher. The following are the officers for the current year:—President, G. W. Cuthbertson, Esq.; vice-presidents, Dr. C. Duncan O'Neal, W. J. Taylor, Esq., F. Pearce, Esq., F. T. Buckingham, Esq.; committee: Chairman, Mr. J. R. Slack; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Grieve, and Messrs. W. Cockburn, J. Davison, D. R. Kent, J. M. Walker, J. Harrison, Dr. O'Neal, W. J. Taylor, G. S. Ellwood, J. Shepherd, J. H. Leach, J. Carr, T. Steele; hon. sec. and treasurer, T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's-terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The rules were passed as last year, except rule 5, to which was added "the committee have power to add to their number" and "that at committee meetings three shall form a quorum instead of five." The balance-sheet showed a balance of £1 2s. 6d. in hand. Mr. W. Mather was accepted as a new member. A reference by the president as to guaranteeing novice classes was left to the next meeting. Votes of thanks terminated the meeting, and the healthy and friendly spirit evinced augurs well for the future. Anyone wishing to become members should send names to me for proposal at next meeting.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

BORDER COUNTIES' NORWICH AND CINNAMON C.C.

All prizes won in connection with above club for the past season have been sent away to winners. Anyone not receiving same should please communicate with secretary at once. Mr. Grey, Morpeth, has received the Sandiford Cup from Mr. J. Sandiford, and is highly pleased with it, and the club is greatly indebted to Mr. Sandiford for such a handsome cup.—ANTHONY HAY, Secretary

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

The annual general meeting was held on January 6th, at headquarters. The balance-sheet for the year was read, and passed. The following members were duly elected officers for the ensuing year: President, T. H. Harrison, Esq.; Vice-President, T. J. Smith, Esq. and J. T. Clark, Esq.; Patrons, W. Bunce, Esq., W. E. Sharp, Esq., H. Eastwell, Esq.; Chairman, Mr. F. Williamson, Esq.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. Carr; Committee, Messrs. A. B. Forse, C. H. Cooper, A. J. Marley, A. Morris, J. A. Bartlett, E. Morris, F. R. E. Haudscombe, J. Roberts; Treasurer, Mr. H. Ovenden; Assist. Secretary, Mr. H. W. Burbidge; Auditors, Messrs. G. B. Leclair and F. G. Smith; Hon. Secretary, B. F. Forse, 31, Thornhill-road, Leyton.— B. F. FORSE.

CROOK ORIGINAL C.B.R. & P.S.

The general meeting was held last week in the club room of the Crown Hotel. Mr. H. Dixon presided over a capital attendance of fanciers. The secretary, Mr. A. Bowes, submitted the balance-sheet for the past year, which showed the society to be in a flourishing condition with a balance in hand of £15 12s. 1½d. The election of officers for the present year resulted as follows:—President, H. P. Douglas, Esq.; chairman of committee, Mr. H. Dixon; vice-chairman, Mr. W. J. Bird; treasurer, Mr. F. E. Rudkin; auditors, Messrs. F. Brown and J. Siddle; secretary, Mr. A. Bowes, 15, Wilson-street, Crook; assistant-secretary, Mr. F. Fox, with a good list of vice-presidents and a strong committee of 20. It was also decided to hold a table show on Saturday, February 22nd. The annual show was fixed for November 21st.—A. BOWES, Sec.

STOKE NEWINGTON F.A.

The annual general meeting was held at headquarters on January 22nd. Mr. W. Morris occupied the chair, and there was a record attendance of members. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The election of officers and committee resulted as follows: Patrons, Ald. Francis Howse, J.P., T. Hart-Davies, Esq., M.P., Dr. T. Hoskin, J.P.; president, Raymond Green, Esq., J.P., L.C.C.; vice-presidents, R. Barlow, Esq., C. Fish, Esq., P. P. Harrower, Esq., H. A. Cooper-Bagley, Esq., W. H. Key, Esq., C.C., L.C.C., Dr. H. P. Miller and Rev. W. Ross; chairman, Mr. W. Morris; vice-chairman, Mr. E. G. Rhodes; committee, Messrs. H. A. C. Bagley, J. C. Spence, J. H. Fox, R. Ford, W. Lacey, J. Churchman, H. Dane, C. L. Hatchett, S. Hawkins and G. Soames; assist.-sec., G. Niblett; hon. sec. and treasurer, Geo. Dowden, 5, Walford-road, N.—Match pair show will be held on February 18th.—GEO. DOWDEN.

SALE OPEN O.S.

At the annual meeting, held at the Sale Hotel on January 13th, a presentation of a 400-day clock was made to the treasurer and host, Mr. J. Fletcher, as a token of appreciation for his great kindness to us during the past year. The secretary, Mr. G. F. Hardcastle, presented the balance-sheet duly audited, which showed a balance in bank and medals in hand of over £4. This was pronounced very encouraging for the first year. The following officers were re-elected unanimously:—W. J. Buckley, Esq., chairman; J. Fletcher, hon. treasurer; P. Edward Scarlett, hon. auctioneer; Jas. Tilam, assistant-secretary, A. Hanford, and A. T. Plant, jun., hon. auditors; and Geo. F. Hardcastle, hon. secretary. The following were elected on the committee for 1908:—Messrs. John Leigh, F. J. Field, C. H. Smith, W. Smith, Horace Whitney, J. Gray, Sam Hindley, W. Fildes, and J. Hurst. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to all officers for their services during 1907. The following new members were proposed:—Messrs. John Harrop (Rusholme), W. Boswell (Moston), Jas. Spencer (Beswick), J. E. Davies (Stockport), Sam Cook (Newton Heath), W. Dooley (Moston), H. Jackson (Moston). It was unanimously decided that Mr. J. Raynes, secretary of the N.P.C., judge the table show of Norwich (eight classes), and also to give a lecture on same on January 28th, at 7.45 p.m. Gold-centre medal for most points.—G. F. HARDCASTLE, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Third annual general meeting held January 20th, 1908. A good gathering of members attended at the headquarters, "The Bay Malton," Great Portland-street, W., and a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting was held. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and signed as correct. Novice definition.—After discussion it was moved and resolved: "That the definition of a novice, as passed by the meeting of delegates, be adopted, subject to the addition of a clause after the words, 'three separate shows, etc.,' 'up to the date of entry.'" The report of the committee for the year 1907 was read and adopted, and the scrutineers having handed in the result of the voting for officers and committee for the ensuing year, the following results were declared:—President, Mr. F. W. Thorpe; hon. sec., Mr. R. J. Pretty; hon. treas., Mr. A. Williams; hon. assist-sec., Mr. A. Ransley; auditors, Messrs. P. Adamthwaite and H. J. Pearce; committee, Messrs. E. Pretty, Armstrong, Morrison, Shakespeare, Davis, F. Sparke, Wright, Hawes, Stacey, Goodall, A. Sparkes, H. E. Tringham, and all officers, *ex officio* members.

The President (Mr. Thorpe) then rose, and in very pleasant terms thanked the members for the honour they had conferred upon him in again electing him as president. He thanked the committee and officers for the manner in which they had steered the association through a very trying period, and particularly he thanked, on behalf of the members, Mr. R. J. Pretty, who in his capacity as hon. sec., had done much to keep the association well to the fore, and he was sure the members would join him in a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Pretty. (Loud applause.) Turning to the committee and officers for the year, he said he felt that the members had wisely elected a body of men, all of whom were much respected fanciers, who would do their best to maintain the prestige of the association in the coming year, and he congratulated them on their choice. With a committee of good men and true, and such zealous officers as Messrs. R. J. Pretty, Williams, and Ransley, and two very watchful auditors, he felt confident the members would be well served. He spoke at some length as to the support given to the shows last year, and pleaded with the members to give the association their fullest support during the coming year. He was afraid there was too much tendency nowadays to look for the honour of winning, but to gather show, not for the honour of winning, but to gather in as many "specials" as possible. Specials, in his opinion, were a curse alike to societies and their officials, and often tended to destroy the higher ideals of exhibiting in fanciers otherwise devoted to our fascinating hobby, but he confidently looked to the members to rally round and give this year's shows their hearty support, and he was sure the officers on their part would do their utmost to please everyone, if that sublime state was possible.

Mr. Edward Pretty rose to reply on behalf of the committee, and in a few well-chosen words thanked the President for his kind remarks. He said everyone would be delighted that Mr. Thorpe was still to be with them as their president, and, in his opinion, such an office could only be filled to the complete satisfaction of all by a gentleman, and he had no hesitation in saying that Mr. Thorpe was the very embodiment of what a gentleman should be, and he for one was certain that so long as they had a man of the calibre of their genial president at the head of affairs, the association was in a good way to prosper. Mr. R. J. Pretty gave a very spirited reply, and was in full sympathy with the remarks of the president as to "specials" given at shows. He caused much merriment by remarking that he well remembered that when the association was first formed, it was given two years to exist. That lease of life was happily passed, and, what was more, they seemed to be in a good way to prosper. The treasurer then made his report of the financial business for the year. In spite of increased expenditure, they had been able to meet all expenses and still have the gratifying amount of £2 16s. 4d. cash in hand. The President said he wished to thank the treasurer on behalf of the members. It was very reassuring to know that they had come out on the right side. Mr. Adamthwaite then moved: "That in future candidates seeking election should sign a form of application." After a prolonged discussion the motion was received and referred to the committee for report.

The following dates of shows were then decided upon, and judges were nominated, the final selection being left in the hands of the committee. British bird show, February 29th, 1908; young bird show, June 27th, 1908; annual show, November 6th and 7th, 1908; pair show (1909), January 23rd. A vote of thanks to the chair closed the meeting. Nominated judges, Messrs. Dobson, Shakespeare, House, Prior, Silk, Cook, Vale.—ADVT.

SWINDON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

The first annual general meeting held January 1st in Chorus Room, Mechanics' Institution. There was a good muster of members. The secretary, Mr. J. Edmund, read a letter from the chairman, Mr. H. C. Sendell, regretting that his continued illness prevented his being present, the same reason also compelling him to tender his resignation of his position as chairman. Mr. W. Greenwood was then voted to the chair. The balance-sheet showed that the association now numbered 32 paid-up members, cash in hand being £5 3s. 4d. The officers for 1908 were elected as follows:—Mr. W. Greenwood (chairman), Messrs. H. C. Sendell, R. Sendell, J. Bywater, G. Leavers, T. Poole, J. Hopkins, C. Sprules, M. Bennett, W. Foster, J. Mackay (committee); Mr. F. Burson, Treasurer; Messrs. L. Dodson and E. W. Scaplehorn, auditors; Mr. E. Allsopp, secretary; and Mr. J. Edmund, assistant-secretary. A vote of thanks to the officers terminated the meeting.—E. ALLSOPP, Sec.

PORTOBELLO CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Annual general meeting held December 3rd. The report for season 1907 having been read, the meeting was congratulated on the success of the year, the balance in hand amounting to £6 10s. Office-bearers were elected for season 1908. Mr. W. R. Dunn, who has been president since the commencement of the society, still adhering to his statement that he wished to be relieved of the office, Mr. A. Matthew was unanimously elected in his place, Mr. Dunn agreeing to become vice-president. Treasurer, Mr. J. Wilson; joint secretaries, J. Leach and W. Leckie; auditors, T. Millar and J. Bell; committee, Messrs. J. Arthur, J. H. Buchan, J. Newlands, J. Hogg and T. Millar. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officials. Next show was fixed for Saturday, 7th November, 1908. At the monthly meeting on February 3rd, at 8.30 p.m., Mr. Dunn will give a washing exhibition, and any district fanciers anxious to be present will be made cordially welcome.—J. LEACH and W. LECKIE, Secs.

THE WESTERN COUNTIES C.S.

Annual meeting was held at Boro' Arms, Bank-street, on January 20th. The society now has a balance in hand of £47 3s. 10d., in addition to which, staging capable of exhibiting 1,000 cages has been purchased at a cost of £5 7s. 6d. This, together with nest feather challenge cups, value £6 6s., and challenge cups for open show, value £12, gives the society assets amounting to over £70. On the proposition of the vice-chairman, supported by many of the members, donations for their past services of £4 to the secretary, Mr. T. Pope, and £2 to the assistant-secretary, Mr. W. A. Dyer, were unanimously passed.—The following gentlemen were elected as officers and committee for the coming year:—Chairman, Mr. C. Dart; vice-chairman, Mr. W. G. French; hon. sec., Mr. T. Pope; hon. assist.-sec., Mr. W. A. Dyer; auditors, Messrs. H. A. Clear and W. Spillman; hon. solicitor, J. Shelby, Esq.; hon. auctioneer, H. Bishop, Esq.; committee, Messrs. C. Garland, C. Hoar, J. Ryder, J. Rowe, H. Farmer, W. Staples, L. S. B. Clark, G. Pridham, W. H. Tottle, C. Reed, S. Tucker, F. Snell, C. Jewell. Headquarters, Borough Restaurant, Bank-street, Plymouth. Meetings third Monday in each month. Annual general meeting third Monday in January. Entrance fee, 1/-; annual subscription, 5/-.—Hon. sec. and treas., THOS. POPE, 98, Embankment-road, Plymouth.

DULWICH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Inaugural meeting at the Herne Hotel, Peckham Rye, S.E., when a very fair number of fanciers and friends attended to give the baby society a hearty send off. We start with 45 members. Mr. G. F. Woolhouse was elected to the chair, and dwelt at length on the policy to be laid down, and mentioned that the society was not to be run in opposition to any other in the immediate neighbourhood, but for the requirements of the local fanciers, and fanciers generally. The subscription was agreed to be 3s. per annum, with 1s. as entrance fee, but for fanciers joining before 31st March entrance fee omitted. The first Wednesday in each month was decided for committee meetings, and the third Wednesday for the monthly meetings. A letter was read from Mr. Bonar Law, M.P. for Dulwich, in which it stated that it gave him every pleasure to become the president of the society. Election of officers:—President, A. Bonar Law, Esq., M.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Pencock, F. H. Bussey, C. Pierson, J. Hogan, W. Morris, J. Robson, F. J. Green, D. Maley, Councillor G. Scott, and the Mayor of Camberwell; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Goodwin; trustees, Messrs. G. Garlick and F. Fletcher; committee, Messrs. Woolhouse, Wall, S. T. Kent, Gain, Wilmot, Aldridge, Butt, Pocock, F. J. Waterman, and C. Maley; auditors, Messrs. W. Lovesey and E. Kates; hon. secretaries, Messrs. Rogers and Mazzone, 4, Rye Villas, St. Aidan's-rd., E. Dulwich, S.E.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PROPOSED CAGE BIRD CLUB FOR AYR AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—It has been proposed by a few fanciers here to form a cage-bird club. A meeting will be held in the Temperance Hall, New Bridge-street, on Monday, February 10th, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of forming the suggested club. All fanciers are invited, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. ROBERT MCKAY.

51, Queen Street, Ayr.

THE GUISBOROUGH AND DIS. PRIORY C.B.S.

SIR, — I would be pleased if you would state in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, that a Cage Bird Society has been formed, and named "The Guisborough and District Priory Cage Bird Society." Members enrolled first meeting, twenty-two, including President, Mrs. Chaloner; Vice-President, Miss Chaloner; Chairman, Mr. J. G. Cook; Vice-Chairman, Mr. F. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Knaggs; Secretaries, Messrs. Atkinson and Wilson, 80, Westgate, Guisborough, Yorks. A Members' pair class, A.V., and British Bird class will be held at next meeting, March 14th; judge Mr. G. Jobling. All fanciers are cordially invited. Subscriptions, 6d. per month. G. ATKINSON, Hon. Sec.

WITHHOLDING PRIZE MONEY AT ST. ALBAN'S SHOW.

SIR,—I was interested to see a letter in your columns re the withholding of prizes at St. Alban's. I must confess I was at first rather indignant about the same thing, as in the insectivorous class, won by my grey Wagtail, the first prize, according to the catalogue, was withheld, and my bird had a second prize card on his cage, the class numbering nine. However, evidently the St. Alban's bark is worse than its bite, for this morning I received postal orders for full first prize money and a first prize card, which is now affixed to my Wagtail's stock cage. I trust that this means that their finances have turned out satisfactorily, and that your injured correspondent has had equally straightforward treatment.

W. A. ROUNTREE.

EGYPTIAN GEESE AT IPSWICH PARK.

SIR,—Knowing you are interested in all kinds of bird life, I venture to write you in reference to some Egyptian Geese which we have in our collection of Water Fowl and numerous other birds in the Public Park, Ipswich. This pair of Egyptian Geese brought off a brood of Goslings on January 10th, 1907, but unfortunately a lone Egyptian Gander found his way to the brood and commenced fighting, with the result that all the young were killed. In a short time the Goose laid eight eggs, and was allowed to sit on them for a fortnight, when they were taken away and placed under a hen. Eight Goslings were hatched. This system was carried out each time the Geese laid during the summer, the result being that Goose laid no less than seven sittings of eggs—63 in all. The last sitting she was allowed to hatch, no hen being available. They came off on December 6th, 1907, with ten goslings, but at the time of writing only one survived, having come through all the sharp weather just experienced. I think this well illustrates Mr. Finn's remarks on Fancy Water Fowl as being hardy and prolific, and also very pugnacious.

T. DAMANT,
Park Attendant.

NORWICH CANARIES REARED BY WILD LINNETS.

SIR,—It will be interesting to your readers to know that I reared two exhibition Norwich Canaries in a wild Linnet's nest beside the main road recently. The hen Canary would not feed. The young were about 24 hours' old, and on looking in the nest I found them all nearly dead and quite cold. So I wrapped them in some cotton wool and put them in the oven, and after a while I looked at them and found that they were quite lively with their mouths open to be fed. I did not know hardly what to do, but I went up the road to find a nest, and found just what I wanted—a Linnet's nest. I destroyed some of the young Linnets and put my Canaries in, and to my surprise in a day or two they were covered with down as I call it. I left them there till they were 10 days' old, and then put one of them in a Canary's nest, and one in another to finish off. They are two of the healthiest birds I have got, and I value them at £3. If any other fancier has hens that will not feed, my advice is do not give up, but let them have a chance. If I could find enough Linnet's nests protected from vermin, I should never let the Canaries bring up their young, as these never look so healthy when reared inside as when reared in the open. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success. H. JEFFERY.

RARE FEATHERED BIRDS AT THE SHOWS.

SIR,—It appears to me as an unprejudiced observer that Mr. Hay has some right on his side in objecting to his rare-feathered Greenfinch being wrong classed when entered in a Greenfinch class. I cannot understand how he could expect it to get in the tickets as against normal-feathered birds, but to wrong class it is quite a different matter. After all, a rare feathered Greenfinch is a Greenfinch, and unless the show rules say otherwise can only be entered in the Greenfinch class. I noticed a Pied Linnet at Battersea passed over in the A.O.V. class, and I think it was wrong-classed. If I am wrong, perhaps the secretary will say so. It seems to me that this correspondence emphasises the necessity for some proper arrangement for exhibiting interesting rare-feathered specimens in shows where they have not a definite class for these birds. Surely they might be allowed in the A.O.V. classes. Of course, Mr. Hay's complaint against the committee is all wrong. This is a matter for the judge, and him only, as things now stand.

W. A. ROUNTREE.

SIR,—Before this discussion is closed, may I touch upon one or two points which seem to have been overlooked? In the first place, Gateshead Show was held under the patronage of the National British Bird and Mule Club, consequently the judge had to be one of their members, and it was naturally expected of him that he would be guided by their lists and standards, in similar manner to any other specialist club judge officiating at a show where club specials, &c., are in competition. Secondly, the standards of the N.B.B. and M.C. make no allowance or provision for rare-feathered or albino birds, and, moreover, the question of these specimens was discussed by this Club some years, I understand, ago, when it was decided not to recognise such in competition with normal-feathered birds. In face of these facts it seems difficult to see how the Gateshead Committee can be considered responsible for the "wrong-classing" of the albino and rare-feathered specimens at their show, or how I myself, as judge, could possibly have admitted them into competition. That it is "hard lines" such attractive rarities should be barred from a show is no concern of mine, but I would point out that a Committee might frame a class to read: "A.O.S. British Bird, including albino and rare-feathered specimens," and thus cover them. I am very fond of a good albino, and there were two grand ones at Gateshead, a fine white Blackbird, and a fine white Yellowhammer, which I was extremely sorry to have to pass over, for better it would not be easy to find. I might merely have passed them by without comment (as many judges do). And in endeavouring to help exhibitors—giving them a hint to avoid wasting money in entry fees—I seem only to have landed into "trouble." "He that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction," saith the old proverb—if there be any of me left after this discussion is finished, I must write that on my judging books in future.

G. E. WESTON.

P.S.—I am glad to note that the N.B.B. and M.C. have decided to invite discussion on this question at their annual general meeting this Saturday (8th) at the Crystal Palace Show, and I hope a good number of British bird men will turn up thereat.

SIR.—As an exhibitor of British birds, I take a keen interest in these matters, and, although, perhaps, not having so much experience as the parties concerned, I should like to state my views. First of all, I think Mr. Hay was quite justified in entering his Rare-feathered Greenfinch in the "Greenfinch" Class, as there was no class for Rare-feathered birds. I think it will be admitted that even if it had been a pure white Greenfinch, it is still of that species of British bird, and, I think, should not have been wrong classed. The schedule simply says "Greenfinch," which, I suppose, means that species, and I am of the opinion that it should include all Greenfinches, whether black or white, or any other colour, in the absence of a separate class for such Rare-feathered birds, and provided the schedule does not debar them. However, as the standard colour for Greenfinches is "The Yellow to be bright and plentiful, the green, etc.," I think the judge would be quite right in putting such Rare-feathered birds behind others who have the standard colour. Had the schedule been marked (at the bottom of the British classes) "Rare-feathered birds excluded from the above classes," it would have debarred such birds as Mr. Hay's, and therefore it would have been in its wrong class, and I think this is the only way of solving the matter, unless fanciers who possess such novelties are wise, and keep such treasures at home unless there is a Rare-feathered class provided. But I still contend that, under the heading of the classification, Mr. Hay was quite justified in entering his bird in the "Greenfinch Class," but, other birds in the class having the standard points and colour, it was only right that it should have taken a back seat, but not be wrong-classed. Mr. Taylor said last week that "a specimen the colour of Mr. Hay's cannot be called green, and whilst it is a Greenfinch in one sense, yet it is not in another." Then, if it is not a Greenfinch in the other sense, what is it? I say it is a Greenfinch in all senses, although a bad colour for one. I suppose the schedule means "Greenfinch (species)." Had it been "Grass-green Greenfinches" then Mr. Hay could not have competed, as Mr. Taylor says that is the standard colour. Had Mr. Hay's Greenfinch been simply passed over instead of wrong-classed, I think it would have met the case. Of course, I may say I am not a judge of British birds, and hope I may not seem to be interfering where I have no business, but I only state my views in a friendly way, as the argument touches that part of the Fancy in which I am an ardent fancier.

P. C. FORSTER.

SIR,—It was never my intention to try and convince a man against his will, as Mr. Hay seems to think. He states that his bird was shown in the A.O.V. section in the Members' Classes; but this is a very different class (it was not marked wrong class there) to the class, viz., Greenfinch, where Mr. Weston marked it wrong class. Where the exhibit ought or ought not to compete is not what I wished to discuss with Mr. Hay. This I leave to more learned heads than mine. I simply wished to refute his statement made against our Committee, viz., that they had "grossly exceeded their duty." This, as I pointed out, was without foundation, and Mr. Hay has yet to show that he had any grounds for making any such statement. At that I leave it.

G. BUCK.

APPEAL FOR A FANCIER IN DISTRESS.

SIR,—Again I ask for a small space in CAGE BIRDS to acknowledge the receipt of £2 11s. from Mr. Easterling, collected by him on behalf of Mr. Benjamin Spiers, who had the misfortune to lose his sight, and has five young children dependent on him. I thank one and all for their kind support. Total to date, £6 19s. 10d.—GEORGE HENRY NEAL,

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THE RECENT HUGGLESCOTE SHOW.

SIR,—Would you kindly publish this respecting the late show at Hugglescote. I was an exhibitor and a winner, and have never yet received a card or money. My bird came home in a faint condition the following night after eight o'clock. Trusting this may catch the eye of the Cage Bird Union. C. LEMON.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR POPLAR.

SIR,—I was very pleased to read such a suggestion in your very valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. As another young fancier, I feel that the formation of such a society would be welcomed in the Borough, and would provide what has, to my mind, been a long-felt want. I shall look forward to future issues of CAGE BIRDS to learn what other fanciers have to say to the above proposal.

ANOTHER WOULD-BE MEMBER.

SIR,—Reading CAGE BIRDS of the 1st inst., I was very pleased to see the little note on page 91, "Proposed New Society for Poplar." I would be a member and would get others, if we could only get a start with an experienced fancier. Wishing CAGE BIRDS further success. ANOTHER MEMBER.

THE BIRDS OF INDIA.

SIR,—I saw in CAGE BIRDS a short time ago a few notes about birds in India. I was in India about 12 years myself, and had in my possession a great variety of birds. Rock Parrots, Mango Parrots and small Parraquetes, also Minahs, Rock, Plain and Crested, and I never heard a bad talker among them. But it all depends how they are taught. Rock Parrots and Rock Minahs speak very plain and say a great number of words. For 13 months I was on the Himalayas and I never once saw a black Blackbird—they were all pied or white. Perhaps some of your readers can verify this. I saw a bird resembling a Robin also, but not of the red breast type, the cock being quite black, except under the tail where it was red, the hen bird being all brown. D. H.

ORANGE CATS AND CINNAMON CANARIES.

SIR,—I have been reading a report of the Cat Show at the Horticultural Hall, and that the aim of breeders is now for self-coloured cats without stripes, and that they have succeeded in breeding the stripes out of Blues and Orange coloured cats. I think this is an example of what Canary breeders should try for in Green and Cinnamon Canaries. The Cinnamon colour on wild caught British birds is pure and not with dark streaks—Cinnamon Siskins or Greenfinches are a self colour. Occasionally a "come-by-chance" Cinnamon is produced from a pair of Canaries showing no Cinnamon, and such a bird is a purer coloured Cinnamon than the present time exhibition birds. Variegated Cinnamon Canaries do not show any dark pencilling on the Cinnamon colour. At the last Palace Show I saw a few beautiful Green Canaries with but few dark streaks (or "pencilling") and naturally enough they did not have an award card. I do not think that pure self Greens or Cinnamons could be bred so large as the pencilled birds now shown; but why should a large bird be considered more valuable than a small one?

J. H. VERRALL.

THE WORCESTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

SIR,—A Bird Fanciers' meeting was held on February 1st at the Black Horse Hotel, Lowesmoor, when a fairly good number of local bird fanciers attended for the purpose of forming a Cage Bird Society. Mr. W. Morgan, late Vice-President of the Potteries and Dist. C.B.S. was voted to take the chair. In a few well-chosen words he explained the object for which they had assembled. First, that the Society should be called the Worcester and District Cage Bird Society, which proposition was carried unanimously. The well-known local fancier, Mr. A. E. Bishop, was asked to act as Hon. Sec. for the first twelve months, which he kindly offered to do. After careful consideration, the subscription was fixed at 1s. entrance fee, and 4s. per annum, payable within the first six months. It was arranged to form, at the next meeting on February 13th, a Committee, rules, &c., when all bird fanciers will be cordially invited to help the working of a good society. A few exhibits will be staged for inspection. It is hoped a good number of new members will attend to make the meeting a great success. Mr. J. Summerhill has offered us five 5s. special prizes to be competed for at our first open show as a little encouragement. This being all the most important business a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought to a close our first successful meeting.

A. E. BISHOP, Hon. Secretary.

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A NEW SOCIETY FORMED IN DURHAM.

SIR,—I beg to announce that the inaugural meeting of a new Fanciers' Society was held on February 1st at Murton, S.O., county of Durham. There was a good attendance of local fanciers of the following varieties: Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, and Rabbits. It was decided to name the Society "The Murton Fur and Feather Society," with a radius of three miles, the Miners' Hall to be the Headquarters. Mr. J. Vardy, 67, Alfred-street, Murton, S.O., was appointed Secretary, who appeals to the Secretaries of similar societies for a copy of their rules, in order that they may procure the best method of conducting their new Society to a successful issue. J. VARDY.

THE LONGTON AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

SIR,—There was a very good attendance of fanciers at the Castle Inn, on February 3. We met with the object of forming a society for Cage Birds. It was resolved to call it The Longton and District Cage Bird Society. After some discussion is was agreed to make it open to all with an annual subscription of 6s. per year, or 6d. per month, all payments to be made before the Annual Show. Mr. E. Tams was voted to the chair and our host, Mr. Edwards, was elected Treasurer, and myself Hon. Sec. The next meeting will be held at the Castle Inn, High Street, on February 18, at 8.30 p.m., when rules, etc., will be drawn up. All fanciers are invited to attend.—T. J. SIERS, Hon. Sec.

A FEW WORDS TO ADVERTISERS.

SIR,—I should like to draw the attention of your advertisers to the inconvenience caused to rural customers by delay in despatching birds. Take my case as an example: I am three miles from the railway station, and when I send an order for birds I invariably ask that they shall be sent on a certain day, and if that is impossible to let me know in time to avoid a useless journey of six miles. Some advertisers are very considerate; others not so. Early in December I sent a P.O. to a large advertising firm in the Midlands for a bird which has not yet arrived, neither can I get any reply to my letters. This caused me several journeys to the station. Another instance: Birds sent a day later than requested. Result: Three journeys to station. One more: Birds sent a day in advance. Result: Birds were at the station 24 hours without food or water, and in a dying condition when fetched. Those people who have had similar fruitless journeys will readily understand my feelings, for there are not many of us who have the leisure to be running to the station day after day to see if our purchases have arrived. Surely postcards are cheap enough.

OXON.

THE RARE REDPOLL-BULLFINCH HYBRID.

SIR,—I was nearly asking you, Mr. Editor, to alter the title of this controversy before publishing this letter. After reading Mr. Ward's contribution last week, I am beginning to think that the Redpoll-Bullie Hybrid is quite a common bird. Mr. Ward himself enumerates four of them, and two others I know of myself; and goodness knows how many more there are in the background waiting to be sprung upon us. Why, bless my soul, they are nearly as common as seven-inch Yorkshires! Even "Excelsior" will have to fight his battles on level terms soon; he won't have "rarity" to recommend him. Mr. Ward gives us a list of wins by the Redpoll-Bullie. They are chiefly 2nds, 3rds, and 4ths. Now, Mr. Ward's first wail was, why didn't the judges put him at the top? And my argument is that he isn't fit to go to the top in good company; he hasn't been there this season, either, under a good hybrid judge. Therefore, I begin to feel justified in my contention. I don't in the least want Mr. Ward to think I am running his bird down; on the contrary, I have a very high opinion of him. But, why doesn't he give the bird a chance? Why not let the bird develop instead of running up and down the country? Can a young Crest beat an old one? Can a young Norwich beat an old one? No; because they are short of substance and finish. In a British bird, or Hybrid, they are short of colour in addition. It's like putting a little lad in a ring to fight his father. Mr. Ward asks me a question, "Why did the Canary-Bullie, when very rare, even in his nest feather invariably lead the way?" I don't see how a bird could be exhibited during the show season in his nest feathers. But perhaps I don't catch Mr. Ward's meaning properly. Will he make it more clear, then I will give him my opinion?—T. JOHNSON.

SIR,—I beg to inform Mr. Jackson that my Greenie-Bullie Hybrid had the honour of beating Mr. Williams' Goldie-Bullie Hybrid, at the City of Glasgow Show, October 20th, 1905. The famous Goldie-Bullie was second on that occasion. W. SHARP.

THE STANDARD LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

SIR, I have no intention of indulging in a personal discussion on this matter. My object in writing my article was to remove certain misconceptions and errors which had arisen as to my judging at Plymouth, to vindicate my action, and to draw attention to the fact that in pushing the big birds to the front those so doing are acting in direct opposition to the standards of the Yorkshire Union, which standards have been adopted by each of the different Yorkshire Canary Clubs. Messrs. Bailey, Parrott, Dean, Walsh, and Melhuish all point out what is true that the standard says that the Yorkshire shall not exceed 6¾ inches. Messrs. Broome and Rennie should know that the standards do say, 'That the Yorkshire Canary shall not exceed 6¾ inches," but apparently they do not, and challenge me for proof. Mr. Broome even goes so far as to speak of me as one who "insinuates to bolster up his case." I have no need to "insinuate," and my case does not require to be "bolstered up." I spoke plainly without covert meaning, and my authority is to be found in the standards of the Yorkshire Union. Clause 2 reads, "That the Yorkshire Canary shall not exceed 6¾ inches." Clause 3 deals with the classification, and Clause 4 gives the scale of points. Had either Messrs. Broome or Rennie carefully read the standards which they as Secretaries of the S.Y.C.C. are supposed to uphold, they would never have written as they have done. These standards do forbid the exhibition of birds over 6¾ inches. During the time Mr. H. W. Naylor was Secretary of the Yorkshire Union he used every season to write to the judges engaged by the Union, calling their attention to the standards, and, every now and then, he used to send them a fresh copy of the standards. This has not been done of late years, and that may perhaps account for the fact that some judges have overlooked Clause 2. Mr. Broome thinks I have a lot to learn about Yorkshire Canaries, and it is possible I have. I am continually learning, and am always willing so to do. Yet, I must know a little about the breed, or else the Yorkshire Union would not have done me the honour of inviting me to judge one of its shows for seventeen years in succession. I am perfectly aware that my ideas of what constitutes an exhibition Yorkshire do not find favour with many Southern breeders, but my many friends in Yorkshire evidently think differently, or they would not, year by year, go to the expense of having me down amongst them. I quite agree with Messrs. Broome and Rennie that other judges do put birds to the front that exceed 6¾ inches, but that is no reason why I should follow their example. The standards of the Yorkshire Union are my guide, and not the actions of other judges. Messrs. B. and R. both introduce other names and birds into their letters, but I think it is wise not to deal with such. To do so might lead to personalities, and these I wish to avoid. My desire is to see the Yorkshire Canary judged to the standards of the Yorkshire Union. Mr. Broome asks if it is essential to judge to exact length 6¾ inches. No; it isn't. Birds may be less, but not more, as the standards say distinctly they "shall not exceed 6¾ inches." I never measure a bird when judging unless it strikes me as being abnormally long, and the two exhibits "passed" at Plymouth did so strike me, and subsequent measurement confirmed the fact that my eyes had not deceived me. In a matter of this character I know no man, I fight for principles, and principles only. The standards were compiled after much anxious thought, and with great care, by men who did know something about Yorkshire Canaries, as some of them had bred them for considerably over a quarter of a century. The 6¾ inches limit was imposed to prevent the large coarse birds winning, and for that reason should all who love the Yorkshire, and desire to see it kept as a bird of style and quality, keep as close to the standards as they possibly can. I should like some of the older breeders to give their opinions on this subject, such men as Messrs. John and Matt Broadley, W. Horsman, R. Suteliffe, J. Greaves, C. Murgatroyd, Ted Denton (the old-fashioned Windhill novice), Jos. Wilman, W. Millburn, John Dawson, Jim Overend, Jim Clark, Enoch Smith, John Haigh, Joe Exley, J. S. Clarkson, Luther Varley, J. Lodge, J. Thornton, and last, but not least, he who at Horton is known as "Jack o' Nancy." Few of these will be known to Southern fanciers, but they are well-known in the Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield and Shipley districts. They are all Yorkshiremen, and have almost from their birth been in a "birdy" atmosphere. I have purposely refrained from mentioning any gentlemen who are All England judges. Judging from their letters, Messrs. Broome and Rennie seem to think that in the future the big birds will wax stronger and stronger, and that birds of standard length will not stand much chance upon the show bench. I cannot agree with them, because if it is so then it will mean that the judges who accept appointments at shows under the rules and standards of the Yorkshire Union will be false to their trust, and this I do not believe they will be. Big birds may occasionally win, but the breeders of Yorkshire, I am convinced, will never allow the judges to get very far away from the standards. If those gentlemen in the south who are so fond of the big birds want to test them properly, why don't they send them up north? They would then find if the Yorkshire judges really appreciate birds of standard length, or those which are over. One thing is certain, it is a well-known fact amongst Yorkshire fanciers that if they are selling a show bird to a southern fancier, it is useless sending a bird which would, and could, win in Yorkshire. The southern fanciers want a lot for their money, ignoring the fact that the standards of the Yorkshire Union do say "that the Yorkshire Canary shall not exceed 6¾ inches."

C. A. HOUSE.

SIR,—I shall be glad if Mr. House will inform me on which page in Y.C.C. or S.Y.C.C. Rule Book he read that the Yorkshire "shall not exceed 6¾ inches." I have carefully read both books and fail to find such a statement. Surely, he has misread the rules, or he is juggling with the truth. Under Scale of Points in the Y.C.C. and S.Y.C.C. rule book it states: "Length 6¾ inches, with corresponding symmetrical proportions, 10 points." The only reasonable construction one can attach to such wording is that if a Yorkshire be under or over 6¾ inches it shall have points deducted. That Mr. House exceeded his duty in passing the long birds at Plymouth is the candid opinion of—W. G. ELSMORE.

[The Yorkshire Union's Book of Standards (not the Scale of Points), reads, Clause 2, "shall not exceed 6¾ inches."—EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

RECORD EGG LAYING.

SIR,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS that several gentlemen have had eggs from Canaries already, I am writing to tell you that I had two eggs hatched on January 26th. Both are doing well, and it is quite open for anyone to come and see them. Another hen starts sitting to-day. H. STELLER.

A VERY AFFECTIONATE PARROT.

SIR,—About the year 1864 or '65 I was a soldier of the Royal Artillery stationed at Dinapoor, India, and a comrade of mine in the same battery had a Parrot of the Ring-neck sort. We called it a Mango Parrot; it was not a Rock Parrot, but one of the largest of the Plain Parrots and was, without any exceptions, the plainest speaker I ever heard in my life. It would be a difficult task to find one that could say as much or speak so plainly. One day a general officer came round to inspect us, and among the officers who accompanied him was a staff officer of Engineers acting as aide-de-camp. On his passing, Polly shouted, "Twig his heels." The staff officer inquired who owned the bird, and my comrade told him it was his. He inquired if he would sell it, and the man said yes, if he got 30 rupees or £3 for it. The bargain was struck, and the man was instructed when and where to deliver it, which he did. But for three months the bird never spoke a word. One day the man met the officer and asked him how the bird was getting on, when he got an uncomplimentary reply. High words passed between them and the money was demanded back. My comrade, in turn, said he regretted his parting with the pet, and had used the money or otherwise, would willingly refund it. He told the officer that he would go to his house and prove his innocence of being a rogue, if he would permit him. An appointment was made, and my comrade went to his house and was introduced as the "Scoundrel who exchanged the Parrots." Being highly indignant, he walked up to the Parrot cage and opened the door, when out came Polly, calling him all the endearing names it could think of, kissing and feeding him in every conceivable place and talking all the time. Of course an apology was at once offered to the man, and the owner of the bird and all who were present, with tears in their eyes, said that two such loving friends should never have been parted. The bird was forthwith presented to the man, who walked away with it perched on his shoulder, the cage in his hand and the bird talking all along the road. They were followed by crowds of people and being safely landed in his old quarters I don't think the Parrot ceased talking for some days after. I can vouch for the truth of this, and the owner of the bird is still alive and if he sees this he will also vouch for it.

SERGEANT DAN.

THE MISSING SHOW AT DEWSBURY.

SIR,—Re the above, I sent P.O. value 4s. 6d. for three entries, and I received a postcard from the promoter saying that the show was postponed until the 17th, entries practically nil. I wrote for my money back, for I was showing at Brighouse on that date. I then received another card saying that the show was cancelled, so I again wrote for my money back. But up to the time of writing I have received no word at all. But a friend of mine, Mr. M. Peel, got his money back and a letter stating that the promoter had discharged all his debts. I hope he will just look his books up; then, I think, he will find that at least he has not paid my money. LUTHER DYSON.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARIES AT THE CITY OF GLASGOW SHOW.

SIR,—The Scotch Fancy Canary grew apace under the wing of the City Show until a President arose who did not appreciate the Scotch Fancy. If the Scotch Fancy is to regain its position, we want a President that will uphold the breed. I am not clear as to Mr. Jardine's views, and, at the outset, it might be well that he should declare himself through your columns on his attitude to the Scotch Fancy Canary, and whether he would be prepared to support a proposal to give more substantial prize money in order to encourage its exhibition. Say, 30s., 25s., 20s., 15s., 10s., and 5s. This may be a bit extravagant, but something of the kind is needed. What do your correspondents say?—A SCOTCH FANCIER.

A RIFT IN THE LUTE AT DULWICH.

SIR,—I was very much surprised to read a paragraph in last week's CAGE BIRDS to the effect that it had been decided to form a new society for Dulwich, "to meet the requirements of the locality." Have the gentlemen concerned in this new venture overlooked the fact that birdy enthusiasts in the district are already amply catered for by the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.? This up-to-date and progressive Club has been in existence some five years, and, included on its roll of 150 odd members, are many of the most practical men in the Fancy. A goodly array of cups, bowls, and medals are given each year for competition, whilst interesting lectures and debates are also held from time to time during the season. Hence, I would ask, Sir, why the need for a new Society in this district? I hope fanciers in Dulwich will remain loyal to the old Club that has stood the test of time, and thus help the Society to once again secure the confidence of the Fancy which it so highly prized prior to the late show. LOCAL FANCIER.

SIR,—We owe so much of our past success to your very valued and much appreciated assistance, that I almost fear to ask for any further favours. I trust, however, that you will kindly grant me a little space in which to state that the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. is in no way whatever connected with any kindred organisation in Dulwich. This explanation would not perhaps be necessary but for the fact that some fanciers might possibly confuse this old original Club with a new Society, which I note by your columns last week, is in course of formation in the district. Fanciers will have seen from the report which you published of the proceedings at the recent special general meeting that great efforts are being put forth by the members of the Dulwich and Peckham Club to regain the prominent position in the Fancy which it undoubtedly held prior to the late regrettable show. With this end in view, the headquarters have been changed, and the work of the Club will henceforth be conducted from the more central and commodious premises. The personnel of the Society has also been very materially altered, and many of the new officials are themselves well known breeders and exhibitors, whose names will at once command the confidence of fanciers throughout the country. They will see to it that no such unfortunate hitch occurs at any future show as that associated with the last open exhibition. The Committee have decided that on February 20th next they will hold a "house warming" at their new headquarters, the Montpelier, Choumert Road, Peckham. Several gentlemen have promised to provide a really high-class entertainment, and ladies will be specially invited. Several influential gentlemen in the Fancy have promised to attend, including Messrs. R. L. Crisp and J. Ruben. It is hoped members will take this opportunity of being present, and become acquainted with the new home, which has many advantages. The Pair Show will not be held this year, thus "house-warming" taking its place. I would therefore, Sir, appeal to all interested in our hobby within a radius of ten miles to place themselves in communication with me at 209 Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich.

A. W. HODSON, Hon. Secretary.

OUR GREAT BIRTHDAY NUMBER.

A Few More Opinions from Readers.

Very pleased with the Birthday Number and lovely plates.—G. Street (Highgate).

I was highly delighted with the Birthday Number.—H. E. Parrott (Woybridge).

The Birthday Number was a treat. Mr. Goodchild's "Popular Parrots" beats everything. —D. Thomas (Portmadoc).

Every success to CAGE BIRDS; long may it reign. Your Birthday Number was the best yet.—C. Corston (Gateshead).

I think the Birthday Number a regular "knock-out." This is the general opinion here in Exeter.—J. Rushmere (Exeter).

I would like to congratulate you on the Birthday Number; I was very much pleased with it.—Thos. H. Brooks (Elton).

I think your Birthday Number, with its beautiful coloured plates, was marvellous for the price.—Edgar Verity (Halifax).

When I received my Birthday Number, it was one of those surprises you give us from time to time.—Lance Hall (Sec. Newfield S.O., Co. Durham).

The Birthday Number was a great production. The coloured plates were fine, whilst the art supplement contained many interesting items. —C. Houlton (St. Helens).

I wish CAGE BIRDS every success. Again the Birthday Number was splendid, and your coloured plates are a credit to the artists Messrs. Goodchild and Norman.—A. SOMERS (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

Allow me to congratulate you on the Birthday Number. I think the plates are beautiful. Many happy returns of the day to CAGE BIRDS—a most interesting and instructive paper.—Mrs. C. W. Marshall (Sheffield).

Your Birthday Number is excellent. The three plates are very good, far and away the best I have ever seen. I think you beat all former records, and wish you further success. —Greenhorn (Mid-Calder).

It is with great pleasure that I pen these few lines to congratulate you on such a grand Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS; also on the most useful articles it contains, and the beautiful plates.—Albert Burtenshaw (Worthing).

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS and have taken it in from the first, but I could do with a "Birthday Number" coming oftener. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.—J. Richardson, Sec. of the Birkenhead Canary Fanciers' Association.

The Birthday Number is well worth the money. The plate of the Crest Canary alone is worth 3d.; it is a splendid production. The more one looks at the plates, the more life-like they look. May success crown the coming year. —W. H. Hitchingham (Barnsley).

I was most delighted with your Birthday Number. It reflects great credit on your artists, Messrs. Goodchild and Norman, and the management of CAGE BIRDS in giving your readers such a grand threepenny worth. Wishing you every success in the future.—F. H. E. Handscombe (Walthamstow).

Allow me to congratulate you on the superexcellence of the Birthday Number, especially the coloured supplement. They are a complete masterpiece, more particularly Mr. Goodchild's fine plate. The Amazon Parrot represented therein is the best production on paper I have ever seen, and is unsurpassable by any living subject.—F. W. Lane (Belfast).

Allow me to compliment you on the way in which you celebrated the birthday of CAGE BIRDS. I consider the Starling is about the best picture in the matter of detail of colouring I have ever seen. Mr. Goodchild's plate, "Popular Parrots," too, is a splendid piece of work. —T. Wilson (Fulham, S.W.).

I must thank you for the life-like production of my buff Norwich in your grand Birthday Number. There is no doubt the thanks of the whole cage-bird fancy are due to you for giving them the opportunity of procuring at so small a cost so stupendous a number as the Birthday Number.—A. Grey (Morpeth).

Allow me to add one more drop in the ocean of praise of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. As an old breeder and keeper of birds for 20 years, I have taken in all and sundry of the Fancy papers as they have come (and, alas, some gone!), but CAGE BIRDS is the best of all of them, week in and week out, whilst each Birthday Number fairly out-does its predecessor.—R. J. SKELTON, (Dorking).

Please accept my hearty congratulations for your Birthday Number. It was simply superb. I have not finished enjoying it yet. Although being a breeder of Canaries and a British bird fancier for a good number of years, I am only a recent reader of your paper. I see what I have lost. The like of your Birthday Number I never saw in my life. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.—Wm. Hardie (Dumbarton).

I was very pleased with the picture of the Ring-necked Parrakeet in Mr. Goodchild's excellent plate, writes Mr. G. W. Ballington (Cresswell). I was wanting to see one, in order to compare it with the one I have. I was recommended to show it and I got 1st at Matlock (open), 2nd at Newark, he at Ilkeston, 1st and special at Cresswell and 2nd at Calow. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for 12 months and I got my first bird through an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. Wishing it success.

Have you given the notice respecting CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL for 1908 your attention?

THE SHOWS.

WINCHESTER & DIS. F.F. & C.A.

A table show was held at the Westgate Assembly Room, on January 29th and was very well attended, considerable interest being manifested. Between seventy and eighty birds were sent, many of them being of high-class quality. These were judged by Mr. W. Waters. Mr. Huntley showed his well-known Mule, "The Star of Winchester," winner of many prizes. A paper dealing with the difficulties of Hybrid breeding was read by Mr. Huntley. A cage-bird judging competition was won by Mr. A. W. Timms. There was a very good attendance, and the room proved to be an excellent one for the show, being nicely warmed. The arrangements were carried out by a committee and the indefatigable hon. secretary, Mr. H. F. Savage.

YORKS. PAIRS FOR BREEDING: 1, 2, Gamble. SINGLE: 1, Gamble. NOR.: 1, 3, Schneider; 2, Mortara. PAIRS: 1, 2, Schneider. GOLDFINCH MULES: 1, 3, Huntley; 2, Schneider. GOLDFINCHES, ETC.: 1, 2, Hayward; 3, Schneider. LINNETS: 1, Hayward; 2, Drew; 3, Gamble. PAIRS FOR HYBRID BREEDING: 1, Schneider; 2, Gamble; 3, Huntley. COMMON: 1, Mrs. Dicks. CREST: 1, Lampard. A.O.V.: 1, Mrs. Dicks (a Parrot).—F. H. Huntley.

WELSH GAGE BIRD CLUB.

This show was held at the Court Room, Workmen's Institute, Mountain Ash, on January 30th. The room is most suitable in every respect for such an exhibition, and the members of the Welsh Cage Bird Club may well congratulate themselves on selecting Mountain Ash as the place for holding their first members' show. A more experienced and up-to-date body of fanciers it would be hard to find in the Principality, and everything passed off without the least hitch. The schedule was a credit to those who were responsible for its arrangement, and the entry good, considering the short time allowed for working up the show. The chief item in connection with the show was the drawing competitions, confined to local school children. The work turned out by the children seemed to take all visitors to the show by great surprise. In the class for any age, the entries totalled 51, and in the class for scholars not exceeding 12 years of age, the entries totalled 36. The judge of the drawing competitions was Mr. E. Jenkins, whose selections seemed to be well received, both by the children and visitors to the show. Judging by the way this competition has been taken up, it would seem that it is one of the best possible side issues to a cage bird show. All the schools here are so interested, that the drawing of birds is fast becoming a speciality in the schools. The winning drawings were taken from plates issued by the Fancy Press, and the successful competitors were all either children of fanciers, or closely related to fanciers. The cage birds were judged by Mr. E. G Danger, and his awards were generally well received. Secretary and manager, T. L. Castree. The special prize winners were Messrs. J. Pritchard, D. H. Tedstone, F. J. Eynor, Lewis and Dymond, G. Gregory, D. Jones, J. H. Jones, D. Jenkins, H. W. Sheldon, D. L. Eynon, W. J. Card, Lewis and Dymond, M. Evans, H. Rodwick, J. Jeffereys, T. L. Castree, B. Davies.

Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Harford, typical, good size, shape, and quality; 2, 4, Pritchard, leader nice stamp, close up; 3, Eynon, another good one, often commented on: vhc, Bradford. NOR. CL. BUFF (9): 1, Cooling, rattling coloured buff; 2, Eynon, another good one, as was also 3, Jones; 4, Harford; vhc, hc, c, Pritchard. NOR. TK., ETC. (6): 1, Eynon, ticked, lovely meal, often commented on; 2, 3, Tedstone, leader a good variegated, typical and good quality, 3rd a ticked yell. of sound Norwich properties, glad to see Mr. Tedstone has a few left it to win, after the dastardly tricks played on his stock; 4, vhc, hc, c, Pritchard. NOR. HEN (12): 1, Pritchard, clear buff, a sound, good-coloured and typical hen; 2, Cooling, cl. yell., pressed hard, good shape and quality; 3, Eynon, tick yellow, another good one, close up; 4, Harford; vhc, hc, c, Jones. NOR. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Eynon, variegated buff of sound Norwich properties, good in colour; 2, Sheldon, tick yell., must have pressed winner hard, lovely texture, very typical; 3, Tedstone, cl. yell., of good size and shape; 4, Pritchard; vhc, c, Cleaves; hc, Sheldon. MATCHED PAIRS (£3 limit; 5): 1, 4, Pritchard, leaders a well-balanced pair, of medium size, most suitable for even-marked breeding; 2, Tedstone, another good pair, the cock rather heavily browed, but hen well balanced; 3, Bradford, variegated buff ck., clear yell. hen, looked likely to produce something good. CRESTS (2): 1, Lewis and Dymond, heavily variegated dark Crest, good, all-round bird, and will improve; 2, Evans, grizzle Crest, of good size and length of feather. C.B. (1): 1, Lewis and Dymoud, variegated buff, good length of head feather. YORKS. CL. YELL (8): 1, 2, Gregory, with a pair of typical birds. YORKS. CL. BUFF (4): 1, Jones, lovely quality, like a rush, a good one; 2, 3, Gregory, leader good, lengthy bird, full of Yorkie properties; 3, a good bird, wants little more training; 4, Williams. YORKS. UNEV. MKD. (5): 1, Cleaver, good length, style, and colour; 2, vhc, Gregory, pressed hard; 3, 4, Jones, with another good one. YORKS. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 4, Jones, leader a buff, like a gun barrel, and full of the right properties; 2, vhc, Gregory, another fine stamp of bird; 3, Cleaves, presses hard. YORKS. HEN (7): 1, 2, Jones, with a pair of taking hens, just the stamp to breed good ones; 3, Cleaves, another good hen, close up; 4, Rees; vhc, hc, Gregory. YORKS. PAIRS (£3 limit) (2): 1, Gregory; 2, Cleaves, well placed, two well-matched pairs. SCOTCH FANCY CL. (4): 1, spl best Canary in show, B. Davies, buff, good top, grand reach, and works well, a good selection; 2, 3, Jones, often commented upon; 4, Andrews. SCOTCH TKD., ETC. (3): 1, 2, Jones, leader variegated buff, wins well, 2nd another good one; 3, Davies, an old favourite, and will win again, no doubt. CINN. (1): 3, spl, Davies, nice buff. BORD. YELL. OR BUFF EVEN MKD. (5): 1, 2, Jenkins, with pair of sweet little birds, in tip-top form; 3, Shildon, another little beauty, like wax; 4, Cooling. BORD. CL. CK., ETC. (3): 1, 2, Jenkins, again needing no comment; 3, Cooling, smart-looking little chappie. A.O.V. (5): 1, vhc, Pritchard, 4-pointed buff Nor. leading; 2, Davies, Belgian, looking well; 3, Cooling, 4-pointed buff Border, very smart; 4, Tedstone, 4-pointed yell. Nor., might have been higher. A.V. UNFLIG. (except Nor. and Yorks.) (1): Jones, Scotch Fancy. A.O.V. PAIRS (£3 limit) (11): 1, Sheldon, Borders. NOVICE A.V. CAN. (7): 1, hc, Eynon, leader nice Nor.; 2, Andrews, decent Scotch; 3, Card, typical yell. YORKS.; 4, Rees; vhc, Bradford. SELL. 25/-: 1, Eynon; 2, Longdon; 3, Beard.—SELL. 10/-: 1, spl, Beard; 2, Cooling; 3, Card. A.V. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Jones, Scotch Fancy; 2, 4, Card, Yorks.; 3, Bradford, Norwich; vhc, Andrews; hc, Williams. CAN. MULE TKD., ETC.: 1, spl, Lewis and Dymond, yell. Goldie-Canary, nice condition. CAN. MULE DARK (2): 1, Lewis and Dymond, Goldie leading. HY. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl, Evans; 2, Longdon, two very nice hybrids, well placed. GOLD. HOUSE-MOULTED (5): 1, 2, vhc, Lewis and Dymoud, two grand Finches; 3, Longdon, another good Finch. GOLD. BLACKLEG (4): 1, Lewis and Dymoud, a very promising Finch; 2, Jeffereys, close up; 3, Jones, another nice Goldie; 4, Tedstone. BULL., ETC. (3): 1, Roderick, good coloured Bullie; 2, Jefferys, equally good coloured, yellow Greenie; 3, Jones. LINNET (3): 1, Jefferys, beautifully-laced Linnet, a good one; 2, Roderick, nicely laced, but a hen; 3, Lewis and Dymond, some thought might have been higher. SIS., ETC. (3): 1, Longdon, Twite, good; 2, Castree, nice Siskin; 3, Jones, good field-moulted Redpoll, trifle pale; 4, Jefferys. A.O.V. HARDBILL (4): 1, 3, Lewis and Dymond, Hawfinch with good bib, and steady, 3rd Cornbunting, nice size and markings; 2, Williams, Brambling, good size and spangling; 4, Castree. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, 2, Castree, Ring Ouzel leading: 2, Blackbird. HEN A.V. (5): 1, Card, steady Bullie, good size; 2, 3, Castree, 2 is a Ring Ouzel, 3 is a Chaffinch, lovely texture and steady. NOVICE A.V.: 1, 4, vhc, Card, Magpie; 2, Bradford, Goldfinch, nice tanning, and blaze; 3, Eynon, Goldie; c, Bradford. FOR SMALL: 1, 2, Jones.

DRAWING COMPETITIONS.—Open to school children, any age, for best crayon drawings of a British Goldfinch, natural colour (51): 1, Master T. Falder, age 12 years; 2, Miss E. Castree, 11 years; 3 Miss C. Davies, 11 years; vhc, Master W. Cooling, 12 years; hc, Master F. Smith, 12 years; c, Master Wm. Bluett, 12 years. For the best crayon drawing of a Brit. Bullfinch, nat. col., confined to school children under 12 years (36): Miss L. Castree, aged 11 years; 2, Miss E. Castree, 9 years; 3, Master W. D. Christopher, 11 years; vhc, Miss C. Davies, 11 years; r, Master B. Price and Miss L. Castree; hc, Master S. Hale; c, Master I. Davies.

DUDLEY.

The first show in connection with this new flourishing society, was held January 29th and 30th, in the Crown Hotel Assembly Room. This is one of the finest rooms in the Midlands, being nicely heated, both by fires and hot water, and lighted at night by the electric light, so that the exhibits had every comfort bestowed on them. Entries turned up well in all sections, averaging ten per class throughout, which put the officials on good terms with themselves. We cannot speak too highly of the management, as all of them, from the chairman downwards, worked like Trojans for the well-being of the exhibits. The Chairman is Mr. A. Weeks, and the Vice-Chairman Mr. J. Watchorn. Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Bill; committee, Messrs. Raybould, Fallows, Dudley, Jennings, Capewell, Hingley, Pearcey, Frost, Russon and Jones. The Secretaries are Messrs. J. G. Leech, J. Mullett, and W. H. Bill, to whom very great credit is undoubtedly due. All birds were attended to as they arrived, and were staged in good time. Cards, too, were very quickly put up. In every class winners at recent shows had to stand cardless, as competition was very keen. Yorkshires came up well, and over seventy were staged in the five classes provided. The special for best Yorks in show went to Mr. Howes, with a clinking variegated yell. The Crests were a very fine lot indeed, Mr. Rose winning first with a beauty. Crest-breds, although lacking in quantity, were good in quality; the winning bird of Mr. King's was one of the best seen for many a day. The Hybrids were very hot indeed, and, as the judge remarked, they were the finest lot seen out this show season. Mr. Ward's noted Redpoll-Bullie gained chief honours in one class, and Mr. Lawrence's Canary-Bullie in the other, both birds being of exceptional merit. The British birds were very fine indeed. In the small Softbills, Mr. Hingley's Treecreeper was a gem of the first water; in the larger class Mr. Chick's well-known Chough got first. There were no less than 19 Goldfinches staged, and two sets of winners could have been easily chosen. Bullfinches made a grand display, Mr. Jupe winning with a beauty. The foreign classes contained some choice birds, and we were very sorry indeed to see Mr. Williams' noted "King Bird of Paradise" wrong classed, as, in the opinion of the judge, it should have been shown in the class "smaller than a Cockatiel." Mr. Robson judged.

Critique.

CRESTS: 1, Rose, very nice grey Crest, fine length of feather, good body and substance; 2, Ingram, good, even-marked dark Crest, well radiated; 3, King, we liked much, very fine, velny feather, comes well over beak, staged to perfection; 4, Russon, very nice, even-marked, good quality feather; vhc, Edwards; hc, Mrs. Mullet; c, Watchorn, very fine class indeed. CREST-BRED: 1, spl, King, very massive skulled Green, marvel for size, good quality and quantity of head feather, wins easy; 2, Rose, variegated, nice, lovely cushioned head, abundance of feather; 3, Edwards, very nice bird indeed; 4, Russon, variegated buff, rare length of head feather, nicely groomed; r, Watchorn. CINN. (3): 1, 2, Exton, two grand birds, little to choose between them, the buff getting the priority; 3, Russon, nice pencilled buff of good size. NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (7): 1, Male, good one, grand shape, rare body and front, nice colour and condition; 2, vhc, Symonds and Son, another good clear, fine front, rare finish, we liked it very much; 3, Williams, nice type and quality, grand colour; 4, Davies, nice head, well filled in neck, well cut; hc, Weeks. BUFF: 1, Gwilliam, nice ticked, good head and neck, wings well braced, nice quality of feather, wins; 2, Weaver, clear, grand shape, neat head, another good one; 3, Watchorn, another nice one, well shown; r, Guest. UNEVEN MKD., ETC. (3): 1, 2, Davies, variegated yell. and buff; 3, Raybould, tick left wing, nice head, good shape, splendid colour. HEN. CL., ETC. (7): 1, Gwilliams, good sized buff, good type, nice, rich colour; 2, Symonds, good head and neck, nice quality feather; 3, Weaver, another good buff, soft feather, good level colour; 4, Raybould, another fine bird, nice type, good feather and condition; r, Garfield; vhc, Capewell.—NOR. UNFLIG. (11): 1, spl, Gwilliam, grand variegated buff, nice, cobby shape, good feather and colour, grand exhibit; 2, Guest, very fine yell., good silky feather, nice shape, grand wing carriage; 3, Neal, clear buff, nice quality and type, well-finished; 4, Symond and Son, splendid yell., grand head, good quality of feather, sweet shape; r, Symonds and Son; vhc, Weaver; hc, Raybould; c, Hall. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Hawes, nice clear, grand long-sided bird, good position, well staged; 2, Howes, another nice clear, good shape and quality, grand position; 3, Murgatroyd and Son, still another good clear, fine head and back, nice pipe tail; 4, Fallows, nice quality, good position; r, Raybould, very neat, grand type, we liked; vhc, Williams; hc Jenning; c, Martin. BUFF (11): 1, Murgatroyd and Son, good uneven mkd. buff, very lengthy, good shape, nice quality; 2, Dyke, variegated yell., neat head, good stand; 3, Ellesmoro, variegated yell., grand type and quality; 4, Watchorn, Green, nice position and quality, well up on leg, neat wings; r, Hawes, very nice cinnamon-mkd; wrong class, Raybould. HEN, A.V. (13): 1, Ellesmore, grand shape and quality, feathered like wax; 2, Dyke, nice tick buff, well up on leg; 3, Hawes, variegated buff, good style, nice head and tail; 4, William, nice cinnamon-mkd, good style, nice colour; r, Murgatroyd and Son; vhc, Millincamp; hc, Howes; c, Ellesmore. YORKS. UNFLIG.: 1, hc, spl best in show, Howes, good variegated yell., typical and full of quality, well up on perch, good head, wings and tail, shown for all he was worth; 2, Whittaker, nice buff, grand position, good colour and quality of feather; 3, Hawes, clear buff, very neat in head, nice shape, good stand; 4, Millincamp, very fair yell., nice type; r, Murgatroyd and Son; vhc, Dyke; c, Jennings. A.O.V. (7): 1, Whittaker, nice Belgian leading, good style, soon gets in position; 2, vhc, Fisher, two good Lizards, silver leading, nice cap, well spangled, good colour; 3, Symonds and Son, grand even mkd. Norwich, good head, nice shape, well shown; 4, William, neat yell. Border Fancy; hc, Mrs. Mullet. LIGHT HYBRID (including Can. Bullfinch), one of the finest classes ever seen in the Midlands, and took some sorting out; 1, 2, Lawrance, Canary Bullie, in grand plumage and condition, grand exhibits; 2, Greenie-Bullie, one of the best seen on the bench for many a day, shows parentage well; 3, 4, Lees, 4-pointed buff leading, followed by the well-known 4-pointed yell. Goldie-Canary, both in best condition; r, vhc, Hingley, grand Siskin-Linnet in nice plumage; hc, Edwards. DARK (19), truly a grand class, all staged to perfection, every bird fit for first honours: 1, 2, Ward, noted Redpoll-Bullie, shows both parents well, nice quality of feather, good size, grand head and breast, good win, 2 well-known Linnet-Bullie, too well known to need further comment; 3, vhc, Hingley, very smart Redpoll-Canary, in the pink of condition, deserved its place; 4, Leigh, noted yellow Greenfinch-Canary, looking his best to-day; r, Tonks, good Goldie-Greenie; hc, Lawrance; c, Walsh. BRIT. SMALL: 1, 4, vhc, c, Hingley, 1 grand Treecreeper, well-known, good plumage, 4th nice conditioned Chiffchaff; 2, Walsh, grand Wryneck, good markings, nice condition; 3, Chick, grand Wheateater, in splendid plumage, steady as a rock; hc, Walsh. LARGE: 1, spl, 2, Chick, grand Chough leading, good coloured bill and legs, followed by a splendid Magpie; 3, Hingley, nice Thrush, in grand plumage, well-mooned; r, Raybould, clinking good Blackbird. GOLDFINCH (19): 1, spl, 3, Hurst, two good Finches, 1st good, square-cut blaze, nice moons and condition, 3 good body shape, nice moons; 2, Jupe, shapely, good body colour, nicely mooned; 4, Harris, good square blaze, well-coloured breast, splendid bars; r, Osborne, another good Finch, hard to find a fault with; vhc, Swingler and Blackwell; hc, Tonks; c, Hawkins. BULLFINCH (14): 1, Jupe, good cap, nice coloured breast, grand size, very steady; 2, 3, Hurst, very good ones, hard to part; 4, Chick, lovely cap and breast colour, nice size and shape; r, Osborne; vhc, Walsh; hc, Caunt; c, Weaver. LINNET: 1, 2, Walsh, good all round, nicely pencilled, great size, little to choose between them, very steady; 3, Hurst, good colour, well pencilled, fine size; 4, Coffey, another good all-round bird; vhc, Hartley and Atkinson; hc, Edwards; c, Fisher, very fine class indeed. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Hawkins, grand Siskin, good cap and bib, nice quality of feather; 2, Caunt, very fine Twite; 3, Coffey, grandly marked Redpoll; 4, Hurst, nicely laced Siskin; r, c, Tonks, mealy Redpoll; vhc, Henshaw; hc, Osborne. GREENFINCH (15), another fine selection, hard task to separate them: 1, Hurst, well-known winner, needs no comment; 2, Henshaw, good size and shape, nice colour; 3, Sharp, another very fine one, in grand condition; 4, Coffey, splendid Greenie; vhc, Cooper; hc, Neal; c, Osborne; r, Weaver. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 4, Coffey, beautiful Bramble, in grand fettle, steady as they make them, 4 Chaffinch, good colour and condition, very steady; 2, Gay, nice Chaffinch; 3, Swingler and Son, another good Bramble; vhc, Barry Bros.; hc, Osborne; c, Hingley, a fine lot. HARDBILL (11): 1, spl, Osborne, grand body colour, nice bib, not so large as some in class, but shown to perfection; 2, Walsh, Yellowhammer, very smart, good colour and pencilling; 3, Hurst, very large Hawfinch; 4, Hingley, another nice conditioned Hawfinch; r, Capewell; hc, Swingler and Blackwell; c, Edwards, very nice class. FOREIGN SMALL (11): 1, Fallow, very fine pair of Pope Cardinals, but many thought should not have been so high up; surely this was a mistake; 2, Caunt, grand Bloodrump, which some thought should have won; 3, Hingley, good pair of black-headed Gouldian Finches; 4, William, very good scarlet Tanager; r, Jewess; vhc, Jones; hc, Miss Saxton; c, Walsh. LARGE (9): 1, spl, 3, Hadley, Barnard Parrakeet leading, followed by grand Swainson Lorry, two nice exhibits leading, nice condition; 2, 4, r, vhc, hc, c, Leech, good grey Parrot leading, in nice plumage, well staged, full of talk, followed by very nice lot of blue-fronted Amazons; wrong class, Williams, noted King Bird of Paradise. Special for best Norwich in show was won by Neal, 2 best, Gwilliams. Best Yorks, Howes, 2nd best, Murgatroyd and Son. The following members won specials: Raybould 5, Hingley 6, Russon, Fallows, Leech 2. Special for best Canary shown by a member was won by Raybould, also 2nd best in show with a Yorks. and a Norwich respectively.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Members' show, held Jan. 18th. Judge, Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington). The birds were of excellent quality. Messrs. Aspinall, Norris and Slater won specials in amateur Yorkshires; Messrs. Slater, Deakin and Fenton, amateur Norwich; and Messrs. Wilson, Collinson and Clarke in Novice Yorkshires.

AMATEUR CLASSES.—CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Aspinall; 2, Norris; 4, Clarke; vhc, Jones. BUFF: 1, 3, Dalzell; 2, Aspinall; 4, Norris. TICK YELL.: 1, Norris; 2, D. Bardsley; 3, Aspinall; 4, Jones. TICK BUFF: 1, 2, Aspinall; 3, Dalzell; 4, Clarke. YELL. HENS: 1, D. Bardsley; 2, Aspinall; 3, Norris; 4, Jones. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Aspinall; 2, 4, Slater; NAT. COL. CK.: 1, Aspinall. HENS: 1, 2, 3, Aspinall. YELL. NOR. 1907: 1, Slater. BUFF: 1, Aspinall; 2, Deakin; 3, 4, vhc, Slater; hc, Connor Bros. YELL. HENS: 1, Slater. BUFF: 1, Slater. YELL. NOR.: 1, Fenton. BUFF: 1, Connor Bros.; 2, Fenton; 3, vhc, Deakin; 4, hc, Slater. BUFF HENS: 1, Connor Bros.; 2, 4, Slater; 3, Fenton. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Clarke; 2, Wilson; 3, Collinson; 4, Jones; vhc, Hall. BUFF: 1, Collinson; 2, Dalzell; 3, Eyres. TICK YELL.: 1, Collinson; 2, Jones; 3, c, Self; 4, Clarke; vhc, Wilson; hc, Dalzell. BUFF: 1, Eyres; Clarke; vhc, Wilson; hc, Dalzell. YELL. HENS: 2, 4, Wilson; 3, Kenyon; vhc, Jones. YELL. HENS: 1, 4, Wilson; 2, Dalzell; 3, Clarke; vhc, Eyres; hc, Hall. BUFF: 1, Collinson; 2, Wilson; 3, Dalzell; 4, c, Kenyon vhc, Clarke; hc, Self. NAT. COL. CK.: 1, 2, Firth. HEN: 1, 2, Firth. BUFF NOR. 1907: 1, 2, 3, Deakin. NAT. COL. HEN: 1, Woods. 1907: 1, 2, 3, Deakin. NAT. COL. HEN: 1, Woods. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Odell; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Fish; 3, Woods; c, Firth. MULE: 1, Aspinall; 2, Fenton; 3, Fish. COTTAGE CLASS: 1, Dr. Lakin; 2, Campbell; 3, A. Slater; 4, Mrs. Dixon; vhc, Baker. PARROTS: 1, 2, Harrop. Table show held Jan. 29th; Messrs. Collinson and Dalzell having tied with 54 points for Mr. Aspinall's cup, they each nominated four birds which were judged by Mr. F. W. Nelsnn (Stockport). Result: Collinson, 1, 3, 4, c, 21 points; Dalzell, 2, vhc, hc, r, 15 points. Mr. Collinson wins Aspinall cup, Mr. Dalzell wins Slater's gold medal.—JOHN DAVEY, Hon. Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

The final members' show, in connection with the medal competition, was held on February 1st. Competition was very keen, some well-known winners being staged. Mr. R. Carr judged to everybody's satisfaction. Mr. W. Morcment gained first prize medal, Mr. L. Casey second, and Mr. W. Swaine third.

CL. YELL: 1, Swaine; 2, Padgett; 3, Casey; vhc, Bottomley; hc, Morcment; c, Hudson. BUFF: 1, Coates; 2, 3, Casey; vhc, hc, Swaine; c, Morement. TICK. YELL. : 1, 3, Casey; 2, Shoesmith; vhc, Bracewell; hc, c, Swaine. BUFF: 1, Armstrong; 2, hc, c, Bottomley; 3, Shoesmith; vhc, Casey. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Cascy; 2, Morement; 3, Hudson; vhc, Padgett; c, Armstrong. BUFF: 1, Bracewell; 2, Swaine; 3, Morement; vhc, Hudson; hc, c, Morement. FOUL MARK.: 1, 3, Bottomley; 2, Casey; vhc, Coates; hc, Swaine; c, Morement. CINN. BUFF: 1, Armstroug. CINN. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Swaine. BUFF: 1, Armstrong. SELL. : 1, 2, Bracewell. NOVICE YELL. CK.: 1, Hilcs; 2, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Hilcs; 2, 3, Taylor. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Bilcs; 3, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Taylor.—J. POWNALL, Sec.

SALE OPEN O.S.

On January 27, we held the first of our season's table shows, which was devoted entirely to the Norwich Plainhead. Mr. J. Raynes, Secretary of the N.P.C., judged and the following is a list of his awards.

CL. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Smith; 2, Irlam. BUFF (2): 1, Smith; 2, Morgan. TICK. YELL. (2): 1, Fildes; 2, Irlam. BUFF (4): 1, Smith; 2, 4, Hardcastle; 3, Irlam. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Smith; 2, Morgan; 3, vhc, c, Hardcastle; 4, Field; hc, Irlam. BUFF (8): 1, 2, c, Hardcastle; 3, Field; 4, Irlam; vhc, Field; hc, Morgan. YELL. UNFLI. (5): 1, Irlam; 2, Fildes; 3, 4, Hardcastle; vhc, Smith. BUFF (7): 1, Fildes; 2, Irlam; 3, hc, Hardcastle; 4, Smith; vhc, Field; c, Hurst. Mr. G F. Hardcastle won the gold centre medal for most points in the eight classes, counting 49 points, Mr. J. Irlam running up with 29 points. Mr. Raynes afterwards gave a paper on the Norwich Plainhead, which was listened to with great attention. Several questions were asked and Mr. Raynes suitably replied, the discussion proving very interesting.—GEO. F. HARDCASTLE, Hon. Sec.

THORNTON HEATH.

The cage bird section of the show of the Thornton Heath Fanciers' Association, held at the Public Hall, on January 29th and 30th, was, unfortunately, very poorly supported, four classes out of the ten scheduled being cancelled, and two others amalgamated. The cause was said to be owing to the show not being held under C.B.U. licence. Only twenty-four entries were received, but amongst the exhibits were several very nice birds, notably the winning Linnet, Goldfinch, and Mule. The birds were nicely staged, and the whole of the arrangements ably carried out by the committee, of which Mr. F. Phelps is chairman, and Mr. E. Jeffries, vice-chairman. Messrs. Bensley and Knott made a brace of courteous and hardworking officials, and everything went smoothly and well. Mr. R. E. Spinner made the awards, and fault-finding was scarce.

NORWICH YELL AND BUFF: Both cancelled. CREST, ETC. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Scott, wing and eye marked, crest-hred, capital shape and width, good frontal, and nice feather, 2nd clear body Crest, nice centre and droop, on the small side.—YORKS. (4): 1, 2, Gunnell, two nice, stylish, fine quality yellows, of good shape; vhc, Humfryes; c, Gadd. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 3, c, Gunnell, two smart, close feathered Goldies, winner very bright in colour, and best blaze; 2, Baker, Goldie, larger in blaze and body, nice style, hardly so tight; vhc, Tanner. MULE (6): 1, 3, Gunnell, 1st Redpoll-Greenfinch, very close and smart in feather, shows the cross well, 3rd pretty little Siskin-Canary, nice colour, feather and marking; 2, Tanner, Linnet-Greenfinch, nice feather and markings. A.O.V. (amalgamated with Siskin, etc.) (5): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Gunnell, large, shapely, well-marked, nice coloured Linnet, 2nd very pretty, well-marked Siskin, nice colour, vhc good coloured Yellowhunting. SELL. 15/-, and GIFT, cancelled.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The annual members' pair show was held at the Church Institute, Paddington-street, on January 25th, and proved a great success. Entries totalled 158, or three less than last year, which constituted a record. The reputation for the strength of the Plainhead breeders was well maintained, there being no less than 35 pairs in the three classes; but they were once more outnumbered by the Yorkshires, which numbered 38 pairs in three classes. Crests and Crestbreds totalled 21 in two classes, and these were birds of great merit and quite a feature of the show. the winning pair belonging to Mr. J. Pooley. They secured the lovely oil painting presented by Mr. J. A. Marley. The Crested hen, indeed, was admitted by one of the greatest authorities in that variety to be the best out this season. If only a quarter of the 35 pairs for producing hybride are successful, we shall see some rare crosses; but if a guess might bo hazarded, disappointment looms ahead. The Association's 12 cups and other trophies were on view in a large glass case, and were the object of much admiration. Mr. A. W. Curtis, in the absence of the secretary, carried out the secretarial duties with conspicuous ability, and was ably supported hy Messrs. F. Turner, F. Wyse, E. C. Offord, A. W. Hart, and W. Shepherd. The hall was kept at a nice temperature, and the day was bright and dry. The judge, Mr. J. S. Clarke, gave the greatest satisfaction. Points specials were won by Messrs. W. Page (cup), J. Buckman, A. Head, J. Pooley, H. Dickinson, G. Menhenett, S. Wynn, G. Saytch, Dr. Rountree, J. Goodall, Cooper Bros., and F. J. Martin.

CHAMPION NOR. A.V. (21): 1, spl, c, Cooper Bros.; 2, extra 3, hc, Martin; 3, Curtis; vhc, spl, Wynn; vhc, Hart. AMATEUR (7): 1, 2, hc, Buckman; 3 vhc, c, Burn. NOVICE (7): 1, 2, Head; 3, c, Lathlieff; vhc, Saytch; hc, Knight. CHAM. CRESTS (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, and three spls, Pooley. AMATEUR (14): 1, hc, Dickinson; 2, Offord; 3, vhc, Mugford; c, Sanders. CHAM. YORKS. (13): 1, 3, Davis; 2, vhc, Crisp; hc, c, Easterling. AMATEUR (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Page. NOVICE (15): 1, spl, hc, Simpson; 2, 3, two vhc's, two spls, Menhenett; c, Knight. CHAM. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Wynn. CHAM. LIZARD (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, spl, Wynn. NOVICE, BORDERS (2): 1, Saytch; 2, Wyse. GOLDFINCH AND CAN (10): 1, spl, Page; 2, Goodall; 3, Wyse; vhc, Dr. Rountree; hc, Martin; c, Dickinson. LINNET AND CAN. (4): 1, Dr. Rountree; 2, Goodall; 3, Simpson; vhc, Dickinson. GREENFINCH AND CAN. (5): 1, Goodall; 2, Morrison; 3, Head; vhc, hc, Page. A.O.S. FINCH AND CAN. (7): 1, vhc, Page; 2, Goodall; 3, spl, hc, Miss R. Shephard; c, Large. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (9): 1, spl, Curry; 2, Wyse; 3, vhc, Page; hc, Dickinson; c, Morrison. SELL, CREST AND C.B. (4): 1, Offord; 2, 3, Mugford; vhc, Dickinson. A.O.V., 20/- (9): 1, 3, Cooper Bros.; 2, Davis; vhc, hc, Easterling; c, Martin. 20/- (7): 1, vhc, Wynn; 2, Wyse; 3, Martin; hc, Offord; c, Ashby.

KEIGHLEY.

The show of the Keighley and Dis. C.B.S. took place on February 1st, in the Holycroft Council School—a good room, with plenty of light and ample accommodation for visitors. Twenty classes were scheduled and 237 entries were obtained. One class was cancelled and three were reduced to half prize money. This is the last show held under the rules of the Yorkshire Union, being the 18th of the series, and the society will no doubt be at some loss financially with their venture. Next year, however, they will be a little earlier, and it is to be hoped they will be better patronised. The management is in good hands. The Secretary, Mr. Wm. Wright, had all things well in hand, and received capable assistance from Mr. W. H. Barry, the president, Messrs. Booth, Holmes and White, vice-presidents, Messrs. Heaton, Morris and Shackleton as stewards, and Mr G. Crowther, treasurer. Mr. J. Wilcock (Eccleshill) officiated as judge, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, spl, W. Spencer, grand length, beautifully drawn out, very typical, plenty of colour and nice quality; 2, Cooper, well up in position, good shape and quality; 3, Bentley, grand shape and quality, nice length, stylish; 4, Towers, shapely, good quality and style; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Spencer and Son; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Monntain, nice narrow shoulders, grand shape and quality, neat position; 2, Spencer and Son, good type and quality, well up in position; 3, Bentley, good length, neat shape and nice quality; 4, Bracewell, good shape and quality; vhc, Priestley; hc, Towers; c, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. TICK, ETC. YELL.: 1, c, Mrs. C. M Sunderland, tick cheeks, extra good shape, grand back, wings and tail, neat quality, good position; 2, 3, spl, Priestley; second grand position, good shape and quality, third tick. head, extra shape, neat quality, good wing carriage, nice pipe tail; 4, Hardaker and Sample, tick wing, well up in position, nice quality and colour; vhc, Spencer and Son; hc, Ogden Bros. BUFF (7): 1, 3, spl, Spencer and Son, winner grizzled wings, grand length, extra good in position, grand quality and shape, looking well, third nice shape, stylish, good quality; 2, Brayshaw and Jowett, neat shape, grand colour and quality, good position; 4, Walsh, fine shape and position, nice quality, full of colour; vhc, Cooper; hc, Peel; c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN (7): 1, spl, Priestley, good shape and quality, very stylish; 2, Mountain, nice length, grand quality, round back; 3, Ogden Bros., long, well drawn out behind, nice type and quality; 4, Booth, typical, grand quality and position, neat; vhc, Cooper; hc, c, Spencer and Son. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Walsh, tick wing, nice typical lady, grand quality, full of colour; 2, Peel, neat shape and quality, good wing carriage, close tail; 3, Bentley, good quality, well up in position; 4, Smith and Sharpe, cinn. marked eyes, lengthy, grand shape, good quality; vhc, Spencer and Son; hc, Dyson; c, Middleton Bros. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (15): 1, spl, Walsh, grand length, capital shape, nice quality and position, green marked yellow; 2, Armstrong, buff, full of quality, and colour, nice type and position; 3, Priestley, yellow, plenty of length, correct shape, stands well up; 4, Wright, buff, nice size, good shape and quality; vhc, Ramsden; hc, Gibbons; c, Ormondroyd. SELL. YELL. (15/-) (18): 1, spl, Berry; 2, Townsend; 3, Self; 4, Ickringill; vhc, Pollitt; hc, Lane; c, Cooper. BUFF (15/-) (18): 1, spl, Morris and Shackleton; 2, Towers; 3, Wright; 4, Hardaker and Sample; vhc, Sowden; hc, Booth; c, Middleton Bros. HEN. (12/6) (15): 1, spl, Walsh; 2, Ormondroyd; 3, Smith and Sharp; 4, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland; vhc, Berry; hc, Pilling; c, Taylor. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, spl, Mason, Grey Wagtail leading, grand exhibit, lovely colour, steady as a rock; second, Sandpiper, looking well, nice markings and colour; 3, Wilkinson, Starling, fine size and condition, neat spangling; 4, vhc, Mackwell, Starling, good sheen, and spangling; hc, c, Parkin. NOVICE CLASSES, CL. YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, spl, Morris and Shackleton, good length, grand shape and quality, nice position; 2, Allen and Swaine, very shapely, nice quality, stylish; 3, Wilson, good colour and quality, nice shape, grand back; 4, Greenwood, grand type, well up in colour and quality; vhc, Tinkler; hc, Gill; c, Ackroyd. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Sowden, slim, grand shape and quality, plenty of leg; 2, Chippindale, nice narrow shoulders, extra good quality, typical and stylish; 3, Drake and Son., extra position, nice shape, quality and style, very clean feathered at front; 4, Wright, good shape and position, nice quality; vhc, Gill; hc, Ackroyd; c, Frankland. TICK. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Drake and Son, slim, neat type, well up in position, nice quality; 2, Sowden, shapely, good quality, position and style; 3, Morris and Shackleton, lengthy, grand back, wings and tail, nice feather; 4, Slater, good long bird, type and quality all there; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Frankland.; c, Chippindale. BUFF (14): 1, Ainsworth, slim, good shape, plenty of leg, nice quality; 2, hc, spl, Townsend, un-mkd., grand shapo and position, rich quality; 3, Allen and Swaine, typical, stands well up, nice quality; 4, Roberts, tick wing, shapely, grand wings and tail, leggy; vhc, Chippindale; c, Slater. YELL. HEN (14): 1, spl, Wilson, hot colour, grand shape, stands on a pair of good legs, nice quality; 2, Dunn, extra quality, well up in position, neat; 3, Lodge, grand typo and position, nice quality, soiled; 4, Allen and Swaine, marked, typical and stylish, nice quality; vhc, Slater; hc, Morris and Shackleton; c, Frankland. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Tinkler, good type and quality, nice position, neat wings and tail; 2, Frankland, grand quality, typical, nice position; 3, Gill, palo colour, nice position, leggy, good shape and quality; 4, Lodge, stronger, good in shape and feather; vhc, Allen and Swaine; hc, Ackroyd; c, Smith and Sharp. NOR. CK. (13): 1, 3, spl, Holmes, winner yellow, grand substance, typical, nice quality, and colour; third buff, cobby, good substanec, rich colour and quality; 2, c, Hammond, yellow, grand cut bird, neat quality and shapely, unfil.; 4, Mottram, unmkd. yell, good substance, size and quality; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Clifford. HEN: 1, 2, spl, Hammond, leader buff grand substance, cobby shape, lovely quality and shape, second very neat type, yellow, grand quality; 3, Clifford, buff, grand substance, good quality and colour; 4, hc, Holmes, neat type, good substance, rich quality; vhc, Lloyd; c, Mottram.

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FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

Bradford East O.S.

The Society held its first annual tea and concert, in connection with the distribution of prizes, at Park Chapel Schools, on January 7th, when about 180 sat down to an excellent tea. A grand concert was afterwards presided over by Mr. W. Cruise (vice-president). The following artistes rendered a capital programme of music:—Mrs. Wilson Laycock (soprano), Miss Hilda Slater (contralto), Mr. Morris Speight (tenor), Mr. Edgar Jowett (solo violinist), Mrs. Harry Noble (elocutionist), Mr. Ben Brown (humourist), and Miss Alice M. Cruise (accompanist). During the interval Mrs. E. Suddards (the wife of the president), presented the prizes to the members who had been successful at the five shows held during the year. The following were the winners (in the champion section) of the gold medals and other prizes: Messrs. Cruise, Farrar, Cowgill, Rushworth, Hill, Gelder, and Mann; and (in the novice section) Messrs. Stables, White, Northrop, Priestly, Laycock, Peacock, Chapman and Bateman, and Wilkinson Bros; in the extra novice section the winners were Messrs. Lowes, Stobart, and Walker. The competition has been decidedly keen throughout, and no less than three of the prizes were decided at the last show by one point. The entries, too, have been very large, 473 birds having been staged in the competitions. The last show was a record for the society, there being 134 entries. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Suddards for her kindness, was proposed by Messrs. Cruise and Rushworth. After the prizes had been distributed the chairman called upon the secretary, Mr. H. Hill, to make a presentation on behalf of the society of an enlarged framed photo of the members, to the president, Mr. E. Suddards. Mr. Hill said that they had much to be thankful for; the society had achieved a performance in its first year that every member ought to be proud of. This tea and concert was to celebrate the first milestone in its history, and he had no hesitation in saying that each would be able to look back upon 1907 as a red-letter year, and one in which much good work was accomplished. By each one putting his shoulder to the wheel the society had been successful all along the line. In making the presentation to Mr. Suddards he could say, without fear of contradiction, that a large amount of the success was due to the keen interest taken by that gentleman in the work; he was one of those quiet workers who get through a great amount of work without outsiders getting to know of it, and the members had not been slow to appreciate it. It was their desire that he would accept this present as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by them. Mr. Hill also hoped that the president and his good wife would long be spared to look upon the present as a memento of the society's first annual gathering. Mr. Suddards responded in a few well-chosen remarks, and thanked the members for their great kindness. The programme was then continued with enthusiasm to the end. A vote of thanks to the ladies who had helped with the tea was proposed by Mr. Suddards, seconded by Mr. R. Halliday, and supported by Mr. H. Hill. Mr. H. J. Chittenden proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes who had provided the evening's entertainment, which everybody thoroughly enjoyed; Mr. W. A. Cowgill seconded with a very appropriate little speech. After a vote of thanks to the trustees for their kindness in lending the schools, proposed by the secretary and seconded by Mr. G. White, the concert terminated, the audience singing "God Save the King." Mr. Fred Hammond, sec. to the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., was also present at the tea.

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.

Members and friends of the Newcastle C.B.S. held a most enjoyable social in the Co-operative Hall, on January 8th. Although so soon after the holidays, and in spite of the fact that some of the members had been indulging in a visit to the Scottish National (one of the latter was absent; had he not recovered from the effects of the Scottish "National" beverage?"), there were 112 present. All seemed to enjoy themselves. The social commenced with a concert to which the following ladies and gentlemen contributed songs and recitations: Miss Currah, Miss Crosby, Mrs. Crawhall, Messrs. Thompson and Ewbank (bass), T. Robson and Prest (tenors), Walton, Wire, Evans, and Fitzpatrick (comic). Our chairman, Mr. Currah, treated us to two of his humorous recitations, and made us "crack our sides" at the dilemma in which Georgie Ramshaw found himself when he "could not remember what he had forgotten," to say nothing of "Billy's plight when his friend Markie asked him to shoot his bull for him." How he succeeded we had better not mention. After the concert we had supper, which was provided for us by the Co-operative Society, and the thanks of the club are due to Mr. Irwin and his staff of assistants for their able management of the excellent repast we enjoyed, and for the capable manner in which they provided for the increased number present (we only estimated about 80). After supper there was some dancing in the Hall; for those who did not dance there were cards, draughts, and dominoes. It was not till one o'clock that we decided to go home, and one and all seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A brisk walk over the moor in enjoyable company blew away the cobwebs, and we returned to our homes and to sleep and dream of our next annual social. Mr. Crawhall had the arrangement of concert, and Mr. Bertram acted as M.C. for the dancing.—TYNESIDER.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

AT last the shows are over—that is, so far as those held under the Yorkshire Union are concerned—and I suppose both exhibits and exhibitors will need a good rest, which they well deserve. Eighteen shows, held week after week, call for a big amount of stamina in both birds and fanciers, and the shows held at the tail end also require a little cash in the bank to provide for possible—or can we say probable?—failures. Keighley were in the unfortunate position of being last show, and did not get the number of entries they deserved. But they have many stout-hearted fanciers amongst them, and will come up smiling another year. Buck up, Keighley, it will be a long time before you are last again.

THE visitors included Mr. E. Bleasdale, of Urmston, near Manchester, who, taking advantage of a temporary respite from his duties, ran over to have a peep at his favourite variety, the Yorkshire. The big teams of Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, and Shackleton, also Mr. Wilcock (who was judging) were absent. Probably they were undergoing special treatment in readiness for the Palace Show. Speaking of the Palace reminds me that any fancier who is paying a visit to the show will be welcomed by Mr. H. H. Towers, who has made special arrangements for saloons by the train leaving Bradford (Midland) on Friday midnight.

I HAVE heard a whisper that a movement is on foot to hold all the prize distributions and socials of the Yorkshire Union and the various specialist clubs (Y.C.C., C.M.Y. C.C. and Bradford and County B.B. and M.C.) on one and the same evening, and should rumour, that proverbial "lying jade," this time prove true, fanciers and friends interested can assure themselves that it will be a splendid affair, and well worth a visit from anyone who can spare the time, and has the inclination. Last year there were three separate socials, and as there are now the British men to reckon with, there would be four evenings needed, and where one fancier is a member of all, the thing begins to pall a little. So many would welcome a real good evening to get amongst the whole of the birdy men of the West Riding. The idea is good, and I hope the affair does take place as suggested.

RUMOUR has also been busy in another direction, and that is that the British fanciers outside Bradford and District have got it into their heads that the Bradford and County B.B. and M.C. is worked in conjunction with, and under the sway of, the Yorkshire Union. Nothing could be further from the mark. It has nothing whatever to do with the Yorkshire Union (except, of course, where the patronage is given to a show held under Y.U. rules), but is run strictly in its own interests by its own members. I am sure the Secretary and Committee will, and do, extend the heartiest invitation to fanciers outside Bradford to join its ranks.—"STRAIGHT-UN."

A Winner of Many Prizes.

Allow me to thank you for the pleasing and life-like picture of my Ortolan Bunting, first at Bournemouth, which appeared in CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. R. Carter (East Dulwich). The Bunting was one of a few winners I had the gratification of moulting out in this my second year of British bird keeping. In addition to the win recorded above, it was second at Westminster, Bromley, Tonbridge, and Lewisham, etc. I may say that I purchased it through an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS last summer from an old West-country exhibitor, Mr. Mitchell, together with a Starling, first at Portsmouth, etc., and a Tree Pipit, second at Southend and Plumstead, 1st at Lewisham, etc. I find that Buntings are easily provided for—little else is required than a supply of good Canary seed and two or three mealworms a day.

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The Novices' Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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Redmite Remedies.

Now that the annual clean-up will be getting to be the topic of the moment, it may, perhaps, be useful to pass in review a few of the remedies suggested from time to time to do battle against redmite, and each, of course, being firmly believed in as an infallible panacea by its own particular supporters. To remove redmite, where they are known to exist by painting over their harbours with various fluids is the simplest thing in creation. But the chances are that the pest merely migrates from the temporarily untenable position to more favourable quarters in another part of the cage, or the room. To make any position permanently distasteful to them is quite another matter, and to a great extent appears as futile as hunting for the chimerical philosopher's stone. Yet this is what is often claimed for some of these suggested remedies.

To mention the most recent introduction first, we may refer to the plan lately put forward of washing the inside of the cages over with "blue copperas." This chemical is variously known as sulphate of copper, bluestone, bluestone vitriol, and, perhaps, a few others. It is very poisonous, and was used years ago—it may still be used—by farmers as a dressing for the grain before it was sown, for various purposes, but chiefly, I believe, it was to poison the vermin or birds that robbed the seed-bed. It is also an active principle in washes to kill American blight on trees, and other insect pests, and in a more diluted form is used to spray over fields to destroy that baneful weed, charlock, so that its deleterious effect must extend to plant as well as insect life.

Of course, all this has little to do with cage birds, but it is useful as showing the poisonous nature of the stuff, and the care that must be used in employing it in any way in the insides of cages. I have little doubt it may be very destructive to redmite, or grey lice at the time it is used, and if it is used simply as a wash before paint or distemper is applied, and the cages rinsed afterwards with clean water, probably no harm will result. But the novice must not be tempted to add it to the final dressing of whiting or distemper, or he may find later on that his birds die off mysteriously.

Many birds have a habit, particularly at the commencement of the breeding season, of pecking off and eating the plaster from the backs and sides of the cages, so one can readily imagine what would be the cause of these deaths if the plaster on the cages was impregnated with a strong poison.

Cresylic Acid.

Still keeping to the farmer's friends, I may mention this substance, although, not having the reference by me, I am not sure whether I have spelt it correctly. Neither can I say definitely whether this is merely a technical name, but I have no distinct knowledge of having seen it listed in the ordinary druggist's lists. It is said to be an active principle in "dips" used by farmers for dipping sheep, and, consequently, one would naturally expect it to be of service in destroying insect pests.

The makers of one of the sanitary distempers often advertised in our columns say a certain proportion of it is in their ordinary make of distemper, and supply distemper to order, only guaranteed to contain ½ per cent. of the acid, which is said to be harmless to bird life. If that is so, it would doubtless form a very convenient dressing for destroying what insects were about when it was applied. But its effect must be lost sooner or later—perhaps sooner—as I have myself known mite to be re-established in a cage in a comparatively short time after doing them with the ordinary strength of distemper. Perhaps some chemist reader would favour us with the properties of this acid, and at what strength it would be likely to prove harmful to bird life. Also what permanent effects it would have in preventing insects harbouring on any surface where it had been applied.

A Doubtful Application.

Another compound for mixing with whiting to prevent the encroachment of mites which was once given as a valuable secret by an old Yorkshire breeder to a novice just beginning in the Fancy, was to mix a little alum in the whitewash which was to be applied to the inside of the cage. This was claimed to be an infallible preventive. What its value is I never put to any strict test, not caring to risk using a powerful astringent of this kind in breeding cages where the hens would have every opportunity for swallowing portions of the plaster containing it. Visions of egg-binding, and similar troubles—rightly or wrongly I never stopped to enquire—were too fearsome bogies for me to invite the realities by such means. I can, therefore, only give the hint for what it may be worth.

Salt and Disinfectants.

A less harmful substance for a similar purpose is common salt. Even if the chips of plaster were eaten, they would prove beneficial rather than otherwise, as the quantity of salt thus consumed would be very small indeed, even if a large proportion was added to the whitewash; and not sufficient to set up any serious trouble. Indeed, I have known many fanciers who were in the habit of giving the breeding hens a cube of common salt to peck at in the early part of the season under the impression that it prevented egg-binding.

Whatever it may do in this direction, there are times when it is apt to set up bowel troubles when eaten freely, and some will eat it freely and appear to relish it. Whether it has any detrimental effect on mites I will not say at present, though when I put it to a partial test (it was in small singing cages), the cages certainly appeared to be rather free from mite attacks. I did not, however, put it to an exhaustive or methodical test.

Finally, most of the proprietary disinfectants are recommended from time to time as preventives, both to use for washing out the cages prior to doing them with the whitewash or distemper, and for mixing with the final dressing to secure a more permanent effect. Doubtless, of these articles, one is about as good as another.

Other Insecticides.

These are more suitable for applying with a small brush to the joints of the doors, sand trays, ends of perches, and so forth, at frequent intervals, to prevent the mites getting a firm foothold, so to speak. For cleanliness, harmlessness, and excellence of effect, I have never found anything to surpass a fairly strong solution of camphor in mothylated spirit, and few things to equal it. The smell goes in a minute or two, and the effect lasts hours, or days. The camphor, I believe, is most fatal to red mite and lice, and the spirit carries it deeply into their haunts.

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To see the mites scurrying pell mell out of a tiny crack, for minutes after the brush has been applied, shows how deeply it—and the mite, too—penetrates. Carbolic fluid is used in the same way; also fir tree oil. Paraffin is also employed, but the effect is nothing like as good, and the smell—well, anyone knows what this is.

Turpentine is often advised for the purpose, but I have a lively recollection of a time when I wanted a few mites to remain for a short time on one particular spot whilst I photographed them, and of painting all round the spot with a liberal supply of turpentine. The mites only laughed at the ruse, and wandered about the turpentine-moistened surface with the greatest unconcern. This fact, in combination with its fragrance, (?) does not commend it to me as an application for cages.

Pyrethrum powder may be useful enough to dust the nests with, provided it is fresh and genuine, but as a destroyer of mites I have a poor opinion of it, for the simple reason that the mites won't stay amongst it, and it cannot follow them into their stronghold.

Two More Suggestions.

Before quite dismissing this mighty—or rather, I mean "mitey," but the difference after all, is merely one of cause and effect—question, I will mention two more suggestions which have been put forward as preventatives, though I must say I cannot criticise their true value from personal experience. The first is to hang a small bag of sulphur in each cage. I can understand that the insect pests, either mite or lice, may not harbour in or upon the bags, but I fail to see in what way the presence of the sulphur would have the slightest effect upon them in any other part of the cage. Its effect, if any, must be limited to the one spot upon which the sulphur hangs.

The second suggestion came through a correspondent, and related to the painting of the inside of the cages with creosote. This powerful smelling drug must, one would imagine, keep any self-respecting insect pest at bay. Whether its effect would be to kill them, I do not presume to say, not having tried it; and on the other hand, having seen something of the red mites' utter indifference to a few other supposed remedies. In any case, there are two points which would need to be considered in connection with its odour. First, if used in any appreciable strength, it would, unless its odour is much less permanent than I think it is, be apt to make the room anything but a pleasant place to abide in. And in the second place, the question would arise whether the odour would not be injurious to the birds? Used as an inhalation, it is very useful to give relief in bronchial troubles in the human subject, and I have seen it well spoken of by those who should be able to appreciate it at its proper value, as having a good effect upon asthma in cage birds when used as an inhalation. Therefore, it must possess the power of exercising some appreciable effect upon the living organism, and one is forced to enquire whether its continual presence would be beneficial, or would become ultimately harmful?

After Septic Fever.

It may be a fitting place to follow up the notes on ordinary cleaning and disinfection with some special notes concerning the manner of dealing with cages and appliances after a known attack of septic fever. The average person rarely gets a sufficient and proper estimate of the need for the most drastic treatment after a case of this terribly infectious disease.

No ordinary amount of disiufection is likely to prove successful in assuring immunity from future outbreaks. In all cases where the cages are of the ordinary type and quality, or in any way worn, it will be far the best and cheapest plan in the end to break them up and burn them altogether. Although this may appear very drastic advice to a working man, who has perhaps only just suffered the loss of a valuable stock of birds, it is the very best advice that can be given him, whatever else may be urged to the contrary.

Do it with Method.

We have already pressed the point of using definite method in all such operations, and here method is trebly essential to success. If you break up a stock of cages to destroy them through this cause, and do not immediately finish the destruction, there is a serious risk of the material lying about in contact with other things which may eventually be brought in turn into touch with the new cages or appliances, which will form the nucleus of the future stock. These may well be the means of transferring the germ of the disease from the condemned appliances to the new ones, and thus provide the hidden means for a fresh outbreak.

If the outbreak has been serious, and the stock kept in a room by itself, the best time to carry out this destructive campaign would be simultaneously with the annual turn-out, as already described. Isolate any stock that might have recovered in clean new quarters, and be careful to hold no communication of any kind with these birds, nor allow anything or anyone to pass between them and the infected articles. Get someone specially to look after them for the time being. Then destroy all that you intend destroying out of the room at once.

Next close up all outlets for air as far as possible, so as to make the room airtight; or nearly so, get a shovelful of hot glowing embers from the kitchen, and place in an old bucket, or similar receptacle, stand it on a course of bricks in the centre of the room, throw on a pound of sulphur, and make your exit, sealing the the door behind you, and leaving all alone until the next day. This is rather to add to the thoroughness of the work of disinfection that follows, than as an attack on the fever germs themselves. The process costs very little, and doubtless adds considerably to the efficiency of the work.

Then to Proceed.

I have hitherto been assuming that the walls of the room are not papered, and so I will digress for a moment just to say that if the contrary is the case, the paper should certainly be stripped off and burnt prior to igniting the sulphur. When the room is opened, it should be well aired to disperse the fumes of the sulphur, and then washed over with a strong disinfectant and germicide, and afterwards limewashed. The process described for ordinary cleaning may be carried out now, with the difference that if one is sufficiently careful in handling a powerful poison, the best wash for walls, staging, and any fixtures before lime-washing, will be a solution of corrosive sublimate. This should be procured from a chemist, who should be asked to supply a solution of the proper strength for the purpose, to ensure the destruction of the disease germs. He will not fail to caution anyone respecting its use, and will also tell how to apply it, though this is easy, as it may be brushed liberally about the walls and fixtures, and even the floor, with an ordinary distemper brush, just as one applies whitewash or distemper.

Given the necessary care and precaution to avoid accidents, this is about the best possible way of treating the walls to disinfect them, as this preparation is most destructive to the germs of disease. But care is required, as it is also a very powerful poison. Two or three applications may be made at intervals of a few hours, or a day, as it may best suit the convenience of the worker, and when this is completed, two coats of hot lime-wash will make the room as innocent of the taint of septic fever as it was before the outbreak. (*To be continued.*)

Where Black is White.

A friend of mine in Yorkshire, says a writer in a daily contemporary, states that the white Blackbird is by no means a *rara avis* in his part of the world. At Fangfoss, near York, he says, white and pied Blackbirds are common in the woods. He has not seen them anywhere else, but is under the impression that, by a process of natural selection, like has sought like, and that as the result, little Fangfoss has among its feathered choristers a pied colony such as is not to be found in any other part of the world.

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I often remember those wise words, and thank God that there are so many beautiful birds that are within the reach of the humblest. A rare bird is always a very expensive bird to buy, and if it should die, although, of course, as a shopkeeper at Filey once said to me, anent a poor young lady visitor who was drowned, and whose body was subsequently recovered, "Eh, but its nice to have a corpse," still, I fancy your joy will be tempered with grief, as you remember the cost. No doubt, as an old farmer's wife said to me, referring to her favourite old Rouen drake, which had died, "He'll make a lovely skin"; but some of us want more than a skin, no matter how beautiful.

Situated as we are, perhaps it is doubtful how far we shall conduce to happiness or usefulness by intensifying beyond a certain point the vividness of recollection. Themistocles held the art of oblivion in higher esteem than the art of memory. Man has been sympathetically described as an animal who weeps and makes others to weep, and most of us have some day to weep when we remember Zion. In most lives, there is something it is wiser to forget—much unwisdom, many disappointments, partings, lost opportunities! Nowhere is this more so than in bird life. When I remember my many acts of folly, my bitter disappointments, lost opportunities—and bitter partings, I could fill a whole book of remembrance.

I think my experience has been rather like that of Koko, in Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado," who, with a view of becoming perfect as an executioner, was going to begin with a guinea pig, and work his way through to a second trombone.

Climb There.

I have in my time kept probably as many and as rare birds as most people, but what I wish to impress upon my readers is this. I did not begin too high up. In this world there's nothing certain but Death and Taxes, as the saying is; and therefore, for a novice to buy, say, Gouldian Finches, is the height of folly. Many and many a time after buying some rare and expensive bird, I have wished that I had listened to the prophecies of my domestic Cassandra. Still, there are times, after you have gained experience, mind, when you must never hesitate. If a rarity is offered you, buy it immediately; for do we not all remember the Irishman's reply to the Englishman, who witlessly asked him, "Pat, if the devil came by, do you think he'd take me or you?" The labourer never hesitated in his reply. "He'd take me, your honour." "Why do you say that?" "Oh, he would" says he, "because he's sure of your honour at any time."

Now, what puzzles the beginner is where to get his birds. Setting aside for the moment private advertisements, I must say I like the wholesale importer. He has a far bigger choice of birds. If you are going in for certain varieties, tell one, and he will keep you informed of fresh arrivals. In thinking whether you can afford a bird or no, it doesn't do to have too much conscience. I have given my conscience in this respect so many nasty knocks, that it has ceased to hold intercourse with me! If you want a bird badly make the inward monster stop jerking the reins. The dealer will always gladly second your efforts. It's a tribute to our higher nature that we cannot see a beautiful thing anywhere, without wanting to draw near, to see, to touch, to possess it. In buying rare birds, you can't be too rapid in making your decision, or else assuredly another steppeth down before you. If you receive a telegram offering a rare bird, reply at once—and think about how you will pay for it afterwards, for, remember, a similar wire has gone to twenty other likely victims, and, perhaps, there is only one pair of birds, and you can't all have them.

For the Brave and the Fair.

Then, for the brave and adventurous, there is Club Row, now known by the more elegant name of Sclater-street, Shoreditch. I was once solemnly taken to task for advising anyone, ladies especially, to go there. I can assure my readers they will be perfectly safe. I have been there at all hours, and nobody tried to kill me!

The sending of birds on approval to known customers is a most estimable advantage to purchasers. The dealer gets rid of them far more rapidly; and it is to his obvious interest to do the best by them. He has a large body of eager and wealthy clients always, like the Athenians of old, eager for some new thing, ready to kill each other to get it; and, best of all, willing to pay handsomely "to best" some hated rival. The cunning dealer knows this, and so plays off one victim against another. I once knew three rare Tanagers sold to three separate and enthusiastic amateurs, as the "one and only one that had arrived." Of course, when the three friends met and compared notes, there were ructions, but, as the dealer told me, with a sly wink, "I was out when they called."

Sometimes great rarities are offered in the papers, and often by strange names. I once got hold of a Parrot Finch for a few shillings, described as a little green bird with a red head, and another time, it is many years ago, I was lucky enough to get a pair of Turquoisines for £2. I wish I could to-day. Lots of people bring over rare birds privately, or friends do for them, of which they don't in the least know the names, and sell them for a trifle.

I have found the big dealers I have dealt with good in trying to supply any given bird. They don't pretend to know everything, and are quite ready to take a hint from one who knows. I remember years ago that I wanted to get a hen Mocking bird, and one most generously sent me about twenty to pick from; and it was only one hen that I could discover in all the crowd. Now, that was what I call helping on science. In books nothing was said about how to tell a hen Mocking Bird. I only discovered by most careful observation. The hen has a *green* eye; the cock a gravel one; but how could I have found this out but for this dealer's kindness?

If you buy birds off brother aviculturists, you will probably have to pay more for them, but, of course, they will be acclimatised, and you can't expect to get such at the same price as newly-imported stuff; though I have met those that did, and who wrote quite indignantly that they could buy such and such a bird at so much from a dealer's list. I bid them go and do so. When you have purchased your birds, put them for a few days in a big box cage. It is a fatal error to turn them straight out into a big aviary, as not only do they seem to catch cold, but they do not seem able to find the food, till often it is too late. I suppose they are frightened at their new neighbours, and strange surroundings. I always hang the cage up on the wall of the compartment they are to occupy, and let them look around for a few days, before I turn them loose. Be careful also to see that their feet are clean and in good order, and if the claws are long and overgrown, be sure and cut them. Also pull out all broken flights and tails, and let these grow before you release them. It will only take about a month. Nothing looks worse than a ragged, shabby bird, shuffling about the floor and making frantic efforts to reach a branch.

In beginning don't be too ambitious. Buy something fairly hardy. Remember that you are preparing for no mere transitory display. You do not want birds that appear, as St. James says, "for a little while and then vanish away." You want something that will live. You don't want to say of your birds what Solomon said of the sluggard. "I went by, and lo! he was gone, I sought him, but his place could nowhere be found."

(To be continued.)

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The One-legged Bird.

A lady who is in the habit of feeding the birds in her garden told me that for four years a Sparrow with only one leg has been one of a party of birds, chiefly Greenfinches. The Greenfinches always wage war, but are evidently too courteous to molest one too unequally provided in limbs to defend itself. Taken from "The Band of Mercy."—Sent by E. T. Wills, age 13, 10, Ashburnham-road, Northampton.

*A Mischievous Magpie.

A friend of mine had a saucy Magpie, which used to come to our school. When we went out to drill, he would come. When the schoolmaster used to say "Halt," he would imitate him. When the children used to cough he would do the same. He used to hide anything he could get hold of. Nuts he was very fond of, and would get them under his claws to crack them. When we were in school he would get on the window ledge to try to get in. He was a very saucy bird, but at last poor "Frank" was drowned. Sent by Tom Cook, West-street, Pembridge. Age 11 years.

* he Bullfinch Came Home

Father having a large workroom, set up a Greenfinch and a Bullfinch hen in a cage to see if they would lay any eggs, feeding them on the best of seed we could get, and different kinds of wild seed which could be gathered for them. The Greenfinch was quite ready to build a nest, but the Bullfinch would not finish the nest. Father, thinking the hen was not the right sort for nesting decided to let her go, so he took the bird out of the cage, opened the window, which was three storeys high, and let the bird fly out of his hand. It returned quickly to the window sill, hopping about quite happy. As soon as the Greenfinch missed the hen it called all the time. Forty minutes later the Bullfinch hen entered the room and my father closed the window.—MAY BEADNALL (age 13), 7, Albany Street, Middlesboro'-on-Tees.

**Our Jack.

Jack was a fine healthy Jackdaw. I had it when it was about one month old, having bought it of a friend of mine. As he was passing through Belmont Woods he heard a slight creaking of the branches, as if something was falling. To his surprise he saw a young Jackdaw lying on the ground apparently dead. But as he picked it up it snapped at his finger. When I bought it I kept it in a basket till it became finger-tame, when I frequently let him loose in the garden.

Jack would perch himself on the topmost branch of a grapevine and shout. He always had a troop of Sparrows around him, as if Jack were the choirmaster and the Sparrows the choir. He would sit in the corner of the house on dull days, but on sunny days he was out of doors bellowing "Jack." I had him 5 years.—Arthur Wicks (aged 12 years), 141, Mason's Avenue, Wealdstone.

I have not missed a single issue of CAGE BIRDS since it came into existence, writes Mr. J. A. Stewart (Glasgow). I wish it continued success.

I have read CAGE BIRDS ever since its first issue, writes Mr. James Alexander (Lilliesleaf, N.B.). Allow me to wish it every success during the new year.

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for some considerable time, and find it the best paper for the Fancy, and advise all novices to read it, writes Mr. J. Sharp (Ossett).

After thoroughly studying your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. E. Fenton (London S.W.), I have given a few of my previous numbers away to friends, some of whom are now regular readers.

BEGINNERS; You MUST read the ANNUAL.

The Management of Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(Continued from page 38.)

I have visited bird-rooms where the bottoms of the cages did not appear to have been cleaned out for a fortnight or a month, this creating a disagreeable smell. I am a strong believer in keeping the cages sweet and healthy, and this can best be done by having the bottom scraped every day, and by scattering fresh sand thereon. The trouble is well repaid, if for nothing else other than to see how the birds take to the floor of the cage and eagerly pick the sand. They are deprived of this when the excrement is allowed to accumulate for days and weeks.

If the cages are cleaned daily the birds become accustomed to it, and even in the incubating season they are not disturbed by it. A hen will leave her eggs or young for a few minutes during the operation, but immediately the cage is replaced she will return to her charges. So that the breeding or rearing need not suffer at all.

Where vacancies by death or other causes occur, no time should be lost in securing a replacement, for as the year advances stock is more difficult to pick up, especially in the Scotch Fancy section. And the difficulty is even greater with Belgians. It may be necessary to try breeder after breeder before a suitable replacement can be secured. But it is important to maintain the stud. The want of a cock bird or of a hen may mean a dozen less young ones in the season, which is a consideration. These are days when high prices are being paid and received for really first-class Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, and there is every reason to believe that prices will even advance. And there is nothing to prevent anyone, even a beginner who perseveres, in course of time turning out stock of a kind that will be in great demand.

The Benefits of In-breeding.

In-breeding judiciously will help desirable points, and on that account is not to be despised. The first-class Scotch Fancy has a larger family than the Belgian, and may be considered freer than the Belgian from unwitting in-breeding, but it is sufficiently limited to admit of the assumption that in-breeding does exist where it is not suspected. In securing good qualities care must be taken to steer clear of in-born weaknesses, as where these are on both sides, the young may have transmitted to them a double share, and in that case the radiant excellencies secured by the in-breeding may be rendered worthless through the defects transmitted.

Where in-breeding is resorted to the greatest care has to be exercised, so as to get all the good qualities and avoid those that are likely to be a drawback. A fancier working with his own stock, or a strain he knows thoroughly, should have a fairly good idea of what will help and what will hinder. Where in-breeding is indulged in a full record should also be kept, so that the extent of the in-breeding may be exactly known. Strength and health should should be maintained at all costs.

Spring Cleaning a Necessity.

February is the month for spring cleaning. Nests and unused cages have been laid aside for months, and together with the walls of the room, and with the shelves, have doubtless become coated with dirt. To put everything in order the walls, ceiling and shelves must be thoroughly cleaned, but before doing so, the birds should be removed to safe quarters.

The first thing to do is to fumigate the apartment with burning sulphur, shutting the door, and closing all openings. This will exterminate all the small insects which may be about the room, cages, etc. It is most important to commence breeding operations without a single Red Mite, or kindred enemy in the vicinity. This can only be accomplished by going into the cleansing with a determination to do the work thoroughly; half measures will lead to sad disasters in the height of the season, and ultimate loss here as everywhere. The first trouble is the least and fanciers should use every available means to rid out all vermin.

A capital plan is to run the birds into spare cages, and give the breeding cages a thorough washing with moderately hot water and soap, into which carbolic fluid of some kind should be put. Every corner should be cleared out, and the wires burnished with a steel burnisher so as to remove all objectionable matter. In short everything possible should be done to kill microbes. After the cages have been cleaned, I should recommend that the seams and corners in the cage be painted with Jeyes' fluid in its full strength; in my experience there is nothing better for finally banishing Red Mites and other pests.

In washing cages care should be taken not to spoil the wood work, paint or varnish. Boiling water should not be used; many a good cage which would have lasted for years has been rendered useless by the application of water too hot. The object, to destroy Red Mites, could have been attained by the use of carbolic fluid. Cages should be well rinsed in clean cold water, and carefully dried with a cloth. They should be put upside down, minus the seed boxes, etc., and left over night. In this way all damp will disappear, and the cages will be ready the next day for being retouched up with spirit varnish. The nest board should undergo the same process.

Nests and their Renovation.

Some fanciers put by the nests to be used the following season, but I do not approve of that. At the end of a season it is preferable to burn the old nests, and get a new lot at the start of the new breeding season. A splendid nest can be made from list plaiding with the usual nest blocks; or the nests can be purchased complete at seed and bird shops. They should be of medium size, and stiff in the rim to ensure the nest keeping in its place in the nest board.

Eggs and young birds are frequently lost through Red Mites and other insects. Many years ago I was induced to paint the outside of the nest with Jeyes' disinfectant fluid in full strength and my experience was and always has been that the Red Mites do not harbour about the nests. This enables the hen to hatch and rear the young in peace, which has a great deal to do with successful breeding.

It is wise to have a few spare nests in case anything should go wrong with the ordinary nests. The Jeyes' disinfectant should be applied before the nests are placed into the cages. And having a strong smell, it should be allowed to pass away before the young appear, otherwise it would sicken them. I never personally got satisfactory results from insect powders.

Nest Boards and Nesting Materials.

For Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries in the way of nestboards, nothing equals the ordinary platform with one or two holes to fit the nests neatly. This, so that they may not be upset by a playful male, while the hen is away from the eggs or young; resulting as this often does in either being destroyed. A fairly broad platform with only one hole is without doubt the best. Should a very young bird happen to be pulled out by the hen (a very common experience) it would not get beyond the board, and could be easily discerned by a casual glance; thus saving injury which it would sustain by falling on to the bottom of the cage. Many young are lost in that manner. I never had satisfaction in using brackets; they are not so safe as platforms. By having duplicate platforms they can be changed and kept clean, sweet and tidy. It is worth the trouble, and helps to keep the old and young in health—a matter of very great importance to breeders.

The choice of nesting materials plays a far more important part than is generally supposed in bringing the pair into a forward condition. There are many kinds of building materials, such as cow hair, moss, etc. Moss is as suitable as any; the pair take a special delight in rushing about with it. In the spring of the year, particularly after a wet season, it gets into a dirty condition, and should be well washed in tepid water, and spread out to dry, before being placed at the disposal of the builders.

This requires work and time, hence my bringing in the preparation for February. It is a mistake to leave over everything until actually required, as this entails rush and a lack of that order which should prevail in a properly regulated aviary.

To reduce the chance of having soft or shell-less eggs, cuttlefish should be fixed into all the breeding cages in a place where it will be perfectly clean. The birds pick well at it freely in the course of a few days. After being supplied, it will be observed to have been completely rounded, the sharp edges being removed. It assists in shelling eggs, and as it otherwise helps to keep the birds in a healthy state, I recommend cuttlefish being available for the entire year.

Mortar from an old building is often used in its place, but cuttlefish is preferable, it being cheap, and easily obtained, and usually to be had from bird and seed shops.

Looking after Condition.

At no period of the year is it so imperative to look daily at the condition of the stock than in the months of February and March. Those birds which apparently are healthy and vigorous give little concern, and do not require the same care; still they should be carefully examined daily to see that normal condition is maintained. Birds are so constituted that even the healthiest may break down at any moment. Fanciers know what a break-down at the start of the breeding season may mean, probably the loss of a pair which is a sad disappointment indeed, not to mention the difference which it may make in the financial balance.

Birds in backward order should be specially treated. Over anxiety and being too generous may do far more harm than good, and it is wise not to be too anxious, but to bring the backward into better condition gradually. That can best be done by giving a little egg food twice a week, mixing eight or ten drops of the best olive oil into the food. The birds may not care for it at first, but they will come to like it. Clear out everything from the egg pan. Should the weather be open, and free from frost, dandelion roots may be gathered, and put into a basin of tepid water, afterwards being thoroughly washed, and fixed into the wires of the cages. The roots ought to be removed daily, and should not be supplied in a tainted state; they speedily become tainted when kept in water, so that it is absolutely necessary to keep up a fresh supply. Nothing in the early months of the year can excel wholesome fresh dandelion roots, the birds partake freely of them, and it is these which will bring them into splendid condition.

Parrish's chemical food is also helpful, and may be given either in the egg food or in the water. In the former case four or six drops may be mixed with the egg food. In the latter add just sufficient to colour the water. Various tonics are prescribed in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, and as no hard and fast rule can be observed (there being divers ills) these columns should be consulted every week, and where doubt exists, submit details of the trouble to your guide.

It may not be generally known, but it would be well to record that where there is special urgency, and the correspondent cannot wait till the next issue of CAGE BIRDS' advice can be got by direct letter. See directions in each issue.

(To be continued.)

Just a line to thank you for your valuable CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Shorter (Highgate). I have been a constant reader for three years and I find it so useful that I would not on any account be without it.

CAGE BIRDS has helped me very much in my business owing to the good plates and sketches that are given with it, writes Mr. H. T. Gibsone (Croydon). My work is that of a taxidermist, and you will therefore understand what a benefit CAGE BIRDS has been to me in helping me to set the birds up properly.

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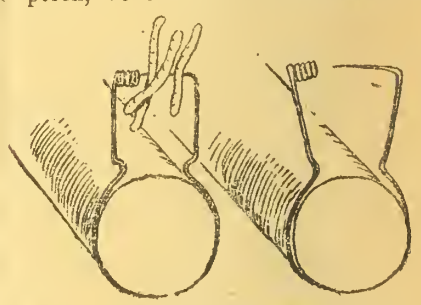
No. 177.

A MEALWORM HOLDER.

Sent by J. S. Cooper, Wellington Street, Matlock, Derbyshire.

I enclose a rough sketch of holder for mealworms, which I find is very useful. No. 1, shown below, is not in use; No. 2 is charged with worms, which you pass through between wires of cage up to bow, and these turn down flat to cross-bar or rail of cage. I find this much better and not so dangerous as pinning them to the perch, as the birds sometimes pull



A Mealworm Holder.

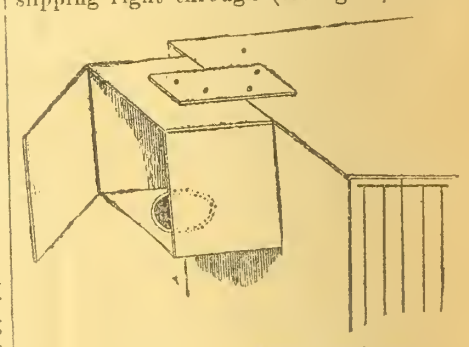
pins out on to cage floor when they have stripped the worms off, and then they are dangerous. In addition, your pin is lost next time you go round with your worms. This is the time when you get the benefit of a wire-holder, which is simple and easy to make. Get a piece of ordinary cage-bird wire, 16 gauge, and twist round a wood peg ⅛in. in diameter, to get the bow. Then reduce the end with a small saw file to go through worms. You then want a pair of small round-nosed pliers to get the bends, and twist to receive sharp point when charged with worms.—J. S. COOPER.

No. 178.

HOW TO CONVERT A BOX FLIGHT CAGE INTO A BREEDING CAGE.

Sent by H. G. York, 23a, Lidfield Road, Newington Green, N.

To those of limited means and who cannot afford a stock of various cages for their pets, but who possess a box flight cage, the following will be found of use. Make a box of thin wood, without a lid and bottom, five inches square and five inches deep. Cut out of one side a hole just large enough to admit a round nest pan, the ridge of which will prevent it slipping right through (see figure). Now



From Flight to Breeding Cage.

cut a piece of wood, or, if you can manage it, a framed piece of glass, to fit in back of box. Hinge same on; that is the door. Most box cages have a door at the side; take that off. If it has not one, cut a hole large enough to allow of the birds getting through into the nest box. Now join the box on to your cage. There is your breeding-cage ready for business. A good way to join it so as to make it easily removable is to cut a strip of wood about six inches long; lay this across top of both nest box and cage, and screw on. Place a perch in your cage near the entrance of box, and your birds will be hopping in and out all day like mine are doing.—H. G. YORK.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Keeping of Small Foreign Birds in Living-room Aviaries.

By R. S. BERRY.

Having kept a few of the smaller foreign birds in an aviary situated on a table in a kitchen window, perhaps a few notes might induce others, who, like myself, have not the convenience for an outdoor aviary, neither have a room to devote entirely to birds, to try this method of housing a interesting group of birds, and noting their peculiarities and characteristics.

A Matter of Interest.

Of course I am not advocating attempts to breed under such conditions, but what is interesting is to note the changes that take place in the plumage of many of our feathered pets from other climes, and also to make a point of ascertaining what in the way of seed, fruit or greenstuff each bird or variety of birds is particularly partial to; by studying these things to be able to keep them in the best possible condition, and thereby derive the maximum of pleasure from their engaging ways. If people would only experiment more in this direction, and not be content to abide by hard and fast rules, they would keep their birds in much better health.

It is impossible to say with any accuracy, for instance, that a "Bishop" is particularly fond of one thing and a Cordon Bleu of another, for while it may be so in a few instances, a great deal depends upon the individual bird, for what dainties some may like above all others, other birds of the same species will be quite indifferent to.

As regards cages. We hear much said against the all-wired cages, but they are about the only suitable ones for the position indicated. To avoid a draught, I place a piece of cardboard or brown paper across that end of the cage between the window and the door of the room. It can be placed in any other position for the same purpose, as the birds do not like a current of air passing through the cage, and it is not at all good for them. If the cage is being made, the ends might be made of wood, and the top, back, and the front only wired.

Some Cage Fittings.

I make a point of placing the perches so that the droppings will not fall on the other birds, or into the water or seed. My seed-drawers run along the bottom of the cage from front to back at either end, and are both divided into two parts, one of which I always fill with the best white millet, another with Spanish Canary, and the remaining one with mixed seed. I always take care to put the same seed into the same spaces, as I can then more easily observe which is partaken of most by any one bird.

The bottom of the cage should be kept strewn with coarse sand, and should be cleaned out frequently, especially in the summer time, say, twice a week. Cuttlefish I supply between the wires at the ends of some of the perches. For bathing purposes, I hang on the middle door a good-sized bath, in summer filled with absolutely cold water, and in winter with lukewarm water. By hanging the bath on the centre door the seed is not so apt to get wet as if hung on a door near the end. During the warmer months, I usually give a bath every day, from about twelve o'clock until two, unless the day be exceptionally dull, in which case I withhold it altogether. In winter, about twice a week will be found quite sufficient. I also add a little quassia solution to the bath occasionally as a preventative against that pest, red-mite. Where a group of birds is kept together it is seldom if ever one has to resort to spraying, as the backward birds soon learn to look forward to the bath, when they see the more bold ones enjoying it.

In addition to the seed diet already mentioned, I like to supply the birds with plenty of ripe fruit, such as banana, apple, etc. For green stuff, I prefer a bunch of waving grass with a small sod of short green grass, or chickweed, some small leaves of watercress, or on rare occasions some lettuce. This latter commodity I have not much faith in, although I know many other fanciers are of quite a different opinion. I had almost forgotten to mention the value of providing spray millet. I often think that this prevents the birds from plucking one another, as they will search the sprays long after they are denuded of the seed. Then, also, I must not forget to mention the good which insect food will do these birds: that is, live insects or their larvæ. I have found a large moth to work wonders with an Orange Bishop a bit out of sorts. It ate some by holding the end of the body in its mouth and drawing out the contents after having first killed the moth by a sharp blow with its beak.

Birdy Temperaments.

I find most of the small foreigners enjoy being out of doors during warm weather, and it cannot fail to do them a vast amount of good if discretion is used. Of course, if troubled with cats, some precautions would be needed. As I am not worried in this direction, I leave someone who is, to suggest a safe-guard. When speaking of perches, I forgot to mention that they are all of different thicknesses, some round and others flat. By thus varying the perches, I do not think the birds are so liable to cramp in the feet.

My birds usually agree very well, and I notice that when any squabbling does occur it is not caused by the larger birds with the most formidable beaks, but usually by birds of the smaller waxbill tribe. I have a Crimson Eared Waxbill (Cordon Bleu) which is especially troublesome. It has taken a dislike to a Black-headed Mannikin, and I am afraid it will end in its getting solitary confinement for a week to see if that will cure it of its quarrelsome tactics. For birds that are in low condition a piece of stale sponge-cake soaked in sherry is very beneficial, or a little egg-food.

In conclusion, I would just say that because I write these lines, I do not wish to pose as an authority; I am only a beginner and what I have written are only observations I have made myself in conjunction with what I have learned by reading articles by persons who can claim to be authorities on the subject, and by carefully reading the "Replies to correspondents" column of our valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, which I wish the success it deserves.

The Gulls on Walney Island.

The Gulls upon Walney Island are protected by the farmer in return for the good they do by clearing his land of grubs and worms. Unfortunately they have many enemies and it is reported that in one year only about 20 young ones were reared from over 200 pairs of birds. The eggs were mostly taken by trespassers and other enemies.

Birds of Paradise at the Zoo.

For the first time in the history of the London Zoo two female examples of the great Bird of Paradise are on view. All the other specimens obtained by the authorities have been males. Imported into Europe last year the birds have lived in the aviaries of Sir Wm. Ingram, at Monte Carlo. That gentleman has now presented them to the Zoo. During the long train journey they were induced to take food, with the result that on arrival they were quite lively. The collection of Birds of Paradise now in the Zoo is considered the finest ever brought together.

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The Singing Season.

Although yesterday was a cold, frosty morning, with the ground as hard as a rock, yet a Song Thrush was singing from the top of a tall elm, as though winter was already past. There is no denying, that the Thrush is one of our best, and most constant songsters. In this matter he leaves the big Missel Thrush a long way behind, for although this latter bird sings when the elements are not at all conducive to bird music, yet it is only just previous to the nesting period that this bold fellow sings so lustily. His singing at that time is so fierce, so vehement, that one cannot but notice it; it is an added charm to the countryside at a time when every day brings its addition to the beauties of the coming spring. But we never by any chance fail to notice the bold Storm Cock. Year after year the incident occurs. The big lusty bird perched high up in the topmost branches of the tree, day after day shouts his somewhat discordant notes. Hail, rain, or sunshine are all alike to him, the more inclement the weather, the more he sings. Without doubt, it was this member of the Thrush family that the poet had in his mind, when he said, "And thro' wild March, the Throstle calls."

Why is it the Blackbirds are so late in singing, compared with the Thrushes? They are big birds, feeding upon practically the same food, roaming together, frequenting the same meadows, the same hedgerows, the same gardens, in fact, almost living the same life. And yet Thrushes commence to warble directly the moulting sickness has passed, and sing more or less throughout the winter. We have heard many this season, but never a note from the Blackbird, and it will possibly be another month, before the rich melodious notes of the Ouzel are mingled with ... it is still winter, ... along the hedgerows that bid us hope for brighter times. The pointed buds of the ash have a plump full look about them, and the brambles show rich bright green at the joints, where the old discoloured leaves of last summer hang fluttering in the wind. Like us, they are waiting, waiting for the bright sunshine and the warm spring rains. And so are the noisy Rooks; these can now be heard a long way from the Rookery, where a lot of birds are gathered together. The noise is almost deafening. Although there is something very picturesque about a Rookery, with the sight of the busy birds flying in and out of the trees, it cannot be very pleasant to have them in the trees quite close to one's house. From now to the end of March they will be quite noisy. There is really no other word for it. Whatever they can have to say to each other all day long is a puzzle; possibly some of it is meant for Rook song. It is a curious kind of song, as we judge bird music, but there can be no doubt that every bird has a song of some kind, and there is no reason why the Rook should be an exception. We do not credit the Tit family with much in the way of music, but we yesterday heard a Greater Tit sing quite equal to, or, if anything, a superior song to that of a Chaffinch, about thirty yards away. To show how differently we look upon these matters (where we have no mechanical measure or standard, but only our senses to guide us) a book upon "Nature's Songsters" does not include any of the Tit family, but makes much of the Chaffinch. Again, a certain writer mentions the Blackbird as "a vulgar cackling nuisance," whereas the bird was a favourite of Jeffries, Tennyson, and others.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

A Dangerous Nesting Site.

An old nest of the Skylark almost intact was recently seen actually touching one of the sleepers of the railway. If one watches a sleeper while a train is passing it will be seen that as each wheel goes over, the sleeper moves considerably. One can imagine the plucky hen-bird sitting tightly upon her treasures while the rushing train passes over her and the very foundations of the nest move. This would be bad enough during the daylight, but at night it would be dreadful. The wonder is that the eggs were hatched at all in such a position, but they were, and the young were seen about between the rails for several days, the old birds constantly feeding them.

The Green Woodpecker.

The Green Woodpecker is the commonest of the British species, and yet strange to say is almost unknown in Scotland and Ireland. It is a fine large bird with a scarlet crown and grass-green plumage, with a patch of bright yellow at the root of the tail. Woodpeckers are rather shy birds, and one has some difficulty in observing their ways, although in the springtime their cry is frequently heard in the wood, and by careful stalking it is occasionally possible to get a good sight of them. There are some three hundred species throughout the world. They occur almost everywhere, excepting in the Australian region, and in Madagascar. The generality of them have attractive plumage in which black and white, and many colours are fine in contrasting one with the other.

Nesting of Buntings.

Yellow Buntings never appear to increase, although they commence to breed in the month of April, and eggs may be found as late as September. Who or what are their enemies? Do they on account of their colour, and their habit of sitting so conspicuously upon the topmost spray of the hedgerow, run more than the ordinary risk incidental to bird life? Whatever is the cause, we never see a big gathering of them. We do occasionally run against a flock of twenty or thirty birds, but these are generally spread over a considerable area. Certainly they are not very gregarious, but that is all the more reason why they should be seen oftener than they are. Although I am out and about I don't think I have seen one now for a fortnight, a fact which hardly applies to any other common resident bird.

The Feeding Lapwing.

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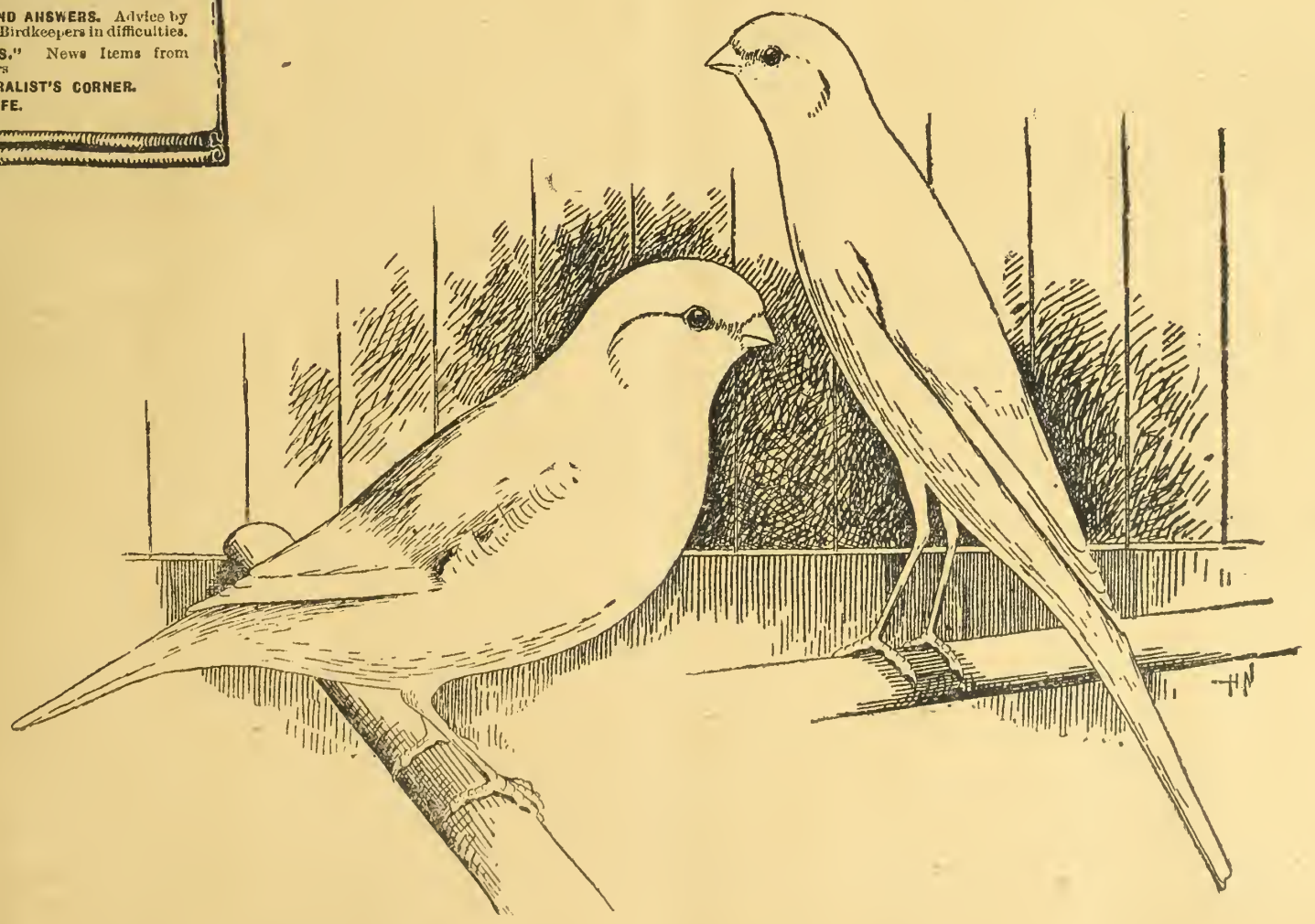

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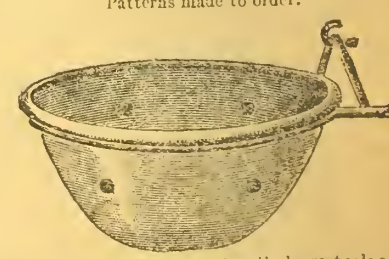

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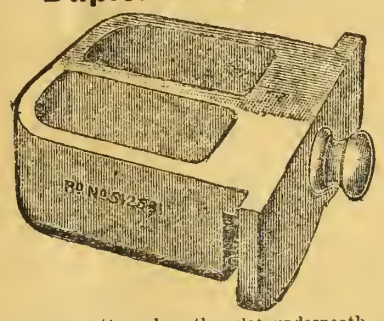

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GIVING up the Fancy; all my noted stock of Green and Clear Borders, including many winners, show cages, cages, breeders, and flights for sale; reasonable; stamp particulars.—Johnson, 60, Renshaw-st., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Borders. Having selected breeding stock, can spare four pairs, matched for breeding, from 12/6 to 17/6; bred from best and reliable strains; see report Gateshead, St. Helen's; approval.—Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O.

MUST sell 12 pairs of grand Borders, 10/- pair, or best offer for lot; bred from well-known strain.—Woodman, Liscard Village, Liscard, Liverpool.

ARNOT and Jamieson, Queen-terrace, Hawick, N.B., not having time to attend to so many pairs, have decided to part with other 15 pairs, properly matched for even marked. Breeding prices, 10/- to 20/-; also several odd buff green cocks and hens; cheap; approval stamp.

Cinnamons.

YELLOW Norwich cocks, 6/- each, approval; fed or unfed.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

CAN spare a few special birds, also a few Norwich, good quality; cheap.—Apply Seed, 88, Abraham-st., Blackburn.

FEW high-class Cinnamon Canaries; Dormer's strain; cheap to clear.—H. Fry, Alwinton, Godstone Road, Purley.

NORWICH cinnamon marked, green marked, also green cocks from 8/6; hens from 6/-.—Eastoe, 183, Thorold Road, Ilford.

J. DOBSON has some good Cinnamon cocks for sale, Yellow or Buff, at reasonable prices; state wants.—14, East-rd., N.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, related to my winners, from 10/6 each; stamp reply.—W. Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs.

HOWARTH, Rydal Stores, Little Harwood, Blackburn, has a few good cinnamon Norwich for sale; approval; deposit; stamp.

1907 Yellow Cinnamon Norwich hen, 15/-; 1906 Buff Cinnamon Norwich hen, 15/-; approval.—Bairstow, 13, Tennyson-st., Lee Mount, Halifax.

CINNAMONS, high-class type, quality, buff cocks, yellow and buff hens, unlighted; approval, stamp.—Fernie, Woodview, Broadloan, Renfrew.

UNFLIGHTED Buff cock, grand size, 15s.; buff hen, rare size, 15s.; few others, 10s.; yellow hen, 15s.—Tams and Son, Church Street, Longton.

TWO prize-bred yellow Cinnamon cocks, two buff hens, good, large birds, reasonable price; on approval.—Bullock, Station-rd., Meir, Longton, Staffs.

CINNAMONS, both Norwich and Yorkshire type; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 110.)

WANTED, Cinnamons; exchange yellow Norwich cock, sell 15/-; also muling cock Goldfinch, 7/-; approval; muling cock Greenfinch.—J. Lyes, Thetford, Norfolk.

GRAND Cinnamons, pairs or single birds; state your wants; reasonable prices; several winners to spare; overstocked; must part with about 30 birds; approval.—R. Ingram, St. Ives, Hunts.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons; cheap; yellow buff cock buff hen. See this week's report Palace Show. One second, two third, one fourth with four entries. Approval, stamp.—Roberts, 44, Lancaster-st., Blackburn.

WINNERS. Big Buff Cinnamon cock, two 3rds, 30/-; monster Buff cock, 2nd and third, 35/-; grand Buff, special and 1st, 50/-; big stock cocks from 15/-; stamp reply.—Joseph Exton, Westcotes Drive, Leicester.

WALLBANK, breeder of high-class Cinnamons, has a grand lot of champion buff cocks for sale, prices from 8/6 to 25/6; buff hens 8/6 to 20/-; yellow hens, 12/6 to 20/-; state wants and have them on approval first.—35, Withers-st., Blackburn.

CHAMPION CINNAMONS.
I have five unflighted Buff hens for sale, 15/- to £1 each; one Buff cock, 15/-; Godley's strain, as my winners Manchester, Gt. Harwood, Jarrow, etc.—J. T. Hargreaves, 67, James-st., Gt. Harwood, near Blackburn.

Crests and Crestbreds.

LARGE variegated Crestbred cock, 3rd prize, 12/6; deposit.—6, Norwood-gardens, Ashford.

WILL send photo 1907 winners with list of birds for sale; send stamps.—Denham, 47, Blackboy-rd, Exeter.

SEVERAL pairs of crested and crest-bred Canaries, from 10/-; also hens.—Partridge, Watton, Norfolk.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, of prize strain; pairs from 20/-; stamp reply.—Winton, 25, Nethergate, Dundee.

CHAMPION large Crest and Crest-breds; King's; from 7s. 6d. each.—Wood, 32, Linden Road, Gloucester.

CRESTS, 1907 hens for disposal, cold-room bred, 4/- each; room wanted.—W. Apps, Noah's Ark, Seal, Kent.

REDUCING stock, have about forty good stock birds for sale; best blood only.—Slade, 37, Cranmer-rd., Brixton.

FEW Crest and Crestbred cocks and hens; 20/- to 30/- each; sound and healthy.—Parkinson, Waterloo place, Whitby.

YOUNG Crested and Crestbred hens; one Crested cock, in full song.—84a, Salisbury-road, Queen's Park, Kilburn.

CREST and crestbred, 1907, also matched pairs, sell cheap to effect clearance.—McColl, Park-terrace, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

EVINS BROTHERS have a few Crest and crestbreds, cocks and hens, 10/- to 40/- each; approval.—High-st., Exeter.

HIGH-CLASS Crests and Crestbreds for sale, from winners; or exchange high-class cinnamons.—Peace, 26, Fieldhead-road, Sheffield.

VARIEGATED buff cock dark Crest, 5/6; variegated buff hen, dark crest, 3/-.—Cooper, 52, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

REDUCING Stock. Crested and Crestbreds. Splendid birds. About ten for sale. Stamp reply.—Newsholme, 11, College-st., Keighley.

FOUR grand crested cocks, two crestbred cocks, 8/6 each, or what offer for lot; approval first.—Wallbank, 35, Withers-st., Blackburn.

WM. REID, Falkland, Fife, winner of 45 prizes, 10 specials, challenge cup, this season, has Crests, Crestbreds, winners, from 10/-; approval.

CHAMPION crests, crestbreds, cocks and hens, cheap, to make room for breeding.—Professor Selkirk, 55, Southdean Gardens, Southfields.

ONE crestbred hen, 4 crested hens, 5/- each; two crested cocks, 6/- and 7/- each; pair Norwich 7/6 to clear.—Pass, Cagemaker, Bucknall, Notts.

BARGAINS. Crested cock and C.B. hen, 12/6, worth double; cock winner; cards sent; first P.O. gets them.—Devay, 23, Georgest., Stranraer.

YELLOW and Buff Crest, Crestbreds, show or stock, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- pair; on approval.—Harris, 13, Bleaby-st., Sneinton, Nottingham.

YELLOW dark crested, even-winged marked cock, 15/-; large green crest-bred cock, 12/6; ditto hen, 8/6 (Barnett's).—Eastoe, 183, Thorold rd., Ilford.

CRESTS, four good stock pairs, some winners and from winners, Dunfermline, 25/6 pair; approval, stamp.—William Campbell, 3, Leishman-[illegible]

CRESTS and crested birds; illustrated list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 110.)

CRESTS, Crest-breds, cocks, 15/-, 25/-; tickets sent; wanted Crest-bred hen; no rubbish.—Anson, Ivy House, Albion-grove, Stoke Newington, London.

LAST few left, seven properly matched pairs Crests, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- pair, must sell by February 25th.—Treasure, Grove Villa, Cheltenham.

BARNETT'S direct, Crests and Crestbreds; few good healthy stock pairs; also single birds, cheap; approval.—Bushell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

SELF green Crest hens, grand type, 5/- each; variegated and clear buff C.B. hens, 3/6 to 5/- each.—Broadbent, House Decorator, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

J. CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, late Norwich; thirty years breeder, exhibitor own strain. Must clear twenty from 10/- upwards. State wants. Stamp, approval.

NOTICE, a few real good C.B. cocks and pairs from 30/- upwards, same strain as my champions at Coventry, Banbury.—H. Wilks, Adelaide-rd., Leamington, Spa.

LARGE 1907 buff Crest-bred cock, even wing-marked, dark cap, plenty of feather, sell or exchange crested cock or hen; approval.—J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh.

W. H. BALE has properly matched pairs from 20/-; several large Crestbred cocks and hens from 15/-; buff dark crested cock 20/-; approval.—55, Newport-rd., Barnstaple.

CREST cock, Crest-bred hen, 4 Norwich hens; exchange for two Crest hens. Arm gramophone, 13-disc, exchange Crests.—Edwards, 71, Swinbrook Road, Westbourne Park.

CREST and Crestbreds, from 7/6 to 15/-, mostly cocks; pair of Coppy, 25/-; seen after 2 p.m., or Sunday; stamps reply.—W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-road, Kilburn, London.

BARGAINS. From my winners this season leading shows; Green Crest cock, grand bird, 10/6; pairs, 30/-; Yorkshire cock, winner, 10/-; approval, deposit.—F. Beard, Llandrindod.

LARGE, clear body, dark Crest cock, good shape crest, rare texture of feather, £4, bargain; stock pairs from £3; hens from £2 ;approval.—F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.

SELECTED crest-bred cocks, the remainder of my stock (giving up); monster variegated, 30/-; greens and clear yellows, 12/6 to 25/-.—W. H. Spicer, The Aviaries, 118, Queen's-rd., Watford.

ONE crested cock, two crested hens, two variegated German hens, 14/6 the lot; or exchange for good joiners' plough with necessary irons.—J. T. Cotterill, 13, Willingham-st., Grimsby.

CRESTS and crest-breds, a few cocks only, at half their value, related to my £70 pair strain, and others of equal merit, from 20/-.—J. Griggs, Mayfield, Hagley-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

J. BERTIE, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham, has several rare good Crests and Crestbreds to spare; two Crestbred cocks, fit to win at Palace, Yellow and Buff; approval; stamp reply.

THE last of my stock of Crests; grand pairs, 30/-, to clear; also Crest hen, double Crestbred, 15/-; all in breeding condition; approval; stamp for reply.—James Findlay, Glendoick House, Glencarse, N.B.

G. PENNINGTON'S high-class Crests, crest-breds, have decided to clear this week; I want the room, about fourteen pairs, 25/- pair, worth 60/-; guarantee my own breeding.—87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

MUST sell all my birds, want of room; nine Crest and Crestbred cocks, 10/- to 25/-; 12 Crest and Crestbred hens, 5/- to 20/-; bargains; approval.—John Towers, Riverview, Woodbridge-rd., Guildford.

J. AND J. SYMONS, 1, Brisbane-terrace, Liskeard, Cornwall, winners of Crests and Crestbreds, can spare few pairs of grand stock birds from 30/- to 80/- pair; single birds from 10/- upwards; approval; stamp.

YELLOW, dark crest cock 12/-; buff C.B. cock 12/-; half Lancashire Plainhead cock 12/6; green Plainhead C.B. 12/6 and many others; these are very special prices.—Lilley, 13, Dorothy-rd., Lavender-hill, London.

TWO big buff 1906 Cinnamon hens, by a Lawrence cock, and out of hen I bought from Godley, guaranteed breeders, full of quality and in the pink of condition, 15/- each.—B. Wheatley, Heights, Liversedge.

GRAND Crests and Crestbreds; crested cocks 10/- to £3; crested hens 10/- to 30/-; Crestbred cocks 7/6 to 20/-; Crestbred hens 5/6 to 20/-; pairs 15/- upwards; approval.—Hewett, Rose Tavern, Mariners-lane, Norwich.

CRESTS and Crestbreds. Buy from the breeder and save dealers profits; only a few left; Barnett's strain; cold room bred from 20/- per pair upwards; approval.—Inspector Storey, Police Station, St. Ives, Hunts.

SPLENDID chance for beginners, few high-class Crests and Yorkshires, breeding cages, racks, show cages, and all appliances for sale, giving up fancy, no time; stamp reply.—Cooper, 22, Camelford-rd., Greenbank, Bristol.

WALLBANK, 20 years' breeder of champion Crest, has about 40 Crest and Crestbred cocks for sale, prices from 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 up to 25/-; state wants, and have them on approval first.—35, Withers-st., Blackburn.

BARGAINS, room wanted, two Crest cocks, 12/6, 15/-; grizzle crested hen, 15/-; three crest-bred cocks, 15/-, 20/-; healthy, cold-room bred; approval; stamp reply.—William Watt, 108, Appin-crescent, Dunfermline.

1906 GREEN Crestbred hen, feather to end of beak, 30/-; 1907 Buff dark Crest hen, good round Crest, 25/-; both prize-bred; or exchange both for 1907 variegated Crest cock, with long front; approval.—Low, Well-place, Cupar.

HEAVILY feathered matched pairs, crested, 12/6, 15/-, £1; crested and crest-bred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; ditto hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- upwards; travelling cage 3d. extra; approval; cold-room bred.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

WALLACE'S four entries at the Palace won two seconds, fourth, v.h.c., strong coupetition; breeder over twenty years. Single cocks, hens, from 12/6; pairs 25/- upwards; all own breeding, not bought birds. Approval.—115, Rosemount Place, Aberdeen.

R. B. TOPE, 8, Hoe-street, Plymouth, has a few good Crests and Crestbreds, same as my winners Crystal Palace this week; see report; large Grey Crested cock, with hen, 50/-, worth double; also a few nice pairs, same strain, 30/-; approval; stamp reply.

CHAMPION Crest blood, having finished the show season by winning over 70 prizes in Crests alone, and selected my breeding stock, I can spare about three pairs cheap, and a few singles, cocks and hens, from 20/-; approval; stamp reply.—Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

COLLEDGE, Kilburn, Derby, winner of 38 cups, specials and money prizes at five shows this season, clear yellow crest-bred cock, second cross Lancashire 1907, 27/6; cap winged second cross yellow 1907, 25/6; buff, lightly marked, crest-bred hen 1906, 13/6; coarse, leafy green crest-bred cock 1907, 15/6; massive variegated crest hen, 22/6; crested cocks, 20/6 upwards; approval, stamp.

LARGE buff dark crest cock, 35/-, rich colour; large ticked buff crest-bred cock, nice round skull, good entrance, short beak, 40/-; clear buff crest-bred cock, broad skull, short beak, dense feather to beak end, 40/-, both 1907 bred.—Richards, 66, Carter-st., Greenheys, Manchester.

GOOD crested cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; crested hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; crest-bred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; crest-bred hens, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; stamp reply; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich.

TYPICAL heavily-feathered Crests and Crestbreds of reliable strains; young, healthy and cold-room bred; matched breeding pairs, 12/0, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- upwards; odd cocks and hens reasonable; highest satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly; enquiries invited.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION crest and crestbreds for sale; same strain as my winners; winner of over 2,000 prizes, including bowls, cups, medals and other specials. See report of Bristol Fanciers' Show; one first, two seconds, and three thirds. Pairs from 30s.; single birds equally cheap.—A. A. Pool, 37, Manor Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, best blood in the world, winnings well known, Barnstaple and Plymouth bowls outright, Bristol three; have only shown three times this season, but won bowl for best Crest, 1st and special Crestbred Plymouth, three 1sts and specials, 2nd, etc., Bristol; few to spare; state price prepared to give; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

CHAMPION Crests.—At Westminster, Cheltenham, Gloucester, 1907, I won 14 1sts, £5 5s. cup, 2 Crest Club specials, and many others, and this season a great many more; good stock crests, crestbreds, all bred by myself; Cinnamon crests unbeatable; winner over 7,000 prizes, breeder 40 years; addressed envelope, list; personal visit invited.—T. J. King, Coronation-rd., Cheltenham.

BUY of the breeder, Crests, Crest-breds, for show or stock, same strain as my winners, of many hundreds of prizes, specials, cups, medals, etc., cheap; no crest-bred hens; also Grizzle Crest hen (Roberts' direct), less than half cost, or with good C.B. cock, £2 10s. the pair; would exchange any of the above to value for massive 1907 C.B. hen, with long head feather, of approved strain.—Smith, Royston, Alverstoke.

BARGAINS. Variegated Crested cock, 25/-; wing-marked ditto, 25/-; ditto, 20/-; two variegated ditto, 10/6 each; two Grey ditto, 10/6 each; clear body dark ditto, 15/6; two variegated Cresthred cocks, 15/6 each; three ditto, 10/6 each; two ditto, 7/6 each; wing-marked Crested hen, 20/-; variegated ditto, 10/6; ditto, 6/-; three Crestbred hens, 10/6 each; also matched pairs from 15/6; all 1907 bred; approval.—John Hesketh, 49, Campbell-st., St. Helen's.

MONSTER even-marked dark Crest cock, 12/-; massive Green ditto, beauty, 10/6; variegated ditto, 9/6; massive Green Crest hen, 10/-; monster variegated ditto, 10/6; monster clear Crest hen, 10/6; massive Yellow variegated Crestbred cock, beauty, 9/6; monster Buff variegated, ditto, 12/6; ditto, 9/6; massive variegated Cresthred hen, 9/6; ditto, gem, 6/6; splendid value; all grand stock birds; Barnett's strain; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest-class Crests, Crestbreds, Barnett and Joyce's strains: monster wing-marked Crest cock, 16/-; massive heavy-feathered Green dark Crest cock, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered variegated dark Crest cock, 12/6; monster clear Crest hen, 13/-; massive heavy-feathered variegated ditto, 12/6; monster clear Crestbred cock, 14/6; monster variegated ditto, 15/-; massive Green ditto, grand head, 12/6; massive feathery variegated Crestbred hen, 12/6; ditto, 10/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.
High-class birds at moderate prices. — W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS CRESTS.
Having won this season over 80 prizes, two challenge cups, gold medal, and 14 specials, can spare one or two stock birds from 30/-; state wants.—McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

SILL'S
Greatest bargains ever offered; green crestbred cock, with dark crested hen, only 25/-; another grand pair, breed winners, 20/-; worth double; King's, Barnett's, Joyce's strains; large feathery 1907 birds; week's approval, cash or deposit.—Sills, Sharow, Ripon, Yorks.

E. L. A. CROW,
having purchased Rev. David Dickson's entire stock of Crests and Crestbreds, has the same for disposal, at very moderate prices, in matched pairs, or single birds; this strain has won numerous prizes; the birds are all in good condition and should be invaluable for stock; on approval.—64, London-rd., Lowestoft.

CHAMPION CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS
bred from my winners at London Provincial Ornithological Society 1906, including championship diploma and medal winners, also Norwich, Crystal Palace, etc., few cheap to clear 7/6 each, upwards; state price. Note: Not a dealer, absolutely all own breeding; cold room; approval.—Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich.

BARGAINS.
Champion Crestbred cock, winner in keenest competition, abundance of feather, massive skull, well lashed, £3, worth double; another monster, wonderful body, good skull and lashing, a tip-topper, 50/-, winner anywhere; another grand bird, good body, wealth of head feather, 40/-; dirt cheap; also splendid Crested cock, big winner, £4, worth double; guaranteed sound and healthy; room required for Plainhead breeding.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

WICKS BROS., NORWICH,
offers grand Crested and Crestbred cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, upwards; ditto hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; selected pairs matched for Crest breeding 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, upwards; approval; simply state wants; correspondence a pleasure; send for current price list of birds and catalogue of all appliances, post free.—Postal and telegraphic address, Wicks Bros., Norwich.

A SENSATION AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE
C. Roberts' unbeaten Crests and Crestbreds won all before them at the Palace record show, winning six out of eight specials given for Crests, taking both the L. and P.O.S. championship diplomas, also the Crystal Palace medal for the best Canary in the show with 2,300 entries. See reports Gateshead and Scottish National Shows, winner gold medal for the best bird in the show. I have a few pairs properly matched from 30/- to £30; single birds from 20/-; state wants; on approval.—67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

HIGH-CLASS CRESTS.

I have some good crests and crest-breds for sale. Many that can win at our very best shows, and some grand stock birds; I don't exhibit now. I breed for my customers to win. Best blood in the fancy; many winners sold by me; 30 years breeder; approval, and before payment, to any fancier I know.—T. Billington, 160, Colwick-rd., Nottingham.

Dutch Frills.

GOOD Dutch Frills, 20/- to 100/-.—Brooks, Abbey-rd., Cambridge.

STOCK, Dutch, French, Skylarks, Thrush, cycle, camera, cheap.—Williams, Parliament Place, Liverpool

DUTCH Frills of great merit; illustrated list free. W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 110.)

Greens.

GREEN Yorkshire cock, 10/6; pink-eyed cock, 8/6.—183, Thorold-road, Ilford.

WANTED, large, sound coloured, Norwich greens, cash; approval.—H. R. Boby, Stowmarket.

FEW Norwich Green cocks, Yellow and Buffs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 each.—C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

FOUR 1907 Norwich cocks, 7/- each; accept best cash offer for lot.—Baker, 47, Upper Grove-st., Smethwick.

LARGE Green Norwich cock, Yellow, 10/-; Buff ditto, 8/-; grand birds.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

TWO Foul Buff Norwich Green cocks, 10/-, 12/6 each; cheap to clear.—Pilling, Washington-street, Leo Mount, Halifax.

FOUL Green and Norwich buff cock, fit to show, 12/6; pairs matched, reasonable, approval.—Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

SACRIFICE, to make room, six yellow green Yorkshire cocks, two buff cocks, 7/6 each.—Metcalfe, Brythen-st., Liverpool.

I HAVE a few good Yorkshire Greens to spare, single or pairs; best blood obtainable; reasonable; approval.—Metcalfe, Brythen-st., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, singles, pairs, carefully matched; few good show birds.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

HAVE for disposal yellow green cock, three buff cocks, same strain as my winners at Derby, Cambridge, etc., from 10/- each.—Riding, Walmsley-st., Rishton.

H. HUGHES, late 10, Huskisson-st., now of 6, Argyle-st., South Birkenhead, has few pairs Yorkshire Greens for sale; also single cocks, all bred from the same strain as my Palace winners; inspection invited; approval; stamp.

Lancashires.

WEST Tweedale-st., Rochdale. High-class Lancashires for show or stock; price reasonable. Stamp reply.

TYPICAL Lancashires, Plainheads, cock or hen, 10/6 each; ten days' approval.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

CLEAR buff Plainhead cock, 1907, 12/-; exchange good yellow Norwich hen; mutual approval.—Naden, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

THREE grand buff coppy hens, also three yellow Yorkshire hens, yellow cock, cheap approval. — Hughes, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

BUFF Coppy cock, Buff Plainhead cock, 10/- each; nice young good bred birds; not rubbish; approval; cold room.—Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

TICKED yellow coppy cock, beautiful neat coppy, 25/-, also few Norwich green hens, reasonable; approval.—Walker, 197, Gt. Horner-st., Liverpool.

SELLING off; room wanted; all my stock of Lancashires and cages, etc.; can be seen by appointment; stamp reply.—F. Horsman, 13, Bramball-st., Rochdale.

GOOD Lancashires, Plainhead and coppy; illustrated list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 190.)

CLEAR buff coppy cock, 18 months, 20/-; clear buff Plainhead cock, 1907, 20/-; ticked yellow coppy cock, 1907, 15/-; approval; can pair either if required.—Collinge, 126, Platting-lane, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES, buff Plainhead cock, two buff Plainhead hens, 15/- each; buff coppy hen, 15/-; ditto cock, 15/-; another, 25/-; yellow coppy hens, 25/- each.—Rushton, 102, Buxton-rd., Macclesfield; stamp.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Lizards.

1906 SILVER lizard cock, 8/-; 1907 silver cocks, 8/- each; approval.—Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

FEW pairs of good Lizards 12/- pair; approval.—Miss Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, near Oldham.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards, some of the best; illustrated list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 110.)

GOLD-CAPPED Lizard cock, 1907, winner three 1sts, one 2nd, 25/-; reason for selling, keeping Norwich only; also three good Norwich cocks.—Mrs. Bayly, Queen-st., Margate.

FEW pairs left, same strain as Rochdale, Manchester, Mansfield, Notts, Oldham, Derby and Horticultural Hall winners, from 15/- pair; see reports.—C. E. Fisher, Surrey-st., Glossop.

FEW pairs and a few odd cocks, same strain as my winners, Rochdale, Manchester, Rochdale Good Intent, Middleton, Nottingham, Westminster, Palace, etc.; also winner of the Lizard Challenge Cup; inspection invited; stamp reply.—John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, can spare a few gold and silver cocks, same strain as my winners at Manchester, Nottingham, Westminster, and Crystal Palace; no better blood obtainable; approval; stamp reply.—Lawton, Sumner-st., Glossop, Manchester.

100 money prizes have been awarded to my Lizards this show season, which consists of twenty-two firsts, besides other prizes too numerous to mention. Pairs from 15/0; reasonable price for single birds; stamp; particulars.—J. Hampshire, 7, Cowper-st., Brunswick-st., Oldham, Lancashire.

Norwich.

TWO yellow variegated hens, 4/-, also buff cock, 0/-.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

MRS. TITCHFIELD has a few pairs from 15/-.—2, Ribblesdale-rd., Streatham Park.

NORWICH Plainheads, cocks and hens, all colours.—Orr, 129, Petershill-road, Glasgow.

SIX good Norwich cocks, full song, 6/6 each, 30/- lot.—Cave, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, have a few yellow hens from 5/- each; also buff hens.

PAIR Norwich, cock in song, hen proved breeder, 4/6 lot.—Hamdon House, Soke-sub-Hamdon.

LARGE cold-room bred hens, 3/- and 2/6; call only.—76, Rushmore-road, Lower Clapton, N.

TWO pairs large Norwich 1906 Canaries, 13/- lot, cheap.—W. Farmer, 8, Houghton-st., Prescot.

BUY from the breeder; Norwich Canarics from 3/-.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

FRED. ESSEX, Peakdale, Buxton, offers smart pair 1907 Plainheads, Green cock and Buff hen, 7/-.

FEW good songsters for sale, 5/6, 6/6 each; three days' approval.—Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby, York.

WANTED, Norwich, give splendid 1906 black-red Game hen from my winners.—Boby, see "Greens."

HAVE several hens to part with, cheap, Yellow or Buff, 2/6 each.—Bennett, Cross-st., Hampton Hill.

FEW yellow variegated hens, also buffs, 2/6 each.—E. Baldock, 4, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, Kent.

GRAND lot of Norwich and Yorkshires, prices reasonable.—Pimm, 229, Icknield Port-rd., Birmingham.

NORWICH Plainheads, winners still a few grand birds left; approval.—R. Pollock, Gardnerwell, Bathgate.

SIX good Norwich cocks, 1907, 5/- each; approval; cash or deposit.—Welby, Hallaton Rectory, Uppingham.

FEW splendid birds left; pairs from 12/-; grand thick-set typical cocks from 6/-.—Lindsey, see Yorkshires.

HOWARTH, Rydal Stores, Little Harwood, Blackburn, has a few good Norwich for sale; approval; stamp.

COCK Goldfinch Mule; exchange for good Yellow Norwich cock.—Clements, The Mall, Hungerford, Berks.

LARGE Yellow cock, two large Buff cocks, all unflighted; approval.—Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin.

GRAND hens, in breeding condition, 2/6 each.—Oakley, Coroner's-court, Warwick-place, Whitecross-st., E.C.

FEW Buff Norwich cocks left; related to my winners; see reports; cheap.—Fuller, 22, Roxboro'-rd., Harrow.

NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks, 3/6 each; cock and hen, 5/6; approval.—Stewart, Pouter-place, Castle-Douglas.

NORWICH Canaries for sale; cocks, 10/6; hens, 4/-; come and see them.—Wick, 80, St. John's-rd., Deptford.

SPLENDID Yellow 1907 Norwich; also Yorkshire cocks, both in song, 6/6 each.—Ellis, 5, Mount-st., Welshpool.

NORWICH Canaries for sale; pairs 6/9; separate cocks 5/-; hens 2/6.—G. Brown, 44, Bartholomew-st., Leicester.

NORWICH pairs, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; cocks and hens, 7/6 each upwards. Approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

TEN handsome Norwich cocks, full song, 5/-, 0/- each, 42/- the lot.—J. Holloway, Bentinck-cottages, Kirkby, Notts.

GOOD type cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/6; matched pairs, 10/- upwards; sound and young.—Doughty, King-st., Gt. Yarmouth.

NORWICH cocks and hens, all colour-fed, reared in outdoor aviary, from 6/6; approval.—Nalson, Althorne, Essex.

CLEAR and variegated yellow cocks, buff cocks, and hens, cheap, to clear.—Smeaton, 63, Summerlie-st., Prestonpans.

NORWICH Plainheads; few good birds from 7/-; all bred from winners.—J. Hale, 32, Nightingale-rd., Clapton, London.

R. BROWNLIE, 5, Vesta-road, Brockley, London, S.E., can spare a few typical Norwich Plainheads; prices reasonable.

NORWICH Plainheads, pairs from 10/6; cocks 8/6, yellow and buff; cold room.—Miss A. Fooks, Knowle House, Brentwood.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich buffs, cocks, from 6/6; hens from 5/-; approval.—J. Fraser, plasterer, 27, Brighton-rd., Reading.

FIFTY young healthy Buff Norwich hens, ready to nest, 2/6 each; approval.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

LARGE variegated buff cock, 6/6; ditto hen, 3/6; ticked buff hen, 12/6 lot.—Miss M. Gibbons, Boddington, Cheltenham.

ONE Buff cock and two Yellow hens, 1907 birds, 8/6 the lot to clear.—A. Plevin, 21, Queen's-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

GRAND lot of Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; splendid breeding Norwich hens, only 3/6 each.—Varney, Angel-lane, Stratford.

1907 Norwich cocks 4/6, 5/-; hens 2/6; approval; deposit; guaranteed good, healthy birds.—Johnson, 77, Druid-st., Hinckley.

EXTRA large buff Norwich cocks 7/6 and 8/6 each; ditto yellow hens 6/-; approval.—Townley, Victoria Grove, Ripon.

50 GRAND Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; sure to please.—Miss Sawbridge, Lutterworth, Leicestershire.

GRAND Norwich cocks from 5/6; hens 2/6; good spangled Lizard cocks 6/-.—Coles (side-door), 109, High-st., Borough, London.

FOUR good Norwich hens, 1907, cold room, 3/- each; cocks, 5/-; two Cinnamon hens, 4/6 each.—Grayson, Skellgate, Ripon.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

LARGE quantity of Norwich cocks, good songsters, 4/6 each; hens, 2/6; all in good health; approval.—Akers, Holbrook-rd., Belper.

1906 AND 1907 birds, grand stock, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, 10/-, 12/- and 15/-; approval.—Carstairs, 277, High-st., Perth.

TYPICAL Plainheads. Yellows and Buff, clear and variegated, from 20/- per pair.—Calderwood, 34, West Shaw Street, Kilmarnock.

NOTICE, extra grand pair Norwich Canaries, sure winners, 15/-; approval, easy payments.—McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

DECLINING Fancy. Plainheads and Crests, C.B., pairs 10/-; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6; healthy.—White, 34, Ellerker-avenue, Doncaster.

NORWICH Canaries for sale; pair, mated for breeding, grand colour, 12/6 upwards per pair.—P. Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.

SURPLUS stock Norwich Plainheads; three cocks, four hens, 5/- to 15/-; also four Linnets.—Glendining, 186, Queen's-rd., Peckham.

TEN big Norwich hens, pink of health, 1907, cold-room bred, 3/- each, 25/- lot; week's approval; cash or deposit.—Dimes, The Mount, Hanworth, Middlesex.

BUY from the breeder Norwich cocks from 6/6; Yorkshire cocks from 0/6; 7 day's approval.—G. Wyer, The Aviaries, March, Cambs.

YELLOW variegated cock, good one, 17/6; several unflighted cobby Buff hens, 5/- and 7/6.—Smith, 126, Blackpool-st., Burton-on-Trent.

NORWICH Plainheads for sale, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs; seen after 5 any evening.—E. Meades, 68, Griffin-rd., Plumstead.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Buff cocks from 12/6; hens, Yellow and Buff, from 10/6, worth double.—W. Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs.

THREE Yellow cocks from 10/- to £3; six Buff cocks from 10/- to 25/-; on approval.—W. Mort, 123, Milton-rd., Stoke Newington, N.

GIVING up breeding; 20 pairs good bred Norwich plain and variegated; state wants; approval, deposit.—Stevensons', Hatters, Derby.

NORWICH canaries to clear, 6/3 a pair; sex guaranteed; cash returned if not satisfactory.—G. Brown, 44, Bartholomew-st., Leicester.

GRAND pairs Norwich, 10s. 6d.; no better obtainable; Lancashire cock, 12s. 6d.; first order gets them.—Creese, Francis Road, Leyton.

GRAND Norwich, Yellows and Buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6; pairs, 14/6, 17/6; approval willingly.—Owen, 91, Ash-rd., Saltley, Birmingham

FOUR clear cocks, 6/6 each; three variegated crest-bred hens, 3/- each; large Palace aviary, 10/-.—44, Canal-bank, Peckham, London, S.E.

LARGE 1906 clear Buff Norwich cock, winner, 15/-; 1907 Foul Green Norwich cock, 10/-; another, 7/6; approval.—Bairstow (see Cinnamons).

STRONG, cold-room, healthy hens; clears; also marked, 2s., 2s. 6d. each; approval; room required.—Hughes, Sydenham Road, Smethwick.

GRAND lot of Norwich cocks, splendid songsters, bred 1907, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; seven days' approval; deposit.—J. Evans, 19, Gloucester-rd., Croydon.

ZIMMERMAN auto-harp, good as new, tutor, several sheets music, cost 25/-; offers in singing birds or anything useful.—Whitefoot, Mexbro'

SOME really good stock birds from winners; typical hens, unflighted, 10/6; grand cocks, £1.—Barrows, 13, Grosvenor-crescent, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

SEND a post-card to Miss E. L. Storey, Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster, for new illustrated price list of Canaries; carriage paid on approval.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; pairs, 7/6, 8/6; grand typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

HEALTHY Norwich, in song; cocks 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens 3/-, 4/-; cold room; approval; deposit.—Wall, Tankersley-lane, Hoyland Common, near Barnsley.

W. N. TURNER, 18, Percival-st., Hightown, Manchester, has for disposal twelve high-class Norwich cocks and hens, from 7/6 each; inspection invited.

FIT to win; one clear Yellow Norwich cock, 10/-; one clear Yellow hen and three Buffs, 7/6 each; approval, deposit.—Morton, 38, Brook-st., Brighouse.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich clear and marked Buff cocks, from 7/6; cold room. Approval; stamp.—Sidgwick, Aviary Cottage, Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire.

LARGE variegated Norwich Buff cock, ditto Yellow, 7/6 each; good stock birds; Lancashire Plainhead cock, 10/-.—Lawson, 7, Coronation-st., Tamworth.

CHAMPION prize-bred Norwich, from winners, principal Scottish shows, buff hen, 20/-; yellow cock, 20/-; grand stock birds.—Hendry, Glamis-rd., Forfar.

CHAMPION Norwich, 15s.; £1 pair; odd hen; principally yellows; inspection invited; approval stamp.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer Avenue, Munster Road, Fulham.

NORWICH cocks from 7/-; hens from 4/-; pairs from 10/-; few pairs Yorkshires; cash or deposit; postcard before birds.—W. Taylor, Station-rd., Hinckley.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, matched pairs, 7/6, 8/-, 10/6, 15/6 upwards; cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/6 upwards.—Miles St. Andrew's, Norwich.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich clear buff and variegated cock, yellow variegated cock, buff variegated hen, large stock birds. Thos Brown, Scott-st., Brechin, Scotland.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD from my winners; Hinckley, Coventry, Leicester pairs from 10/0; few odd birds.—W. Growdridge and Son, Clarendon-road, Hinckley.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, bred from winners, 6/- and 7/6 each; pedigree bred hens, yellows and buffs, 2/6, 3/- and 3/6 each.—Chapman, Haymarket, Leicester.

ARTHUR GREEN, 42, Tunnard-st., Boston, offers clear cocks from 7/6; variegated, 6/6; clear hens, 3/0; variegated, 3/-; immense stock; particulars on application.

NORWICH Canaries, Green, variegated and clear; good birds in prime condition; seen evenings and all Saturday.—Richards, 10, Dewburst-rd., Shepherd's Bush-rd., W.

HAVING selected breeding stock, can spare some grand Buff cocks and hens; short chubby birds; cheap to clear; approval.—Mein, 58, Carlton-rd., Walthamstow.

1907. Bullfinch-shaped Norwich; pure Mackley's, from 6s. each; winners from 15s. State wants; approval; satisfaction guaranteed.—Harry Smith, Connah's Quay.

THREE pairs Plainhead Norwich Canaries, from prize stock; grand birds to breed from; 1907 birds.—R. T. Gregory, No. 4, Market-st., Copperhouse, Hayle, Cornwall.

NORWICH Canaries, good birds in primo condition, cold-room bred; to be seen Saturday afternoon and Sunday mornings.—Townsend, 10, Mall-rd., Hammersmith.

HAVING selected my stock birds, I have a few very nice (1907) variegated hens from 6/0 upwards; inspection invited.—Gutteridge, Grocer, St. Margarets, Twickenham.

OWING to illness, a quantity of Canaries for sale, Norwich and Crest; write for particulars; early applications will oblige.—Mrs. Bamsey, 75, Upper Bainbriggs-st., Derby.

TWO grand unflighted yellow Norwich hens 15/- each; also few grand cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, from 6/-; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kington, Halifax.

I HAVE a few good Norwich for sale, bred from winners, cocks from 7/-; hens from 4/-; Yellows and Buffs; approval, deposit.—James Thompson, Broseley, Dawley, Salop.

BUFF variegated cock, winner two 3rds, same strain as our winners at all principal Scottish shows, 10/-; feeding hens, 2/-.—Lawrie and Welsh, Lawson-sq., Buckhaven.

TYPICAL Norwich, size, quality, from noted strains, yellows, buffs, both sexes, 1907 birds, from 12/- upwards; approval; stamp.—Fernie, Woodview, Broadloan, Renfrew.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, can spare few pairs of Norwich, same blood as my winners leading shows, 20/- to £5; single birds from 10/6; state wants; approval.

NORWICH cocks, clear or variegated, excellent songsters, 4/6 each; hens, 2/6; in good health; cold-room bred; money returned if not satisfied.—Thompson, Three Gates, Belper.

GENTLEMAN wishing to sell up stock has a few good birds for sale, cocks from 8/0, all 1907; also good breeding aviary.—6, Celia-rd., Tufnell Park, N.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, to 15/-; hens 2/3, 2/9, 3/6 to 10/-; some grand stock birds; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

TWELVE pairs of Plainheads, still left, all coloured and bred by me, from 10/6 pair; approval; deposit with pleasure; also few odd hens.—Read, Chellow Dene, York-rd., Guildford.

UNFLIGHTED Buff cock, grand colour, feather, and type, 7/6; large ticked unflighted Buff cock, 7/-; Yellow cock, 10/-; cobby Buff hens, 5/- each.—G. Osborn, 167, Bower-st., Bedford.

HENS, hens, hens. J. Bertle, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham, has some very typical Norwich hens, from 7/6 to 25/-, mostly unflighted; rare bargains; approval; stamp reply.

"A STUDY IN GREEN AND GOLD."—Mr. H. Norman's latest coloured plate of Cinnamon-marked and Self-green Norwich, post paid, 3d.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet Street, E.C.

G. BOTT, Long Buckby, has few champion strain Norwich cocks; same blood as Sandiford's Yellow hen, winner 10 first prizes, medal, etc.; from 7/6 each; few for local shows; cheap; deposit.

NORWICH cocks. Having selected breeding stock, can spare several excellent stock birds, correct type and colour, Yellow and Buffs, 10/- each; approval.—J. C. Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

NORWICH Canaries for sale; good strong birds, outdoor bred; 12 hens, 10 cocks; Buffs, cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; call any evening.—William Findlay, 8, Bickersteth-rd., Lower Tooting, London, S.W.

SCHOFIELD, Saddler, Ipswich, has four pairs Norwich, two pairs Cinnamons, Norwich type; two pairs Crests, to part with, own breeding; will separate; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; approval.

ARTHUR J. KILBY, Railway Livery Stables, Caterham Valley, has a few very choice pairs for disposal; same strain as my winners; also one Yellow cock, winner of several prizes; state wants.

PLAINHEADS; strain second to none. Buff cocks from 12/6, hens from 10/6; all related to my yellow variegated hen, Scottish National Champion. Approval, stamp.—George Scaife, Fauldhouse, Scotland.

ONE Yellow, dark crest, Norwich hen, 10/-; one Green Crested cock, 15/-; one Plainhead Yellow cock, dark wings, cap, 10/-; all 1907 healthy birds.—Marshall, 19, Woodstock-drive, Merrylee Park, Glasgow.

EXHIBITORS, winning Norwich for sale, best of blood; I have won twelve 1sts and nine seconds, etc. this season, from 15/-; stamp particulars; approval willingly.—McQueen, Wood Carver, Dumfries.

TWENTY-FIVE prize-bred Norwich cocks from 6/6 upwards; hens from 4/6 upwards, or will sell in one lot cheap; approval with pleasure; deposit; stamp for particulars.—Luke Granger, 5, Michell-st., Clitheroe.

WILLIAM ALLEN, Upper Thrift-st., Northampton, has twenty stock Norwich for disposal, yellows, buffs, variegated, Cinnamon, 1906-1907, healthy, cold room bred, cocks, 6/- upwards; hens, 3/- upwards.

FEW unflighted buff cocks, 7/6 upwards; also few matched pairs, 1906 and 1907 birds, 12/6 upwards; no odd hens, colour-fed, sound and reliable.—W. Stafford, 24, Stafford-st., Stockport; approval; deposit.

W. R. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, winner of challenge cups, etc., has 15 matched pairs from 20/- pair; monster Yellow hen, 1st Bournemouth, Wimbledon, etc., 50/-; also other single birds; all on approval.

MASSIVE buff green, with clear yellow hen, 25/-; two clear yellow cocks, 20/-; one ditto, 15/-; tick buff cock, 15/-; few yellow and buff hens from 10/-; healthy, outdoor; approval.—Sharp, House Furnisher, Bedford.

FROM winners; large unflighted Buff variegated cock, good quality, 25/-; two clear Buff cocks, 15/- each; two variegated Buff cocks, 12/6 and 7/6 each, songsters; clear Buff, 4/-; Yellow variegated, 4/6 each; approval.—Mr. G. Muir, 4, Dean-terrace, Kilmarnock.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 7/0; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/- 12/-; splendid value in highest-class stock; approval.—F. W. Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

DECLINING the Fancy; must clear four big Buff Norwich cocks and seven hens; all reliable birds; not rubbish; will sell cheap, or exchange for anything useful; state wants.—Wilson, 9, Hartley-grove, Woodhouse, Leeds.

ELLISON, breeder of high-class Norwich Plainheads, birds bred by me, won leading honours at principal shows this season, can spare some good stock birds; reasonable; approval.—Ellison, Logwood-st., Blackburn.

NORWICH Canaries, 1907 cocks, in full song, cold-room bred, natural colour; Greens, clear Yellow, ticked, or variegated, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each.—Address, R. Morton, 15, Francis-rd., South Ashford, Kent.

DR. SIDGWICK has for sale a few pairs from 20/-; one even marked buff hen, winner, 1st and special Watford; 3rd, Cambridge; 4th, Westminster; 35/-; also two yellow hens, 10/- and 12/6.—Apply 192, Queen's Road, Peckham.

NOTICE. Handsome Norwich-bred cocks, medium size, but really good songsters, 3/6 each; cock and hen, real good pairs, 5/0; or two cocks, 0/6; single hens, 2/6; all strong, healthy birds.—Mrs. Jones, 46, Claybrook-rd., Walham Green.

NORWICH Plainheads, best blood in the Fancy; matched, unrelated pairs, 9/6, 10/6, and 12/6 per pair; cocks, full song, 5/6, 7/6 upwards; Yellow or Buff hens, 3/6, 5/6 upwards; approval.—Geo. Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich.

J. TRISTEM, further reducing stock, can spare grand unflighted Norwich, singlo or pairs; bred same as his noted cup and Crystal Palace winners; cheap; approval with pleasure.—Elstem House, Winchester-rd., Brislington, Bristol.

LARGE variegated Yellow cock, 5/-; Buff ditto, 4/6; nearly four-pointed Buff ditto, 4/6; variegated Yellow hen, 3/-; two Buff hens, 3/- each; all in breeding condition; must clear.—Cooper, 52, Hembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

FANCIERS, and others, having received instructions to sell gentleman's aviaries, I can offer some splendid Norwich Canaries at 15/- pair; also grand length Yorkshires, same price; all cold bred, best strain.—Bartholomew, Dunstable.

FRED. TURNER can spare 10 unflighted cocks, clear, ticked, and var. Yellow or Buff; bred from his noted winners at the principal shows this season; see reports; prices from 10/6; approval, deposit.—46, Wilson-st., Clitheroe.

NORWICH prize-bred, matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 15/- upwards; cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 5/- upwards; travelling cage 3d. extra; approval; cold room bred; dealers supplied.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, full song, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pair, 6/6, with cage; 1907 birds; bred myself from monster parents; clearing aviaries for breeding; inspection invited; grand value; approval, deposit.—Harris, 118, Farringdon-rd., London.

E. ROWBOTHAM, Waterloo-st., Macclesfield, has still several good birds for sale, same strain as my winners, from 10/- upwards; good size, quality, and type throughout, cold room; seen any time by appointment; approval willingly; state wants.

FOR sale, one big, bouncing Yellow hen, with good head, chest and neck, upstanding, clean on the leg, 40/-; or exchange big bouncing Buff cock; must have good head, neck, and chest; also other Buffs and Yellows for sale.—J. Evans, 85, Kemble-st., Prescot.

CLEAR buff Norwich cock, unflighted, and large ticked yellow hen, 12/6; variegated yellow cock and clear buff hen, 12/6; large wing-marked buff cock, unflighted, good head, 10/-; 1906 large buff cock, good head, 7/6; approval.—J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

TYPICAL Norwich, grand, unflighted ticked yellow cock, rare shape and substance, 20/-; ditto, buff cock, 20/-; 1906 yellow cock, A1 type and quality, good head, bright colour, 20/-; others clears and marked, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; yellow and buff hens; reasonable, bred off and related to winners.—Frank Lawson, Pugin-st., Carlisle (state requirements).

TYPICAL Plainheads, reliable stock; young, healthy, and cold-room bred; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; odd hens from 3/-; cocks, 6/-; highest satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly; enquiries invited.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

EVENLY-MARKED Norwich, buffs and yellows, cocks or hens; please state requirements, as I have some exceptionally good ones, several can win, mostly four-pointed.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. (See my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, page 110.)

WALLBANK, 20 years breeder of champion Norwich, has a grand lot of good stock birds for sale, yellow cocks 10/0 to 30/-; buff cocks 7/6 to 20/-; yellow hens 10/6 to 30/-; buff hens 6/6 to 20/-; state wants and have them on approval first.—35, Withers-street, Blackburn.

MR. ECKERSLEY can still spare a few good birds, including some related to his champion yellow cocks, 1st and 2nd at Crystal Palace, 1906, in a class of 44; and to that grand yellow, Eclipse, winner of N.P.C. Championship gold medal, 1905.—51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries, cocks in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; pairs, matched for breeding, 9/-, 10/6, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- pair; money returned if not approved; stamp reply.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich.

VIGOROUS, healthy, beautiful quality, and bred from the highest class stock, only a few buff cocks left, young birds, clear, ticked, and variegated, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, and 25/- each; good value and every satisfaction guaranteed.—E. White, Shepherd's Station, St. Newlyn East, Cornwall.

HAVING paired our birds, have following to part with, ten good unflighted yellow cocks, eight buff cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- each; twelve yellow hens, 5/- upwards; ten buff, 3/- upwards; yellow, unflighted Cinnamou cock, 10/-; approval; deposit.—Hoare Brothers, 85, Gresham-st., Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries (cold-room bred), cocks in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; I have some large stock pairs, properly mated for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; no waiting; if not satisfied, money returned.—Fred Heathcote, 55, Havelock-st., Leicester.

J. NEEDHAM, having selected my breeding stock, can spare ten good pairs Norwich matched for breeding; also a few spare cocks, yellow and buff bred, from my noted winning strain; pairs from 15/- to 40/-; single cocks from 10/-.—Myrtle House, 3, Lytton-rd., Clarendon Park, Leicester.

WM. WRIGLEY, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, is reducing his stock; a few show and stock birds for sale, cheap; single birds from 7/6 upwards; pairs from 15/- upwards; same strain as my winners, Rochdale, Sheffield, Blackpool and many other leading shows; stamp reply; approval willingly.—8, Church Street, Godley, Hyde, Cheshire.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cock Canaries, in full song, 4s. 6d., 5s. 6d.; orange yellows, 7s. 6d. and 10s. each; good healthy hens from this year's breeding, 2s. 6d., 3s. 6d.; orange yellows, 4s., 5s., and 7s 6d. each; pairs properly mated for breeding, unrelated, 6s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d., and 15s. pair. Most of these birds have bred in out-door aviaries, others in cold rooms; this is no flattering advertisement, but genuine, with twenty years' references.—William Judd, Midland Counties Aviaries, 120, Belgrave Gate, Leicester.

RECORD bargains (1907 bred), clear buff Norwich cock, Trengove's strain, good type and quality, price 12/6, cost 25/-; 1907 bred variegated buff hen, good type, Vardy's strain, price 6/6, dirt cheap; champion (1906 bred) clear yellow hen, Baker's strain, rare size, type, and teeming with quality, real gem, just sold three birds bred from her last season for £11, lowest price 21/-, worth treble; large champion (1907 bred) clear yellow cock, Bishop's strain, grand one for type and quality, colour-fed, price 21/-, very cheap; first order gets them.—Apply, George Cubley, Roman Villa, Long Sutton, Lincs.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

A few Yellow and Buff cocks, bred as my Palace winner of 1904 to 1907.—J. F. Bishop, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.

W. TURNER,

2, St. Gile's-terrace, Norwich, breeder of high-class birds, has for disposal hens from 3/-; cocks from 5/6; state your wants; approval on deposit willingly.

WM. BOWYER,

Gladstone-street, Leek, who breeds his own winners, see show reports, can spare either show or stock birds; cocks from 10/- to 30/-; hens, 7/- to 20/-; no better blood in the Fancy; pay what price you will; the same strain that I have been winning with close upon 40 years; approval.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

Large Bullfinch type, good heads, fine, silky feather, best blood in the fancy; 30 years breeder, many winner sold by me, and I sell birds to breed winners; reasonable; approval.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-road, Nottingham.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

Having selected my breeding stock, I have some grand pairs to part with, matched pairs 12/6, 15/6, 20/- pair; odd cock yellows or buffs, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 5/6, 6/6 each; approval.—Matt. Hopkins, 38, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

HARLAND'S CHAMPION NORWICH.

I have for disposal some grand, unflighted birds, guaranteed my own breeding and same strain as my winners (which were all bred by myself); single cock, yellow or buff, from 10/- each; pairs matched to breed winners from 20/- pair; approval; stamp. 63, Welbeck-street, Hull.

WRIGHT AND SON,

84, Heath-road, Norwich, for typical Norwich Plainheads; winners medals, specials, etc., at Norwich, Crystal Palace, and leading shows, all in open competition; have a grand lot of prize-bred Norwich for sale; cocks, on full song, 5/6, 7/6, and 10/6; grand matched pairs, 9/-, 10/6, 12/6 to 40/-; a lot of good hens, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6, upwards; also show birds, 20/- upwards; approval.

FEW PAIRS GRAND NORWICH,

bred from Palace winners, **12/6, 15/-, 20/-**

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Extra large, champion clear buff cock, Bishop's strain (1907 bred), rare head, chest and wing carriage, beautifully frosted, real bouncer, price 30/-, cost double; matched with the best (1906 bred) clear yellow hen ever seen, Baker's strain, the hen is of rare size, type, and teeming with quality, breeder many great winners, price 25/-; or 50/- the pair; these can breed champions for large shows, many winners sold by me; first order has them.—Apply, George Cubley, Roman Villa, Long Sutton.

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YELLOW ticked 1907 cock, from cock 1st Worcester, 1st Cheltenham, 8/6.—Cooper, 52, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

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GRAND buff Yorkshire cock; first prize winner, 12/6; good buff hen, v.h.c., 7/6. Approval.—George Robinson, Tideswell, Buxton.

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GRAND stock of Yorkshires for sale, including winners, matched pairs, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6; approval; deposit.—Spann, Stivichale, Coventry.

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, matched pairs, 10/-, 12/-; cocks 6/-, 7/6; hens 3/6, 4/6; approval.—Pell, 50, Wentworth-road, Tinsley, Sheffield.

A FEW Yorkshires for sale, cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6; pairs, 10/6; cold-room bred.—T. Ireland, 79, Washington-st., Girlington, Bradford, Yorks.

TWO unflighted buff cocks, accept 10/6 each, to clear; see last week's advertisement.—Porter, cabinet maker, Porter Glen, Hangingwater, Sheffield.

CLEAR pink-eyed and cinnamon-marked Yorkshires; pairs from 12/6; cocks 8/6; approval deposit.—Morton, 28, Brook-st., Brighouse, Yorks.

ONE green cock, one cin. mark cock at 6/6 each, and eight pairs of clears at 8/- a pair natural colour.—John Greenwood, 9, Clayton-st., Nelson.

SEND a post-card to Miss E. L. Storey, Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster, for new illustrated price list of Canaries; carriage paid on approval.

YELLOW cock, winner, two 2nds one 3rd only times shown, sound and healthy, 12/6; approval. —Vere, Riggis Bridge, Canonbie, Dumfriesshire.

HOWARTH, Rydal Stores, Little Harwood, Blackburn, has some good cinnamon and green ticked Yorkshires; approval; deposit, stamp; also clears.

TWENTY pairs Yorkshires to clear, surplus cold-room, colour-fed, 10/6, 12/6; cash; deposit; approval.—Newman, 20, Wood-st., Eastville, Bristol.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires. A few good winners for sale, cheap; must be cleared.—Aspinall, 95, Crescent-rd., Higher Crumpsall, Manchester. Cheetham Hill cars.

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YELLOW Yorkshire hens, 1st Whitehaven; also sister, two buff cocks; exchange 10 inch records, lady's boots, 4/-.—Ferguson, Newtown, Whitehaven.

HAVING selected my stock birds, I have a few very nice (1907) hens from 6/6 upwards; inspection invited.—Gutteridge, Grocer, St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, 15s., £1, pair; several grand buff cocks; inspection invited; approval stamp.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer Avenue, Munster Road, Fulham.

TWO good, typical buff Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each; two ditto, cocks, 7/6; and two Canary-hatched Linnets, 3/6 each, to clear.—Clarke, Butcher, Basingstoke.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, all pink-eyed and most all winners, from 10/- to 20/- each; seven days' approval; cash.—Arnold, 81, Malmesbury Park-rd., Bournemouth.

LOVELY quality 1907 Buff Yorkshire cock, 15/-, and hen, 10/-, to clear; same strain as Bristol winner; approval; deposit.—Miss Price, Invernavon, Clifton, Bristol.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; clears and variegated; Belgian crossed; some over seven inches; cocks from 7/6; few hens, 5/6; stamp.—Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks.

OWING to business I am compelled to sell almost the whole of my stock of Yorkshires, including my winners, cheap to clear; inspection invited.—Harry Foden, 73, Mansfield-st., Ashton-u-Lyne.

CINNAMON marked and clear pink-eyed Yorkshires; pairs from 10/6; cocks from 6/-; approval, deposit.—Dearden, Spring-st., Brighouse, Yorkshire.

I HAVE a few grand birds for disposal; bred from winners at Hastings, Deptford, and L.P.O.S.; inspection invited.—Silverthorn, 85, Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell.

BARGAIN, three good pairs of Yorkshires and few yellow hens, cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; also some grand Norwich.—Bleach, 25, Chandos-rd., Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

GOOD Yorkshires for sale, need only to be seen, pairs, 8/6, 10/6 to £1 1s.; cocks, 7/6 to 15/-; hens, 3/6 to 5/- each.—Perkins, 145, Brigstock-rd., Thornton Heath, Surrey.

THROUGH giving up the Fancy, I have some grand Yorkshire greens, cock 7/6 up; hens 5/- up, and a few clears; call Sunday morning.—J. Fawcett, 38, Olive-st., Bootle.

TYPICAL self green yellow cock, can win, 12/6; cinnamon-marked buff stock cock, 12/6; not satisfied money returned.—Sutcliffe, 6, Newington-st., City-rd., Bradford, Yorks.

HANDSOME prize-bred Yorkshire; cocks, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; pairs, 8/6, 9/6, 10/-; grand quality; no better blood anywhere; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

SELF green buff Yorkshire cock, 1906, 3rd Manchester, 1st Salford, make grand stock cock; also others, reducing stock.—W. Downing, 62, Mornington-st., Stockport-rd., Manchester.

CANARIES (1907), cocks from 5/-; hens from 2/-; good songsters and feeders; a few Yorkshires, Yellow, Buff, variegated; state requirements.—Leonard, 98, Whitland-rd., Fairfield, Liverpool.

FIVE buff Yorkshire cocks, one yellow cock, each; also three buff hens, 7/6 each; grand type and feather, pure Ambler's strain; approval.—Hedworth, Cropwell House, Grantham.

SOME fine Yorkshire Canarics, good type, for sale cheap, room wanted for breeding, pair 12/-; four hens, 3/- each; and pair Norwich greens, 10/-.—J. Driver, 1, Wild's Rents, Long Lane.

GRAND yellow cocks, clear and variegated, 7/- buffs, 6/-; matched pairs, 9/-, 10/-; cocks full, loud song; hens from 2/6.—Broadbent, House Decorator, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield, Yorkshire.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, good lengthy birds, good type and quality; cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Varley, 50, Wilberforce-st., Leisterdyke, Bradford, Yorks.

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PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires, 1907 birds, four buffs, three yellow cocks, three winners, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; three yellow, one buff 1906 hens, 3/6 each; approval; deposit.—Clarkson, Pine-st., Burnley.

TYPICAL Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6; splendid hens from 5/-; pairs 12/6; see wins, Ashover, Melbourne, etc. (Bailey's strain direct); approval anywhere.—George York, Melbourne, Derbyshire.

1906 Clear yellow half-bred Belgian Yorkshire cock, 10/6; one 1907 ticked hood, 10/-; clear yellow Belgian, father of above, 35/-; good feeder; approval.—Phillips, Horsey Aylerlus, Bridgwater.

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COMPULSORY sale Yorks Canaries, through leaving town, ten pairs of good birds, from 10/6 to 20/- pair; few buff cocks from 7/6, healthy, cold room; approval; cash; deposit.—Gleddon, 28, Bismark-st., Leamen-rd., York.

FEW high-class Yorkshires, bred from and related to winners, splendid type and quality, cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; also a few cheap to suit dealer; seen after 6 or Saturday afternoon.—Stocker, 21, Vernon-st., Broughton, Manchester.

GOOD cocks, singing, 5/6; for breeding, 6/6, 7/6, in clears, green ticked, cinnamon variegated hens; ditto, 2/6 to 5/-; few Norwich greens 5/- each; inspection approved; singles or pairs (genuine).—H. Mitton, 11, Sefton-st., Colne, Lancashire.

THREE pair grand Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen, winners in strong competition, £3 3s.; buff cock, yellow hen 30/-; marked cock, yellow hen 15/-; also some big odd birds, cocks, 10/-; hens, 7/6.—Peake, 66, Moston-st., Hanley, Staffs.

YORKSHIRES, splendid high-class Yorkshires, not rubbish (Bailey's strain), cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 5/6; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; approval, cash or deposit; dealers supplied; inspection invited. —M. Cooper, 25, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRES.—Four buff cocks, 7/6, 10/- each; three yellow hens, 7/6 each; three buffs 6/- each. Related to my winners. Exchange cuttlefish, bone, earthenware nest pans, nest lanings, sewing machine boot.—Offers. Park, Newton-st., Millom.

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YORKSHIRE, ticked Yellow, hc Denham and Thornton, unflighted, 20/-; Cinnamon-marked Yellow, unflighted, 3rd Darlington, class 29, 30/-; also a few in clear and ticks; hens from 7/-; cocks from 10/-.—Bolton, 64, Allerton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

FEW grand 1907 Yorkshires, bred from the strains of leading exhibitors, must sacrifice to clear; three days' approval willingly, and no reasonable offer refused for two or three birds, cocks, 7/6 to 15/-, cold room.—Hudspeth, "Rose-Neath," Hertford, Herts.

HIGH-CLASS typical Yorkshires, owing to removal, have decided to reduce my stock, I have four pair of Yorkshires to sell, 25/- pair, worth double; also a few odd hens, 10/6 and 12/6; approval; deposit.—Brown, 62, Long-lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.

CHAMPION Yorkshires. Why pay fancy prices? Buy from the breeder and get satisfaction; best of blood; cold rooms; cocks, full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; selected pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; approval; cash or deposit.—W. H. Berry, Ingrow, Keighley.

BUFF cock, first special, best in show; yellow cock winner of 1st; yellow hen; all May 1907, hatched; also five new show cages and double breeding cage, £2 10s. the lot; cost me nearly double.—From Mr. Preston Clarke, 17, Essex Road, Islington, London.

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YORKSHIRES. Two clear Yellow cocks, 10/- each; one clear Buff, 7/6; one Buff ticked hen, 7/6; Wilcock and Bleach's strains; all 1907 birds; own breeding; pink of condition; standard length; seen Sunday mornings.—Trachte, 127, Hyde-rd., West Gorton, Manchester.

YORKSHIRES, having decided to reduce my stock from 16 pairs to about eight, I have several birds for sale, clear buff cocks from 6/6; cinnamon marked, yellow or buff, 10/-; hens, yellow or buff, from 5/-, beautiful feather and type; approval; deposit. —Orbell, 136, Westbury-st., Attercliffe, Sheffield.

COWGILL'S noted Yorkshires and Norwich: having selected my breeding stock, I have some extra good stock birds for disposal in clears, ticks, or marked matched pairs from 15/- to 50/-; hens from 7/6; cocks from 10/-; approval; cash or deposit; stamp reply.—115, Washington-st., Girlington, Bradford.

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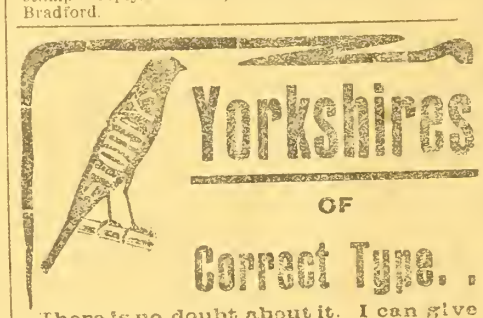

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WANTED, tame Thrush, singing, and give tame cock Bramblefinch, one 1907 buff cock Canary; approval.—Curtis, 363, High-st., Lincoln.

WANTED, large muling cock Goldfinch, or pair Siskins; exchange cock Canary, grand songster.—Thos. Morgan, Springfield, R.S.O., Fife.

WANTED, Budgerigars, Canaries, or Foreigners; exchange nice pair Javas and British birds.—Sutton, 111, Warren-rd., High Park, Southport.

WANTED, large and small quantities of Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries for cash; send full particulars.—Northern Aviaries, Preston.

WANTED, good Hartz Mountain Roller cock; exchange pair exhibition flying Homers; price 12/6.—W. Holder, Kingston Langley, Chippenham.

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, exchange John Forrest, English lever, almost new, value 25/-; birds first.—Nobbs, 158, Rutherglen-rd., Glasgow.

WANTED, for cash, 3,000 Canaries, Goldfinches, Siskins, and all kinds of cage birds; state price and particulars.—Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

WANTED Siberian or Russian cock Goldfinch; exchange 1907 Norwich cock Canary in full song, healthy.—J. Holker, Marsden-st., Westhoughton.

PEARSON'S Aviaries, Greenwich Market, want cage birds for cash; or exchange high-class Pigeons; 500 always in stock; Rabbits, Cavies, Poultry, etc.

WANTED, to supply any quantity of good Yorkshire Canaries, large or small lots; write for price list.—Aviaries, 65, Snakehill Lane, Girlington, Bradford.

WANTED, big buff Norwich cock. Will give 12/6 cash, or take in part exchange for Italian mandoline and case.—Tweedle, 57, Newling-st., Birkenhead.

WANTED, extra large crested hen, 1907, exchange 4 cocks, 6 hens, Norwich-Roller cross, healthy 1907 birds, or offers.—87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

WANTED, on approval, Seifert Roller; Schoolmaster will give high-class Scottish terrier dog with full pedigree.—R. Brown, 35, Radfield-avenue, Darwen.

WANTED, offers in Norwich Plainhead for tinsmith's tools, copper, zinc, brass, new and scrap. Offers. Stamp reply.—Jones, 9, Westgate, Guisborough.

WANTED, breeding cages, hen Canaries; exchange fox terrier dog, broken ferrets, Plymouth Rock eggs.—Hammond, Sunflower Villa, Rowhedge, Colchester.

GENTLEMAN wants cock Canary; exchange nickel-silver shaving outfit, pair of spur razors, never used; approval, stamp.—Algar, Whickham-st., Sunderland.

WANTED, will give 10/- per pair for Crests and crestbreds, 8/- for Yorkshire greens, 7/- for coloured Norwich; will deposit cash.—Thomas, Ambler-thorn, Halifax.

WANTED all fanciers to try my Handyman white-washing brush, for all kinds breeding cages, post free 6d.; 1,252 sold last month.—Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich.

WANTED, full-sized violin; will give three well-bred 1907 Norwich cock or two matched pairs; approval; instrument first.—D. Martin, 117, Sussex-road, Southport.

WANTED, talking Parrot, exchange marble clock, large oil painting, mahogany hair seated sofa.—(Letters only.)—Chadwick, 702, Ashton-rd., Openshaw, Manchester.

WANTED, offers in Canaries; exchange large C.P. aviary, 44 in. long, 44 in. high, 20 in. wide; soldered at every joint; birds sent first.—Francke, 29, Rathcoole-avenue, Hornsey.

WANTED, any variety of Canaries, Mules, Britishers, Pigeons, poultry, etc.; cash sent immediately.—State your price to Heathcote, Dealer, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WANTED, 2 large house-moulted Russian Bullfinch hens, or 2 good, large hand-rared Bully hens, quiet; give good Norwich songster; sell 7/-.—Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

WANTED, cock and hen Mules, also cock and hen Canaries; send birds, or cash by return.—Hardy and Barron's Aviaries, 3, Ainsworth House, Churchst., Shoreditch, London, E.

TO exchange six good Yorkshire hens for good dark Brahma cock and Buff Orpington hens, to value, or sell 24/-; no rubbish offered or wanted.—Waller, Wheat-st., Ingrow, Keighley.

WANTED, to sell 12 double breeding cages, in grand condition, giving up; Canaries £3 the lot with nests, egg pans, drinking pots, etc.; £3 the lot.—Dr. Riddell, Sandbach, Cheshire.

TO communicate with anyone coming to Canada, and willing to bring out few Canaries, dogs, etc., etc.; ample compensation promised.—Montreal Bird Co., 245a, Bleury-st., Montreal, Canada.

WANTED, variegated Norwich hens, Bullfinch type, buffs, and yellows; must be close feather; state price, on approval; only 1907 birds accepted.—Owen, 91, Ash-rd., Saltley, Birmingham.

WANTED, talking Parrot; must be distinct talker, clever mimic, quick learner; exchange "Times" Encyclopædia, 10th edition, 35 vols., perfect condition; cost £28.—Gordon, Longley House, Rochester.

WANTED, Canaries any variety; exchange real grand Italian mandoline, beautiful tone, or splendid violin case and bow, complete, sell 30/- each; mutual approval; what offers?—Chas. John, Camp-rd., Norwich.

WANTED, good exchange for several large Foul Green, heavily-variegated, and ticked Buff Norwich cocks, or sell from 8/- to 20/- each; also a few hens from 5/- each.—W. Lang, jun., 60, Alexandra-rd., Lowestoft.

WANTED, offers in cash for champion Muling Linnet and two Roller hens, which bred twenty Mules last season. Best offers get them; approval deposit.—Mr. Etherington, 226, Fletcher-rd., Preston, Lancs.

WANTED. £100 worth, cheap for cash, hen Canaries, hen Mules, cocks ditto, Goldfinches and Bullfinches; healthy birds only required; live and stuff freaks bought; state prices.—Sheffield Bird Stores, London-rd Sheffield.

WANTED, treadle wood turning lathe, with circular saw attached, if possible; must be in good condition and cheap, or will exchange double and four-compartment breeding cages.—Particulars to Brett, Outfitter, Folkestone.

WANTED, will give 9d. each, hen Goldfinches, 1/6 cocks; Bullfinches 1/3 cocks, 6d. hens; hen mules, 1/-; colour-fed Canaries, 7/- pair; will deposit cash; take any quantity; carriage deducted.—Miss Harvie, Bird Stores, 4, Wickor, Sheffield.

NATURAL HISTORY.

TAXIDERMY. High-class work at low prices.—Kendrick, Practical Taxidermist, Cook-st. " ventry.

BIRDS and animals preserved cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements.—F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

HANDSOME tropical butterflies for ornamental purposes, collections, living cocoons, very large tropical "silkmoths"; lists.—Ford, Entomologist, Southview, Bournemouth.

BARGAINS, cheap collections, tropical and British, butterflies and moths, shells, fossils, minerals. Catalogues.—Chamberlain's, Natural History Booksellers, Fairhaven, Cheltenham.

BARGAINS, books concerning cage birds, parrots, canaries, general ornithology, coochology, entomology, botany, microscopy, geology, catalogues. — Chamberlain's, Fairhaven, Cheltenham.

BIRDSTUFFING, illustrated, 1/-; animal stuffing, 1/6; egg collector's guide, 1/-; Larox collector's guide 1/-; Naturalists' diary 1/-; egg drills, blowpipe, with instructions 1/-; label list, British tepidoptera 6d.; eggs, ditto, 3d.; stuffed birds; new list free; illustrated catalogue, naturalist's requisites; entomological apparatus, artificial eyes, cabinets, eggs, insects, books, taxidermists' supplies, 2d.—Davis Bros., Museum, Dartford.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

TWO good Norwich hens, exchange Goldfinches.—Offers Robert Watt, Ferguson-place, Lockerbie.

GRAND cock Bullfinch, fit for keenest competition, 7/6; exchange, offer.—Hairdresser, 4, City-rd., Cardiff.

GRAND exhibition Blackbird, 7/6; exchange for Yellow Yorkshire cock.—W. H. Baker, Cambridge-st., Mansfield.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch and Brown Linnet, both bred mules, for cock Canaries.—Jones, 23, Mount-st., Coventry.

TWO cock Linnets, twice house-moulted, exchange Norwich, or Yorksbire cock.—Gale Stables, Kingsweston, Bristol.

WILL give cock Canaries and British for hand camera; give full particulars and state wants.—Rowson, Swerford, Oxford.

CANARY-REARED cock Greenfinch and Peathroat hen Goldfinch, 1906 birds, 5/-; or exchange Canaries.—John Norrish, Lyme Regis.

WILL exchange good Greenfinch Canary Mule, took 3rd in class of 17, for good cock Goldfinch.—F. Walter, South-st., Worthing.

COCK Goldfinch, two hen Bullies, Yellowhammer, Linnet; exchange exhibition Bramble or Siskin.—Babey Bros., St. Issey, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE new Thrush or Blackbird show cage (Reece's, Bristol make) for exhibition Hardbill.—Volk, Quay-st., Cardigan, Wales.

TWO cage-reared cock Goldfinches, 5/6 each, or exchange Norwich Plainheads; approval if preferred.—Elmer, Friendly House, Witney.

COCK Bullfinches, 2/- each; outside small lamp, 5/-, nearly new; or exchange Canaries.—Mitchell, 43, Somerset-rd., Meadvale, Redhill.

TWO cock Blackbirds, fit for show; 2 years old to large; exchange for small British or sale, cheap.—Harris, Lazonby Terrace, Carlisle.

GRAND, Goldfinch-Mule cock, winner second only time shown; full song, 15/-, or exchange Canaries.—Morter, Photographer, Colchester.

WHAT offers in British birds for house-moulted cock, Linnet and hen Canary, that bred mules last season.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

FOUR cock Twites, three hens, cock Yellowhammer, caught months; offers exchange, anything.—P. Cawood, 25, Britannia-st., Scarborough.

EXTRA large Linnets and Greenfinches for muling, 2/6 each; exchange canaries. Approval deposit.—James, 41, Henrietta-st., Blackburn.

PAIR Bullfinches, hen Canary; exchange pair modern Bantams, bike lamp, anything useful.—Redfern, Cheshire Orchard, Newhall, near Burton.

EXHIBITORS, Bramblefinch and Yellowbunting, both been in the money, 7/6 the two, or exchange —Almond, Knowles-st., Rishton, Lancashire.

WHAT offers in exhibition British birds (Hardbills), winners, for about 30 lbs. old brass and gunmetal.—Apply Brass, c/o 32, Langley-rd., Watford.

AVIARY moulted, large, steady cock Linnet, well pencilled, with large stout Norwich hen, 5/-; good mulers.—F. Simonds, High-st., North, Dunstable.

WHAT offers for three house-moulted hen Bullfinches; also Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, Goldfinch, cock bird; approval.—Cockram, Talworth, Chard.

EXCHANGE three house-moulted cock Greenfinches, hen Parritrera, fully acclimatised, for Goldfinch or Canaries.—Hartles, 3, Alice-avenue, Seacombe.

GOLDFINCHES, 6 fine healthy cocks (one Cheveral), caged since November, 3/- each, lot 16/-; or exchange piccolo; approval; deposit. — Holloway, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

CHAMPION house-moulted exhibition Yellowhammer, big winner, 15/6; exchange two Norwich or Yorkshire hens for muling. Approval.—Thomson, 53, English-st., Dumfries.

WANTED, Bantings, any variety, good, will exchange splendid singing Woodlark, runner cage or fine Bullfinch-Linnet, Twite, etc., or sell.—A. P., 4, The Square, Carshalton, Surrey.

FOUR Goldfinches, mulers, two Linnets, two Yorkshire hens, Chaffinch, pair Zebra Finches, and cock Blackbird, lot 22/6; exchange Roller songsters.—Morris, 1, Highfield, Ilfracombe.

EXCHANGE hand-reared cock Thrush singing for two good hen Canaries; sell 7/-; exchange cock Goldfinch bred Mules, last year, for two good hen Canaries.—Spatcher, 67, Stanley-st., Northampton.

GRAND, dark 1907 cock Goldfinch-Mule, pure Finch song, been used catching, sing on a field; exchange 1907 yellow Norwich hens for muling.—Goasage, 25, Vincent Parade, Balsall Heath, Birmingham.

BRAMBLEFINCH, caged two years, 5/-; cock Bullfinch, 2/-; hen, 1/-; cock Blackbird, 2/-; pair brown leggins, never worn, cost 8/11, sell 5/-, or exchange.—J. Duffill, Westbourne Villa, Worcester-st., Bromsgrove

COCK Goldfinches on song 2/6, housemoulted 3/6 cock Siskin 4/-, cock Bullfinch, a gem, 3/6, winner Jay birds 4/-, or exchange for cock Canaries for feeding; all healthy.—Reg. Dallman, Derby-road, Melbourne, Derby.

WINNING British Red Linnet cock. Can win keenest competition; perfect health; tight as wax; hard songster; free muler. Also brass drawing-room swing cage; cost 12/6 Christmas; comes out of cage, hops round pictures; lot 25/-.—Lassey, 46, St. Margaret's-rd, Great Horton, Bradford.

CHAFFINCH and polished mahogany cage and fittings, 8/6; Chaffinch and cage, 3/6; Linnet and cage, 4/6; all house-moulted cocks; two grand Yellow Norwich hens, colour-fed, 6/6.—Brown, 20, Moselle-avenue Wood Green.

JET black cock Bullfinch 5/-; two hen Bullfinches 3/-; two cock Goldfinches 7/-; one cock Goldfinch, house-moulted, 7/6; two Yorkshire cock Canaries, 7/6 each; exchange two large clear yellow Norwich hens for muling to 8/- value.—J. Fyth, Swaffham.

COCK Chaffinch, three times house-moulted, cock, two hen Bullfinches, Canary reared Greenfinch, Brown Linnet, two crested Goldfinch Mules, sex unknown, sell or exchange anything useful, crested Canaries preferred.—Foster, Derncleugh, Dawlish, Devon.

TWO cock Goldfinches, two hen Goldfinches. One laid eggs and sat in cage last year. Also phonograph in oak case; cost £2 2/-; about 20 records. Wanted, good Yorkshires or good gun or cash offer, together or separate.—Fellowes, 43, North Parade, Aberystwyth.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch, Siskin Linnet, Bullfinch, Greenfinch cocks, house-moulted; also three large Norwich cocks, four large Norwich hens. Exchange Yorkshires. Must be winners, and fit to win; approval both ways; Yorksbires first.—Robinson, 32, James-st., Whitehaven.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

ONE cock, 2 hen Canaries; also good British; exchange pair of Crests.—H. Pinnell, Warminster.

BUFF Yorks cock, sell 10/-, or exchange yellow York hen.—Burr, Market-st., Malton, Yorks.

THREE young hen Canaries, good heatth, 2/3 each; 6/- the lot.—Hitchens, Brighton, Winchester.

WHAT offers Mules or Crests for Roller, cost 15/-.—Hairdresser, 196, Ball's Pond-rd., London, N.

EXCHANGE good ¼-plate camera, holds 12 plates, for good Canaries.—Bramley, Townsend-st., Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRE toy terriers, sell 15/-, or exchange elap nets, or offers.—Burr, Market-st., Malton, Yorks.

TWENTY paids high-class Yorks. Canaries from 8/6 pair, or exchange.—S. Ferguson, Lawkholm-lane, Keighley.

NORWICH Buffs and ticked 1907 hens, 2/-; Muling strain.—Bishop, 18, St. Nicholas-rd., Brighton.

WILL give three 1907 Norwich cocks or two matched pairs, for violin.—See Martin, under "Wanted."

TWO buff Norwich cocks, sell 15/-, or exchange offer; all letters answered.—Burr, Market-st., Malton, Yorks.

HEN Canaries, to clear, room wanted, 20/- doz., 10/- six, or exchange cocks.—Park, 29, Cumberland-rd., Hanwell.

SIX young Norwich hens, 15/-, or exchange; offers.—L. Maunder, Brick Bridge, Meldon, nr. Okehampton, Devon.

WILL exchaoge good buff Norwich cock, for good buff Norwich hen, or sell 12/6.—Summers, Wansbeck-st., Morpeth.

YORKSHIRE cock; nice nice long bird, 10/6; exchange pullets, good laying strain.—Smith, 50, Montague-rd., Uxbridge.

EXCHANGE two Norwich Cinnamons for Crested cock, or sell 18/-.—G. Rawlings, 21, Dagmar-terrace, Islington, London

FOUR S.b. hens for young yellow Norwich hen, sell 10/-; bargain (Norwich first); see British.—Brain, Glastonbury.

FOUR hen Canaries, three Norwich, one German; sell or exchange; stamp reply.—Miss Pennell, 3 Cross-rd., Wimbledon.

PAIR cinnamon Norwich yellow cocks, buff hen, 12/6; two show cages 3/-; exchange.—Clark, 26, Queen-st., Peterhead.

LONG, stylish Yorkshires; very nice cocks; 6/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, cold room; approval.—Smith, 50, Montague-rd., Uxbridge.

WHAT offers in common Canaries for a buff Crested Canary, good singer.—John Harris, 106, Commercial-rd., Chatham.

SALE or exchange, good buff Yorkshire cock 10/6, or exchange two good Yorkshire hens.—Bartlett, Inveresk, Bourne nouth West.

EXCHANGE three 1907 Seifert hens for yellow, 1907, Norwich cock, cold bred.—Bearsley, 47, Clifford Gardens, Kensal Rise.

EXCHANGE, two yellow Yorkshire hens for good yellow marked Yorkshire cock.—Plant, 7, Belle Vue Road, Leek, Staffordshire.

TWO pairs of good Yorkshires, 10/- pair, or exchange two trained Roller cocks; approval.—Tredwell, Jubilee Terrace, Oxford.

TWO Yorkshire hens, one Roller hen, pair Java Sparrows; exchange Budgerigars or offer.—37, High-st., Mile Town, Sheerness-on-Sea.

WHAT offers in British birds for pair of Norwich Canaries and new breeding cage, overstocked.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

FOUR unflighted buff Norwich cocks, 10/- each; exchange boys' suits, household linen.—Geo. Dale, Warden, Saffron-Walden, Essex.

HANDSOME Yorkshire terrier brood bitch, grand breeder, £1; exchange Belgian or Scotch Fancy hen.—Syroons, Brookfield, Bideford.

EXCHANGE Norwich hen, cock Greenfinch, and cage, for Norwich cock, or sell 6/-.—Smith, 10, Bonamy-st., Rotherhithe New-rd., S.E

PURE St. Andreasburg Schoolmaster, will sacrifice 13/-; worth 20/-; part exchange for Parrot; approval.—Skelton, Chilworth, Guildford.

NOTICE.—Three pairs of Yorkshire canaries, 37/6, or exchange for girl's bicycle, about 18in. frame.—Middleton Bros., 32, Unity-st., Keighley.

TWO Yellow Yorkshire hens, Bailey's, 4/6 each; exchange show cages, anything useful; letters answered.—Barton, Chorlton-rd., Manchester.

BREEDING cage, yellow Yorkshire cock, Sib. hen, cock Goldfinch mule, 17/6; exchange records offers, approval.—Sanford, Sigoalman, Morecambe.

WINNING strain, Scotch Fancy cock, 20/-; exchange for Norwich cinnamon hen; value; approval —Andrew, West Bridge, St. Ives, Cornwall.

SEIFERT Roller cock, sell 12/6; or exchange for typical Norwich hen, or show cages; approval.—Rogers, 50, Eastbrook-rd., Waltham Abbey.

CHAMPION high-class Yorkshires, not rubbish (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper or brass —M. Cooper, 25, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorks.

YELLOW plain head cock (winner) colour fed; exchange two plain head hens, yellow and buff, or sell £1.—F. Love, Main-st., Cleckmunning, N.B.

NORWICH Cock, good songster, 5/6; four buff Yorkshire hens, 2/- each; yellow cock, 3/6; cock Bullfinches, 2/- each.—Keyworth, Harmston, Lincoln.

PERAMBULATOR, high wheels, dark green, detachable handles; cost 65/-; exchange rock canary.—Mrs. Grigg, 13, King William-st., Tunstall.

EXCHANGE typical yellow-marked Norwich hen, for unflighted yellow Yorkshire hen; approval both ways; or sell 12/6.—Mason, 141, Langwith, Mansfield, Notts.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, same strain as my winners, Guisboro', etc. Ticked yellow cock 12/6; variegated buff cock 10/6; 3 yellow hens 7/6 each; 3 buff hens 5/- each; approval.—Rand, Hanson-st., Redcar, Yorks.

GRAND little modern Duckwing, game Cockerel, bred from our well-known winners; will exchange pair good Norwich; approval.—Hoskin Bros., Launceston.

1907 ST. ANDREASBERG Roller, splendid songster, day or gaslight, 10/-; exchange Yorkshire or Norwich hens, yellow.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

HANDSOME variegated 1907 Yorkshire cock and two 1906 Yorkshire hens; will exchange for good Yellow clear Yorkshire hen.—Page, 132, Florence-rd., Wimbledon.

EXCHANGE pair crests, crestbred hen, two Plainhead Lancashire cocks, also stuffed fox in case; offers, Norwich. — Shenton, 38, Stanley-st., Middleport, Burslem.

WILL exchange pair cinnamons for good variegated yellow Norwich hen; also two green Budgerigar cocks for Siberian Goldfinch.—Crossley, 2, Rock View, Gillinggate, Kendal.

SELL.—Ten pairs good Yorkshire Canaries, 7/6 a pair, or with double breeding cage 10/-; or exchange anything useful. Canary-reared cock Linnet 3/-.—J. Minikin, 4, Bronte-st., Keighley.

NINE large prize white Leghorn Pullets, one cockerel (Symon Hunter's best pen). Beauties; fit for show; 40/-; bargain. Exchange yellow Norwich Plainheads, 1907 birds.—Hulley, Poplar Villa, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

LOVELY Black Pekin Bantams, cock and three hens, cheap 25/-; grand little Black Rosecombe cockerel, 5/-; exhibition Japanese cockerel, 5/-; all on approval; exchange Norwich or Yorksbire.—A. Tonkiss, 91, Dymoke-st., Birmingham

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

TWO hen Cockatiels, acclimatised; both laid; 10s.; exchange.—Haococks, Buxton-avenue, Crewe.

AUSTRALIAN Parrot, pink and grey; exchange; what offers, or sell 30/-.—W. Hoyles, Long Sutton, Lincs.

RUFICAUDA Finch, highly commended, first time shown, sell 7/6; or exchange Roller cock.—Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

EXHIBITION Russian cock Cirl Bunting, 5/-; exchange hen Zebra Finches, Cardinal, or offers Foreigoers.—Gameson, Avenue-road, Leamington Spa.

WILL exchange rose-breasted Cockatoo (very tame, beautiful plumage) for Canaries (pairs preferred. What offers—Pollard, 39, Lansdowne-rd., Swindon, Wilts.

120 coloured plates from fanciers' papers, new fountain pen, gold nib, 5/-; exchange for foreign stamps, or birds; offers invited.—Claude St. John, Gornal Wood, Dudley.

WHAT offer? Grey Parrot, freak, wings on front instead of back; will make splendid talker and pet; also gentleman's pocket revolver, in case, quite new, box of cartridges, will sell 15/-, or exchange British birds or Canaries.—32, Mt. Vernon-rd., Liverpool.

TWO cock yellow Budgerigars, pair Lovebirds, Bramblefinch, Brazilian Scedeater, 2nd Bournemouth; pair Javas, Cinnamon-bred hen Canary; exchange for birds, sell £1 lot; wanted hen Budgerigars, Siskins, Cockatiels, husks.—"Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

BILLIARD cue, case, 15/-; stuffed Chaffinch, in case; offers.—Lunn, Spalding, Linc.

GRAMOPHONE, 6 records, 24/-; exchange Canaries.—Lea, 81, Wells-st., Camberwell.

SCOTCH blankets, 25/-, exchange for Canaries.—Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE, large flight, well-made and breeder for pullets.—28, Chestnut Villas, New Malden.

Will give 43 art plates, 23 CAGE BIRDS plates, for Crestbred hen.—Muir, The Ayre, Kirkwall.

SALE or exchange, heavy silver albert, 30/-; offers in Canaries.—Dawson, 188, Garngad-rd., Glasgow.

CYCLE outer covers, 6/6, 7/6 each; exchange Yorkshire hens. — Markham, Edward-st., Hessle, Hull.

WANTED, 1907 Norwich hens, exchange gentleman's silver lever watch.—Sellick, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

FIFTY yards wire netting, 4 feet high, 35/-; exchange.—Curtis, Industrial Dwellings, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE Harmsworth Encyclopaedia, 40 parts complete, for Canaries.—A. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad.

BOXWOOD Concert Flute; eight keys, 10s.; or exchaoge for Norwich canaries.—J. Driver, Diss, Norfolk.

GENTS' silver lever watch, cost 35/-, exchange Norwich or Yorkshire.—Greenwood, 7, Byerden-lane, Burnley.

EXCHANGE stock exhibition Magpies for Canaries, or sell.—Napier, Doon Tavern, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

EXCHANGE good whippet bitch, very fast, for good Norwich hen, or sell 15/-.—31, Vauxhall-st., Coventry.

TWO Indian Game hens, point of laying; exchange hen Canaries; sell 15/-.—Wright, 55a, Shellfield-rd., Southport.

WILL give three 1907 Norwich cocks, or two matched pairs, for violin.—See Martin, under "Wanted."

EXCHANGE, nice Sable Gothic pup for good 1907 Norwich hen; bird first.—Reynolds, 35, Horton-hill Terrace, Epsom.

EXCHANGE 150 pieces of glass, 8½ x 6½ for Norwich hens, or cash offers.—Hughes, Duke-st., Henley-on-Thames.

PRIZE-WINNING Partridge Wyandottes' eggs, 5/- sitting; exchange hen Canaries.—Nobbs, Cromer-rd., North Walsham.

EVERY description of cage and wire fronts made to your order; exchange Canaries.—Pimm, Icknield Port, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE 23 old engravings, 8 by 6, "Old London," for Canaries; sell 20/-.—Carver, Wharf-rd., Newport, Mon.

EXCHANGE razor, value 3/6, for one Norwich hen, or anything useful.—Tom Holmes, 19, Princes-st., Moor, Sheffield.

One Pair black-red Bantams and three white hens laying. Exchange breeding Rollers.—Fred Crockett, Brierley hill, Staffs.

EXCHANGE 12/6 pair Sandow's grip dumb bells for Norwich cock.—H. Davis, 57, 'D' Block, Queen's Buildings, Borough.

HEAVY hall-marked silver albert, 10/6; exchange pair Norwich or two Yellow muling hens.—Lines, Huvelock-rd., Luton.

WILL exchange 50 disc records for other records, or anything useful.—Swainston, Quarries, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Durham

INSIDE carriage brush or clothes brush, nearly new, white bristles, cost 6/6, for Norwich.—F., 22, Pembridge, Mews, W.

EXCHANGE lady's silver watch for a good Norwich cock Canary; sell 10/-; approval.—J. Taylor, Old Fallow, Cannock.

200 "ROBBIES" and designs for sale; or exchange Canaries; offers; will separate.—Lee, 45, Charleston-st., Walworth, London.

ENLARGEMENTS, 10/6, send photo only, pay 1/- weekly afterwards; exchange, offers, goods first.—27, Moy-rd., Talls Well.

TWO well-bred Airedale pups for sale, two months old, one dog, 10/-; one bitch, 7/6.—Bradford, Swan-st., Coventry.

EXCHANGE 105 CAGE BIRDS, 18 colour plates to date for 1907, Norwich hen, Yellow.—Blackwell, 41, Oak-st., Abingdon, Berks.

EXCHANGE three double breeders, loose fronts, for muling Goldfinch, or offers; bird first.—Day, 10, Horton-place, Sheffield.

WHAT offers in Canaries for gramophone by Gramophone Co., brass horn.—R. T. Qinder, 2, Mansfield-rd., Bleasley, Notts.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire Canaries; Yellow cock and Buff hen, 10/6 pair; half value or useful exchange.—Dixon, Robin Hood's Bay.

THREE good single breeders, loose fronts, drawers, 2/- each; exchange cock Goldfinches.—Grayson, Skeilgate, Ripon.

EXCHANGE six Norwich show cages; what offer in Canaries or anything useful?—A.E.A., 16, St. Ann's-rd., Faversham, Kent.

WILL exchange bicycle, with coaster hub, for Norwich, value £2 10s., birds; approval.—Oakley, Thorns, Quarry Bank, Staffs.

EXCHANGE seventy CAGE BIRDS sixteen coloured plates, for German canaries, or anything.—Offers Lawrie, Roslin, Mid-Lothian.

TWO pair Archangels, four pair grand prize and prize-bred show Homers; 30/- lot, or exchange.—Lynch, 57, Cliffe-rd., Strood.

PERFECTLY new hand camera, holds six plates, particulars stamp, 6/-; exchange birds.—Pilbeam, 48, Calverly-st., Tunbridge Wells.

BARLOW'S Aviaries, Greenwich, exchange your surplus live stock for Canaries, dogs, Pigeons, Fowls, anything; state requirements.

35/- Draper's organette, good playing order, and 50 feet of music, 15/-; exchange Canaries.—Newman, Upper Grove, Margate.

CROSS-BRED dog, thorough guard, partly broken to stock, 10/-; exchange birds; offers.—Woods, 2, Roman-rd., Barnsbury, London.

CAGE fronts, sizes to order, work guaranteed; exchange Canaries or small foreign birds.—Baldwin, 60, Marroway-st., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE 60 Hobbies' fretwork designs for pair Goldfinches or cock Canary; sell 8/-.—Woodward, Stoke Canon, nr. Exeter.

WINNING British and Foreign birds, show cages, cheap; exchange light four-wheeled lorry.—Jones, 89, Woodhead-st., Mountain Ash.

INCUBATOR, 36 eggs, twice used, cost 28/-; exchange for Yorkshires, value 15/-.—Taylor, 18, Birchdale-road, Forest Gate, London.

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WEST OF SCOTLAND B.A.

Usual monthly meeting was held on February 1st in Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow, Mr. T. A. Boyd in the chair. A number of important motions were tabled for the general meeting. It was agreed to have a show of matched pairs for breeding on February 22nd at 6 p.m. in the Templar's Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow (no entry fee), Mr. A. Miller, Partick, to judge. Nine medals and specials are to be given, and the classes are as follows:—Crests, Plainheads, Borders, Yorkshires, any other variety, Mules, and Hybrids. There will also be a judging competition for members who have never acted as judges, and a medal will be given for the best awards. All intending new members will be entitled to enter their stock or take part in the judging competitions by paying half of their subscription, viz., 2s. 6d. Further information from Geo. Smart, Secretary.

SINGING CONTESTS

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet contest was held at the Crown Inn, North-street, when 20 birds sang. Some very good singing was heard, with the following result:—1st, Watson; 2nd, Stothard; 3rd, Mason; 4th, Horwell; 5th, Smith. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Mason.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly singing contest held February 8th at the Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate. Twenty-six birds faced the judge, Mr. Paver, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. Result:—1, Key; 2, Chaplin; 3, Massheder; 4, Whitehead; 5, Lightfoot; 6, Whitehead. Timekeeper, Mr. S. Limbert, senr.—WM. EMPSON.

LEEDS.

A contest for quality singing was held at the King's Head, Shambou-street, on February 8th, when 16 birds sang. 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes, Mr. T. Stead, with a very good team of birds. Judges, S. Hardcastle, T. Chadwick, E. Worth. Also February 9th, when 26 birds sang in heats. 1st prize, C. Biss; 2nd, T. Johnson; 3rd, T. Hineson. Judges, Messrs. Cooper and Crane.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

SKINNEYGROVE AND LOFTUS.

A Linnet singing contest was held on February 8th, at Hall's Coffee-house, when the winners turned up as follows:—1, R. Burnett; 2, J. Fox; 3, W. Womack; 4, A. Leng; 5, W. Womack; 6, W. Hodge. J. C. Avalock, time-keeper. F. Deadon judge, and M. Dobson, Secretary.—F. Mead.

BLACKBURN.

Week-end contest of the Blackburn L.S.A. was held on February 8th. The singing was of a high quality, three prize-winners turning their voices four ways in one note. Prize-winners: 1st, R. Hayhurst; 2nd, G. Rostron; 3rd, W. H. Topping. Open to all England contest will take place March 7th at headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, when five good prizes will be given for quality singing. Entries will be taken up to the last pair of birds being hung, so as to give a chance to people out of town. Our big open contest will be on Easter Saturday.—R. HAYHURST, Secretary.

The Blackburn S.B.P. and L.F.A. held their week-end singiug contest on February 8th at the club-house, Snig Brook. Three prizes were offered the winners being 1st prize, R. Hayhurst; 2nd, G. Rostron; 3rd, W. H. Topping. Judge, Mr. G. Rostron; timekeeper, Mr. R. Topping.—H. HAYHURST, Secretary.

NEWTON (Leeds.)

Usual contest on January 12th. Quality singing only. Judges were Messrs. G. Towers and B. Jackson. Fifteen birds entered. Result: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes, H. Allen. Also a contest ou January 19th, when nineteen birds entered. Judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and G. Towers. Birds were in splendid fettle. Result: 1, 2, H. Allen; 3, J. Chippendale. Contest on January 26th when twenty birds competed. All the birds were in the pink of condition. Judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and W. Dean. Result: 1 and 2, H. Allen; 3, J. Chippendale. Contest February 2nd, eighteen birds competing. Mr. Allen completely ran away with the contest. Judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and G. Towers. Result: 1, H. Allen; 2 and 3, J. Chippendale. Contest on February 9th, thirteen birds competing. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood and B. Jackson. Timekeeper, Mr. G. Towers. Result: 1, H. Allen; 2 and 3, divided between H. Allen and J. Chippendale.—B. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

RYHOPE.

An open contest was held at the Toll Bar Hotel, when eighteen birds sang for three prizes. Results:—1, 2, Machim; 3, McDonald. Judge, Mr. R. Spencer; timekeeper, Mr. J. Mason.—Secretary, J. MASON.

ELSECAR.

The Elsecar L.S.S. held week-end contest on February 1st at Royal Hotel, Milton, near Elsecar. Mr. Vaines, first prize (3 minutes, 1 second, out of 4 minutes); Mr. W. Lofthouse, 2nd (2m. 58s.); and E. Charles 3rd (1m. 58s.). Timekeeper, Mr. A. Watkin; marker, Mr. J. Denton. Another contest held February 8th at Barley Corn Inn, when 16 birds competed. the winners were Mr. Vaines 1st (3 minutes 32 seconds); 2nd, Mr. Mark Hough (3 min. 12 secs.); 3rd, Mr. E. Charles (2 mins. 52 secs.); each hird four minutes hang. timekeeper, Mr. E. Charles; marker, Mr. J. Denton.—E. CHARLES, Secretary.

LOWTON.

We opened the Shepherd's Inn Linnet Club on February 8th with a contest, and a good supper supplied by Mr. J. Boydell, who also gave us a copper kettle for the best bird. There were 37 birds, which sang, Mr. Howard, a novice, won the kettle. The other prize-winners were P. O'Neil, 2nd; G. Cowley, 3rd; J. Hatton, 4th; J. Bromilow, 5th; and J. Prescot 6th. After the contest Mr. J. W. Jones took the chair, and we spent a pleasant evening with songs given by Messrs. J. Pennington, H. Wood, F. Boydell, L. Jones, H. O'Neil, and D. Millington. We are having open contests every fortnight from February 8th, for time singing, and are hoping to have a good entry; quality contests also.—W. E. WILCOX, Secretary.

LEWISHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A goodly number of fanciers and friends attended to view an interesting bird-washing competition held on February 4th, at headquarters, The Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham. The competition was divided into two sections—champions and novices. In the champion section, Mr. E. S. Lugg won first prize his bird coming out in fine condition and being put through in a very quick and expert manner. Mr. F. W. Sullivan won second, running Mr. Lugg very close indeed; in fact, there was very little to choose between the condition of 1st and 2nd at the close. Mr. E. Steed won 3rd, his bird looking in fine condition when thoroughly dry. In the novice section Mr. F. C. Austin scored an easy 1st, his bird not being unduly tried and looking really fit after its tubbing. Mr. A. Scott took 2nd, his bird being well handled and washed; but he was longer in the performance, and the bird seemed slightly more exhausted. Mr. G. H. Phillips won 3rd. The judges were Messrs. Allen, Bellinger, and Edwards. Prizes were kindly given by Messrs. Hyde and Co., Ltd., and consisted of packets of their well-known seeds and Hartz Mountain bread, which were much appreciated by the winners. Schedule for pairs stock show on March 3rd was then drawn up, and on the proposition of Mr. Steed, a subscription list was opened for the purchase of a silver cup for competition in the society, 15 of the members present promising amounts towards same.—H. THOS. LUCAS, Hon. Sec.

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COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.

A general meeting was held on Feb. 3rd. The balance sheet of the show was read and confirmed. It showed the exhibition to have been a great success, especially seeing it was our first attempt at an open show. We finished up with a good balance in hand after meeting all expenses.—W. H. BRAY, Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

A general meeting was held on February 8th. The balance-sheets for the past year and of the open show held on January 24th and 25th were unanimously adopted. The election of officers also took place, the most notable changes being that Mr. J. Mann was elected president, Mr. J. Holroyd secretary, and Mr. F. Hammond delegate, with Messrs Blakey and Simonett. Everything passed off satisfactorily.—J. HOLROYD, Secretary.

BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The annual show was held on February 4th at the house of one of the members, Mr. Lord, Bridge Inn, Bury Bridge. A good number of fanciers and friends sat down to a hot-pot. In the course of the evening the company were entertained by the following artistes:—Messrs. Thomas Downs, T. Bowden, John Lord, A. Armstead, and T. Beesley. Mr. T. Hamilton was the accompanist. The chairman, Mr. J. R. Greenwood, presided. A vote of thanks to the vocalists was moved by Mr. Hall, and seconded by Mr. Brierley, and the host was thanked on the motion of Mr. G. Waring, seconded by Mr. W. Bentley.—J. E. HOLDEN, Assist.-Sec.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

A pair show was held on February 5th at the club-house, and there was a large attendance of members and friends. Mr. A. Wash (Middlesborough) judged, and his awards met with approval. Entries came up well, and some good birds were staged. YORKS.—1 and 2, H. Carter; 3 and vhc, J. G. Stephenson; 4, W. Underwood. NOR.—1, M. Corner; 2 and 3, Holland; 4 and c, Allan and Richmond; vhc, Crosling; hc, Hy Carter. A.O.V. CAN.—1, R. Todd, Cinnamons; 2, Rutherford, Crest and C.B.; 3, W. Underwood, Green Borders. CAN. MULING PAIRS.—1, Rutherford; 2, Crosling; 3, Reeks; 4, R. Todd and Son; vhc, Hildon; hc, P. Carter; c, Stephenson. HYB. PAIR.—1 and 2, R. Todd and Son, Greenfinch and Bullie; 2, Linnet and Bullie; 3, Reeks, Redpoll and Bullie; 4, Rutherford, Greenie Bullie; vhc, Hildon,—E. BRUNSKILL, Secretary.

GRIMSBY O.S.

A special meeting was held at Grimsby on February 3rd to discuss the position of the club, owing to several of its most prominent members recently elected on the committee at the annual meeting, having tendered their resignations. These gentlemen have, during the past year, rendered valuable services to the society. After some discussion it was resolved, considering all circumstances, that the minutes of the recent annual meeting be rescinded. The election of a new list of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. Stubbs; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Robinson; hon. secs., Messrs. W. H. Moore, jnn., and T. Crowston; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Harding; committee, Messrs. A. Townsend, Metcalf, J. Cotterill, Clapham, W. H. Moore, sen., Geo. Dowie, Cartwright, Nightingale, Good, Way, Drayton and Pett; auditors, Messrs. Metcalf and Cotterill; hon. auctioneer, Mr. Harness. The balance-sheet of the society shows a profit of about £7 on the past season's working. The society decided that its membership roll should be open to all fanciers witbin the county of Lincolnshire.—H. HARDING.

INVERNESS O.A.

The annual general meeting was held in the Crown Mission Hall, Washington Court, on January 22nd. There was a large attendance of members and fanciers, and among them a number of new faces. Mr. Alex. Sanderson (president) presided. The secretary read the financial statement for the year, which showed a creditable balance, and which was also approved of. The election of office bearers was then proceeded with. The patrons were re-elected, and also the other hon. office bearers. Mr. Alex. Sanderson, the retiring president, intimated that he would not seek re-election, as he considered the honour should go round, and Mr. George Mackenzie was accordingly elected to that position for the ensuing year. Mr. E. Todd, jun., was elected vice-president, and Mr. Alex. Urquhart, who has for a considerable number of years performed the duties of secretary and treasurer with much acceptance and success, was re-elected secretary. The managing committee was then elected, all of them being well known and respected fanciers, so that the affairs of the association should be well looked after. An "at home" was held on February 5th, with a view to bringing the many novice fanciers in the town into contact with the members. On the motion of Mr. Sanderson, a vote of thanks was accorded to the auditors, Messrs. Jas. R. Craik and G. Macdonald, and, on the motion of Mr. J. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Craik, a similar vote was accorded Mr. Sanderson for his conduct in the chair that night, and for the businesslike way in which he had conducted the various committee meetings.

SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

On January 30th, at the Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, the society had a special evening devoted to a table show and judging competition, confined to novices and amateurs, in the Yorkshire section. Unfortunately, it turned out a very wet and miserable night, and consequently several members were absent. However, there were about 13 Yorkshire birds or more staged, and eight competitors out of a goodly number of members present, all, of course, being in the highest expectation of placing the birds in the same position as the judge. Messrs. Cooper Bros. very kindly gave a nice silver and gold centre medal for 1st prize, and a silver one for second, and two shillings were given from the funds for third prize. Mr. Cooper first judged the birds, taking notes of each of his awards. Then followed the novices and amateurs, the results being that one of them, Mr. Graham, placed the first and second the same as the judge. Mr. Palmer placed his first the same as the judge, and it therefore resolved itself into who won the most points nearest the judge. Mr. Graham, first; Mr. Pocock, second; Mr. Palmer, third. The secretary then presented the prizes to the three respective winners. This over, Mr. Cooper next went into details as to why he placed the birds in their various positions. It also went to show how individual opinions differed amongst themselves. If that is so in a small table show, what must be the difficulty for a judge to officiate where there are 20 to 30 in a class? After many questions had been answered by Mr. Cooper, it was proposed, seconded, and carried that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Messrs. Cooper Bros., and a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—LILLEY, Secretary.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & D'ST. C.B.S

Usual monthly meeting, held on Feb. 1st, Mr. J. Hands in the chair. Secretary read correspondence re judges, and the election resulted in J. McLay, of Kirkintilloch, and J. Wilcock, of Bradford, being appointed as judges for our next annual exhibition on Nov. 6th and 7th. Four new members were enrolled. We have never failed to pay full members' prize money after meeting all other obligations, and with a balance to spare.—D. A. OGILVIE, Hon. Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

The annual meeting was held at College Inn, on February 1st, when there was a good attendance of members. The chief business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—President, Dr. Wood; committee, Ducker, Greenfield, Turner, Bagnell, Oakes, Woodhouse, Stringer, Webster, Brotherton; chairman, R. Thompson; treasurer, G. Knowles. We received three new members in Messrs. B. Bailey, J. Smith, and that well-known Norwich breeder, Joe Webster, late of Nottingham. We are holding a stock show on February 15th at the Star Inn, Masbro; the judge is Mr. J. Webster, and the committee hope members will give a record entry. Birds to be staged at three o'clock.—J. C. HAYES, Secretary.

EDINBURGH ORNITHOLOGICAL O.S.

The Society met in Buchanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, Honorary President, John McLellan in the chair. The following gentlemen accepted office:—Honorary vice-president, Mr. D. Martin; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. William Thornton, jun., 192. Dalkeith Road; auditors, Captain J. Philp and Mr. Wm. Stewart. It was decided that the office bearers select a large committee, also a good list of judges to be approved and voted on at next meeting. Classification and prize-list for show to be held on December 12th and 13th, 1908, was fixed. Secretaries please note date of show, and avoid clashing of dates. A large attendance is requested at next meeting. This being all the business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President.—J. DRYSDALE, Acting Secretary.

LANCASTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

The annual meeting was held at the Market Hall Coffee Tavern, on February 5th. There were a good number of members present. The annual balance sheet was read, and after some discussion this was passed. It showed a loss of £6 10s. 11d. on the year's working. Mr. S. Mulliner, who has filled the office of chairman for many years, gave notice at the November meeting that he wished to resign the position at the end of the financial year. It was proposed and seconded that he be asked to become an honorary member for life, and this was carried unanimously. The following members were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. R. Mason; vice-chairman, Mr. C. Cafferty, senr.; treasurer, Mr. T. Swainson; assistant hon. sec., Mr. A. Harper; hon. secs., C. Cafferty, jun., 40, Primrose Street, Primrose; committee, Messrs. T. Fisher, J. W. Hinde, J. Haythornthwaite and Son, J. Mulliner, W. Pennington, W. Walley, and Wilkinson. It was decided to hold the monthly meetings on the first Saturday evening in each month. All enquiries regarding the Society should be made to the hon. sec. C. Cafferty junr.

PORTOBELLO C.B.S.

A general meeting was held on February 3rd. Business was hurried through, as the vice-president (Mr. Dunn) had promised to give an exhibition in washing Canaries. After business the President (Mr. Matthew) called upon Mr. Dunn to fulfil his promise, which he did in A1 style. Mr. Dunn proceeded at once with what turned out to be a buff Norwich hen. Mr. Dunn had invited members to bring the dirtiest birds they could find to be washed, a request which was granted by one member at least, who brought three birds that had been in an outdoor aviary all winter, so Mr. Dunn got what he asked for. He handled the birds in a masterly fashion, commencing with tail, flights, and back; then the underparts, leaving the head till last. He gave the younger fanciers many hints, which will no doubt prove very useful. After quickly dispatching two birds to the drying cage, Mr. Dunn invited any member present to try his hand on one of the remaining birds. This was taken advantage of by two less experienced fanciers, with fairly good results. Mr. Dunn then terminated his interesting exhibition by washing a crested cock, and this, too, he handled as only an experienced fancier can. Mr. Matthew, president, kindly lent his drying cage for the occasion, but, unfortunately, the lamp which heats a hot water tank beneath the cage had been overlooked rather too long, and, consequently, the desired heat was not obtained for some time. A hearty vote of thanks was then given to Mr. Dunn for his kindness, this being his second visit to instruct members in the art of washing birds. Mr. Dunn suitably responded, and a very pleasant and instructive entertainment was brought to a close.—J. LEACH and W. LECKIE, Hon. Secs.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

The annual business meeting took place on January 29th at their headquarters in Guildhall-street, when there was a good attendance of members. Mr. A. V. Brooks (chairman) presided. In presenting his sixth annual report and balance-sheet, the hon. secretary, Mr. T. S. Moore, spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which the committee and members generally had supported him during the past year, and he was happy to say that success had crowned their efforts. The annual show, held in November, proved an unqualified success, both financially and numerically, no fewer than 633 entries being received, and the show, beyond all question, was the finest collection of cage birds that had ever been seen here. The balance-sheet showed that the society had in hand the substantial sum of £13 12s. 2½d.—The acceptance of the report and balance-sheet was moved by Mr. Gawthrope, seconded by Mr. Bainbridge, and carried unanimously. The following officers and committee were then elected for the ensuing year:—Chairman, Mr. A. V. Brooks; vice-chairman, Mr. F. Doggett; secretary, Mr. T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket-road; assistant-secretary, Mr. J. J. Gifford; auditors, Messrs. Edwards and Rogers; committee, Messrs. Linsey, McQuarrie, King, Gawthrope, Bateman, Bye, Stiles, Dean, and Young. It was proposed that a two-day show be held in November, and after some discussion as to the wisdom of departing from the one-day fixture, the motion was eventually carried, the majority of the members present being of opinion that the society was now strong enough to carry out the show on a larger scale. It was also decided to remove the headquarters to the Forester, Burleigh-street, and that the monthly meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month, instead of the last, as formerly. A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officials and committee terminated the proceedings.—T. S. MOORE, Sec.

WALKLEY & DIS. AMATEUR C.B.S.

A special meeting was held on February 6th at the White Horse Inn, Creswick Street, for the purpose of hearing a lecture on the "Breeding and Rearing of Canaries," by Councillor F. Hemming. Mr. T. Ridal was in the chair. That the lecture was thoroughly enjoyed was quite evident, as everyone present was very attentive. Mr. Hemming strongly advocated judicious inbreeding, and it is his firm opinion, he said, that this is the royal road to success. He gave very good advice on the care and feeding of young birds. Other most practical and useful knowledge appertaining to general management was given. The meeting was then thrown open for questions, which were promptly and satisfactorily answered. On the meeting terminating, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer by acclamation.—C. W. MARSHALL.

BELGRAVE (Leics.) & DIST. F.S.

The first annual meeting was held at headquarters, New Inn, Loughborough-road, on Feb. 4th. The auditors' report and balance-sheet were passed, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. W. Emms, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. H. Burgess and C. Fowler; Chairman, Mr. W. Hurst; Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. Thompson; Committee, Messrs. J. Burgess, J. Agar, H. Cook, C. Hubbard, A. Costello, G. Heare; Auditors, Messrs. W. Howgill and E. Kirk; Secretary, W. Riley, Assistant Secretary, Mr. W. Read. A table show of cage birds was held, judge Mr. W. Jodd. Result: 1st and 3rd, W. Hurst; 2nd T. Coddington. We invite any fancier to join, who is not a member of any other society.—W. H. RILEY, Sec.

KILMARNOCK C.B.F.C.

The annual general meeting was held on February 6th in the Temperance Hall, Mr. Wm. Guthrie, President, in the chair. The first business was the adoption of the balance-sheet for 1907, which shows a cash balance in hand of £7 5s. 4d. A vote of thanks was then accorded to the office bearers for their services during the past year. The following were elected for 1908:—President, Mr. W. Guthrie; vice-presidents, Messrs. John Noble and Andrew Mackie; committee, Messrs. J. Johnstone, Wm. Watson, G. Adamson, A. Bowie, J. Cram, J. Murdoch, H. Train, A. Gardner, and G. Blair; auditors, John Latta and Wm. Cowan. It was also agreed to have a series of lectures for the benefit of young members. This being all the business, a very enjoyable meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—R. McCAW, Secretary.

ORMSKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A bird-washing competition was the principal business at the monthly meeting of the above society, held at headquarters on February 3rd, when there was an excellent attendance of members. The competitors set about their work in real earnest, and the "tubbing" process showed signs of being accomplished in record time with one exception, and that was in the case of an "animal" which proved to be a "jibber." It was consequently put out of the money. The judge (Mr. Thos. Johnson, sen.) made his awards as follows:—1st prize, Mr. G. J. Johnson; 2nd, Mr. Joseph Lewis; 3rd, Mr. John Field. The last-named gentleman would undoubtedly have obtained the premier award had not the judge mistaken a slight eye mark for a part that had been overlooked in washing. Four new fanciers were enrolled, adding to an already strong membership. Definite arrangements were made for the table show next month.—T. H. TIFFEN, hon. sec.

BRADFORD (East) O.S.

Through the liberality of our president (Mr. E. Suddards) we have been able to arrange a splendid list of prizes for our members to compete for at the five members' shows to be held this year. At the last meeting, held on February 4th, Mr. W. Cruise in the chair, Mr. Suddards kindly gave two gold medals for the winner of most points in the champion and novice sections, besides a donation towards the special prize fund. He also promised to give 10s. to the novice member scoring most points in the Yorkshire Union novice classes during the next winter's shows—a novel feature, which should prove of immense benefit to the societies holding open shows in the Union. It will also encourage novice exhibitors to bring their birds out. Mr. Suddards' idea is one that will readily recommend itself to all who have the welfare of the Yorkshire canary at heart. Mr. J. Stobart kindly promised to give a prize for the winner of second most points. Mr. A. Farrar has also given us another gold medal and a fancy alarm clock to swell the list of members specials, thereby repeating his generous offer of last year. A silver-plated tea-pot and several other valuable prizes were promised, and every member is entitled to compete for these, providing he keeps to the rule re subscription. The question as to whether we should have an open show this year was brought up, and it was eventually decided to run one. Although this may seem rather venturesome for a society only in its infancy, we feel confident of success, if the large number of fanciers in and around Bradford will rally round, and give us their support. Four gentlemen were elected to membership, this making the total 64.—H. HILL, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting was held on Feb. 6th, at headquarters, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger-street, when there was a record turn-up of members and new members, 72 all told. Mr. J. Currah, chairman, presided, and put everybody in a good humour. The fixing of the date of our annual show was proceeded with. It was decided to have it on October 23rd and 24th. Mr. Slack proposed that we nominate judges and have a special meeting on Feb. 13th to make a final selection, having obtained these gentlemen's terms. It was proposed and carried that we engage the Cambridge Drill Hall for our next annual show, and it was also decided to keep the show open until 10 o'clock on the Friday night, so as to give the tradespeople a chance of paying us a visit. It was proposed and seconded that we have a first feather show, the date to be fixed later. Mr. Crawhall, secretary for the late social, gave a report of same, which showed after everything was paid a balance of a few shillings. Mr. Shepherd moved that the best thanks of the society be given to Mr. Crawhall for the able manner in which he carried out his duties as secretary. Sixteen new members were enrolled at this meeting, making twenty-four this year. "Let 'em all come!" The following are the names of the new members: Miss M. Marshall (the first lady to join our ranks), Messrs. T. Taylor, R. Lowery, Coltman, Park, R. Richardson, E. Elliott, Wylam, G. Reid, Vanner, W. Mackenzie, Petterson, T. N. Heslop, W. Coxon, H. Bailey, J. Scott, J. Bean, T. W. Gillinder, Robson, J. Waugh, and P. Brown. We have no limit as to distance and we invite fanciers to join us, especially "novices," who are well catered for.—Messrs. W. CURRY and J. G. HUTCHINSON, Secretaries.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

The committee held a meeting on Feb. 6, Mr. A. Jardine presiding. A letter received from Mrs Cleminson, Preston, was read, thanking the society for the very handsome way he had been treated in the loss of his bird at our late show. Mr. Muir then brought up his appointment as Norwich Secretary, and expressed his desire to retire. After a good deal of consideration it was decided to accept Mr. Muir's resignation, with much regret, and to ask Mr. John Young to act. It was decided to hold the annual smoking concert on the first Friday of April. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—A. MACDONALD, Sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

The annual general meeting was held on January 23rd at headquarters, Holy Trinity Schools. It was a foggy night, which no doubt affected the attendance. A report from the secretary was given, which revealed a satisfactory state of affairs. A large number of complimentary letters were received, and several of which came from exhibitors at the open show. It was decided that in future the society shall be known as "The Plumstead and Woolwich Cage Bird Society," membership open to the United Kingdom. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. Geo. J. Bayley; chairman, Mr. E. Meades; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Best; treasurer, Mr. J. J. Collins, M.B.D.A., committee, Messrs. Allison, Hawkes, Borlase, C. Wood, Palmer and Putner; auditors, Messrs. Scott and Jones; hon. secretaries, Messrs. Pawley and Newnham, 18, Olven-road, Plumstead. One new member was elected. A Pair and British Show will be held on February 20th. Novices, who will be well looked after, are specially invited to become members.—W. PAWLEY, Sec.

CITY OF HULL C.B.S.

The first of a series of monthly members' shows was held at the headquarters, Oddfellows' Hall, Charlotte Street, on February 3rd. Some splendid pairs of birds were on view. There are two silver cups to be competed for, and points count at all shows throughout the year. Mr. Pepper, holder of the champion cup, scored well again for cup points. Messrs. Perkins and Spruit judged, and their task was not made easier by reason of a crowded room. CREST, Etc.—1, 2, 3, vhc, Calam. NOR. (16), 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Pepper; c, Barwick. YORKS—1, 2, Brumby. A.O.V.—1, Perkins. NOVICE NOR. (12).—1, Longhorn; 2, H. C. Oliver, 3, vhc, Russell; c, Riley. YORKS. (17).—1, 2, Stamford; 3, vhc, Parkes; c, Burell. A.O.V.—1, Whitesides. A.V. for CAN. MULE.—1, 2, Perkins; 3, Riley. HYB. PAIRS.—1, Perkins; 2, vhc, Riley; 3, hc, c, Pepper.

The meeting proper was held in an adjoining room. The balance-sheet for 1907 was presented by the secretary, and after discussion was passed. The following is the list of members' shows for 1908:—British birds, March 2nd; judge, Mr. Geo. Harland. Nest feather show, May 4th; judge, Mr. T. Perkins. Nest feather show on June 1st; judge, Mr. H. E. Stubbs (Grimsby). Half-day nest feather show, July 11th; judges, Messrs. W. Clews (Grimsby) and Medley (Hull); and full day show, December 26th (Boxing Day).—F. H. STAMFORD, Minute Secretary.

DULWICH O.S.

At the last committee meeting, held on Feb. 3, at headquarters, Herne Tavern, Forest Hill-road, S.E., the rules of the society were compiled, and the programmes for the year were arranged as follows:—Feb. 20th, Pair Show, Headquarters; March, "Management of Canaries during the Breeding Season," by Mr. G. F. Woolhouse; April, "Norwich Canary," by Mr. W. Morris; May, "Birds I require on the Show Bench," by a well-known Judge; June, Young Bird Show; July, "Birds I Have Kept," by Mr. T. W. Butt; Aug., Discussion on Moulting and Colour-feeding; Sept., Table Show of British and Foreign Birds and Hybrids; Oct., A, Washing Exhibition, B, Judging Competition (prizes to be competed for); Nov., Annual Show (open), Imperial Hall, East Dulwich, S.E.; Dec., Concert and Presentation of Prizes. Two country rambles will be arranged in May and September, the former will be in Kent and the latter in Surrey. Many new members were enrolled, and also many proposed for next meeting. We feel confident we have room for our new society and should like to call special attention to the fact that no entrance fee is required for members who join before March 31st inst. Membership is open to the United Kingdom; fee, 3/- per annum. Many prizes of exceptional value have been already promised for competition at various shows by well-known local gentlemen. To provide adequately for breeders and lovers of birds no expense is being spared.—A. E. ROGERS and C. L. S. MAZZONI, Hon. Secs.

WIMBLEDON AND DIST. C.B.S.

The annual general meeting was held at Mr. Johnston's Rooms, 6, The Broadway, on February 3rd, when Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided over a very considerable attendance. The report and balance-sheet were then submitted, the former stating that the committee considered the past year had been one of the most successful the society had yet had, and the latter showing a very satisfactory balance to carry forward of £6 15s. 11d. The chairman then presented a gold-centre medal which he had given for the most points gained at the judging competitions, held periodically by the society, to Mr. W. H. Colman, who took it with 48 points, the next highest being Mr. H. Smith, with 37. In connection with the election of officers, the chairman had to announce the resignation of the esteemed honorary secretary, Mr. Colman, who had been compelled to resign on account of business. Mr. Colman, he said, had always had the interests of the society at heart, and had performed his duties in the most business like, conscientious, and praiseworthy manner. He was sure they would all greatly regret that he had been compelled to resign, and would wish to accord him by acclamation a vote of thanks for the valuable services he had rendered. Mr. Colman, in reply to the vote, said no one could regret more than he that he had to leave the society, with which he had been connected since its formation, and in which he should always take an interest. He had been very pleased indeed to do what he had done during the three years in which he had been secretary, and he might say his work had been made much easier because of the excellent committee he had had to work with. The officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. F. Piper; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. J. Warley, E. J. Lamb, and H. W. Birch; chairman, Mr. W. H. Stoakley; secretary and treasurer (pro. tem.), Mr. H. Smith; committee, Messrs. J. Carson, F. Day, E. W. Dell, A. H. Dyke, G. Griffiths, P. Rorke, and E. J. Whittome. A judging competition of British birds then took place, the final judge being Mr. A. H. Dyke. Points gained: Mr. S. Jordan, 14; Mr. G. Griffiths, 10; Mr. E. W. Dell, 9; Messrs. E. J. Whittome and G. J. Warley, 8 each; Messrs. G. Wyatt, H. Smith, J. Carson, A. A. Tutty, F. P. Pound, H. Brooks, and Mr. F. Day, 6 each; Mr. R. McLaughlin, 5; Messrs. F. Piper and A. Lupton, 3 each; and Messrs. W. H. Colman and P. Rorke, nil. A vote of thanks to the chairman, and he Mr. Dyke for acting as final judge, ended the meeting.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges Terms for insertion on application.

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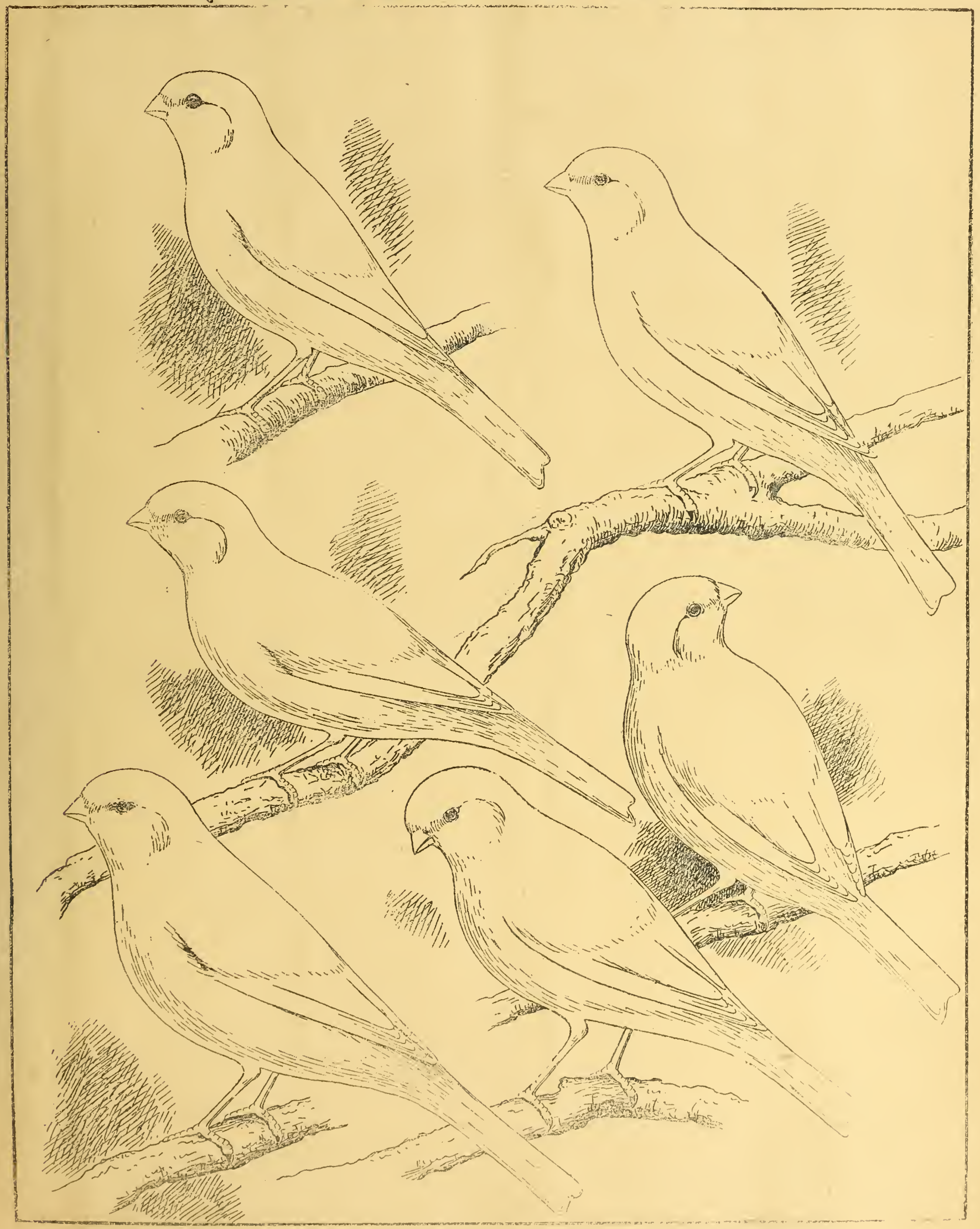

WHERE IS THE EXHIBITION NORWICH PLAINHEAD?

Among the six Norwich Canaries shown on this plate lies hidden one first-class exhibition specimen. Particulars of two Prize Competitions for readers who can unravel the puzzle as to which parts go to make up this exhibition bird will be found on page 153 this week.

The Green Canary.

By J. W. METCALFE.

(Continued from page 97.)

Colour, an Important Point.

The Greens (unlike some other varieties) improve in colour as they grow older, or should do if you avoid Cinnamon blood. I know there will be a good many fanciers who will differ with me over this point. We have had some strong arguments over it in Liverpool, but the most successful Green Canary men are against it, so I think that is proof enough. I will admit they come out a good colour the first year on the ground colour, but just look at the wings. You will there find the bronziness which is the greatest detriment to a good Green. Do the Yorkshire fanciers go to the Cinnamon mark for their colour? I say, No; they go to the Cinnamon for their quality of feather. Do the Norwich fanciers go to the Cinnamon for their cock? They introduce heavily green-marked Norwich. A young Green has no chance along side of an old one for colour; but a man who breeds for colour knows his bird will improve every year. When one goes to buy his first Greens and wants all young birds, he cannot expect to get them a good grass green, like he would get in older birds.

Supposing you have a successful first year with your stock, and you have the good luck to breed a winner or two. Don't stop at one winner and think you have got at the top; you may easily come down at the next show, as perhaps it won't suit the next judge and you will be dissappointed. Don't hesitate in calling in a good authority in this variety, and asking him to pick out your best birds for show and stock. You may think you can do this without outside help; that is where many a fancier has made a mistake. He certainly does it to the best of his ability, but it would have been better to have had an older fancier's advice. Many a novice has sold a bird cheap, thinking it was of no use to him at the time, and afterwards he would have been pleased to have got it back at four times the amount.

The Faking Question.

Perhaps it's only right, while I am on this subject, to say a word on the so-called "Faking Question," in connection with square feathers. A man, before he rushes into print and condemns the whole of the Green Canary fanciers, should have had at some time or the other, some slight experience in breeding Greens. He could then speak on a subject that he knew something about.

I think the most unfortunate and uncalled-for action that has happened in cage bird keeping of late years was the disqualification for square feathers last year which made every Green Canary fancier in Great Britain, stand out as a rogue and a faker amongst the general body of breeders and exhibitors of Canaries and cage birds. If those gentlemen who started this "square feather" trouble, could only have foreseen the mistake they were making (seeing the trouble it has brought on the Greens), they would have been the first to have admitted their mistake. However, I hope we shall never see the same blunder made again.

A breeder of Greens cannot help getting these square feathers. Whether they are hereditary or come through a bad moult, he gets them at some time or another. They do not add to the beauty of the Green Canary. Far from it; but when a fancier gets a good show bird, and through no fault of his own, it contracts square feathers from some unknown cause, it seems a shame that it has to stay at home for fear of being disqualified. Some fanciers tell us not to breed with these square-feathered birds, and so save any further trouble with them.

But show me the fancier who would cast aside a good bird which has taken years to produce, for the fads of a few who have had no experience in breeding Greens. If the judges won't have these square-feathered specimens, let them put them down, the exhibitors will soon get tired of sending out for nothing. If one judge overlooks them, let the others do the same. It would be better all round. If there were faking over these feathers, there is plenty of rivalry in the Fancy in Liverpool to stop it. I may seem to be a bit outspoken over this question, but I am only voicing the feelings of ninety-nine per cent. of the Green Canary breeders. I shall take the Norwich Green as my next subject.

Chapter III.—The Norwich Green.

If ever there were an opening in any branch of the Canary Fancy for a fancier to take up and soon win his way to the top of the tree, it is in the Norwich Greens. New men come to the front every year in this variety, and the winners are fairly distributed.

I cannot pass over the time when Mr. Tom Ryno took all before him, and held the Green Norwich in his hands for over four years—a thing which I do not think will happen again. I sincerely hope it will not, because it does the Fancy no good when one man holds all the reins. Truly, there was not the competition in those days there is at present, and still there is great room for improvement.

There are not many good typical, and at the same time, well-coloured Norwich Greens being shown now, and that is why I say there is a grand opening for someone. Mr. Deacon, of Liverpool, is showing some grand birds of type and colour, and I am sure no Norwich breeder will contradict me when I say that Mr. Deacon holds the finest team of Norwich Greens that were ever in the hands of one man, taking into consideration the type and colour that are wanted at the present time.

A Difficulty and a Way Out.

I should advise anyone who is thinking of taking up the Norwich Greens to go in for four pairs, if his pocket will allow him to do so. Taking No. 1 and 2 pairs: naturally the majority of fanciers would advise getting a self-yellow cock and a self-buff hen. So would I if they could be got, but the Green men know it is next door to impossible to get a good yellow Green cock fit for stock purposes in Liverpool without paying a fabulous price for him. I want to show you a way out of this difficulty. Get in touch with a reliable man and get two self yellow hens, or two hens with just foul tails or foul in wing. Don't be put off with fair birds; get the best, for they will pay you.

For these two hens, I want you to get two heavily marked buff cocks of the present day type. Let them be massive in skull, because you will find your hens deficient in good head properties. I don't believe a bird should always win because it has a grand head and fails in other properties, but I will admit that a good head hides a deal of faults. Never mind how good a bird is, if it has a small head it gets put down. So you want to breed what the majority of judges are favouring. You can readily get the above cocks from a good-class Norwich breeder. I have seen many a good heavily marked bird out of the tickets that would have been a "Jew's eye" in a Green Norwich breeder's room. So keep a look out for these heavily marked birds.

No. 3 pair: You want a good coloured self-buff cock and a slightly foul yellow hen. There are plenty of grand buff cocks which you can get at fairly reasonable prices. You might not find them quite up to expectation in type, but they are grand coloured birds and this is what you want in this pair, because the selfs from the pair will go nicely with the selfs or the heaviest marks from 1 and 2 pairs.

You want this pair entirely for colour, so see that you get colour above everything else. You will find it most prominent at the cheeks, butts of wings and rumps. Avoid the birds that are too dark on their back; this comes from the Cinnamon, and will go darker every year, and will blot out all traces of green colour on the bird. You can pair self to self from any of the above pairs, without being afraid of getting the youngsters too dark, because they are bred light on one side, and this trace will keep cropping up.

THE BLACK-FACED SUGAR BIRD.

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You may with every confidence pair the most heavily marked birds together, because I believe by pairing these they become nearer to selfs every year, and you may have the good fortune to breed a good self or two from these heavily marks. But be careful when you pair these selfs up again; don't pair either to a bird that is too light, or you will undo what it has taken two years to do. You may have to wait a year before your stock are eligible to go in Green classes, but when they do go in you will see a wonderful difference in type in your birds, to what is being shown to-day, bred direct from Greens. That is, of course, if you get the right stock, as I illustrate.

The lightly marked birds you can easily dispose of to a clear Norwich Fancier.

For Improving Type.

The fourth pair you must have of extraordinary type, quality and size, both to be heavily marked. The youngsters from this pair will come in handy for further improving your stock in type, which you might find lacking, especially if they follow the self birds you originally bought.

Naturally fanciers will wonder why I am introducing so much light blood; the reason is this: our judges are going in for type with fairly decent colour, and I say, if you want to win, you must put down what that particular judge likes, or you may as well keep your birds at home. You must study the judges. Some like large birds, others small birds of good quality. Should you not know what particular bird a man goes in for, if you enter four birds, send two small and two large ones, and you will not be far off the mark.

The only bird I know of that seemed to suit all judges, was Mr. Wm. Thompson's buff Green Norwich, exhibited nine times in one season. It took seven firsts and two seconds. But it does not fall to everyone's luck to breed birds like this one.

I think I have laid down the lines for the foundation of a good strain of Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, and with careful selection of the first stock, I don't think a fancier who takes up the Green variety will go wrong.

On General Management.

Taking the room first: get one with plenty of light if possible. I do not care how the windows are situated from any point of the compass, as long as I get good light, because I think light is life to a Canary. Put Canaries in a dark corner and you will soon notice they will go lumpy.

Having selected your room, always keep in the centre of it a bucket filled with a disinfectant of some kind. I do not care what brand you get as long as it is a strong one. This will always guarantee a nice smell in your room, as well as keep down any disease. Throw your egg drawers, drinkers, etc., into it every week, and give them a good washing. It also acts well in washing perches, and will kill the red mite that frequent them.

When selecting cages always get them so that you can use them to breed in. A handy size is 18 inches long, 15 inches deep and 11 inches back to front. Get your small flights twice as long as above, so that when you have got your stock of cages together they will look even, not as you see in some rooms, all sizes. This looks anything but creditable to the owner. If you have room and can afford it, get a large flight to run your stock hens into. It will also do well to throw your stock in previous to the moulting season. I have found a big flight a good remedy for a young bird with bad wing carriage.

Use all earthenware drinkers and egg dishes. Glass looks very nice and clean, but glass vessels soon crack if you wash them in hot water. Paint your cages with a good washable distemper, using any colour you fancy.

Throw all your hens into the flights until the second week in March, and then put them into the cages that they are going to breed in. Always give them a fortnight by themselves and keep them in the same cages for the three rounds of eggs; they do better in one cage than when shifted about. The cocks will be by themselves until you pair up, which should not be before the last week in March, and only then if the weather looks like keeping up well.

From now until you pair up, give your hens plenty of inga seed. This will keep them from egg-binding. I have given my hens inga seed three times a week, and I have had only one case of egg-binding, and this hen I bought in April. It is the general rule to keep the hens back as regards condition when the breeding season is near, but I keep my hens up to concert pitch all through the winter and spring, for as soon as you get a snap of cold or damp weather, down go the hens, while the cocks are singing as lustily as ever. So I think it pays to feed your hens well.

Matched for Breeding.

Taking it for granted your birds are in good condition at the end of March, hang the cock for a few days in a Yorkshire show cage in front of the hen you want him to pair up to. This will save a lot of fighting when they are put together, and they will commence their duties sooner. Previous to pairing up, cut a little of the feathers away from and around the vent of each bird: this will help to fertilize the eggs. You cannot say how soon the hen will lay. I have had them lay in a week, and they have sometimes taken a month, but should it be the latter, don't separate them, except the hen looks bad. Let them go their own sweet way; nature will help them.

(To be continued.)

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Hints for the Breeding Season.

By J. PATTERSON.

Some Tips from an Old Hand to the Young Beginner.

(*Continued from page* 34.)

In about another week she may be expected to lay again. Then you should treat her in exactly the same manner as before. Set her, and if the young are on the perch remove them along with the cock into a cage of the samo size; and with the Border Fancy Canary, never forget to have an old nest in one of the platform holes for any that may not be so forward and may need a rest. They either go into the nest, or into a corner at the bottom of the cage. If they take to the latter they will always be dirty.

You will now find the need of a good feeding cock, whether separated or not, as the hen when once set down, seems to think her duty to the young is finished, and leaves nearly all the feeding to the cock bird. Some cocks are but poor feeders, and cannot finish off a brood by themselves; and in that case they should never be separated from the hen, or the young may die for the want of proper attention. I think they sometimes seem to know that their mother has the softest heart, and chirp and worry her until she does feed them whenever she happens to leave her eggs. And anyone who studies their movements must see for themselves that they are a great worry and annoyance, and in most instances spoil the clutch of eggs, she is sitting on. In such cases they should never be left with her, unless the cock proves a failure.

Where the cock is not a good feeder and the hen plucks the feathers out of the young, it is the best plan to put them in a small nursery cage. This should be hung on to the front of the breeding cage with a spar running along the front, so that the young may be fed by the hen through the wires. These wires should be bent back a little opposite the end of the spar in the parent's cage, so that they may get their heads through to feed the young.

It will also be found in some instances that a hen will not feed her young. This arises from various causes, but mostly from a very nervous temperament, and such birds should be as little disturbed as possible. If at any time you need to handle them, you must speak kindly to them, and tempt them by a fresh leaf of green food. If you are not satisfied with the amount of food the young are getting, assist the hens last thing at night by giving the young a good feed by hand. Chew a little egg food well and let it remain in your mouth long enough to have mixed with the saliva. Then take the nest and young ones out and hold in the left hand. Take the food out of your mouth and place on the left thumb, and with a quill or a sharp-pointed piece of wood try and feed them by putting a little on the point, and dropping it into their mouth when they open it. This is a tiresome job where you have to continue long, and I would never advise it all through, as the chicks so fed are nearly always small, puny and abject-looking. But I have saved many nests of young by feeding them for the first three or four nights.

My reason for advocating feeding at night is, firstly, that they are much stronger in the morning and more able to hold up their heads when their mother rises for her breakfast, and by their holding up their heads they remind her that they want to be fed also. Secondly, a hen never fails to return quickly to her nest at night-time when disturbed; if you were to disturb her in the day time she might not return until her young are chilled through.

If she fails to feed them with your help, you must place them under some other hen who may have some young of about the same age. First mark them, as stated, or you may have a nest of eggs clear or addled.

When the young are 30 days' old they will be able to feed themselves, and may be removed from their parents' care. Continue to give them the same feeding as they were receiving from their mother, until they are between six and seven week's old and then gradually wean them off the egg food, and substitute seed, scalded at first, and afterwards slightly crushed.

Another point which may perplex you, is that of young ones being thrown over the nest. You must keep a watchful eye on the bottom of the cage for the first four days, and if you find one has been thrown over replace it if lively under the hen. If, however, it seems to all outward appearance dead, take it as gently as you can into the palm of your hand, and blow your warm breath upon it, well under the wing; keep blowing for a few minutes and you may be astonished to see some slight symptoms of returning life. After it begins to wriggle about replace it under its mother, and the next time you see it you may not know it from its nest mates.

The same may be applied to eggs. The hen may rise and leave the eggs just previous to being hatched. Although she may have left them for an hour and although they may be cold to touch, if placed under another hen they will hatch out all safe and will possibly survive.

Some Hints on Using Egg Food.

When you have finally put your birds together, give them egg food on alternate days, and, if you have not an egg mill (there are many on the market), get an old fig or cigar box, or you can make one yourself by cutting four pieces of wood, one inch thick, five inches long, and two broad. Nail them together into a square, and you will have made a handy frame measuring five inches one way and three the other, inside measurements. Get from some plumber a piece of perforated zinc to the above measurement, and fasten it down with small carpet tacks. Then select from some old box a piece of deal containing a large round knot. Cut exactly at the end of knot, with a small saw; then, at the other end, about six inches above, cut it through. Now take your knife and smooth it off round the knot; then cut out the handle to hold by. You have now formed a rare spatula to press the egg through the sieve. The knot, being hard, wears longer, looks better, and is easily cleaned; and moreover, does not make such a scraping sound as an iron one sold for this purpose.

Feed on the same lines until the hen is set, then cut down the egg food and rape to once a week each, until the thirteenth day (or the night before the young are due to hatch), then give her a good supply of egg food in the earthenware drawer, also a little hemp seed cracked slightly by rolling a bottle over it. Most seed mills, unless set solely for hemp seed, crush it and mix both kernel and husk together, and leave it more liable to get stale than when only slightly cracked. After the young are hatched, you must give the egg food fresh thrice every day, also hemp seed, and increase the supply as the size and age of brood call for it, being careful to leave none stale or sour in the drawers. The latter should be cleaned out every time you put in fresh, and scalded in warm water every other day, so they may be always sweet and clean.

Remove, whenever occasion allows you, all the stale egg thrown out on cage bottom. Especially must you do this when once the young are able to leave the nest, and are running about the bottom, as young birds are like children, always trying everything in their mouths, and I have no doubt they are pleased in their own little way with anything, although stale and not very agreeable to their tastes, simply for the novelty of having picked it up themselves. Such stale food partaken of by them thoroughly upsets their stomachs, and often ultimately results in their death. The same remarks apply to decayed green food, which must also be removed whenever convenient.

Green Food, and How to Use it.

The most suitable green food I find to be watercress, then dandelion, then lettuce, and until the season advances to give us the seeded chick weed, mouse-ear, and plantain, we must be content with the leaves of the three former. I therefor give the first, until about the second week in April, when the young leaves of the dandelion are nice and green, and very much relished by the old birds. It should be in nice condition when the first brood of young makes its appearance. I find young birds thrive very strongly on dandelion. Both this and watercress must be washed by running some cold water over it in case there is any frost on it, which is very injurious to both young and old birds.

I continue with the dandelion as long as I can find it fresh and tender. Afterwards use the lettuce, which I have always sown, and large enough to use when the dandelion fails me. And, when out for a walk, either Sunday or Saturday, after the various seeded herbs are ripe, I never return unless with a supply that will serve my stock for a few days. Another good plan to ensure a fair supply is to keep on friendly agreement with your boys, if you are blessed with any; if not, there are always plenty to be hired very cheaply. Encourage them with you when out for a walk, and, as at this time there are always plenty of wild birds' nests in the hedgerows and fields, give them all the information they ask concerning them; also, let them see the kind of seeds you want, and you may be astonished to find a good supply awaiting you every night you come home.

Some fanciers do not give green food for the first three days of the chick's life. I never form any hard and fast rule, but only pay attention how each hen feeds her young, and also the state of her droppings. Then you can form a fair idea where it has to be restricted. I have found some hens would not feed until they got green food, so I think where anyone makes this a hard and fast rule, they must lose many a nest which they might have saved with its use. I also keep giving it to the young, after they leave their parents—only in more limited quantity, and being more careful to remove any left—until they start to moult. I know however, some breeders will not agree with me here.

I think I have now touched on the general run of disappointments, at least the largest of them. You must do according to your own discretion in minor events. Spend a few minutes amongst your birds, and by a process of reasoning you will fathom their cause; and I have no doubt if you put your mind firmly to it, you will always find a remedy.

Scarcity of Hen Blackbirds.

I have lately been closely watching the Blackbirds visiting the garden, and notice that although we have several day after day, they are all male birds. Is it possible that the hens have migrated, or are they more shy than their partners, and so keep to the hedgerows and open fields? When out for a good long ramble yesterday, through parts where these birds were plentiful, we only saw one hen bird, and that was in a garden attached to a small cottage in quite a lonely district.—H.N.

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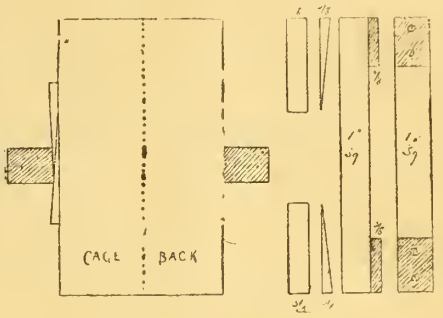
No. 179.

HOW TO JOIN TWO BOARDS FOR A CAGE BACK.

Sent by John Gillott, 46 Hut, Dinnington Main Colliery, Near Rotherham, Yorks.

I was in a friend's house recently, and saw he was a bit bothered about joining two boards together with glue for a cage-back. I told him how I join them, and thinking it may be useful to some more fanciers, I send the idea to you. One



To Glue a Cage Back.

piece of wood 2ft. long and 1in. square, and two more short pieces, 2in. long and 1in. wide by ⅜in. thick; two further pieces ⅜in. square tapered off one way for wedges are all that are required. The illustrations are sufficiently self-explanatory. The method is a cheap and easy one, and ensures good work. JOHN GILLOTT.

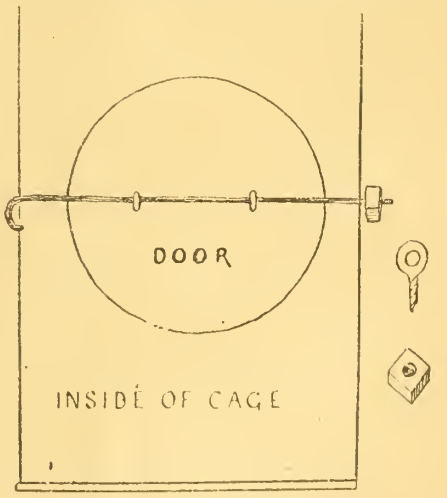
No. 180.

A SUGGESTION FOR A SAFETY SHOW-CAGE.

Sent by C. H. Lower Chesham, Bury.

(*Will C. H. send his full name and address.*)

In reference to safety show-cage I herewith forward an idea which I think would be a surprise to the bird-stealer. When he sees a cage such as I suggest he will have a hard nut to crack, or rather to unscrew, before his efforts are rewarded. What is required to complete this design I shall try to explain. You first of all will require a steel rod about one-eighth inch



Fastening for Show Cage Door.

in diameter to reach from front to back of cage, and turned at the end, as seen in illustration. Next get two screw-eyes; these must be screwed on the ends of cage door—inside, of course. Then drill a little hole in back of cage opposite the eyes in cage door, so that the rod will come about a quarter of an inch through. The rod must be threaded at the end for a little nut to be screwed on, by which the rod is tightened up, and your bird is safe. By this device the thief will have to go round to the back of the cage; he will also need a key to fit the nut. He would be easily detected, as anyone with common-sense would know that he would not go there to look at the birds. C. H.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Art of Cage-Making.

By A. W. CURTIS.

(Continued from page 37).

In order to get the right article when purchasing new tools, the wisest course is to have them from a first-class tool-shop. Don't on any account buy new tools at those establishments suggested for the purchase of second-hand ones, as new tools sold at such places are often of an inferior quality and practically useless. On the other hand, the old tools are often those that have been disposed of by mechanics in distressed circumstances, and can be frequently found in good working order.

Fanciers buying new or second-hand tools bearing the names of makers such as Buck, Marples, Moseley, Nurse, or Sorby will not go far wrong, providing the would-be purchaser exercises a little judgment in his selection of the second-hand article, for there is a vast difference between good, workable tools and those already worn out, and therefore useless.

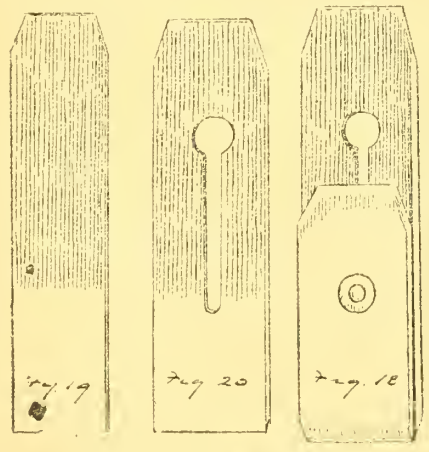
On the Use of Planes.

Before starting out to purchase your kit it would be best to get some friend in the wood-working line to consent to accompany you, to select the articles you require, as a practical man can tell almost at a glance if the tools are likely to be of any use to you.

A good plane should have a double iron (see Fig. 18), whereas common planes, as a rule, are provided with a single iron, as shown in Fig 19. Fig. 20 shows cutting iron with top iron removed, this being necessary before the former can be sharpened.

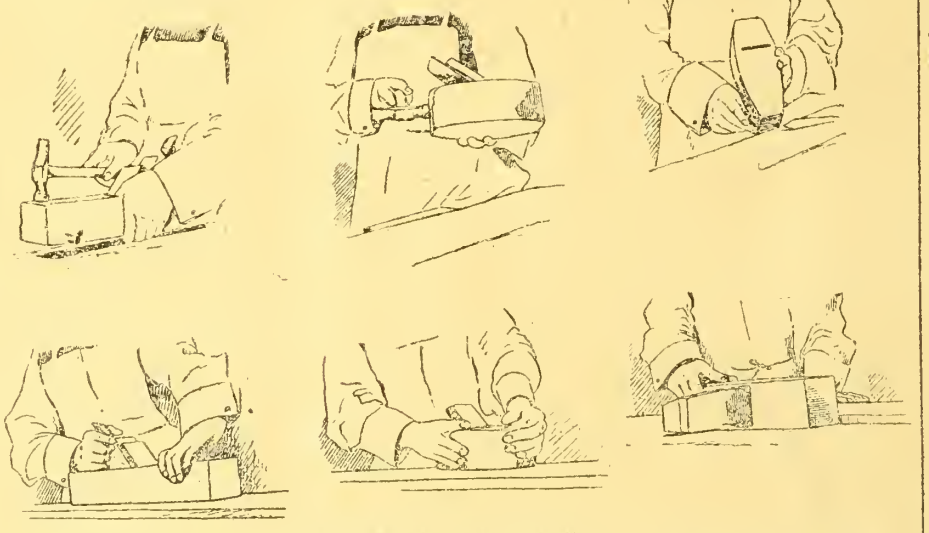
Before explaining how to sharpen an iron, it will be as well to instruct those who don't already know as to the correct way to draw, or remove, the iron from a plane. First of all take the jack-plane in your left hand, placing your thumb in the mouth and your fingers down the side and under the face of the plane; keep the end of your thumb below the wedge, and allow it to rest on top of iron. Take the hammer in your right hand and give your plane a sharp blow or two at the spot indicated in Fig. 21. You will find this loosens the wedge sufficiently to enable you to remove it and the iron from the plane.

Fig. 22 illustrates where to use the hammer on a smoothing plane when drawing an iron. The thumb on left hand should be placed in the mouth of plane in just the same position as that described in the case of the jack-plane. The object of this is to prevent the iron jumping out too suddenly. When drawing a smoothing-plane iron take care to always strike the back end of plane which is behind the iron; and on no account use the hammer in front, as you would for jack-plane. Having succeeded in drawing your wedge and iron, lay the former on the bench face-side upwards. Next lay your plane-



iron flat down on the wedge, with cutting end towards thick end of wedge, and head of screw uppermost, and then take your wide-pointed screwdriver and insert it in the cut of screw. Turn your screw towards your left, and when loose enough you can remove the top iron and leave the other, with slot in it, ready for sharpening.

To sharpen an iron properly will require a little practice and a certain amount of patience, and unless your oilstone is in pretty good order, you are not likely to be very successful. Your oilstone should have a nice, level surface. Naturally you will expect this in a new stone, but very often a second-hand one that has had some wear will be found anything but level and true. This difficulty can be easily overcome by placing one or two handfuls of silver sand and water on a York stone pavement and rubbing your oilstone backwards and forwards face-downwards in the sand and water. Don't be afraid of a little elbow-grease, as the stone, being of a hard nature, will require pressure, especially if the oilstone is very bad. Take a look at your stone occasionally to see how you are progressing, and when you find the holes have disappeared, you can say your work is finished. Be careful to wash off all sand that may have adhered to sides of stone during rubbing down process. When clean and dry, a few drops of neat's-foot oil, or a few drops of sweet or salad oil should be dropped upon the stone, when it will be ready for use.



THE USE OF THE PLANE.

Fig. 21, Removing iron from jack plane. Fig. 22, ditto from smoothing plane. Fig. 24, Setting the iron. Fig. 25, Correct way to hold jack plane. Fig. 26, ditto smoothing plane. Fig. 27, Shooting edge of board.

How to Sharpen Plane-irons.

Now take the cutting-iron in your hand and place it on the stone as shown in Fig. 23. See that you get the bevelled side towards you, facing your body, as it were. Don't hold your iron too upright, but let the top lay over well towards your body. A good plan will be for a novice to note how much his iron is out of upright when in its proper position in the plane. It will be necessary to keep it even more on the slant when sharpening than when in the plane, otherwise you will soon have your iron thick where it is wanted to be thin. The thinner you keep your iron the less often it will require to be ground.

When you have your iron on the stone in the position shown, press it fairly hard on the stone, then rub it backwards and forwards, taking care not to push it or draw it off the stone, for by doing this you are likely to gap your iron. When you think you have rubbed long enough, turn your iron over and lay the face quite flat on the stone, and give it a gentle rub or two just to take off the rough edge. By passing the tip of your finger or thumb (lightly) along the edge (just as you would try the edge of a knife), you will be able to tell when your iron is sharp enough. If edge is not keen, go through the same motions as before, until you have satisfied yourself that you have the edge required. Then take some shavings or a piece of rag and wipe the black oil off your iron, or it may spoil your work.

Now put your top iron on and slide it towards sharpened edge of cutting-iron, until you can see about one-sixteenth of an inch of your cutting-iron left. Then tighten up screw as much as possible with the finger and thumb, so as to prevent top iron slipping out of position when laying them down on the wedge, as in the first instance. Then take the screwdriver and tighten the screw, being careful this time to turn screw towards your right.

Now pick up your irons and look at them as described. If you find top iron is too near edge of cutting-iron, take the hammer and give the top end of cutting-iron a light knock or two; this will draw your top iron back as far as you like. If,

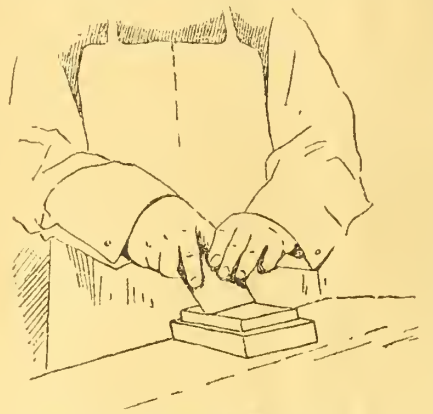


Fig. 23. Sharpening the Iron.

on the other hand, your cutting-iron projects too far beyond your top iron, knock your top iron down by hitting on top edge of screw-head which holds your irons together.

Re-fitting Plane-irons.

The next thing is to return your iron to the plane; this should be done as shown in Fig. 24. Take the plane in your left hand and the irons in your right, holding the plane in the position shown. Look down face of plane, and then push the irons up until you can just see the very smallest particle of edge peeping through mouth of plane. Place the left-hand thumb in mouth of plane (low enough down to keep clear of wedge) and press iron towards back of plane, keeping it in that position until you have pushed in wedge to hold it there. Then take a hammer and tighten your wedge; don't overdo it, or you will have to do a lot of hammering when you want to withdraw it again.

If when beginning to plane you find there is too much iron out, give a light tap with the hammer at the same spot as you would to draw an iron. If there is not sufficient iron out, lightly hit the top of cutting-iron which stands above the plane wedge. Fig 25 shows the right way to hold a jack-plane, and Fig. 26 the correct way to hold a smoothing-plane.

(To be continued.)

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

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*A Blind Canary.

My father keeps birds, and I am a great lover of them. A few years ago, we had a blind, yellow Yorkshire Canary. This Canary would perch on one's finger and would whistle as hard as it could. Some would wonder how it got to its water and seed. It used to run its beak along the wires until it got to the seed or water hole. One day, my mother was giving it some seed and forgot to shut the door. However, the bird got out, and wherever it got to we do not know. We never saw any feathers about, so we could not accuse the cat. I am sending drawings of two birds, a Hawfinch and a Crest Canary.—F. E. Kemp. 270, Girlington Road, Bradford, Yorks.

*A Captive Starling.

Not long ago two Starlings built their nest in the trunk of a tree that had been cut down some time previously. There was a small cavity on the top of this trunk, into which the nest was built; the eggs were hatched. A little later the fledglings were all able to leave the nest but one, and by the time it was ready to fly small twigs had grown over the nest in such a manner that the young bird was a captive. The opening was just large enough for its head to get out. For weeks the old birds fed it and took care of it as best they could, until some workmen who came to remove the trunk found the poor little prisoner and set it free. It was fat and healthy, and almost full grown. The old birds flew about during the liberating process, screaming with delight. One wonders how long these faithful creatures would have gone on feeding their unfortunate offspring.—Sent by James Stewart (age 15), Annette Street, Crosshill, Glasgow.

*An Artful Magpie.

Mrs. Lee describes an artful trick which a Magpie, kept in the family of Mr. Ranson, was observed to play. A toll-gate stood near, and he was fond of watching the movements of the toll-keeper's wife. When he observed her to be employed in making pastry, he would perch upon the gate, and would suddenly cry out, "Gate ahoy!" If the husband was absent, as was frequently the case, the wife would hurry out to open the gate. Magpie would then slip in and snatch a bill-full of the pie-crust, chattering over it on the roof of the gate-house, with the greatest glee. Taken from the book of Animal Stories. Sent by Elliott Tilley (age 11), 84, Station Road, Gorsty Hill, near Halesowen.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE Palace Show is now a thing of the past, and once again a magnificent entry has been accorded to the management. The Yorkshire classes were exceedingly well patronised, and the White Rose, as of yore, has captured practically all the spoil, once more upholding the prestige of the county. The "long" birds of the South do not seem to have made much impression on the judges, quality, the predominant feature of the Yorkshire, again "holding the fort."

GREAT HORTON O.S. held the first of their members' shows for season 1908 on Saturday last, and a nice entry was obtained, seventy birds facing Mr. J. Hartley, the elected judge. A schedule of eight shows is being issued, the last on the list being held on Boxing Day, and all shows are to count for the valuable specials offered for the season's competitions. British, etc., are also provided for, one class at each of the next six shows, and three classes at the Boxing Day show, each section, Hardbill, Softbill and Mule or Hybrid having equal turns in the run for prizes.

SINCE the close of the shows the secretaries of the various societies have been busy counting up the points and sorting out the winners of the several competitions, and probably all, or nearly all, of the lists of fortunate ones will be published in the columns of this issue.

IN last week's notes mention was made of a proposal being on foot for the prize distributions of the four societies whose headquarters are at Bradford (the Yorkshire Union; Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C., and British Bird, etc., Clubs) being held on one and the same evening, and I am pleased to learn that the arrangements are making headway. The date will probably be February 29th, and all fanciers and friends can assure themselves of a hearty welcome and a pleasant evening amongst the birdy men.

THE report of the secretary of the Bradford and County British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. W. R. Myers, at their recent committee meeting, was quite an interesting one. The members have put down a good percentage of the birds at the shows held under the club's patronage, and have captured a good many of the prizes. In the open section, the winners of special prizes for points gained throughout the season are:—1st, Mr. E. Mason, Windhill; 2nd, Mr. J. Edmondson, Allerton; 3rd, Mr. Inman, Bradford; 4th, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford; 5th, Mr. T. Boyle, York. Novice Section: Mr. D. Duncan, jun., Harrogate, is the leader, Messrs. Dean and Jowett, Great Horton, second; Mr. T. Wood, Allerton, third; and Mr. W. R. Myers, Bradford, fourth.

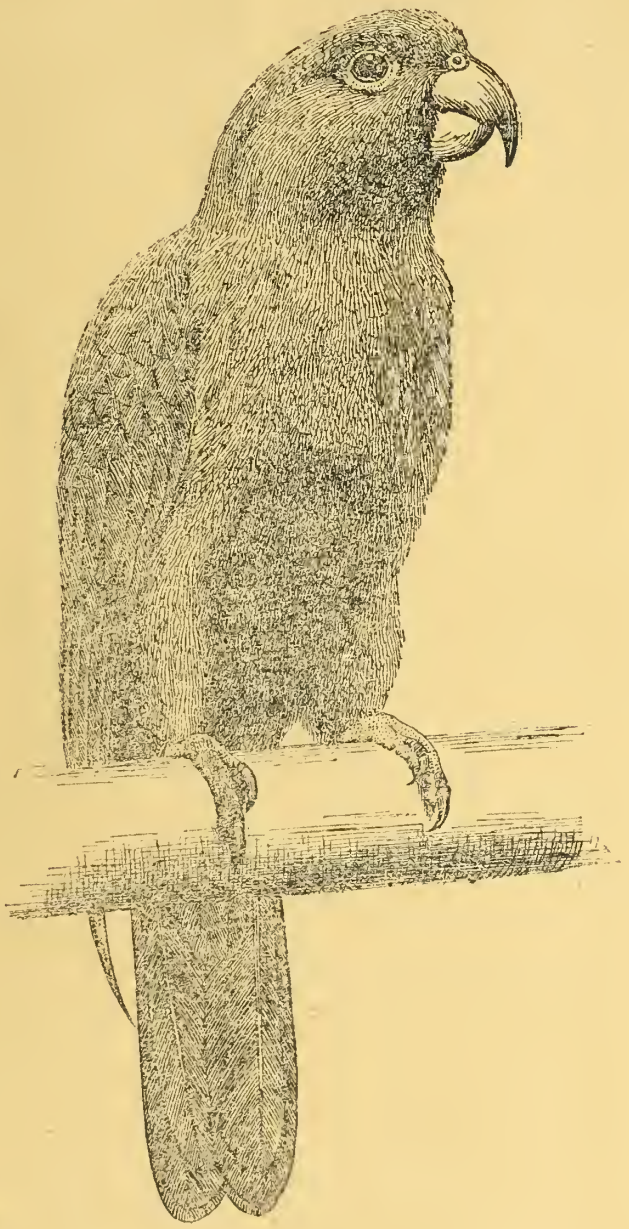
STRAIGHT 'UN."

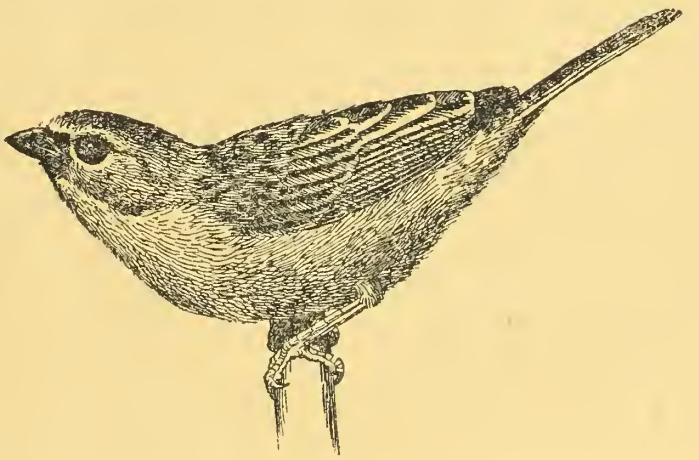
It was my getting hold of a specimen copy of Cage Birds, writes Mr. G. J. Ellis (Fulham), that induced me to start keeping birds as a hobby three years ago. But owing to a change of occupation, I am now forced to give them up, as I am out from early morning to late at night, and have no time to see to them, although I shall still remain a reader of your bright interesting paper. And wish Cage Birds continued success.

THE LESSER WHITETHROAT

THE WOOD WARBLER

TWO BIRDS OF SUMMER.





Some Beautiful Foreign Birds at the Palace.

Queen Whydah. First Prize (Mr. R. J. Watts.)
Purple Breasted Parrot. First Prize (Mr. H. D. Astley.)
Golden Breasted Bunting. Second Prize (Mr. H. E. Bliss.)
Sepoy Finches. First Prize (Mr. C. T. Maxwell.)
Festive Tanager. Second Prize (Mr. C. T. Maxwell.)
Red-Headed Hanging Parrots. First Prize (Mr. C. T. Maxwell.)

The Novices' Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

(Continued from page 124.)

The Cages.

Although we have consistently advised the complete destruction of the cages infected with the disease, there are sure to be cases where one thinks such treatment too drastic, or where the cages are considered too good to be thus disposed of. For such, we can only hope that the work of disinfection will be as successful as it is thorough. The same mode of procedure as given for cages before will do, but in this case again the solution of corrosive sublimate should be used to wash out the cages prior to distempering. Give three coats to each cage and brush it all over inside and outside. Then before applying the distemper, well wash over the cages with pure water, lest any appreciable quantity of poisonous substance should get worked up into the distemper for the birds to peck off and consume.

All Other Appliances.

Wooden nest-boxes, being cheap, should be burnt unconditionally. Seed-boxes may also be dealt with in a similar way, as they are by no means expensive to buy, and any handy person can easily make them for himself. The rest, large as well as small, that are in any way portable enough to be so treated, should be boiled as before explained, but in this case keep them boiling at least twenty minutes, after which, if sufficient precautions have been taken to provide against contact with any of the contaminated articles, there will be a very fair chance of starting afresh without any further trouble from the disease.

When the Cleaning is Done.

We have all doubtless heard enough of this cleaning topic for the present. Its vital importance, which cannot be gainsaid, is the only—yet a sufficient—excuse for so much being said. But now we may assume that all this work has been completed, or at least that the end of it all is within view, and that we may turn attention to the birds themselves.

When the birds are returned to their usual quarters in the room, it is best to place the hens in the position they are intended to occupy for the breeding season. From this it will be seen that we prefer introducing the cock to the hen, and not the reverse method. By placing the hens in the breeding-cages now it gives them time to become familiar with their surroundings before they are paired, and this will indirectly serve another useful purpose, or rather several, which will appear presently. The cocks will be best kept out of sight of the hens, especially if either sex is in fresh condition, as to be within sight as well as earshot of each other will invariably prove a stimulus to their sexual instincts, and aid in bringing them forward more rapidly than would otherwise be the case.

If there is no other convenience for them, they may be kept in the upper or lower tiers of cages, in the same stack as the hens. At a pinch, where double breeding-cages are used, the cock may be kept in one compartment and the hen in the other, provided the solid sliding partition is kept in place, and the small wired space at the bottom of the partition is covered over.

The Feathered Audit.

Such a thing as a yearly audit of one's live stock may not appear of much use. But it is as a convenient term to describe the debit and credit of one's stock of live birds, as against the convenience for housing them and their probable offspring later in the season, rather than in its usually understood sense, that it is used here; and the method just mentioned of drafting the hens into their breeding quarters is a great help in showing the breeder at a glance what his space and other conveniences are likely to accommodate. This done, it is very advisable to clear out at once all that are not required. To keep them a few weeks longer is simply allowing them to soil clean cages for no good or useful purpose. It is a wise policy to aim at keeping one's available accommodation a little in excess of the stock kept, instead of trying to crowd as many birds as possible into the space at disposal. Now, in carrying out this kind of audit, do not forget to provide for the increase.

What to Provide for.

In estimating for this increase, one cannot be expected to have sufficient foresight to get anywhere near the exact truth. There may be only a mere doubling of the stock at the commencement, and although that would be but a very poor season, it still means requiring sparo accommodation when you begin for just as many birds as you put up to breed. On the other hand, trebling the stock twice over is, with a fair amount of luck, quite a possible event, and not a record breaking one, either. But to take a fair average which any beginner might hope to secure, one may reasonably calculate on each pair of stock birds rearing four young. On this basis a breeding stock of, say, ten pairs will rear a motley crowd of no less than forty young, so that it must be readily seen that if no provision is made for spare accommodation at the beginning of the year, there will be a shocking amount of overcrowding before the season is over, and one ceases to wonder at a Nemesis arising in the shape of infectious disease to carry off the congested population, or at insect pests becoming a real menace to its health and well-being.

Take Note of Condition.

While engaged in this distribution of the birds, it is a good plan to pass them all through the hands. As a rule I am by no means partial to handling the birds more than is absolutely necessary, but it is very useful at times, as handling them reveals the condition of the body infinitely better than any amount of looking at them as they hop about the cages. It may be that an apparently fair-conditioned bird is in reality getting quite emaciated when one examines it in the hands. Therefore, every bird should be thus examined about this time, and the stock mentally sorted out into three rough classes. The first should be the birds that are in a plump, but not fat, condition, with nice, firm, muscular breasts. These will be in fine, hard condition, so let well alone. The second class will consist of those specimens which are thin and emaciated, with sharp, prominent breastbones. If they appear bright and healthy, all that is necessary is to feed them a little more generously on fat-forming foods for the next few weeks in order to make them more plump. In doing this, do not omit to add a little saline aperient to the drinking water once or twice a week whilst they are being fed up.

Next will come the class of birds with large, full, and flabby breasts, with bloated, stodgy abdomens, and large flakes of coarse fat to be seen lying along the flanks. The birds will probably be too fat to do much good in the breeding cage until they are reduced.

Reducing the Birds.

But do not adopt any drastic purging treatment, as is sometimes advised for such birds. Reduce their proportion of fat-forming foods to a minimum, and let them subsist mainly upon plain Canary seed and green food or fruit. If the latter is given to any appreciable extent, see that it is of a soft, juicy nature—grapes, oranges, and the like. The reason for this should be obvious. Apple, carrot (though not a fruit, this generally fills the same purpose), and banana, are in reality nourishing foods in themselves, and if partaken of liberally a bird might easily subsist on these alone. Keep them fairly loose in the bowels by small and frequent doses of saline aperient, with now and then a dose of twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn, and at the same time alternate the doses of laxative medicine with ten-drop doses of aromatic sulphuric acid to tone up the digestive organs. Give this about twice a week. Allow plenty of space for exercise. Lastly, be careful not to reduce the birds too much. Remember that you want the birds to be in a plump condition when starting to breed, but any suspicion of fatness or flabbiness is to be avoided, if possible. Nice plump breasts, just, as it were, on the border of laying on superfluous fat, but still firm and muscular, is the prime condition for starting to breed upon.

Trimming Birds up for Breeding.

It will also save time and trouble, as well as the necessity of catching the birds again later on, to do any necessary trimming which the birds may require at this time prior to breeding. In a general way very little trimming is necessary, in my opinion, and that only exists in very profuse and densely feathered varieties. Lancashires, Crests, and Crest-breds and similar breeds may require just the flowing tips of the flank feathers, and in some specimens, the lower tail coverts shortening a little, but I am no advocate of disfiguring the birds by close trimming, and do not believe such trimming is really necessary.

Crested birds, especially those with long, flowing, large crests, which partly obstruct the sight, should have the sides of the crest snipped off to above the upper margin of the eye, in such a way as to give the birds the fullest benefit of the light. This, of course, is a rather serious disfigurement, but it may be done neatly so that the unsightly effect is reduced to a minimum, and there is the probability that the effect of giving the birds unobstructed vision for a few months in each year serves a useful purpose in helping the birds to retain their sight for a longer period than they otherwise would.

Points to be dealt with.

Finally, the beak and claws are points of some importance in more senses than one. They will frequently be found much overgrown, particularly in birds past the second moult, and even in last season's birds the claws often have points as sharp as pins, although the claws themselves are quite short, and in no way overgrown. These sharp points are a decided menace to the safety of the eggs when the birds are breeding, and are frequently the cause of the eggs being "pin-holed" or pierced with small holes during the period of incubation quite accidentally and without malice on the part of the birds. To cut them is quite a simple matter, if you get a very small pair of scissors. A pair of sharp nail-scissors are excellent for the purpose. Do not, however, try to do it with a pair of large, clumsy scissors, as it is most difficult under such circumstances to avoid taking off just a little too much, and great care is required to avoid snipping off a claw and part of another toe at one snip.

To do it properly, take the beak first if it has a sharp point on the upper mandible projecting a little way beyond the extreme tip of the lower mandible. Hold the bird in the left hand, place the first joint of the forefinger underneath the beak, so that the lower mandible rests just on, or in, the bend of the joint, then place the thumb firmly on the front part of the top of the head. This will keep the beak closed, and held firmly in position on the forefinger. Now slide the nail-scissors over the sharp point on the upper mandible until you feel them touch the tip of the lower mandible, and snip off what is between the blades. To finish neatly, wipe the side of the scissors, which is furnished with a small file, across each side of the tip of the beak to remove the sharp edge which may be left after cutting. The mandibles will now be found to fit nicely, and if these instructions are carefully carried out, you will never cut a beak close enough to cause bleeding, and the whole operation is absolutely painless—as painless, in fact, as cutting your own finger-nail.

Still, the necessity for cutting birds' beaks can be almost entirely avoided by keeping them always provided with a piece of cuttlefish to peck at. Do not expect to see a large piece come off. The tip of what appeared to be a vastly overgrown beak is but a tiny morsel when cut off.

Trimming the Claws.

Having trimmed the beak, turn the bird round and lay it with its back on the palm and its head towards the wrist. Hold it firmly with the three fingers across its breast, and keep the thumb and forefinger at liberty. With the thumb and forefinger of the right hand withdraw one foot at a time and place it in position between the thumb and forefinger of the left hand, so that the whole foot is held securely with only one claw at a time—the one that is to be trimmed—projecting from the fingers' tips. Hold the claw in front of a strong light, and you will clearly see how far the blood circulates down the claw. If the feet are washed clean to begin with, it will help you to see more clearly how far the "quick" of the claw extends. Cut them off to within about a sixteenth of an inch of where the "quick" appears to end, not nearer, or it will make them bleed. Wipe the cut edge off with the file, as before, and treat each claw in the same way.

In the case of young birds with pin-like points on the claws which are not really overgrown, do not cut them at all. You cannot take off even what seems to be a microscopical portion with scissors without causing them to bleed a little, and it is not necessary to cut them. It is sufficient to blunt them by just gently wiping the file on the scissors across the ends of them, or drawing them across a small flat piece of pumice-stone, or even a small piece of very fine sand-paper, folded into two or three thicknesses, so that the claw can be wiped gently across the flat surface. The whole operation will take far less time than it takes to read this description.

To Settle down for Business.

The birds after this stage will be in the best possible condition for settling down to the serious business of the year without any further disturbance at all, beyond being put together at the proper time. No further handling need be attempted, and it is a decided advantage to get all the work over now, as the birds have still plenty of time to get over the disturbance and become perfectly accustomed to the new order of things.

(To be continued.)

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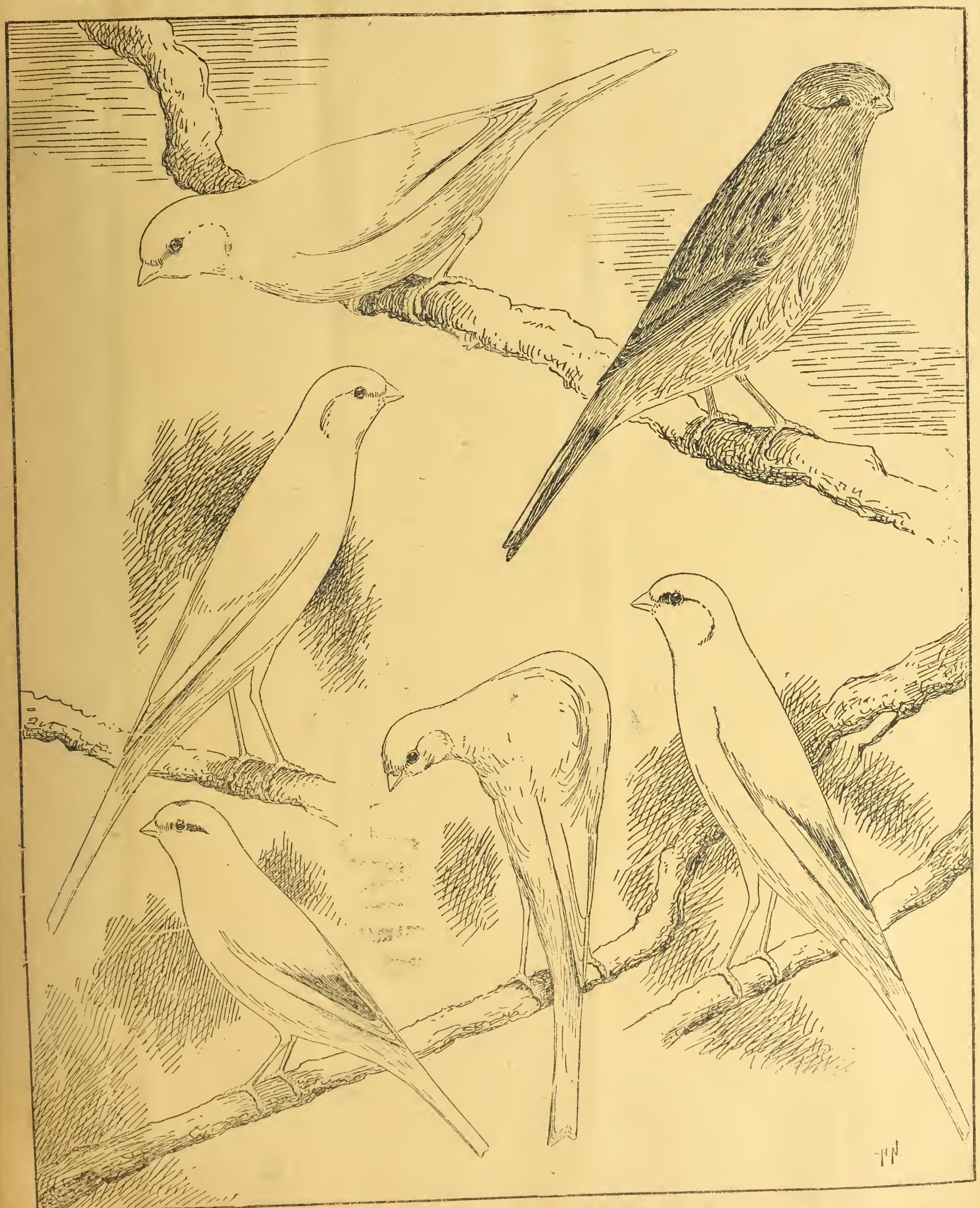

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The Abyssinian Black-Headed Canary or Siskin (*Chrysomitris Nigriceps*). — This species (*Serinus nigriceps* of Capt. Shelley "Birds of Africa") is very abundant throughout the cultivated districts of the Abyssinian region.

Adult male: Head and throat, black; upper surface, except the mantle, olive-yellow; mantle, brown with yellow margins to each feather; rump, yellow; wings, black, with coverts more or less edged and tipped with yellow, forming a double wing bar; tail feathers black, narrowly edged with yellow; under-surface of body, yellow suffused with greenish on the sides and flanks; beak, legs, and feet, blackish. Total length, 5in., tail 2in.

Adult female: Much duller in colour, upper surface, deep brown, streaked with darker brown; head, brown; throat, dusky; under-surface, pale yellow; sides of body and flanks, washed brownish, and the latter streaked with blackish.

Ruppell's Masked Canary or Siskin (*Chrysomitris Citrinelloides*). — Another Abyssinian species, found in the Highlands and Kilima-Ujaro in Eastern Africa.

Adult male: Upper surface, yellowish-green, streaked with black; wings and tail black, more or less edged with greenish, yellow and ashy; lores, sides of face, cheeks and chin, dusky green; sides of neck, back of crown and throat, bright yellow, the latter streaked with black; centre of abdomen also bright yellow; remainder of under-surface, yellowish-green; beak, horn colour; lower mandible pale brown; legs and feet, blackish brown. Total length, 4½in. tail 1¾.

The Cape or Totta Siskin (*Chrysomitris Totta*).—According to the late Dr. Stark, this is the only South African representative of this genus, and that it is of somewhat local distribution—abundant in some localities, absent from others equally well adapted to its habits. It mostly frequents bush-covered hillsides, and appears to prefer hilly to level ground. Its food consists of small seeds, buds of trees and insects. The nest is placed in a bush usually 2 to 4ft. above the ground, and is built of grass stems, rootlets, and fine twigs, lined with down and sometimes a few hairs. The eggs are 4 or 5 in number, pale bluish-green, sparsely spotted with reddish-brown.

Adult male: The upper surface is chocolate brown, streaked with darker brown; rump, yellowish; upper tail coverts paler brown; wings and tail, brown, with white terminal edges to the flights and tail feathers; crown of head and sides of face, dull olive-yellow, the latter tinged with ashy; throat and under-surface of body, olive-yellow, with a few blackish streaks on the throat; sides of body and ventral region, ashen; beak light brown; legs and feet, brown. Total length, 5in., tail 1 9-10th in.

Adult female: Similar, but browner almost entirely lacking the olive-yellow areas of the male, and more thickly spotted with blackish on the throat and fore-neck.

With this species I must leave this genus, exigencies of space forbidding even the briefest description of the remaining species. Those described are those which are the more likely to reach this country. None of this genus have yet been bred in this country, and they are most desirable acquisitions either for cage or aviary.

Genus: Sycalis.

Sycalis: This genus consists of five species, viz., *flaveola*, *columbiana*, *pelzelni*, *arvensis*, and *luteiventris*, all of which are known to aviculture, the former being perhaps one of the most popular and best known of foreign birds; *arvensis* is also fairly often to be obtained, the other two species less so. They are all hardy, and can be kept out of doors all the year round, while as to food and treatment, the usual seeds, a little soft food and an occasional mealworm or other insect will suffice to keep these handsome birds in the best condition and plumage. The first named is, to my mind, the most handsome of the quintet, it is also the most freely imported and consequently cheapest.

The Saffron Finch (*Sycalis flaveola*). —This, the Canary of Brazil, is very abundant, and ranges over practically the whole of the South American Continent. In habits and demeanour it closely resembles the English Chaffinch, especially as regards its violent courtships and swooping flights from one end of the aviary to the other. With all the numerous individuals I have kept, the hen *never* accepts the male's advances at first, and his attempts are pressed with such vigour and viciousness that many females are lost as the result of such violent wooing. Once paired, however, I have never experienced any trouble with them afterwards. Many individuals are, however, very unsafe in a mixed series, owing to their pugnacious demeanour, especially to closely related species; I have both seen and heard of many such; yet, though I have had a good number of these birds pass through my aviaries in the course of years, I have never possessed a quarrelsome bird.

Its song is lively, the notes are very high and gritty, but when heard at a little distance not altogether unpleasing. Their natural breeding season is our winter, and a pair brought into a warmish kitchen and placed in a good-sized box cage would doubtless follow their natural instinct and breed. During the winter also my birds have always been brighter and ruddier in colour than they are during the summer. A pair at the present time (January) are in very rich colour and finest plumage, but, being out of doors, of course breeding is not permitted. At any time their brilliant colouring and vivacity make them pleasing and desirable inhabitants of an outdoor aviary. I suppose I must qualify this, and say that beauty of voice is ha, not, neither rarity; therefore, their progeny, though fairly numerous, are not remunerative, being worth but little more than the imported birds.

Adult male: Upper surface olive yellow, with darker centres to the feathers of the mantle and upper back, lower back, rump and upper tail coats yellow; tail feathers blackish olive, edged with yellow; top of head and hind neck, olive yellow; forehead and fore part of crown, bright saffron-yellow; lores, sides of face and entire under surface, bright yellow; sides of body tinged with olive; beak, horn-colour; legs and feet, brownish-flesh. Total length, 5¼ inches; tail, 1⅞ inches.

Adult female: Somewhat similar, but more yellowish green above, and the yellow of her under surface is not nearly so rich in hue as that of the male; also, her forehead is only lightly tinged with saffron.

The British Museum Catalogue gives a sub-species: *S. jamaicæ*, which is similar to *S. flaveola*, but is brighter and more uniform yellow above, while the bright saffron-yellow of the crown is continued to the nape. Its beak also is much darker than that of *flaveola*. It appears to be local to Jamaica.

The Yellowish-Backed Finch *S. columbiana* (*lutcola*).—This rare finch, to which I have given the above vulgar name, possibly comes to hand with ordinary Saffrons, which it closely resembles. This is probably the case with both sexes, though the British Museum Catalogue states that the female is unknown; not having a skin to hand, I herewith give the British Museum catalogue's description of the male: "Similar to *S. flaveola*, but smaller in size, with the back uniform olive-yellow, and the quill-lining narrower and pale sulphur-yellow or yellowish-white. Total length, 4.3 inches: tail, 1.5 inches."

Habitat: Venezuela.

Pelzelni's Finch (*Sycalis pelzeini.*) — Adult male: Upper surface yellow, hind neck and mantle striated with blackish; tail feathers dusky brown, edged with yellow; forehead, rich orange; crown, bright yellow; lores; eye region, cheeks, and entire under surface, bright yellow; beak, dark horn-colour; legs and feet, brownish-flesh. Total length, 5¼ inches; tail, 2 inches. The female differs from the male in being yellowish-brown above, striated with blackish-brown; tail feathers dark brown, edged with yellow; crown of head, brown, streaked with blackish; sides of face, whitish, streaked with brown; throat, white; remainder of under surface, ashy white, streaked on the breast; sides of body and flanks with brown; beak, horn-colour; legs and feet, slaty brown. Total length, 4⅞ inches; tail, 1⅞ inches.

The Yellowish Finch (*Sycalis arvensis.*) —Also known as the Yellow-bellied Finch, while Sclater and Hudson, in "Argentine Ornithology," call it the Misto-Seed Finch. It has been bred in this country on one or two occasions only, and its appearance on the market is very fitful. It is a slender, graceful bird, smaller than a Canary and very like a Serin in appearance (this is very striking, as I hold a skin of each genus in my hand for comparison); the upper surface is dull olive-yellow, with brownish striations; the under surface is dull yellow. The female is slightly smaller, and not so bright in colour as the male; that is, when comparing adults.

This pretty species is gregarious in its habits, and frequents open plains and cultivated districts in quite large flocks; they feed on the ground and rise with a considerable amount of noise and angry chirping notes when disturbed. The nest, according to Hudson, is well built, deep, and always to be found at a low elevation, often on the ground itself and always well concealed. The clutch consists of five longish and pointed eggs, of a pale bluish-white colour, thickly spotted with brown. In flight *flaveola* and *arvensis* differ as widely as it is possible for birds of the same *genus* to do—*flaveola* has a strong, direct, blustering sort of flight, while that of *arvensis* is fluttering or butterfly-like. The British Museum Catalogue gives three sub-species, as follows, which I can only indicate by the difference of size and colour: S. *luteiventris*. Similar to S. *arvensis*, but smaller, brighter, and having a few oblique white markings on the tail feathers. Total length 4.7 inches; tail, 1.85 inches. Habitat: Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia. S. *minor*. Similar to *arvensis*, but smaller and brighter yellow on the under surface, the ear coverts and sides of neck being also of a much richer hue. Total length, 4.6 inches; tail, 1.6 inches. Habitat: Amazonia, Venezuela, and Guiana. S. *chrysops*. Also very similar to *arvensis*, but without any white on the tail feathers. Total length, 4 inches; tail, 1.7 inches. Habitat: Central America, from Mexico to Guatemala.

The Thick-Billed Sycalis *Sycalis taczanowskii (reimondi.)* — This species appears to be confined to Peru and Ecuador, and has a much thicker and more powerful beak than the other members of this *genus*. The colour of the upper surface is brown, with blackish striations; rumps, ashy; wing feathers, dark brown, with rufous, whity-brown and yellow edges; tail feathers, blackish, with whity-brown edges; the top of the head is tinged with yellow; lores and eye region, yellow; ear-coverts, cheeks, and sides of neck, ashy brown, tinged with yellow; under surface, dull greyish white, tinged with yellowish, with a yellow patch on the fore-neck; sides of body and flanks pale brown, striated with darker brown. Total length, 5 inches; tail, 1¾ inches.

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TO OUR FRIENDS AND OTHERS.

The Crystal Palace show generally marks the close (for all practical purposes) of the cage-bird show season, and as the great event of the year is now over and the labours of an unusually exhausting and exciting period have come to an end, it will be as well for CAGE BIRDS to put into print its heartfelt appreciation of the favours shown to it during that busy time.

Each year the work of reporting the shows becomes increasingly arduous. Each year the responsibility that falls on the individual reporter becomes correspondingly heavier. And we are delighted to be able to say that our reporters during the past year have, one and all, risen to to their respective duties nobly and thoroughly. They deserve the thanks of the whole exhibiting fraternity, for the way they have responded to the calls made upon them, not a single cage-bird show of consequence having been missed in either England, Scotland, Ireland or Wales.

Reporting is an unthankful job, as a rule, less of a sinecure than judging. The reporter must sink his personality and become merely the cold-blooded dispassionate, critical observer. When he forgets to be this he ceases to be useful.

During the past show season we are pleased to say CAGE BIRDS has made still further phenomenal strides in circulation and influence, and latterly has been leaping up with extraordinary bounds. For instance, our orders for this issue alone run, at the time of writing, into Two THOUSAND EXTRA Copies *over last week's total*, that week showing *an additional thousand* over the week before! For this growth we tender our many friends all over the country deep and heartfelt thanks. The extent to which our advertising columns are patronised bears eloquent testimony to their undiminished popularity and the prestige of this paper.

Before the season comes to an end we hope to publish a total of sales far in advance of anything yet recorded, and we hope our readers will enable us to swell this figure by giving away, meanwhile, to likely new readers, all spare copies of CAGE BIRDS they can lay hold of.

During the past year we have suffered the inevitable lot of the successful—and been vicariously traduced and misrepresented in certain quarters, for somewhat palpable reasons. We have, we most freely admit, made mistakes in our conduct of CAGE BIRDS, and doubtless will make many more in the future, unintentional mistakes, but still errors. We may at least, though, lay claim to having the courage of strong convictions, and to possess the confidence of the majority of bird-keepers, and the sympathy and good will of the more far-seeing portion of the bird-fancying community; further, thank God, we still possess the enthusiasm and energy of youth, and there is always the Palace of Poplar and old age pensions looming ahead should we ever forfeit that general good will which we are now so proud and pleased to possess.

OUR COLOURED PLATE.

Two Birds of Summer.

The coloured plate accompanying this special Crystal Palace Show Number, is by that well-known artist, Mr. J. G. Keulemans, of world-wide repute as a painter of birds, and who has illustrated many of the most notable ornithological works produced during the last quarter-century. The pictures grouped under the title "Two Birds of Summer" are beautiful examples of his skill with the brush, and will, we venture to think, not lack for admiration amongst our readers.

The Wood Warbler is widely known as the Wood Wren, though it is not by any means closely related to the Wren proper, i.e., Jenny Wren. It is a summer visitor to our shores, like the Lesser Whitethroat, and a daintier, more delicately-coloured and softer plumaged bird it would be difficult to name in all the British list. It is a woodland bird, but not quite so common as the Chiff-Chaff, and much less common than the Willow Warbler, which two birds it greatly resembles in appearance. It is larger somewhat, and has wings appreciably longer. It sings a sweet little song, "shivering" its wings prettily the while, this attitude, indeed, having been beautifully caught by the artist.

The Lesser Whitethroat is not very much smaller than the better-known "Peggy" Whitethroat, but is a much shyer bird, given to skulking along the hedgerows and among any tangled brambles it can discover, hence generally going unseen. The song of this bird is also quieter than that of its near relative. It builds a fragile, pretty little nest, which is not unknown to the majority of country boys, for it is easily discoverable. In the far north of England, especially in Scotland, the Lesser Whitethroat is not met with in large numbers, while in Ireland it is very rare. It is often kept in captivity, and is not particularly delicate provided it be kept warm and well fed. As an exhibition bird, however, it is not much in demand, the rarer and more gaudily apparelled species being preferred.

A PUZZLE PICTURE.

Two Competitions for Readers.

Competition No. 1.

On page 145 of this week's issue apepars a full-page drawing of six Norwich Plainhead Canaries, all more or less faulty specimens. Yet amongst this faulty half-dozen are hidden a number of "parts" which, if the whole of the birds could be dissected, and the said "parts" successfully joined, would produce one high-class exhibition specimen.

This is a puzzle we ask readers to solve, and we offer a

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for the correct solution. The "key" to the mystery, we may say, will remain in our artist's keeping until the date of the competition closing.

To make the matter quite clear, we will say by way of fuller explanation, that what our readers have to do is to take a pair of scissors and a pot of paste (or gum), and cut out certain parts from each of the six birds depicted, so that these parts, when pasted on a clean sheet of paper, will make a picture of a Norwich Canary fit for "keen competition." The exact parts to be used—a leg from here, a beak from there, and so on—are at present known only to our artist. And it is for exercising their powers of discrimination in solving this puzzle that we offer readers the half-guinea prize. In the event of a tie, the neatest picture will take the prize. The Editor's decision will be final

Write your Name and Address clearly on the back of each attempt sent in, and post them to reach us NOT later than TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd next, on which day the competition will close.

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On the occasion of our last competition on the above lines, we received several letters asking us to provide another similar skill competition, but with an entrance fee attached to it, the whole of the entrance fees received to be pooled and make the prize, or prizes. On consideration we have decided to hold such a competition in connection with this Norwich Canary puzzle picture, in addition to the usual competition detailed above. The same conditions and stipulations will apply to it, except where hereafter modified.

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Closing Date Tuesday, March 3rd.

NOTE: Any Reader may enter both Competitions, but NOT with the same bird. One bird must be sent with each entry.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

Kindly announce that the annual meeting of delegates will be held at the Deansgate Hotel, Manchester, on Saturday, February 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Please also announce that Mr. A. Brown, of Gateshead, has been elected representative on the Council for District No. 1, in the place of the Rev. Wm. Rickaby, the voting being as follows:—A. Brown, 4; D. A. Ogilvie, 2; G. McPartling, 2; T. Robson, 2—Geo. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Belgrave and Dis. F. and F.S.—Feb. 18, at New Inn, Belgrave, 8. General business.—W. H. Riley.

Bermondsey and Dis. F.A.—Feb. 18, at Samson's Castle, Grange-road, Bermondsey, S.E., 8.30 Discussion, Finances, Medals, etc.—A. Lupton.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Feb. 18, Temperance Rooms, 8. Pair show; birds staged 8. Judge, Mr. Burns.—J. Richardson.

Bolton and Dis. O. and R.C.S.—Feb. 17, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 8. Business important.—J. Stringer.

Bradford (East) O.S.—Feb. 18, at Park Chapel Schools, 8. "Questions and Answers." Friends heartily invited.—H. Hill.

Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 18, at Round House Inn, 8. Table show and other business.—F. Mitchell.

British Roller C.C.—Feb. 18, at King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate-street Without, 8. Adjourned annual general meeting. Definition of amateur and novice and other important business.—J. W. Norris.

Crewe and Dis. O.S.—Feb. 18, at Nags Head, 7.30. Very important business.—J. C. Heaton.

Crook Original C.B.R. and P.S.—Feb. 10, at 7. Important show business. Fanciers please attend. —A. Bowes, Sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb. 15th, The Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Important business. Members and friends note annual prize distribution and dinner will be held at headquarters, March 14th.—F. Rhodes.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Feb. 20, "Maskells," 8. Arrangements for members' show, appointment of auditors and nomination of officers.—W. Sampson.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 17, Church Institute, 60, Paddington-street, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House, entitled "Thoughts of the moment." Visitors invited.—V. Wynu.

Coventry O.S.—Feb. 19, at Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Business important.—G. Turrell.

Derby C.B.C.—Feb. 22, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 7. Hall and classes for open show.—W. Stevens.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Feb. 20, Montpelier, Choumont Road, Peckham, S.E., 8. House-warming, Bohemian concert. Special invitation to ladies. Fanciers heartily welcomed. Chairman, Mr. R. L. Crisp.—W. Hodson.

Darlington C.B.S.—Feb. 11, "Half Moon," 7 p.m. Supper, smoker and presentation to secretary. Fanciers invited.—E. Bruskill.

East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.—Feb. 15, Barley Mow, 8. Revising of rules.—J. C. Hudson.

United Kingdom L.C.S.—Feb. 16, Howard Arms, Glossop, 7. Election of 18 new members; formation of rules.—F. Greig.

Glossop, Hadfield and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Howard Arms, Glossop, 8.30.—F. Greig.

Garston B.B.A.—Feb. 19, Wellington Hotel, 8. Pair Show and British Bird Show.—A. Wilkinson.

Houghton Le Spring and Dis.—Feb. 15, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—H. Fenwick.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Feb. 15, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Members' show, tea and social. All members to have birds at show room at 3. prompt.—C. Towes.

Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 15, at Bird-in-hand, 7.30.—J. Simon.

Leyton and Dis. C.B.A.—Feb. 17, at headquarters, 8. Election of judges for year. Paying of prize-money for pair show.—B. F. Forse.

Leek and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 20, headquarters. Open show.—R. Hall.

L. and P.O.S.—Feb. 20, "Raglan," Aldersgate-st., London, E.C., 8. Pair show.—H. Lambert Brown.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. —Feb. 18, White Swan Hotel, 8. Table show. Open buff hen. Ditto Amateur. Ditto novice. Judge, E. Noakes.—C. Draper

Leith O.S.—Feb. 17, at Liberal Club Hall, Hope-street, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. Alex. Cochrane.—G. Brown.

Musselburgh O.S.—Feb. 15, in McDonald's Rooms, 8 p.m. Committee meeting.—D. Kay.

M. and N.C.O.S.—Feb. 17, at Secretary's Office, 3, Tib-lane, Manchester, 7.45. Washing competition. Members please bring a few birds.—E. Jones.

Middleton O.S.—Feb. 17, Coffee Palace, 8. Change of meeting place and lecture on cage-making by J. Hampshire (Oldham). Friends invited.—H. Thomas.

Maesteg and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Oddfellows Hotel, 8.—W. Jenkins.

Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Election of officers and other important business.—D. Jeremy.

N.B.B. and M.C.—Feb. 17, 25, High Holborn, 8. Election of officers for ensuing year.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Feb. 19, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Granger-street, Newcastle. Meeting and table show of field-moulted Hardbills. Fanciers' cordially invited.—J. R. Slack.

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Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 17, headquarters, 8. Special business.—T. H. Tiffen.

Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.—Feb. 22, Danix Temperance Bar. Members' Pair Show. All birds to be staged at 4.45. All interested are invited.—R. G. Challenger.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Feb. 20, Trinity Schools, 8. Pair Show and British birds.—Exhibits to be ready by 7.30.—W. Pawley.

Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.—Feb. 20, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson. Subject: "Breeding and exhibiting." Visitors invited.—J. C. Birch.

Sowerby Bridge and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Pair Show for members only. Judge, Mr. H. Walsh. Friends invited.—A. E. Morton.

Spen Valley Cage Bird Society.—Feb. 17, 8. Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton. Members' show on Feb. 15. Judge, Mr Cruise (Great Horton) at Commercial Hotel, 8.—R. Bennett.

Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.—Feb. 19, Lecture Hall, 7.30. To arrange lectures, competitions, etc.—E. Allsopp.

South West London C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Plough Hotel, near Clapham Junction, 4.30. Annual Pair Show for Canary and Hybrid breeding. Open to visitors; free.—Lilley.

Tunbridge Wells F.A. Feb. 19, Friendly Societies Hall, 8. General question night.—H. G. Whibley.

Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Adelphi Inn, 8. Business important.—W. Ridge.

Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 15, at Horse and Groom Inn, Wibsey. Members' show. Judge, Mr. J. Wilson (Sandy Lane). Birds staged at 3.—E. W. Johnson.

Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth).—Feb. 17, Bow Arm, Bank Street, 7.30. Notes on Crystal Palace Show by members who visited same.—T. Pope.

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I very much regret to inform you, writes Mr. H. T. G. Bamsey that my father, Mr. W. H. Bamsey, the late secretary of Derby Cage Bird Club, is still lying seriously ill in the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, and he will never, we are afraid, be able to again take the active part in life that he has done in the past. The family would like to thank all friends for their kind enquiries.

We are very busy getting 3,000 Canaries ready, comprising Lancashires, Yorkshires, Lizards, Norwich Crested, Norwich Plainheads, Cinnamons, etc., for New York, write Messrs. Mackley Brothers, the well-known Norwich firm, which are leaving here to-morrow, Tuesday (Feb. 11th), to catch the White Star Liner, "S.S. Adriatic," leaving Southampton on Wednesday. We had only eight days to get this order ready.

The annual members' pair show of the Halifax O.S. ,writes Mr. J. F. Thackray, sec., will be held at the Talbot Hotel on February 15th. Mr. D. Robertshaw, of Halifax, will judge, and Mrs. Ross will give a gold centre medal for best pair. Birds will be staged at 5.0 o'clock, and entries will be taken till 2.45. Immediately after judging, a members' judging competition will be held. Mr. A. Ross will give a box of cigars for first prize, and Mr. H. W. Walsh a silver medal for second prize. A meeting will be held at 8 o'clock, when Mr. Robertshaw will explain the different points of the winning birds.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

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(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

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THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M. & O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Borman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Sib-bred Hen Unwell.

Trimings, New Cross.—Your feeding is entirely the cause of the hen's condition. Give her the Canary seed as a staple, as you are now doing; discontinue the mixed seed altogether, and instead give once a week a small piece of bread soaked in milk and squeezed nearly dry, a teaspoonful of soaked rape seed, and a pinch of inga, this last twice a week. Give each of these separately, on different days, and not oftener or in greater quantity than named here. Give green food when obtainable, and quite free from frost on each day when neither of the above extras are given. Dissolve a piece of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea in the drinking water every second day for a week, and after that give it a similar dose twice a week for another fortnight.

Fits of Coughing.

Helen Green.—It is very curious that your bird should have such fits of coughing and wheezing during the daytime and always seems to be relieved after setting down to roost at night, and rests well. In so-called asthma the wheezing is almost invariably more pronounced at night. You say the bird is kept in a warm corner of your living-room. Is the position one that is likely to get very hot during the day, say, hot fire; or is it exposed to dust or vapour from any kind of work? Perhaps these hints might help you to discover the cause and remove it. If the heat fluctuates at all where the bird is, I should advise you to remove the bird to a position where there is little or no difference in the temperature day or night—neither over-heated, nor yet cold, and above all free from draughts. You may give it twenty drops of whisky and ten of glycerine in its drinking water every alternate day for a fortnight. If that does not put it right, write again, and say how you feed it.

Sheet Iron Cages.

"Dundee."—No, I do not think iron box pattern breeding cages would be as good for Canaries as wooden ones, even if they were enamelled over. In my opinion they would be much colder than cages made of wood, and what advantage they might gain in durability, or other ways, they would lose far more than they gained, all points taken into account.

Shape of Perches.

W. H. Wanham.—What may be termed a flattened oval is the best shape of perch to use, and it should be of a proper size for birds to grip comfortably. A good average perch for birds about the size of a Norwich Canary may be made with strips of soft deal, five-eighths of an inch wide, and three-eighths of an inch thick, by just rounding off the square edges, and taking about double as much off the edges which are to form the under-surface of the perch. Finish by rubbing them a few times with very rough sandpaper—say No. 1½—which slightly corrugates the surface of the perch, and gives the birds an excellent grip. The square perches you find in the cages you buy birds in have no advantage whatever, other than giving less trouble to make. And as the birds are only intended to occupy these travelling cages temporarily, they do well enough for a makeshift. The elder sucker perches you describe are useful as mite traps, but I do not care about having more than one in each cage. They are too smooth and slippery.

Yorkshire Moulting and Seed Samples.

J. Lewis.—The only seed sample to hand is one of Canary and rape mixed together, so I expect that is yours. If you use the seeds mixed together as sent, there is about treble the quantity of rape there should be. It would be far better to give the Canary seed separately as a staple diet, and give a teaspoonful of rape twice a week in the egg drawer—Once it may be given dry, and the next time soaked or scalded. Both the seeds are of moderate quality. The only fault of the Canary is that it is rather small. The causes of the Yorkshire moulting—that is assuming it moulted at the proper time, as this is a second moult—is probably due to a weakened condition, and chills or damp. Keep it fairly warm, free from draughts, and add twenty drops of chemical food to its drinking water, two days in every three for the first week, and afterwards twice a week for another fortnight. A small piece of sponge cake, with a few drops of whisky or sherry on it twice a week will do it good.

Lancashire Queries.

W. G. Boulter.—In Lancashires there is a crested and a non-crested variety, which hold just the same relationship to each other as do the more common and popular Crest and crest-bred Canary. In Lancashires, however, the Crest is termed a "coppy," therefore the Lancashire coppy is the variety with a crest, and is found of both sexes. The Lancashire Plainhead is the variety without a crest, although, as you might have noticed, it has a heavily-feathered head, and dense, overhanging "eyebrows." This variety also occurs in both sexes. In breeding the Lancashire, you would mate a coppy cock with a Plainhead hen, or a Plainhead cock with a coppy hen, the same as in breeding the Norwich crested, and the progeny would be both coppies and Plainheads, in varying proportions according to the way the parents had been bred. Both coppies and Plainheads may turn up in the same nest every time. You doubtless noticed the material difference in the shape of the headgear Norwich Crest and the Lancashire coppy. In the latter the typical shape is a kind of horse-shoe formation, with the circular part in front and the straight, flat portion across the back of the head.

Not Singing.

Photographer.—Your bird is only waiting for the Spring, I think. There does not seem to be anything wrong with him. You may give him a crumb of sponge cake, slightly moistened with sherry, once a week, and once a week a small teaspoonful of egg food. I cannot gather from your description what breed the bird belongs to. It may be a grizzle ticked Norwich Plainhead, but as you say it is a deep yellow, I should hardly think it is a German, which is generally a washed-out kind of lemon-yellow tone. The white tips to the feathers show it is a buff—whatever the breed may be.

Labelled Poison, etc.

Noviee, Stoke-on-Trent.—No, there was no mistake at all in the remedy advised for your bird, and although the chemist labelled it "poison," it will be perfectly safe to give it in the quantity you were advised to do. Of course, the chemist was quite right in labelling it so, as a precautionary measure, and you are also right in wishing to be sure if it is correct before using it, but, as a matter of fact, it is nothing like half as poisonous or risky to use as a certain drug which has been commonly advised. Shall be glad to hear you have found the result all you could wish after using it. As regards the scalded rape, if you have only a small quantity to prepare, say a few spoonfuls, or less, it will be quite sufficient to put in a teacup, fill the cup with boiling water, stir it until the rape sinks to the bottom, and allow it to stand ten or fifteen minutes. Then drain, wipe dry, and serve. If you are preparing large quantities you may put it in a saucepan and allow it to boil a few minutes, then pour into a sieve, perforated small enough to prevent the seed passing through, pour over it a jugful of cold water, allow to drain, and serve as before. Always pleased to be of use.

About to Start.

F. Nash.—I take it you wish to know the best price to give for a pair of birds suitable for a beginner, but you mention no variety. To take the two easiest varieties for a tyro to start with, viz., Border Fancy or Norwich Plainhead—you should get a nice, serviceable pair of birds for such a purpose for 10/6. For better quality birds of the same breed you may go upwards to £5 a pair, or even more than that. The cheaper birds, however, will be better for you to "learn on." Sorry I cannot, for obvious reasons, mention any particular dealer. Consult our advertisement columns. I do not know that anyone makes a business of supplying dandelion leaves. Any florist or nurseryman may be glad to sell you some. A town friend of mine buys chickweed of a nurseryman, and the latter is doubtless glad to get rid of a troublesome weed so profitably.

Malta Canary.

A Bird-lover.—The bird you call a Malta Canary, is probably the common wild Canary, which sometimes finds its way to this country privately under that name. Whether it is Serinus Canariensis I could not presume to say without some description, and you give no idea whether the Malta Canary was supposed to be a domesticated variety or not. The wild Canary is an insignificant bird in comparison with any domestic variety we possess. It more nearly approaches our English Siskin, perhaps, than any other common specie I can think of at the moment. I do not know where you could get a good coloured plate of "the original wild Canary." If you could visit a good library you might be able to consult Sir W. Jardine's "Naturalists' Library." The plates in this work are excellent, but I am not sure whether this particular specie is shown or not.

To Breed Yorkshire Greens.

"Grocer," Liverpool.—Had you asked how to breed Greens, without the important stipulation "from your three buff cocks," I should have advised you to start with two or three pairs of Greens. But you appear to imagine you can obtain a certain type of hen to mate with the buffs which will enable you to breed Greens right away. In this I am afraid you will meet with disappointment. Even if you mate the cocks; that is, supposing they are clears, or nearly so, as I assume they are, in the entire absence of any information as to markings or variegation; to pure self Green hens, you must expect only a comparatively small number of self Greens from them. A small proportion of clear birds may also be expected to turn up, and the majority of the young will be more or less variegated and broken Greens. If your chief object is to breed Greens, I should advise you to dispose of at least two of the buff cocks, and get a self Green and a broken Green in their places. Then you might pair the buff cock with a self Green hen; the broken Green cock with a self hen; and the self cock with a broken Green hen. You would then get a fair proportion of Greens and a stock of useful birds for future breeding besides.

Rings for Canaries; and a Disinfectant.

W.S.B.—1, There is really very little risk in putting rings on Canaries, although it cannot be said the custom is absolutely void of risk. If it is necessary to mark the birds at all, I do not think you need be afraid to ring them. You must get the smallest size rings for Border Fancies. 2, I never use any other remedy than the one which has been often mentioned in these columns for red-mite, so I have no practical knowledge of the disinfectant you name. It is said to be harmless, so I should expect it would be quite safe to dilute it to about one part to three parts of water, making four parts in all and paint it on the cage, or any other place where it was required to kill the mites with a small paint-brush. You might also mix a teaspoonful with a pint of water, and spray the cages with it.

Mate for Buff Green Cock.

J.M.—I think you would be best advised to mate the bird you describe to a clear yellow hen, and obtain some useful birds for improving the natural colour of the clears where required, and at the same time you might, as you suggest, get some nicely variegated birds. The bird, according to your description, is a broken green, and, having a small patch of yellow feathers on the throat, is not likely to strengthen the common fault of fading in colour on throat if paired to a green.

Covering for Bottom of Flights.

W.H.W.—The difficulty you find of keeping the sand or sawdust from being all blown to the side of the bottom of flight may be partly due to you having the lower perches too near the floor, and partly to using the material too fine. You require coarse-cut sawdust, not the fine, powdery stuff, and also a fairly coarse, gritty sand. Mix both together in about equal proportions, and cover the floor to about an inch in depth, and you should find little further difficulty in keeping the bottom covered all over.

Sample of Rape Seed.

A.A.—I much prefer the small, reddish-brown coloured rape seed, which, when tasted, has a flavour similar to that of the sample you send. The seed you send is quite double the size of the reddish seed, and is much darker in colour, but the flavour is quite mild and nutty, so that if I had any difficulty in getting the small, ruddy seed, I should have no objection whatever to using this seed as a substitute. I believe this is the kind of rape which is much used by German breeders. As to whether it is really pure rape seed, I am not enough of a botanist to tell.

Deformed Feet.

A Constant Reader.—I assume from your letter that the bird's claws are clasped similarly to the way they would be if it were grasping a very thin twig. You do not say how long they have been in this way, but if it is for any length of time, it will be far best to leave them alone now, as the defect will be quite incurable. When these cases do not arise in the nest, or very soon after the young leave the nest, they are almost invariably caused by a wrench or sprain when the bird is flying about violently, and gets its foot momentarily caught in the wires or on a perch. Badly shaped or placed perches add to the risk of such cases arising. If only the hind claw is affected, get a quarter of an inch of rubber tubing, similar to that used on a baby's feeding bottle, catch the bird, draw the three front claws through the tubing, and pass it on up the "shank" of the leg, and leave it there with the hind claw inclosed in the circular band. Leave it on two or three weeks, or longer. If all the front toes are curved under, it would be better not to interfere with them. To relieve the apparent soreness, bathe in a warm, strong solution of boracic acid, and anoint afterwards with zinc ointment, as advised several times the last few weeks.

Canary Occasionally Gaping.

"Fancier," Denbigh.—I cannot gather from your letter that there is anything seriously wrong with your friend's bird. If you had said how the bird was fed it might have helped us to tell what was wrong, if anything. Feed as you will see advised to several enquirers last week, and add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpenny piece, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and ten drops of glycerine to its water for a day or two each week. If that does not stop the occasional gaping, write again, and give more particulars. All birds are apt to gape occasionally.

A Beginner's Troubles.

J.E.H.—You should send your muling query on a separate sheet for our Mr. Weston to deal with. For the present you seem to be treating the pair of birds correctly. You are also probably right in thinking the two Canaries you bought as "sex unknown," are hens. They may be small, common Yorkshires, but whatever they are, the badly-crossed wings are a serious defect, so it is fortunate you have only determined to keep them for the purpose of getting knowledge of how to keep a better type of bird properly. As regards the Roller, you are feeding it rather too well. For the present stop the mixed seed altogether, and instead of giving egg twice a week, give it a small piece of bread dipped in milk once, and once a small piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it. Give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash in its water every second day for a week. Although you say you cannot find any redmite, I am convinced that either this pest, or the grey lice, is troubling the bird. Take out the perches and carefully examine the ends, also probe the joints of the door with a pin, and see what turns up. If any are found, eradicate them, as so often advised. Give a tepid bath, with a little essence of quassia in it each day, and if it will not bathe, spray a little over it with a fine sprayer. Mind the bird does not get a chill after it.

Cinnamon Hen Slack.

D. Hope.—Give the hen five drops of tincture of steel in the drinking water for two days, and follow afterwards with ten drops of chemical food every second day for a week or so. For two or three days in the first week give her also a crumb of sponge cake, with a few drops of sherry on it.

Canary Gone off Song.

"Scotsman," Liverpool.—The cock Canary which has gone off song, mopes about the bottom of the cage, and has lost several feathers, may be going into a partial moult. Your feeding is good, and as there are no draughts to trouble the bird, you cannot do better than continue as you are doing, and add twenty drops of chemical food to the water two days in every three for a short time. Twice a week give a small piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry sprinkled on it. You should have plenty of time to get it into condition for breeding, as you should not think of mating the birds for some weeks yet. As you cannot get watercress, you had better adhere to apple, carrot, and various fruits as substitutes for green food, unless you can find groundsel or dandelion. It may be found, even now, of excellent quality growing in warm, sheltered nooks. But be very careful you do not give any that is frosted. The same treatment as you give Canaries would do for the hen Canary and cock Linnet when put up for muling. This query should have been on a separate sheet for Mr. Weston.

Canary Laying.

Workman.—I suspect two things are answerable for the hen Canary laying in the cage. First, the kitchen where the birds are kept is probably a very warm one, and, secondly, she has probably been kept near to or within view of the cock, which combination of circumstances is quite sufficient to incite the hen to lay. There is very little the matter with your feeding, but I would advise you to stop giving the hen the mixed seed altogether, and to give the rape seed and carrot once a week only instead of twice, for two or three weeks, and twice a week add a little Epsom salts to her drinking water. You should not mate the birds yet, but if your kitchen is such as is described above, you may start in a month or five weeks.

A Roller Bare.

Underwood.—Let the staple diet consist of two parts Canary to one part of German rape seed, and see that you get the mild, nutty flavoured rape, and not the stuff often sold as rape, which tastes more like mustard seed. With this little alteration, and giving a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed once a week, instead of the prepared food you are now giving, there will not be much the matter with your feeding. Say, give the prepared food once a week, and bread and milk once, instead of giving the former twice a week. For two days give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of chemical food every second day for a week or two. You might also very sparingly anoint the bare places with sulphur ointment. Give a tepid bath daily, but see that the bird does not get chilled after it.

Swelling over Beak.

F. Allen.—It is quite likely the growth over the bird's beak is a tumour, and I doubt the advisability of your attempting to interfere with it. If the bird is a valuable one, it might be worth while asking a veterinary or your medical man to remove it. It would be a very simple matter for them to do so, but an unskilled hand might do much mischief by interference. In lieu of this, you might, if you have the stuff handy, anoint the growth sparingly every second day with Zam-buk ointment. Keep the bird in good condition and vigour, by giving it twelve drops of chemical food in its water two or three times a week.

Songless Roller-Norwich.

W. Coates.—The cause of your cross-bred Roller-Norwich cock rarely singing and showing signs of bowel trouble, lies in your feeding, which is decidedly bad. Discontinue giving the mixed seed you mention altogether, and feed as follows. For staple diet give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape seed, once a week give a small piece of bread dipped in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar, and once a week a crumb of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it. On the other days when neither of these extras are given, give a little sweet apple, banana, or the tender tops of the inner stalks of celery, when obtainable. In the drinking water give first, for two days, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards give fifteen drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight. Give a tepid bath daily, but see that it does not get chilled after bathing, and also be careful to protect it from cold draught at all times.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Hawfinch and its Treatment.

Pupil.—A Hawfinch makes a very good show bird indeed, providing it is an extra good specimen. Some are not easy to steady, and I prefer a canvas-topped cage at first. Sunflower should be a Hawfinch's principal food—get it (the seed) sound and plump (with good kernels). Given this, and a mealworm or two every day, the bird asks for little more. The mealworms, however, should be given direct from the fingers; a little patience, and he will take them fearlessly, so great is the bird's love for them. They are an invaluable agent in steadying a Hawfinch. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, Canary, oats, and sometimes a little buckwheat, dari, groats, summer rape, small maize, etc. His powerful beak makes short work of beech-mast, walnuts, plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries, and the like. One never need be fast for dainties acceptable to the Hawfinch. Green food they are not particularly keen on, but appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They make an exception in favour of tender green garden peas, and those should be given in the pod when obtainable. Let the bird bathe freely.

Linnet Feeding Once More.

Somerset.—Really, I seem always advising someone or other about the feeding of Linnets; it is a very frequent query. A good seed mixture is: Canary three pints, teazle two pints, summer rape, charlock and linseed one pint each. A feed of hemp, maw, niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and ripe seeding, shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain and groundsel freely in the summer. When but newly caught, cracked hemp (fresh made each day) and maw seed should be freely given, with some niger as well; likewise a pan of soaked rape (dabbed as dry as possible in a cloth) should also be provided. Many good makers put up a special Linnet (or Finch) mixture in packets, and a feed of this occasionally makes an acceptable variation from the ordinary stock mixture. Look up recent answers.

Yellowhammers for Exhibition.

F. Harries.—It is getting late now, and you want to buy your birds as soon as possible. You can turn them in the aviary at once. With regard to the show Yellowhammer, the points are not easy to describe, nor are they easy to get on a bird. The chief colour points are rich yellow (golden) top of head, cheeks, throat, and breast, especially the two latter, though the breast is usually shaded over (across) with a beautiful warm brown. The back should be a rich deep brown, showing the dark

markings (pencilling) distinctly and evenly, also the wing markings. Very important markings are the V-shaped black streaks running down each side of the crown, meeting at the beak, and the somewhat horseshoe-shaped cheek markings. These should both be dense black, thick, and well-defined (clear-cut). The centre of the head-mark should be as clear and bright a yellow as possible (free from black ticking), and round about the check-marks should he the same. I may say that the head and throat of the Yellowhammer "clear up," as fanciers say, towards the spring—that is, loses the dark edging to the feathers, and so become a purer, brighter yellow. This "clearing-up" process is hastened by rich feeding. Most of the big winners are colour-fed.

Concerning a Jay.

Ethel R.—I see no reason why a Jay should not make you a satisfactory pet. It is best to get a hand-reared bird if one desires a talker; or at least, one taken when very young. The simplest (yet good) method of feeding is to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food, you could use, broken-up dog biscuits or puppy cakes, or "Melox" (or game meal), with coarse crissel—say two parts of either of the former to one part of the latter (by measure). Moisten with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat, and potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young Sparrows and the like (even young frogs, if you can capture them), but not over much raw meat. You will find them very accommodating in the matter of food. Eggs (raw and cooked), acorns, beechmast, nuts (cracked) of various kinds, peas, berries, fruit, worms, beetles, grubs, and butter are other things they will eat. It is an unnecessary, useless cruelty to cut any bird's tongue. This is also a point I have often dealt with. A good cage for a Jay would not be less than three feet long (four or five would be vastly better), three feet high, and two feet wide. Put in at least two good-sized perches, one a little larger than the other.

Management of Bullfinch.

Tim.—Bullfinches are not difficult to cater for, and make good pets, but they are not, as a rule, very long-lived in captivity. Your bird should do well on the following stock mixture: Canary and teazle two pints each, sunflower one pint, linseed, summer rape, and charlock, half a pint each. As variety offer daily a pinch of one or the other of these things (in a separate vessel): Maw, niger, hemp, wild seed mixture, thistle and dandelion; also give thistleheads, hardheads, milk thistle, shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, blackberries, privet berries, buds from hawthorn hedge, fruit bushes, etc., as may be in season, some suitable ripe fruit (banana, pear, apple, cherry, orange, etc.), and a small mealworm or two, now and again. This will give you a pretty varied menu to ring the changes upon, and so afford that variety which will keep the bird in good health and condition. Always remember that Bullies are great fruit, bud and berry eaters by nature. No; they are not of any use for breeding purposes. He might mate with a hen of his own kind; still, try the hen Canary if you like. There's nothing like experimenting.

A Foreign Goldfinch.

W.H.—I presume you have got hold of a Russian or Siberian Goldie. You are wrong in assuming they require different treatment to a British Finch. The tastes of both are very much alike. A good stock mixture for your Russian (or Siberian) Goldfinch, assuming him to be newly imported, would be: Hemp, niger and teazle one pint each, Canary half a pint, linseed a quarter pint; with just a little sprinkle of summer rape, if you like. A feed of cracked sunflower seed should be offered daily, and as the bird gets on to it, the niger in the stock mixture should be gradually lessened. Maw seed is also relished, and very good for a tit-bit. Russian Goldies relish the same wild foods as our English Finch, viz., thistle, teazle and hard heads, dandelion, groundsel, etc. Many also get very fond of an occasional mealworm, once they have been induced to taste of them. Keep him in the usual Finch stock cages. The kind you saw at the Palace show are the same pattern as I use myself.

Sex of Goldfinch.

Amateur.—Really, this question is beginning to pall upon me—I seem to be answering it every other week. What time and space queriers would save me, if only they would refer to recent back numbers before sending along their queries! Once again; the hen Goldfinch is rarely so brightly coloured as the cock, and has a much smaller blaze, seldom extending back past the centre of the eye (or even past the beginning). On the shoulder (wing butts) and on the crown of the head, the black is a dirty greyish-black, whereas in a good cock bird it is a dense, glossy, jet black. A fresh-caught Goldfinch is sometimes a long while coming into song, and this is not a safe guide (especially if the bird is not steady). The size of your cage is all right, but a passage, if draughty, and they usually are, is not the best of places in which to hang it.

A Mealworm Query.

R.T.—As to whether a pint of worms would be too many to put in an ordinary biscuit tin to start breeding depends upon whether you intended using any of them whilst they are developing. Personally, if you were going to put the box away, and use none of the worms put in, I should say a pint would be a fair start for two ordinary biscuit tins. If you could introduce a hundred or so beetles you would save several months in getting worms of your own breeding fit for use. In reply to your second question, once a box is started, if it is kept in a healthy condition, and not drawn upon too severely, it will last for years without renewing.

A Would-be Softbill Keeper.

W.T.P.—I should not like to say that Softbills (much depends on the species, of course) are hardier exactly to keep than some of the seed-eaters. It is a knotty point, and would be best answered by the historic phrase, "Some are; some ain't." They, Softbills, are certainly the more expensive, and must be catered for in the best style, if they are to thrive. Briefly put, my own methods of keeping Wagtails, Blackcaps, Nightingales, and similar small insectivorous birds are as follows. As a stock mixture:—Powdered Osborne biscuit, three parts; best ants' eggs and dried flies, two parts each; powdered silkworm pupæ, one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, green-fly, live ants' eggs, etc.) one can possibly obtain; mealworms given regularly are indispensable. To the above stock mixture I occasionally add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, more occasionally still, a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too: give a little, finely chopped, and mixed, of course, with the above biscuit food, or just laid on top of it. Maizena wafers may be used in place of Osborne biscuits; or, for economy's sake, the "broken biscuits" (sweet) obtainable cheaply from most grocers.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

To Cure Gray Parrot.

T.B.—Give the bird one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking water for one day, and repeat the dose after a two days' interval. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish continually in the cage. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, well colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. After the two doses of magnesia, you can continue same at intervals as above, if the sickness continues, but it must not be given sufficiently often to cause its bowels to become watery loose. If the sickness does not yield in a week or ten days, repeat query with full details. From your note I gather you are feeding correctly, but please fully understand you must not give any table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops.

Green Parrot with Cramp.

Constant Reader.—You must stop the tea sop. For your benefit I will repeat the formula which appears weekly in this column. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food whatever. Diet as follows: Boiled maize two or three times a week, its staple diet to be a mixture of Canary, wheat, dari, oats, maize, hemp and sunflower seeds. Well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. Also give so as to vary the diet, ripe fruit, nuts, green food, plain biscuit, and a little boiled potato (dry); keep a clean piece of cuttlefish continually in the cage. Note: The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel should be well cleaned for each occasion. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking water, and at intervals of three days each repeat the dose, for a fortnight providing its excreta does not become watery loose. When not giving the Magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food, and continue till the bird is in condition again. Keep it quite warm, yet not out of reach of fresh air. Draught must be carefully guarded against. Sweet and wholesome food is the best preventive against disease in the case of Parrots, many of which are killed by so-called kindness. They cannot eat everything you can. If you treat as above, unless there is something more serious than your letter indicates, it should gradually recover condition.

What Birds to Breed.

O.H.—It would have made my task much easier had you given me your county. Most certainly White Javas would answer the purpose well, and so would Diamond Sparrows or Finches, and unless you have odd birds, the probability of them interbreeding would be very remote. If you could get, say, two pairs of each, and then inbreed them for a season or two, you might get some very interesting sports. With breeding White Javas I presume you are aware that only quite a small percentage come absolutely pure. If you choose to repeat the query at your convenience, giving your county, aspect and dimensions of shed and proposed run, I can give you more definite help than I am in a position to do at present. Diet: Canary, millet and spray millet, oats, paddy rice (rice in the husk), green food, cuttlefish, and an ample supply of water for drinking and bathing, with a saucer of some good soft food mixture when they have young to feed, would about meet their need.

The Hardiest Parrakeet.

W.S.—(1) The Red Rosella is the one which would best suit your purpose, would agree with the Budgerigars, and is hardy enough for your conditions; they are also a free breeder once they settle down, but sometimes take a couple of seasons to do so. Redrumps are a little smaller, but are rather uncertain in the breeding season; this also applies to the Blossomhead. However, I gather they would have plenty of space, so that I don't expect either species would materially interfere with the Budgies. I certainly recommend the Rosellas, and I do not think you would find them too large. At the present time I have them associated with Budgies, Cockatiels and Lovebirds, and they have never attempted to molest either. (2) I'm afraid Rosellas won't meet your requirements as to sex distinctions, for the differences are infinitesimal and not easy, even for an expert, to distinguish. Redrumps can be readily distinguished. Many-colours also are small, beautiful and would command a good figure, as also would Mealy Rosellas. But here, again, the outward sexual distinctions are not easily discerned. (3) The prices here quoted should give you an idea as to what you would command for any young reared. But you must bear in mind you cannot put a pair of these birds in the aviary and expect them to breed in a few weeks as Canaries do. They often take months to do so. Red Rosellas 30/-, Mealy Rosellas 60/-, Redrumps, 25/-, Blossom-heads 20/-, Many-colours 80/-, Stanley 80/-, all per pair. All should ultimately breed with you, but you cannot rely on any to do so this spring.

What Bird Is it?

Novice.—You give no clue as to size, neither did any feathers reach me, but from your description, I have no doubt the bird you have caught is a Cockatiel. If its body colouring is grey combined with the marking you mention, and it has a hooked beak, it is a Cockatiel. Canary and millet seed, with a few oats, green food, cuttlefish and water will suffice for its modest wants. It is not a talking species, though there are isolated instances of hand-reared birds speaking a few words and short sentences. If it has not got a Parrot-like beak, but one like a Finch's, then give it ripe fruit and some live insects, but I think I have named it correctly above. A Cockatiel has a body about the size of a small and slender Pigeon, but possesses a long tail.

Breeding Madagascar Lovebirds.

H.H.—I fear this species is not a satisfactory breeder, even in a large garden aviary, where instead of rooting out the nest husk the male would probably get rid of his energy on the wing, and about the branches, but in a cage, possibly in a room with humans always about it, seek the retirement of the husk, and their scuffling about therein upsets your hopes of breeding. I fear all I can tell you is to leave them alone, and some fine morning you will be surprised by hearing young in the nest, then don't be curious, but patiently wait their advent from the husk. I'm very doubtful if you are doing the right thing in removing the eggs, in my opinion it is far better to leave foreign birds alone, and not interfere at all with their nesting arrangements. Possibly, if you wrote to an advertiser of husks you could get a larger size still, the extra room of which might save the eggs. Poor consolation as it is, you are not alone in your failure in breeding this species, freely imported though they be; the recorded instances of successful rearing of the young are by no means numerous. Hope you will have better luck next time.

Treatment for Nesting Zebra Finches.

"Zed Ef."—(1) Hay, long grass, or any kind of dried garden weeds, they are not at all particular, and are quite ready to use any dry hay-like rubbish there happens to be about. (2) They are not fastidious in this respect either, a box, cocoanut husk, or small Hartz travelling cage, will meet their need. (3) Uncertain; some begin almost as soon as caged, others waste the regular nesting period and bring up a brood in late autumn. So far as it is possible to fix a period, it is from April to the end of the summer, usually it is the moult that checks their breeding for the year, once they have made a start. Often there are three or four broods during the year. (4) I do not think you will have much luck with breeding them in the C.P. cage in the company of other birds. A full-sized Canary breeding cage, as you suggest, will give you a good chance of success. Note: Foreign birds are not as regular as Canaries in their nesting arrangements; in fact, they are decidedly irregular, but the charming little Zebra is very prolific under almost any conditions.

Amazon Parrot and Bengalese.

A.L.—If you will describe to me the condition of the bird's legs and feet, and the colour of its eye, I shall be able to tell you if it is an old ish or youngish specimen. As regards teaching to talk, see reply to "E. W." on same subject in this issue; your diet is correct, but I presume you are giving ripe fruit and a few nuts as well as the seed mixture, as these items should form part of the regular diet of Amazon and grey Parrots. Bengalese are pretty, and interesting little birds, and very ready to nest, but have a habit of sitting in the nest together, and so many of the eggs get spoiled, but you would certainly succeed in rearing some young each season. You would succeed better with one pair only than with several; you could keep with them such as Silverbills, Zebra Finches, Cutthroats and Mannikins in variety. You are far more likely to succeed with foreign birds, with a single pair each of several species, than with several pairs of the same species.

Aviary and Budgerigars.

Love Bird.—(1) Yes, they do better out of doors than in. (2) No, you must take out the laurel bush. (3) Do not overcrowd, begin with not more than four pairs. You will find the yellows most profitable, as their progeny commaud a higher price than the greens, though to my mind the latter are the most beautiful. If I were stocking such an aviary myself, I should put in one pair of green and two pairs of yellow Budgerigars, and one pair each of Cockatiels and red Rosellas; they would all agree together, and though the two latter might not begin to breed at once, they should do so the second year. All would thrive on the same food: Canary, millet, oats, green food and cuttlefish. Put up at least 12 husks for the Budgies, and three nest-boxes for the Cockatiels and Rosellas, the boxes are described in reply to another correspondent in this issue. (4) Popular Parrakeets, by W. T. Greene, 1s., plus postage, from Editor CAGE BIRDS.

Book on Amazons.

E.W.—I do not know of any cheap book on Amazon's, they are dealt with in Greene's "Parrots in captivity," and also in other works of which they only form a small part. If you read up this column for the past month or six weeks, you will have full details for treating these birds, which are not all delicate. Necessary treatment may be summed up as under: Diet as advised in this column. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food. Keep their cage in some light position, where it will get plenty of fresh air, yet be out of draught. Cover the cage up at nights, that is, round the sides, but leave about six inches of top of cage uncovered; do not remove the cover in the morning till the room has been aired and ventilated, or be careful and see that the cage is not in the draught at an open window.

Parrot with a Cold.

James Jago.—For a proper dietary for your bird see reply to "Constant Reader." Keep the bird warm and quiet, but not in a vitiated atmosphere. Spray its nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline, say, twice a day till the exusion ceases; if the bird will let you handle it, you could probably treat it more effectively by cleansing the nostrils with the solution by means of a camel-hair mop brush. Note: The brush must be well cleansed, and a fresh portion of the solution used for each occasion. Also, get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts, put a teaspoonful of this mixture into the bird's drinking water daily, till the cold yields. Also soak one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into a piece of biscuit, crust of bread, or piece of Madeira or sponge cake, according to which the bird will most readily eat— two doses of this should be sufficient, and there should be an interval of three days between each dose.

Treatment of Green Landrail.

P.J.R.—(1) The moult usually takes place in late summer or early autumn. (2) A mixture of Canary and millet, two parts of each, and one part each of oats, wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds; soft food, several mealworms or other insects daily, and ripe fruit, as the bird favours. This species is very fond of cuttlefish, and a clean piece should be continuously in its cage. It is also fond of green food, and should have a liberal supply of it. (4) The bird is very fond of its bath, and should be encouraged to take this either in a bath hanging outside the cage, or on the kitchen sink, for he makes a great splash, and in the summer-time will bathe one, two or three times a day, if opportunity be given him.

Naming a Bird.

H.S.—Your bird is evidently the Tropical Seed Finch, and is certainly uncommon; a few of these birds were privately imported last summer, and have been distributed in various directions. I have one almost identical with your description, and there is no doubt you have one of this lot. Till this summer I had never seen the species alive before. However, I will look into the matter further, and if I have reason to change my opinion, will supplement this in a later issue.

Cockatoo Failing to Feather.

J. A. Morrell.—The bird is evidently not as strong as it appears, and also you are indulging in the dangerous habit of tea slops (see my remarks re same in other replies) and table scraps, stop these at once, and put it on a seed mixture of Canary, oats, wheat, dari, maize, hemp and sunflower seeds, in equal parts, as its staple diet, and confine your extras to ripe fruit, boiled potatoes, nuts, green food (lettuce), cuttlefish, plain biscuit (dry). Give the bird several doses of Dinneford's magnesia, with a three days interval between each, which should be one teaspoonful in its drinking water. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food, and continue for a month, or longer. Also daily moisten a piece of biscuit, bread or sponge cake with water, and well dust same with flowers of sulphur and continue for some few weeks. Frequently spray the bird with quassia solution (carefully guarding against draught), even if it is not troubled with parasites, it will make the plumage bitter and unpleasant to the bird's taste.

Grey Parrot Mending.

C. W. H. Glover.—Glad to note the bird is so much better, continue the treatment advised, which I cannot improve upon. In case of a possible relapse, write at once with full particulars. If you keep your bird where it will hear plenty of ordinary conversation, it is almost certain to repeat some of it sooner or later, or teach it by constant repetition some of the words and phrases you wish it to learn; but don't trouble the bird with the latter till it has entirely recovered from its indisposition. The diet you are now giving, combined with the other treatment, should soon bring about a material improvement in its condition.

Budgerigars, Canaries, etc., Mixed.

Stango.—(1) For a time they might, but sooner or later the Canaries or Finches would be not maliciously, but none the less mischievously, maimed or slaughtered. I cannot advise you to keep them together, it is a costly experiment in the long run. (2) You have room for three breeding pairs of Budgerigars, and their young should be so disposed of as they are able to feed for themselves, that the number in the aviary does not exceed a score at most. (3) In the first year of their being turned into the aviary, they may take several months to settle down, and rear but few young the first year; afterwards they should begin quite early in the year, and they usually bring up brood after brood till stopped by the moult, and though some will attempt more, they should not be allowed to have more than three broods, the average number of which may be taken as five. Be sure and have a plentiful supply of nesting husks hanging about, or quarrelling over nesting sites will most certainly interfere with their prolificness

What Bird?

Two Years' Reader.—It is a Grey Java Sparrow, and a single bird is very difficult to sex, the outward distinctions of the sexes being infinitesimal. However, if you get a number of these birds together you will find some with comparatively stubby beaks, others with narrow and more pointed beaks; the latter are the females, the former the males. This distinction is most easily discerned when viewed in profile. Hybrids have been bred from the bird with the Silverbill, but such cases are very rare. I should advise you to purchase a female White Java Sparrow, and once they settle down should breed freely enough. A full-sized double breeding cage, with all the partitions removed would give the most reasonable prospect of success.

Budgerigars Found Dead.

Anxious.—I can only suggest one or two possible causes; at the same time, I think the solution of the problem lies in the fact that all birds resent new introductions into their midst, and if all the food vessels were on the ground, the poor Budgies were chased from place to place, and finally died of exhaustion and fatigue. It is far the best to introduce new birds into an aviary early in the morning, and see that they have a good feed before doing so, they have then time to get acquainted with their quarters, and to lose the scared feeling arising from strange quarters and companions. When birds of such diverse size are kept together—they can be successfully so kept—there should be supplies of food for the small birds fixed higher up in some open and accessible position; also under such conditions for the first day or two seed should have been scattered broadcast over the entire extent of the aviary. Why did you not have one of the birds examined, as apart from evidence of injury, the only conclusion to draw is that they were starved to death by being driven from the food?

African Grey Parrot Breathing Heavily.

A.L.—Your present manner of dieting the bird will soon bring about an improvement in its condition. For one day soak about a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into a piece of its biscuit, and see that it eats it, the biscuit can be allowed to dry, or partially so, before giving to the bird; repeat the dose after a three days interval. Get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts; put one teaspoonful of the mixture into the drinking water daily for a week, this should give relief, in such case continue the treatment till the trouble gives; in the case of no improvement, you had better repeat query. Shelled walnuts would be better than Brazil nuts, and quite as economical in the long run.

Breeding Avadavats.

J. Ford.—I cannot hold out much hope of your succeeding with these birds, unless you have a garden aviary with a growing bush into which you could turn them, and even under these conditions, they are not by any means free breeders. However many species of small Foreigns have been bred in cages on the Continent, so that there is just a possibility you may succeed with them in the cage you name. If it is not out of print, you would find "Foreign Fancy Birds for Young Fanciers," by the late Dr. Greene, 6d., plus postage, a helpful little manual; possibly the Editor of CAGE BIRDS could procure it for you. The only way to encourage them to nest is to fix a bushy heather branch in one end of the cage, and to put a nest basket in this, where it will be almost hidden, and leave the rest to luck. As regards food see reply to A.E.S., in this issue.

What is its Name?

E. G. Skipton.—I am sorry I cannot name your bird till you give me something more to go upon. I must have some indication as to size, and if it is Starling like, Finch-like or a Parrot, I must say your description points to the latter. Kindly supply the details asked for, and I shall have pleasure in naming the bird for you in our next issue.

Aviary for Canaries and Foreign.

E.W.—Your proposed aviary should be a success, for it is well arranged, and if furnished with plenty of cover, that is, stacks of sticks for the birds to build among, you should have good results from same. Put up plenty of nest-boxes and husks as well. At the same time, you must note Canaries are never so prolific when flying together in a flight as when kept in pairs in breeding cages, but are far more interesting in a state of liberty, but if you mix the varieties up much, you will find them pairing up anyhow. Besides, the Britishers you suggest in the hope of getting Mules, you could keep Grey and Green Singinghnches, Alario Finch. All these have crossed with the Canary; Rufous-tailed and Long-tailed Grassfinches, Zebra Finches, Zebra Waxbills, Ribbon Finches, and Waxbills in variety. It will comfortably accommodate double the number you name. The Foreign birds named above, would only require millet and spray millet in addition to the food you supply for the Canaries. Don't put Foreigners out till late April or early May, according to the season.

Britishers & Foreigners Together.

G.P.S.—Such a mixture as you have, there will be certain trouble with, when the birds get the courting fever, as I know from experience with the Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, Bramblefinch and Reedbunting, it will end in the "survival of the fittest," and only one pair left. I have always found it best to have only one pair species among such mixture. I cousider you should remove the Hawfinch, and the Tits, as well as all those named above, and keep the Greenfinches under observation. The Foreign birds I named in my previous reply would theu stand a good chance of successfully rearing young, and you would also have a reasonable prospect of a fair measure of success. You have made the common error of beginners, that of getting together too great a variety. You would succeed far better with, say, not more than a dozen, or at the most, eighteen pairs, and gradually increase as you gain experience, say, as follows, Bullies, Goldies, Linnet, Siskin, Twites and Redpoll, Canary, Zebra, Ribbon, Rufieanda and Diamond Finches; Long-tailed Greenfinches, Common and green Avadavats, Zebra Waxbills, Diamond Doves, and say half a dozen odd Weavers and Whydahs, but not the Pin-tailed Whydah. If any points are still obscure, shall be pleased to further enlighten you.

Green and Yellow Budgerigars.

T.S.—I am afraid you will find they will be inclined rather to mix up, than to keep to their respective varieties, still, this may not be so; if they do, the best course for you to take will be to get rid of your Green cock, get another yellow one. You will then be quite safe to get both yellow and green youngsters, for you will be sure to get one true pair of yellows, and when Greens and Yellows are paired together the resulting progeny are always fully 95 per cent. of pure Greens, so this will be your simplest way out of the difficulty, if they should attempt to cross mate. The eggs are white, aud about the size of the Common Sparrow's eggs.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examinatiou must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (S. C. Roberts).—This young hen's death was caused by "chill," or inflammation of lungs and liver. The latter organ being in a softened condition accelerated the taking of the chill. Under such conditions a diet of milk sop and additional warmth of atmosphere would have been more conducive to recovery than a plain seed diet.

Canary (J.A.L.)—Septic inflammation of bowels, lungs and liver; the latter organ being in a softened condition, rupture of its large blood vessels resulted. Its cage should be disinfected.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Wood and Wire (Labourer).—Your letter hardly comes within the scope of the correspondence columu. We shall be pleased to write the advertiser on your behalf if you will comply with the rules.

Article (W. P. Bell).—Glad you like the article. We will certainly let the writer know.

Hawfinch (J. Hakes).—Thanks for the photograph, which we shall have pleasure in reproducing in a forthcoming special number.

What's in a Name? (Scarborough).—It often happens in country districts that many persous, and even families, of the same name live in the same village. So far as we know they are different persons.

British Birds (Fred. Rishworth).—It is in course of preparatiou, and when ready you will see it duly announced in the columns of this paper. Thanks for your very kind remarks.

Cage-Making (E. Dyehouse).—Your son will find his wish fulfilled in this issue. We trust he will provo adept, and go one better than "dad."

Photograph (W. H. Baker).—Wo have to acknowlrdge with thanks the interesting photograph you send us.

Green Food, etc., Holder (T. Lyon).—Wo shall be pleased to give you a notice of the green-food, etc., holder when you are ready to advertise it. Is this what you are desirous of knowing? Your letter is not clear.

Parrots (T. Watson).—You appear to have overlooked the fact that differences of opinion exist between practical keepers of almost all kinds of birds as to their "proper diet." It is hardly likely that the food captive Parrots are fed on in their native wilds would be entirely successful over here, even assuming it to be obtainable. Flat, white maize is the most generally sought after; and this kind is not to be bought everywhere, but most bird-food specialists ought to be able to supply you with it.

Books on Birds (T. R. Hadley).—Will you kindly let us have your full address, so that we may write you? "Burton-on-Trent" is all your note is headed, and this seems to be insufficient.

Breeding Mealworms (H. M.).—The procedure for breeding mealworms has often been given in our pages. Briefly, a large biscuit tin is two thirds filled with bran and pieces of sacking (alternate layers), and a quantity of mealworms (say half a pound) turned therein. Bore a lot of small holes, for ventilation, round the top of the tin, and keep it in a warm place (the latter is important). In due course, the mealworms turn to beetles, which lay eggs, and the latter hatch out into mealworms.

THE YORKSHIRE UNION.

The series of open winter shows held under the rules of the Yorkshire Union were brought to a close at Keighley on February 1st. The results of the various competitions are as follows:—The "W. H. Shackleton" Challenge Trophy, value 30 guineas (first year of competition); three highest birds of each competitor to count for points.—1st, and medal value £1, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, 304 points; 2nd, medal value 15s., Messrs. Ogden Bros., 268; 3rd, medal value 10s., Mr. J. Wilcox, 267; 4th, medal value 7s. 6d., Mr. W. H. Shackleton, 257. Mr. H. W. Walsh is next with 220 points. The "H. W. Naylor" Challenge Cup, value five guineas (won in 1905 and 1906 by Messrs. Murgatroyd and Son), three birds only of each competitor to count for points, and to be marked "Cup."—1st, and medal value one guinea, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, 200 points. Mr. H. W. Walsh is the runner-up with 186 points. Teapot, value £1 10s., presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, of London, to person gaining most points at Union shows with birds moulted on his peppers. Three highest birds of each exhibitor to count for points.—1st, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, 304 points; 2nd, Messrs. Ogden Brothers, 268, medal; and 3rd, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, 257, medal. Both medals are presented by Mr. Ramsden.

NOVICE COMPETITIONS.—Prize, value one guinea, given by Mr. H. H. Towers, of Windhill, to person gaining most points during the season in the Yorkshire novice classes. Won by Mr. A. Frankland (Guiseley). Union Novice Medals, value one guinea each, 12 medals, 9 for Yorkshire section and 3 for Norwich section. YORKSHIRE SECTION: 1, A. Frankland, 243 points; 2, H. Lodge, 200; 3, F. Townsend, 150; 4, P. Drake and Son, 142; 5, Shaw Brothers, 135; 6, Allen and Swaine, 116; 7, J. R. Ackroyd, 115; 8, H. Coates, 113; 9, J. Chippindale, 112. Four highest birds of each competitor to count for points. NORWICH SECTION: 1, J. W. Holmes, 236 points; 2, J. Mottram, 142; 3, A. Lloyd, 113. The points in the above competitions have been taken from the various catalogues, and as these have proved more or less unreliable during the past season, I shall be glad if all persons concerned will communicate with me, should they find the number of points given differing from their own reckoning.—FRED. HAMMOND, Secretary.

SOUTHERN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

The third annual meeting of this specialist club was held on Feb. 10, at the Crystal Palace show. It was attended by most of our Norwich breeders that have the interest of the society at heart. Many wrote regretting their inability to attend, but wished us every success during 1908. Amongst those that were present were Messrs. Coombs (Hastings), A. E. Golden, W. Ellis (Hastings), H. Frost (Brighton), G. W. Saunders (Sutton), Kilby (Caterham Valley), C. Young (Thornton Heath), H. Lambert Brown, Holder, Pretty, B. J. Cooper, R. E. Spinner, Hodson, Richardson, Simpson, Woolhouse, and Rogers. Mr. Lambert Brown was voted into the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were read aud confirmed. The treasurer and secretary gave a report of tho finance and general work of the society. He said he had pleasure in stating that they were "on the right side of the balance sheet"; all expenses had been met for printing, postage, rent, etc., and the cost of specials had been paid for. The society had some cash in hand already by subscriptions, 1908, to the amount of £2. The special prize fund had been a great help; those gentlemen who had subscribed, not only helped the society, but gave the secretary encouragement to do his best in the interests of the club. The membership had increased from 102 to 120 paying members, only two members resigning through not being affiliated to the Cage Bird Union. But one of these has again rejoined by the help of the societies to which we give our patronage. We are looking forward to a membership of 150. The treasurer also mentioned that in 1908, beside the £3 3s. cup, they had every prospect of a £10 10s. silver trophy for champion section, also a £3 3s. cup for novice points. Messrs. Marley and Richardson spoke on the adoption of the balance sheet subject to audit which was carried unanimously. The result of the voting was: Mr. E. Baker, President; vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. H. BeRamy, G. Crabbe, R. L. Crisp, F. J. Gibbs, W. R. Miles, R. J. Pretty, J. W. Ramsden; auditors, Mr. T. Heath and J. W. Simpson; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. S. Matthes.—The chairman of committee, secretary, hon. secretary will be elected by committee. London Committee, Messrs. H. Lambert, Brown, A. W. Curtis, Geo. Gardner, J. Hodder, W. Morris, J. W. Rennie; Provincial Committee, Messrs. W. Collings, G. Dring, A. E. Godden, G. H. Lowe, W. N. Midgley and J. Saunders. The question of the adoption of the model and medal of the society was brought forward, and after a good discussion, it was decided that we could not do better than accept the drawing of Mr. H. Norman, voted by 4 out of 6 of our south country judges to be the best. Also the same as the Norwich Plainhead Club have adopted. This was proposed by Mr. J. Hodder and seconded by Mr. A. J. Marley and carried. A letter was brought forward by the secretary from Mr. J. Raynes, concerning the friendly contest between the two clubs. The members decided that arrangements be left in the hands of committee, and that we have the contest for the interest of both societies. Next came a rather important item brought forward by Mr. R. L. Crisp, "That Rule 5 be altered to—the annual general meeting be held at the National Show." Mr. B. J. Cooper said he had much pleasure in supporting, and Mr. J. Hodder thought it best to settle Saturday as a fixed date. But Mr. A. E. Godden (Hastings) and Mr. Kilby (Caterham Valley) offered an amendment that it remain as now printed, as it was the best day for country members. The chairman put the amendment, which was carried. The question as to whether the club as a specialist club need be affiliated to the Cage Bird Union, was next discussed. Some members are affiliated and some are not. After a lively, but short discussion, it was moved and seconded by Messrs. Woolhouse and Kilby "That we be not affiliated as this would give the affiliated and non-affiliated, as this would gibe the affiliated and non-to the club." This was carried unanimously. Then came the most interesting feature of the evening. The chairman presented the prize to the successful competitor for specials. The following is the list of winners for 1907:—Champion section: Mr. Hodder, 202 points, the £3 3s. cup; Mr. G. H. Lowe, 101 points, the £1 1s. rose bowl trophy; Mr. E. Baker, the 15/- rose bowl, Mr. W. R. Miles, 10/- special, and Mr. W. Morris 5/- special. Novice section: Mr. Richardson the £1 1s. teapot and 5/- for best bird; Mr. Hale 2/6 for best vhe, at Hastings; Mr. Marley the £1 1s. teapot and 5/- for best bird; Mr. Harper 2/6 for best vhe at Westminster; Mr. Young (Thornton Heath) 5/- for best bird, and Mr. H. Pennill (Hastings) 2/6 for best vhe at National Show. Mr. J. W. Ramsden's specials: Mr. Richardson for most points, the hand-some teapot. Mr. Young (Thornton Heath) also won a very nice silver medal, which he wished to thank the giver for. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. H. Lambert Brown for the able way in which he conducted the business. The secretary then opened the receipt book for subscriptions for 1908, which many of the members present paid. Donations to the 10-guinea silver cup will be thankfully accepted by the treasurer.—F. S. MATTHES.

OUR VISITORS BOOK AT THE PALACE SHOW.

Here are the names inscribed in our Visitors Book, which lay on CAGE BIRDS stall, at the Crystal Palace Show:—Messrs. J. Tristem (Bristol), T. Taylor (Bristol), R. A. Mills (Talyllyn), W. Read (Guildford), A. J. Kilby (Dalby), Geo. Gardner, W. C. Baker (Cardiff), W. Harris (Eastbourne), F. J. Gibbs (Canterbury), C. Sales (Canterbury), J. Goodall (Watford), Odell (Penge, S.E.), A. C. Smedley (Wandsworth, S.W.), J. Griffiths (Merthyr Tydfil), E. Baker (Cowes), A. W. Curtis, R. J. Pretty, J. Adamthwaite, A. J. Pearce, L. & C.A.C.B., W. Swayland (Brighton), G. Griffiths (Manor Park), C. G. Martin (Haverstock Hill), J. Frostick (Balham, S.W.), L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh), A. J. A. Marley (Leyton), C. Edwards (Bromley), W. F. Arrighi (Edinburgh), W. B. Cobb, H. Goodchild (Regent's Park), W. Bassett (Seacombe), O. H. Copland (Bayswater), J. Harwood (Battersea), O. Handt, G. Dring (Enfield Lock), H. E. Trungham, F. Isthleiff (Manor Park), E. J. Whittaker (Fulham), F. J. Green (Redhill), W. G. Batchelor (Croydon), S. Gill (Plymouth), W. Collings (Devonport), P. Pethick (Devonport), G. Moore (Kent), J. B. Waterman (East Dulwich), A. Coffey (Liverpool), T. Lampkin (Grays), S. Lodge (Huddersfield), W. L. Brier (Huddersfield), C. A. Finnemore (London, S.E.), N. C. Finnemore (London S.E.), Rogers and Mazzoni (E. Dulwich), J. T. Bevan (Ipswich), A. Haigh (Taylor Hill), W. Thirley (Watford), A. G. Frost (Watford), L. Wade (Leatherhead), R. J Clague (Douglas, I.O.M.), H. Parkinson (Bolton), J. Smith (Bolton), J. Hopkins (Bolton), A. Wellings (Prescot), J. O. Leech (Dudley), W. Evins (Exeter), E. G. Piper (Barnstaple), G. Barham (Hastings), A. J. Payne (Peckham), H. H. Cooper (Luton), F. Horth (Norwich), C. Holmes (Norwich), H. Crossley (Wombwell), Dyson (Wombwell), A. Late (Wombwell), J. Shillito (Wombwell), C. Scrivener (Wombwell), J. Saville (Wombwell), Jesse Walker (Wombwell), T. Boyle (York), J. Oxbery (York), G. W. Leavers (Swindon), H. Smith (Swindon), H. W. Parker (Newbury), A. B. Tucker (Watford), W. Quantrell (Watford), G. Tern (Watford), D. Pigg (Hemel Hempstead), R. Carter (Eford), D. Pigg (Hemel Hempstead), J. D. Horrill Dulwich), B. Whinn (Guildford), J. D. Horrill (Barnstaple), J. Aconley (Hull), M. Berry (Ashford), J. F. Bishop (Redcliffe-on-Trent), J. Graham (Battersea), J. W. Burton (Kilburn), L. Dykes (Bradford), J. A. Taylor (Bradford), E. Thorp (Loughborough), W. R. Murrell (Spalding), H. Thompson (Spalding), S. Andrews (Widnes), G. Peters (Coventry), A. J. Barratt (Coventry), J. Corrall (Coventry), C. H. Cooper (West Ham), J. W. Compton (Louth), A. Lazarus (London, W.), A. E. Brooks (Cambridge), W. Linsey (Cambridge), L. Yates (Reading), W. Beauschamp (Englefield Green), F. W. Brown (Wood Green), W. J. Allen (Ely), H. B. Thompson (Kensington), G. Cartwright (Huddersfield), R. Rhodes (Huddersfield), E. Wear (Huddersfield), G. W. Swain (Watford), G. Wilkinson (Nottingham), A. T. Sears (Watford), E. B. Field (Watford), J. 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Withers (Watford), H. Slater (Streatham), J. E. Harris (Upton Park), A. B. Bamford (Kettering), C. King (Dartford), M. Stone (Norwich), W. Yates (Chesterton), S. Wootton (Woolstanton), W. Dalton (Leytonstone), W. L. Taylor (Leytonstone), C. Ballisen (Willesden), E. Steed (Lee), E. S. Lugg (Lewisham), F. White (Brockley), A. Hirst (Accrington), F. Battell (Whyteleafe), H. B. Holtom (Sydenham), L. Ogden and T. Ogden (Ogden Bros.), A. Cooper (Bradford), T. Dales (Northampton), B. J. Pounsett (Henley-on-Thames), G. Giddins (Brockley), S. Harries, H. Dixon (Merton), F. Dixon (Skelton), J. W. Rose (Bromsgrove), W. H. Manley (Bristol), F. Saxo (Silvertown), A. Harris (Guildford), H. Cousins (Guildford), W. Dobson (Bradford), H. Chorley (Clapham), F. King (Cambridge), E. Watson (Cambridge), H. Hill (Bradford), W. Cruiso (Bradford), S. Hudson (Bradford), H. Peacock (Bradford), G. R. Rushworth (West Bowling), C. Walker (West Bowling), A. Wilkinson and R. 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CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

The annual general meeting held on Saturday at the Crystal Palace Show, was poorly attended, but important business was done, as the Agenda paper was sent to all members of the Club, and brought many responses from those who were unable to attend. Those present were:—Messrs. E. Godley, Rishton, J. Walsh, Blackburn; G. Wheatley, Leicester; G. Durnford, East Grinstead; T. Cowley, Birmingham; J. Dobson, O. Hand, and R. J. Pretty, hon. sec., London.

Mr. Godley took the chair at the request of the meeting. Tho balance-sheet for the past year was presented duly audited, and showing a cash balance in hand of £10 14s. 5d., and was unanimously passed.

It was agreed to alter the Novice Rule to the same as that in force in the Cage Bird Union, and in the discussion that ensued, Mr. Dobson said he thought there should be an intermediate stage between Novice and Champion, as he was of opinion that it was rather hard on the novice going straight up to the Champion section. Among the many letters read from Messrs. Bladon, E. Dormer, Hargreaves, Roberts, Bairstow, J. Wilson, and S. Wilson, on the general business, only one dissented to the alteration.

The alteration of the Club Cage to the same pattern as the Norwich Plainhead was also agreed to with one dissenter. The question of the inside colour caused a very long discussion. Messrs. Dormer and Hargreaves suggested Hedge Sparrow tint, and Mr. Walsh the Club cage maker, suggested azure blue and pointed out that there were two Gobelin greens, one light and the other dark, the latter being the one now in use. Ultimately, Mr. Durnford moved that a vote of all the members be taken on the question of colour, when the voting papers for the el ection of officers took place, a sample tint obtained from Aspinall's to be sent with each paper. This was seconded and carried. The locale of the Club Show was left for the members to decide upon after applications had been received.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. E. Naylor, resigning the vice-presidency, as he had given up the Fancy, and Mr. Dobson suggested that Mr. J. Wones be asked to stand, which was agreed to. The patronage specials were left to the Committee to be on the lines of the Manchester programme. Mr. Godley announced his intention of giving 5s. at each patronage show for the Novices, and it was also his intention not to compete for any Club Specials this coming season. Mr. Dormer also wrote saying that he had decided to stand down for any Club Specials next season, and would give a special against that of Mr. Godley's, but he had not yet decided what form it would take. Messrs. Dormer's and Godley's offers were accepted on the proposition of Mr. Dobson, which Mr. Cowley seconded. A vote of thanks to them was also carried by acclamation.

Mr. Bairstow's various suggestions were read, and Mr. Dobson proposed that the letter lay on the table for future consideration. Mr. Hand seconding, it was carried. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Godley for presiding.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

Agenda of Annual General Meeting.

Annual general meeting of delegates, Feb. 22nd, at the Deansgate Hotel, Manchester, at 3.30 in the afternoon. The elect on of President and Secretary for the ensuing year will take place. Amongst other business, it is proposed to provide for District Committee meetings of all affiliated Societies being held as early as possible after March 1st, to fix up show dates and avoid clashing. Only such Societies, however, as intend to hold their show under C.B.U. Rules, should attend the meetings, and for this purpose, it is proposed to amend Rule 4 to provide for at least, 5s. of the subscript on to be paid by March 1st—the balance due, if any, to be paid by September 1st. It is intended that all Societies applying for affiliation or licence after these dates are fixed shall not be accepted, unless their show date does not clash with one already fixed, in the same district. Other business will be to adopt Rules providing for the calling of an official general meeting of delegates at any time by notice, and for appointment of a Secretary, pro tem., when necessary; and, also, a Rule giving District Committees power at any time to investigate cases of alleged fraudulent or dishonourable conduct. The Council will also bring before the meeting for discussion, the question of Railway grievances. There are a number of suggestions from various societies which have been forwarded for consideration at this meeting.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec.

Suggestions Made by Various District Committees and Societies.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE NO. 1.—That the secretaries of all shows to be held in 1908 under C.B.U. Rules, send the date of their show on or before March 1st to the district secretary. That the secretary tabulate them and then call a meeting of the delegates. That the delegates have the power to re-arrange the dates in cases where they clash.

Suggestions re railway charges.

District committee meetings to be called by three members of the committee. Delegates attending shows to be supplied with a Union ticket by the district secretary, admitting to the show on all occasions, while open.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE NO. 6.—That the question of railway charges and care taken in delivery be gone into and the question of cheap railway tickets when visiting shows.

That an exhibitor having exhibited 12 months at affiliated or licensed shows, shall then be compelled to become a member of the Union.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE NO. 12.—That societies and their show managers be not permitted to accept entries after the advertised date of closing.

That the affiliation of societies and licenses be only secured upon the condition that the same be applied for sufficiently early in each year to allow the officials of the C.B.U. to determine all show fixtures by ballot.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.—That the annual meeting be strictly representative of paid up affiliated societies, whose credentials shall be examined.

That all proposed alterations in the rules be sent to the general secretary two months prior to the annual meeting, and sent to all affiliated societies six weeks before the meeting.

That rules can only be amended or added to at the annual meeting.

That no advertisement appear on the rules or any other printed matter.

That on all future balance sheets the expenses incurred by the Council and delegates be shown separately. Amendment to Rule 13: Providing for the nomination of members of the Council 12 weeks prior to the annual meeting and elected by ballot. The candidate to have resided for 12 months previous to his nomination and not to be in arrears with his subscriptions. Rule 17: After the word show, in the fourth line, insert "Non-affiliated fanciers will not be allowed to exhibit at affiliated club shows."

CHESTER C.B.S.—That entries for open shows be not accepted from anyone not a member of an affiliated society or an associate member of the Union.

BOLTON O.S.—Similar suggestion that non-affiliated members ought not to be allowed to show at Union shows.

LEEDS C.B.S.—That no society be allowed to accept entries from non-affiliated exhibitors. Similar resolutions from Hartley, Hazel Grove, Newcastle, and Wimbledon in favour of Rule 17 being extended to debar non-members of the Union from exhibiting at Union shows. That Rule 17 be modified to bar only Canary and British bird fanciers from exhibiting at non-union shows, and not apply to foreign bird exhibitors, or that Canary exhibitors only be barred. That no entries be accepted from recognised exhibitors unless affiliated to the Union. Such an exhibitor being one who has exhibited at two or more shows in any one season. Any exhibitor infringing the rule to be debarred from exhibiting at Union shows for the rest of the season. That voting papers be stamped with a Union stamp and numbered instead of voters signing the ballot papers.

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THE SHOWS.

TAMWORTH DISTRICT C.B.S.

A successful pair show for members was held on February 8th at College Lane Schools. It brought together a good number of entries. Mr. Wells judged classes 1, 2, 4, 5, and Mr. Colloby class 3. Mr. Hatton won special prize for most points. NOR. YELL. COCK and BUFF HEN.—1, 3, Colloby and Brown; 2, Hatton. BUFF CK. YELL. HEN.—1, 3, Hatton; 2, Colloby and Brown. YORKS.—1, Hatton; 2, 3, Spencer. A.O.V.—1, Benton; 2, Kitchen; 3, Machin. MULES.—1, Archer; 2, Allsopp; 3, Kitchen. Mr. Hatton is giving a washing exhibition on February 22nd.—G. E. SPENCER, Hon. Secretary.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

A pair show was held on February 1st at headquarters, with an entry of just over 50 pairs, some of which were really fit for open competition. Mr. John Robson judged. CHAMPION YORKS. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Forse. AMATEUR (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Forse. MULING PAIRS (3): 1, 2, 3, Forse. NOVICE YORKS. (7): 1, 2, H. Burbidge; 3, Wood; 4, Shankley; vhc, hc, c, Cohley. NOVICE NOR. (18): 1, Roberts; 2, hc, c, Williamson; 3, Hale; 4, Williamson; vhc, Mien. MULING PAIRS: 1, vhc, c, Ovenden; 2, Handscombe; 3, Hale; 4, Wood; hc, Burbidge. SELL. (9): 1, Hale; 2, vhc, Forse; 3, Williamson; hc, Mien; c, Handscombe.

A judging competition was also held. Mr. C. H. Cooper kindly gave 5s. for the member placing the awards nearest to the judge's placings. Mr. F. Williamson also gave 2s. 6d. for the runner-up. There were 10 competitors, with the result that Mr. H. Ovenden gained 1st prize with 71 points, and Mr. A. B. Forse 2nd with 53 points. We had a fairly good attendance, and passed a most enjoyable evening.—B. F. FORSE, Sec.

MAESTEG AND DISTRICT F.S.

The seventh annual show (five miles radius) was held at the Town Hall, on February 7th. There was a good entry in all sections. Mr. W. Morgan makes an excellent secretary, and with the help of the stewards, Messrs. Miles, Bowen, and Treharne, had everything nicely in hand. Mr. T. H. Melhuish judged cage birds.

NOR.—1, vhc, and hc, Elliott, grizzled crest, nice centre and droop, good body, well clothed, grand quality feather; 2 and 3, James, capital marked buff, nice head and neck, cobby body, level feather; 3, grand quality buff; 4, J. Davis, yell. mark, grand colour, nice stand; c, Miles and Bowen.

YORKS.—2, 3, vhc, Miles and Bowen, yell. grand length, colour, and position; 3, sweet buff hen; 4, W. Davis, a little out of condition. A.O.V.—1, E. James, wing marked light Goldie canary; 2, 3, 4, W. Thomas, eye and wing mark goldie canary, close race; 3, goldie, Sikim, nice face and cap; 4, linnet goldie, small, but nicely marked; vhc, W. Whaily, yell. Border, very sweet shape, style, and quality; hc, James Goldie canary; c, Elliott, buff Lancashire. BRIT. FINCH.—1, H. Smith, Goldie, nice square blaze, excels in tan, moons, buttons and bars distinct, shown well; 2, D. Cook, another Goldie, large, deep blaze; 3, 4, and c, Treharne; 3, good Greenfinch, excels in size and quality, a yellow; 4, tip-top hen Bullie; vhc, J. Davies; hc, Elliott, another nice Goldie. Several good Finches without a card. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD.—2 Miss Stone, fine grey parrot; 3, Treharne, well-pencilled linnet, nice colour. SELL.—2, Pennell; 3, Thomas; 4, vhc, Leighton; hc, Morgan.

NANTWICH.

The 47th annual show was held in the Town Hall, on Feb. 7 and 8. Cage birds existed almost in name only, for out of thirteen classes provided, only four stood, the remainder having to be cancelled. Never before during the whole of the forty-seven years has the cage bird section of the show (one of the oldest in the Kingdom) reached such a low ebb as this year. It is not that the management are unworthy of better support, as the committee is composed of thorough fanciers who have always paid all due and just demands. We heard it whispered that it was on account of the show not being held under Cage Bird Union Rules. No doubt that prevented many exhibitors from sending entries. Still the fact must be borne in mind that last year, with an extended classification held under Union Rules, there was a loss on the cage bird section of over £10; no classes were cancelled, and prize-money was paid in full. However, if the exhibits were few the "gate" was good, but many of the visitors were keenly disappointed to find so few birds on view. Nantwich, formerly a stronghold for Norwich, was this year without a single bird of this popular variety. The four classes that stood, viz., Yorks., Mules, and two British, contained some splendid exhibits for quality. Several well-known winners put in an appearance and added another win to their already long list of victories. Mr. Powell, as secretary, would be difficult to improve upon, being well versed in the art of show management, and courteous and obliging to all. Mr. W. O. Barlow judged, and left very little room for complaint.

NORWICH COCK AND HEN: Cancelled. YORKS. CK. (8): 1 Williams, cinn. ticked, unfi. yellow, nice length and position, well up on leg, beautiful type and quality, well folded tail, neat head, wins nicely; 2, Perry, fine quality, clear yell., good all-round; 3, res. Henson rare quality, four-pointed buff, good length and style, nice type, tail well packed, very rich colour; vhc, Hirst, magnificent quality, clear buff, lovely type and position, wo liked much; hc, Dodd. HEN: Cancelled. A.O.V.: Cancelled. MULE (7): 1, res., Edwards, leader Canary-Bullie, nice size, good colour and quality of feather, in nice bloom; res., Goldie-Greenie, in fine condition, very nice bird; 2, 3, Fullbrook leader Linnet-Bullie, well up in colour, shown in nice condition, wants his nails trimming, Mr. F.; 3rd, uneven buff Gold-Canary, rare size and quality, outer flights of left wing broken; vhc, Robinson; c, Williams and Butler. LINNET, ETC. (16): 1, 3, Bower, leader gem of a Goldie, large, well polished, rich coloured blaze, grand bars and buttons, nice size, very steady, very rich tanning, shown in lovely bloom, 3rd very fine Linnet, grand shape, colour and pencilling, good flights, well polished; 2, Hirst, another very smart Goldie, close on heels of leader, rich blaze, the best of wing bars, good buttons and tanning, in nice order, two smart Finches, well placed; res., Davies, very nice Goldie; vhc, Bennett (2), Bickman, Jones, Edwards; c, Weedall, very nice class. BULLFINCH AND A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL: Cancelled. BRIT. LARGE (7): 1, Brotherhood, well-known Waxwing, in usual fine condition; it is interesting to know that it missed moulting last autumn, the amount of bloom on the old plumage is surprising; 2, Williams, very smart Chough, good size and body colour, shown in first-rate condition, will improve with age; 3, Pettefar and Pratt, Magpie, medium size, well cut, looking bit soft when we saw him; res., Weedall, well-known Redwing, in rare feather, nicely shown; vhc, Jones, Hawfinch, nice size, colour and condition; c, Partridge. FOR. SELL. 20/- and 10/6: Cancelled.

BATH AND DISTRICT F.A.

A very successful show was held on Jan. 30, at the Corn Exchange, Walcot-street. Cage bird classes were very strongly supported and there was a good attendance. Mr. J. Weeks judged cage birds. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Folwell; 3, Weeks. A.V. COCK OR HEN: 1, Folwell; 2, Andrew and Biss; 3, Weeks. NOVICE: 2, res., Swift. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Jones. BULLFINCH: 1, S. E. Jones; 2, Russell; 3, S. Jones. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, S. E. Jones; 2, Russell; 3, S. Jones. MULE: 1, 2, Weeks; 3, S. Jones. BRITISH SMALL: 1, Owen; 3, S. Jones; res., S. E. Jones. SELL 10/6: 1, 3, Weeks; res., Folwell. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Andrews and Biss; 3, F. Folwell. The following were the special prize awards: Best Canary in show, Andrews and Biss; 2, F. Folwell; Yorks., Andrews and Biss; cup winner and best British, S. E. Jones; best Bullfinch, S. E. Jones; best Redpoll or Siskin, S. Jones.

LOWESTOFT AND DIS. C.B.S.

The society held a table show for pairs of Crests, Plainheads and Cinnamons, on Feb. 3, at the Fox and Hounds. In spite of the cold and wet, there was a good number of cages, and plenty of members turned up. Mr. Bedwell was unfortunately not able to come, owing to business matters, so Mr. Hart kindly filled the office of judge in his absence, and placed the cards to everybody's satisfaction, not competing himself. Norwich Plainheads were well represented in both classes, and by the look of the Novice Section, they mean to make it warm for the champions at the first-feather show. The crested class also brought out some good specimens, and we were glad to see some of the Norwich All-England winners here, as it gives the novices a good chance of comparing their own with them, and also to see what is required to place on the show bench. All prize money was paid out at the close of the meeting. CHAMPION SECTION.—CRESTS: 1, 3, Corke; 2, vhc, Wigg; 4, Smith. PLAINHEADS: 1, 3, Nichols; 2, vhc, Disney; 4, c, Blackburn; hc, Lang. NOVICE SECTION. CRESTS: 1, 4, Cooper; 2, Nichols; 3, Lay. PLAINHEADS: 1, Munford; 2, Lay; 3, Clarke; 4, Catchpole; vhc, Lay and Catchpole; hc, Fitt; c, Rickards. CINNAMONS: 1, Lang; 2, Nichols.—W. NICHOLS, Sec.

THIRSK.

The six classes provided for cage birds at this fixture, held on February 7th, contained 67 entries, and included some birds of exceptional merit. The arrangements were excellent and much praise is due to Mr. J. Bell, the able secretary, for the capable manner in which he carried out the duties. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Mountain, hot colour, nicely drawn, good position and feather; 2, Rutherford and Bright, long, racy bird, well up on leg; 3, Meaburn, nice shape and feather, rare length; 4, Mrs. Cooper, nice length; vhc, Hewson. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Green, both toppers, leader rattling shape and style, well up on leg, feathered to perfection, fourth, lovely quality, nice length; 2, Hewson, extra hot in colour and beautifully mealed, nice feather; 3, Mountain, rare length, nice feather and position; vhc, Fortune; hc, Meaburn; c, Booth Bros. TICK. ETC. (11): 1, Rutherford and Bright, ticked one eye, rare shape, nice length, good feather, grand position; 2, Green, yellow, ticked cheek, grand length, nice shape and style; 3, Hewson, buff ticked one eye, nice feather and shape; 4, Metcalfe, cinn. mkd. yellow, nice length; vhc, Booth Bros.; hc, Mountain; c, Meaburn. NOVICE YORKS. (13): 1, 3, Brown, leader rattling clear yellow, grand length and good feather; third buff, good shape, nice position, colour and feather; 2, Wilson, yellow, rare length, good position; 4, Bennison, yellow, rare length; vhc, c, Sowden; hc, Hayward. NOR. (11): 1, 2, Axe, leader topping buff, cap and wing marked, splendid shape and quality, second topping yellow, unflighted; 3, Smith, yellow, eye and wing marked yellow, nice quality; 4, vhc, c, Hesp; hc, Bright. BRIT. (11): 1, Axe, Goldfinch, in fine fettle, rare flush breast and back colouring; 2, 4, Cooper, leader beautiful coloured Waxwing, wing ends slightly frayed; fourth, nice Starling, well marked; 3, vhc, Bright, Hawfinch, good markings and colour, steady; hc, Mogie; c, Bazzani; spl best local, Milner; absent, Wilkinson and Danby.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

The fourth and last show of the year was held on February 8th at headquarters, Mowbray Arms, to determine who should be winners of the extensive list of special prizes put up for competition. The entry was a splendid one, no less than 100 exhibits facing the Judge, Mr. I. Wilman (Shipley). Competition was again very keen throughout, and in many classes it was a hard task to select the coveted winners. The quality of the birds was of a very high order, many noted winners being staged, to do battle for their owners in the race for points. The winners of the special prizes were: 1st, Messrs. A. Grange (cup and gold medal); 2nd, E. Kemp (gold medal); 3rd, H. Grange (silver medal); special for best bird in show went to Messrs. Halliday and Armstrong's winning clear buff. The Judge's awards gave satisfaction to all.

CL. YELL. (10): 1, Huddleston; 2, 3, Holroyd Bros.; 4, Suggett; vhc, Bennett; hc, A. Grange; c, Smith. BUFF (17): 1, Halliday and Armstrong; 2, Kemp; 3, Huddleston; 4, Holroyd Bros.; vhc, H. Grange; hc, Bennett; c, A. Grange. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Varley; 3, vhc, Wellock; 4, Western; hc, Kemp; c, Holroyd Bros. BUFF (10): 1, F. Grange; 2, Halliday and Arm-Halliday and Armstrong.—F. WESTERN, Secretary. Smith; hc, Kemp. CINN. CK. (9): H. Grange; 2, hc, Kemp; 3, vhc, A. Grange; 4, c, F. Grange. HEN (6): 1, 4, A. Grange; 2, vhc, Bennett; 3, Varley; hc, F. Grange; c, Smith. YELL. HEN (12): 1, c, Suggitt; 2, H. Grange; 3, 4, vhc, Holroyd Bros.; hc, F. Grange. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Suggitt; 2, F. Grange; 4, Halliday and Armstrong; vhc, H. Grange; hc, A. Grange; c, Bennett. UNEVEN CK. (7): 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Bennett; 3, hc, A. Grange; 4, Kemp; vhc, H. Grange. NOR. CK. (3): 1, Kemp; 2, 3, Normington. HEN (8): 1, Batye; 2, Kemp; 3, Normington. UNEVEN CK. (9): 1, Suggitt; 2, Bennett; 3, A. Grange; 4, Holroyd Bros.; vhc, H. Grange; hc, Smith; c, Halliday and Armstrong.—F. WESTERN, Secretary.

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GREAT HORTON O.S.

On February 8th we held the first of our members' shows for this year. The competition was very keen, some well-known winners being staged. Mr. J. Hartley judged, and gave general satisfaction. The following is a list of his awards:—OPEN SECTION.—CL. YELL.—1, Ormondroyd; 2, J. Mann; 3 and 4, Blakey; vhc and hc, Self; c, C. Lister. BUFF.—1 and 3, Waterworth; 2, Young; 4, Self; vhc and hc, Lister; C. Blakey. NOVICE SECTION.—CL. YELL.—1, Crabtree; 2, and 3, Oliver; 4, Gudgeon; vhc, Gelder; hc and c, Whitaker. BUFF—1 and 2, H. Simonett; 3, Whitaker; 4, Dobson; vhc and c, Gelder; hc, Hargreaves. UNEVEN, Etc.—YELL.—1, Simonett. BUFF—1, Dobson; 2, Gelder; 3, Simonett; 4, Pullman; vhc, Hargreaves; hc, Kay. CL. YELL. HEN.—1, Oliver; 2, Whitaker; 3 and 4, Simonett. BUFF—1 and 3, Oliver; 2 and 4, Crabtree vhc, Kay; hc, Simonett; c, Hargreaves.—J. HOLROYD, Secretary.

DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The second members' show in connection with the medal competition was held February 8th. Competition was very keen, some well-known winners being staged. Mr. A. Chew judged to everybody's satisfaction. Points were as follows:—W. Cook, 23; Senior, 20; Blackburn, 19; Fawcett, 18; Taylor, 17; Raynor, 16; Clennett and Hird, 15; YELL.: 1, hc, Hird; 2, Blackburn; 3, Hall; vhc, Fawcett; c, Raynor. BUFF: 1, Raynor; 2, Charlesworth; 3, Hird; vhc, Blackburn; hc, Lee; c, Senior. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1 W. Cook; 2, Fawcett; 3, Clennett; vhc, Senior; hc, Blackburn; c, Hird. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, 3, Taylor; vhc, Yelland; c, Hird. YELL. HENS: 1, 3, Mitchell; 2, Cook and Son; vhc, Pollard; hc, c, Hird. BUFF: 1, hc, Cook and Son; 2, Clennett; 3, Charlesworth; vhc, Senior; c, Hall. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Mitchell; 2, 3, Hall; vhc, Cade; hc, Raynor; c, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Fawcett; 2, Blackburn; 3, c, Raynor; vhc, Hall; hc, Cook. SELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, Raynor; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Howarth; hc, Yelland; c, Cade. HEN: 1, Cook; 2, Charlesworth; 3, Howarth; vhc, Cook and Son; hc, Fawcett; c, Blackburn.—B. COOK, Hon. Sec.

GRAYS.

A nice little schedule had been issued by the Grays Fanciers' Association, for their show at the Masonic Hall on February 11th and 12th, but so poor was the response that seven out of the twelve classes scheduled had to be cancelled, and the others only secured thirty-six entries, fifteen of which were in the stuffed specimens class. The arrangements were well carried out by the committee, and Mr. Smith, although new to the work, made a most capable and courteous secretary. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged.

MULE (8): 1, vhc, Smith, very smart, lightly ticked buff Goldfinch-Canary, nice shape and size; 2, Whent, rich-coloured, variegated buff Goldfinch-Canary, rare shape and feather; 3, Norman, large dark buff, Goldfinch-Canary, capital face, splendid feather; r, Tompkins; vhc, Webb. GOLDFINCH (4): 2, Jupe, nice shaped, well feathered bird, good blaze and rich body colour; 3, Harris, very smart body, rich colour, nice bright blaze; r, Tompkins; vhc, Norman. LINNET (4): 2, Jupe, capital colour, nicely marked, good shape and feather; 3, Farraway, grandly marked, nice shape and size, hardly so rich in colour; r, Tompkins. FOREIGN (5): 2, Palmer, very fine red and blue Macaw, grand colour, splendid tail; 3, Wade, very nicely marked, Pilcated Jay, good colour, neat crest; r, Rankine. STUFFED SPECIMENS (15): 1, 3, r, vhc (3), Richards; 2, vhc, Seabrooke; vhc, King; hc, Harris, McNeil.

ISLE OF THANET F.S.

A supplementary show was held on January 30th at the Parochial Hall, Hawley-street, Margate, with a view, if possible, of reducing the deficit on the recent annual show. There were 172 entries, and some splendid exhibits in all classes, and from the exhibitors' point of view the show was a complete success as it brought into competition owners who showed some of their best birds. The committee arranging the show included Messrs. S. Boncey (chairman), A. Weston (treasurer), T. Brown, L. Shaw, W. E. Mills, H. J. Matthews, E. Papworth, and A. G. Moore. Mr. W. J. Jones made an excellent secretary, and deserves every credit for his able management. Mr. F. Gibbs (Canterbury) judged cage birds.

NOR., CL., YELL. CK.: 1, Brown; 2, vhc, W. J. Jones; 3, hc, Mrs. A. Bayly; 4, Moore; c, Boncey. BUFF: 1, Mrs. A. Bayly; 2, Kew; 3, Brown; 4, c, W. J. Jones; vhc, Boncey; hc, Miss Gwyn. BUFF HEN: 1, Housden; 2, hc, Mrs. A. Bayly; 3, Mrs. Elliott; 4, Kew; vhc, Moore. YELL.: 1, 3, Mrs. A. Bayly; 2, Moore; 4, W. J. Jones; hc, Kew. TICK., ETC., CK.: 1, vhc, c, Brown; 2, Mills; 3, 4, W. J. Jones; extra 4, hc, Miss Gwyn. HEN: 1, Mrs. A. Bayly; 2, Housden; 3, Moore; 4, Mills; vhc, W. J. Jones; hc, Kew. NOR., NONFED.: 1, Miss Gwyn; 2, Kew; 3, vhc, Boncey; 4, Mrs. Elliott. PAIR (mated for breeding). 1, 4, hc (2), c, Mrs. A. Bayly; 2, Moore; 3, c, Kew; vhc (2), Boncey. A.O.V.: 1, Mrs. A. Bayly; 2, 4, Boncey; 3, vhc, Housden. MULE; 1, 3, Boncey. PAIRS (mated for Mule breeding): 1, 3, vhc, Matthews; 2, Boncey; 4, Kew; hc, Shaw. SELL. PAIRS (25/-): 1, Moore; 2, Brown; 3, Jones. A.V. (15/-): 1, Moore. (10/-): 1, Moore. BRIT., BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Kew. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Shaw; 2, Elliott. LINNET: 1, 2, Shaw; 3, Kew; 4, Jordan. GREENFINCH: 1, Shaw; 2, Papworth; 3, 4, Kew; vhc, Hunt; hc, Mills. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, Shaw; 2, Hunt; 3, 4, Kew; vhc, Wilbee.

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GOSSIP FROM THE PALACE SHOW.

A Red Light.
Notwithstanding that Messrs. Rhodes and Ley each spoke of the danger of fraud creeping in, the motion was carried that the Crested Canary Club confine its specials to birds bred by the member exhibiting. It was a close thing, however, as had Messrs. Rhodes and Tyson voted, the score would have read 10 to 9.

Is it You?
Quite a big smile, one of those which could be heard all over the room, was in evidence when Mr. J. S. Clarke mentioned that there was a gentleman who considered himself, and himself alone, as the only person in the Crested Canary Club fit to take office of any kind.

Encouraging the Novices.
Some of the Crested Canary Club members seemed afraid that far too much was going to be done for the novices, but the annual meeting evidently thought otherwise, for teapots and other specials were voted for them as gaily as festive merry-makers bowl over cokernuts.

Lost, Stolen or Strayed?
Naturally the question of length in the Yorkshire was a theme largely dwelt upon at the Palace. The Yorkshiremen all said they had come down to see "the good big 'uns" that could and should win over the good ones of standard length. But they could not find them!

"Pa" Puts in a Word.
"Pa" Mundell declared there was not a 7 in. Yorkshire Canary in the whole show, and that none of the winners would measure 6¾ in.; "Pa" ought to know.

A Mystery.
Much speculation took place as to what had caused six or seven of the yellow Yorkshires to lose a number of tail and flight feathers. Upon enquiry we learnt it was caused by something startling the birds about three o'clock on the Saturday morning; but what it was no one could discover.

A Long Record, Anyway.
The yellow Yorkshire which has been mentioned in the controversy on length as having come down South and being returned to the North because it was not big enough, stood second at the Palace. First in the unflighted class as a youngster, and second in adults as a yearling, proves that this specimen is quite long enough for North-country judges.

An Up and a Down.
Joe from Eccleshill was pleased at his yellow cinnamon-marked hen securing the L.P.O.S. cup, but felt grieved that it went to the particular bird it did, whilst the apple of his eye, the champion of the season, stood cardless. Mr. Wilcock was very philosophical about it. As she wins about half a dozen specials, it made up for the other being out, "but ding it all," he said, "I doan't loike it."

A Surprise Packet.
The exhibitors in the Foreign Goldie and Bullie class were somewhat surprised to see the second prize captured by a pair of Desert Trumpeter Bullfinches. They thought it "contrary to custom." But the class head reads "Foreign Bullie," and they evidently overlooked the fact that there are many of these besides the Siberian.

A Puzzle for Experts!
There was one Hybrid staged that puzzled even the "experts" to name at first glance, though to their sorrow they were told that a "novice" had "guessed it in office." The bird was shown by Mr. Vale, and is a Twite-Greenfinch. It was left out in the cold.

"You Dirty Boy."
More than one comment was passed on the soiled appearance of Mr. Williams' famous Clear Goldie Mule. But John explained it at once by saying the bird was a ticklish customer to wash, liable to faint in the hand while the tubbing was in progress. Naturally he takes the risk as little as possible. Better a "duty boy" than a dead boy.

Beauty Unadorned, or — ?
A leading dark Goldie Mule attracted considerable attention. The circumstances are somewhat extraordinary, and we print them for what they may be worth. It was alleged, in short, that the bird had washed himself in the water tin, and that then the colour of its blaze had come away and run down over its breast. The show manager was informed, also the C.B.U. representative, and Mr. Ramsden at once sent a message to the judge. Mr. Dewar went down to the show, and afterwards wrote Mr. Ramsden that he had examined and tested the bird in question, but failed to remove any artificial colour, hence he declined to move in the matter. But we understand that the case is still to go before the C.B.U. A lot of discussion waged round the bird.

Another Up and a Down.
A case illustrating the ups and downs of exhibition birds has already been alluded to in the Yorkshire Canary section, and yet another case occurred among the Hawfinches. At the Scottish National show the "score sheet" read, 1st Gilmour, 2nd Chick. At the Palace to-day Mr. Chick's bird (late Hakes, and winner last year) now owned by Mr. Axe, secured first prize, while his Scottish conqueror stood cardless! It was not a question of condition, either.

Off to Canada.
The L. and P.O.S. are losing their treasurer, and invaluable helper, Mr. W. Laskey—at least, for a time. He is journeying out into the wilds of Canada, on a business visit to a friend. His son, recently the victim of a sad accident, costing him the sight of one eye, is going out with him. Both carry the best wishes of fanciers, and we trust the trip may be beneficial in every way.

A Case of Compulsion.
Not a few fanciers were heard to express the opinion that "preferential treatment" had been meted out to Mr. Roberts, of Blackpool, who had his noted Crest and Crest-bred placed in specially made glass-fronted cases, securely locked, as soon as judging was over. We believe, however, that an insurance company concerned stipulate that the exhibits be so protected.

Sufferer, NOT Suffragette.
We understand that the second prize yellow Norwich hen was discovered discoursing sweet music to its neighbours. This led to a protest being lodged, and its efforts to while away the time as pleasantly as possible result in the prize going elsewhere.

Who Pulled His Leg?
The London "Evening News" had many hard words said about it on the Friday evening, when it appeared with a statement that "many birds had already been found dead in their cages," the February weather conditions being set down as the cause. On an explanation being asked, it looked as though someone had been "getting at" the reporter whilst at the show, and he had swallowed all that was told him, and duly put it into print. As a matter of fact, the weather was extraordinarily favourable, and the casualties nil.

"Have You Any Wool?"
We overheard unflattering remarks being made about the loose feathering of some of the Cinnamons on view, the speakers considering the breed to be not improving. "Good birds in more hands," these fanciers (Cinnamon breeders themselves) put forward as the remedy.

R.P.
We understand that all four of the birds which secured the quartette of cash prizes given in connection with this Journal's coupon competition, were moulted on Ramsden's pepper.

The Ungallant Influenza.
Mrs. Ramsden and Mrs. Lambert Brown were taking the same keen interest in events as of yore. What helps their "worse halves" must find them! We regret to have to say that Mrs. Ramsden had contracted a nasty cold, which, however, we trust has now been banished. Another unfortunate victim to the influenza fiend was Mrs. J. F. Hills, who had come up to town with Mr. Hills, that well-known British bird judge. Mrs. Hills was obliged to keep to her room for a day or two, but we hope the attack has by now completely passed away.

The Blackie's Escapade.
A Blackbird escaped from its cage on the Friday, by some means or other, and made its way into the body of the Palace, where it visited the various stalls, and even accepted food from the hands of the attendants. On Sunday it returned to the show, and went down to the tier which held the other Blackbirds, when it was promptly netted by one of the men in charge, and returned to its cage.

No Work for Sherlock Holmes.
Extraordinary precautions were taken to prevent any theft of birds. In addition to the usual staff of uniformed police, plain clothes officers continuously patrolled the aisles, while up aloft, in the balcony running round the dome, a detective with a pair of field glasses was perched. Many were hoping some attempt to remove a bird might be descried, in the belief that some light might then have been thrown on recent mysterious disappearances of show birds.

A Bit Mixed.
The "Daily Mail," in telling its readers about the show, informed them that the Scotch Fancy was a long, slim bird, which must not exceed 6¾ inches in length!

"Jolly Dogs."
Those are a jolly lot of boys that come from Lancashire and Yorkshire, and know how to enjoy a trip to London. They were no exception to the rule this year. They had worthy rivals in a little group of keen enthusiasts from the Midlands, however. One well-known Norwich Plainhead fancier, we were informed by a creditible witness, "sang like a Nightingale" all the way from the Palace up to town.

Extra Classes Next Year.
We believe there is every possibility of a class solely for Tanagers being added to next year's schedule; likewise a class for British hen Bullfinches.

An Early Clearance.
An early morning Wednesday message from Mr. Ramsden states that the show room was completely cleared by 10.15 on the Tuesday night. The long distance birds, as usual, received "preferential treatment," and were got off on the homeward journey at the earliest possible moment.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

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Record Breaking at the Crystal Palace.

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The London and Provincial O.S. brought the forty-ninth Great National Cage Bird Show to a splendidly successful conclusion on February 7th to 11th last at the usual venue, the Crystal Palace. A more completely successful function, indeed, it has never fallen to our lot to chronicle—we had a record entry, record weather, a record attendance, and a record smooth-working, thoroughly enjoyable show. It is not so many seasons ago that we were hearing the "decline and fall" of this old-established fixture freely predicted, but such gloomy anticipations have proved without foundation in fact. Far from the interest of the Fancy and the public being in any sense on the wane, it can incontrovertibly be proved never to have stood at a higher pitch—the "Crystal Palace" has always been a name to conjure with in cage-bird circles, but never more so than to-day.

The Skipper, the First Mate —
How much this satisfactory state of affairs is due to the able gentlemen, who, to drop into nautical phrase, man the good ship and bring her safely into harbour, only the future can fully reveal. However, none will question, we think, that at no time in the history of the Great National Show has an abler skipper and first mate held command. Messrs. J. W. Ramsden and H. Lambert Brown once again shared the managerial duties, and once again brought them to a triumphantly successful conclusion. J. W. R., long ago christened "Prince of Show Managers," was in his finest form. Energy personified, yet ever urbane and cheerful (perhaps we ought to say "chirpy"), he has a happy knack of smoothing out difficulties and putting things ship-shape in double-quick time, and never has the Great Show looked better or done him greater credit than on the occasion now under notice. Mr. Brown has proved an admirable coadjutor, courteous, level-headed, methodical, and with a fine grasp of detail. With these two gentlemen the future of the show is in safe keeping.

And the Crew.
The efforts of the managers were ably seconded by many members of the L. and P.O.S., amongst those we noticed hard at work being Messrs. Crabb, Couzens, Laskey, Bobson, Hodson, Oldaker, R. J. Pretty, Boaler, Day, Dring, Graves, Hazell, Mathes, Mortlock and Tringham, while Messrs. Brooks, Brownlie, F. J. Green and W. B. Cobb (all the way from Leeds), also "took their coats off," and buckled to in a style worthy of more than passing mention. All are good fanciers, and ungrudgingly gave many hours of their time for the benefit of the birds, and to see them properly unpacked on arrival, and despatched at the close. Mr. Ramsden had a large staff of paid, experienced helpers, also at hand, and under his personal supervision the large entry was handled with great ability—the birds were in their places immediately they arrived, and at the close the exhibits were in a remarkably short space of time got away on the homeward journey. There was not a single hitch anywhere. The usual "professional feeders," Messrs. Gritchfield and "Jimmy" Small, added another to the long list of Palace Shows at which they have officiated in this capacity. The seed-eating birds were fed on seeds supplied by Messrs. J. Carter and Son, and the insectivorous birds upon food and yolk of egg supplied by Messrs. Trower and Co.

The Clerk of the Weather Smiles.
The weather can only be described as beautiful. Right through the show, not a bad day had to be recorded, and the springlike sunshine of the Saturday no doubt had much to do with the enormous crowd through the show-room. Never before do we remember seeing so many visitors; certainly never before has our Visitors' Book held so many names, and bird-lovers seem to have fore-gathered from every part of the United Kingdom—not even forgetting the Isle of Man. The men from Lancashire and Yorkshire were in especially strong force, though the West-country sent a powerful contingent. One and all seemed greatly pleased with the fare provided, and tiresome railway journeys were accounted well repaid. As a protection against possible stress of weather, an enormous hot air pipe had been fitted right down the centre of the show. This luckily had not to be called upon to "do its best," but helped with the usual heating facilities to make the enclosure under the great dome as snug and comfortable as possible, a condition of things appreciated by visitors and birds alike. We have said that the latter broke the record for number of entries, and this record applies to the competitive classes (despite the complete cancellation of the Green Canary section). At one former show an extraordinary number of birds were entered in the extra stock class, and if these be taken into account, then that show just holds the palm.

A Merry Luncheon Party.
The judges' luncheon this year took on an added importance by reason of doing duty also for the annual dinner the L. and P.O.S. has held in former seasons. A truly splendid gathering was the result, between 80 and 90 members and friends, including a goodly leaven of the fairer sex, sitting down in the handsome restaurant under the genial presidency of Mr. Geo. Crabb. An excellent repast was served, and an enjoyable time was spent by those present—many fanciers from a distance being included in the number. Only one toast was on the list; in this Mr. Crabb coupled the "Health of the judges" with "prosperity to the L. and P.O.S.," and called on Messrs. J. F. Hills and Lambert Brown to respond. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Crabb referred to the increased number of exhibitors, and said that undoubtedly the Fancy was spreading in remarkable manner all over the country, for which they had the Fancy Press to thank. He was pleased to know the L. and P.O.S. was progresing satisfactorily, and drew attention to the fact that the next would be the jubilee show of the Crystal Palace, for which they intended to offer some special attraction—perhaps a jubilee prize, or prizes, on the lines of the present Abraham trophy. Mr. Hills, in a few happy sentences, responded on behalf of fellow judges and himself. Then Mr. Brown spoke of the progress the L. and P.O.S. was making, saying that he was pleased the society was more than holding its own, even in these days of strong competition. They had arranged a very good programme for the coming year, including practical lectures, washing exhibitions, debates, a series of members shows, etc. and also another essay competition. The membership roll showed a satisfactory increase. Referring to the present show, he said that the tremendous amount of work it entailed upon Mr. Ramsden and himself was amply repaid by the gratifying response in entries. They would not rest satisfied, however, until a total of 3,000 had been reached. Mr. Ramsden proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Crabb for presiding, remarking that he was the "best man who ever belonged to the L. and P.O.S.." Mr. Laskey seconded, and the vote was accorded with enthusiasm.

Plenty of Business About.
Business among the stallholders was exceptionally brisk. Several well-known firms had their specialities on view, and it was difficult at any time on the Saturday to get near, so great was the crowd inspecting and sampling them. Messrs. Carter and Co., Hyde and Co., and Trower and Co. all had tasteful displays of the noted seeds, bird-foods and other specialities they put up for the benefit of bird-keepers. Messrs. Trowers stall also held a choice lot of teapots, coffee pots, and other valuable plated goods they were offering at the show as special prizes to their customers, and these were much admired. Mr. Roehl's stall contained a choice lot of Roller Canaries, cages, and every appliance imaginable useful in their breeding and keeping, to say nothing of a grand bird-organ, for teaching purposes. Mr. Newley put up an exceptionally fine display of cages, special kinds adapted to the needs of almost every known bird being found thereon, and for workmanship and price they were second to none. On this stall, Mr. Ramsden had a display of his noted colour-foods, and the richness of colour of his latest samples is something remarkable. Messrs. Russell, the world-renowned photographers, had a tastily arranged stall of photographic picture post-cards, and did a roaring trade with visitors. Lastly, CAGE BIRDS had its stall in the usual place, at side of the entrance, and the display of plates, picture post-cards and books brought us many expressions of delight, which were duly appreciated. We were extremely pleased to see so many of our friends and supporters.

The Judges.
The judges had their tables arranged in an excellent light, and as the Friday morning was fairly bright, got through their work under favourable conditions. A somewhat high wind was prevalent outside, and the management thought it better to have the canvas top pulled partly over the dome, rather than expose the birds to avoidable draughts. This arrangement, we think, would commend itself to all, for it were surely better to sacrifice a little light at one end of the show, than to have the benches raked by draughts. The gentlemen who officiated as judges were: Messrs. T. Brown (Scots), H. T. Camps (Foreign), S. R. Compstou (Lancs. and Lizards), S. Cook (British), J. F. Dewar (Hybrids), J. Dobson (Cinnamons, etc.), T. Heath (Crests and Yorks.), J. F. Hills (Brit.), W. Mundell (Yorks.), J. H. Payne (Norwich), A. Rettish (Rollers), J. Robson Borders and Belgians), J. H. Roe (Novice and Limit), W. Swaysland (For. and Cages), and G. E. Weston (Brit.). They one and all accomplished their tasks in good time, and the catalogues with awards were out early in the evening. Odd "grumbles" and differences of opinion were to be heard here and there, of course, but taken on the whole, the decisions of the judges must be considered satisfactory.

"Cage Birds" Competition.
The decision of the Grand Final of CAGE BIRDS great coupon scheme competition created an enormous amount of interest, and not a little excitement. Telegrams from competitors kept arriving right through Saturday, and of enquirers at the show manager's office there seemed to be a regular stream. The result was that the £5 cash first prize went to Messrs. Ambler's (Bradford) winning clear yellow Yorkshire, the second prize, £2 10s., to Mr. C. E. Brown's (Shirehampton) ticked yellow Norwich, the third prize, £1 10s., to Mr. C. J. Wards (Uttoxeter) Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrid, and the fourth prize, £1, to Mr. G. Laurence's (Coventry) Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid. To these gentlemen we tender our congratulations.

The Sales.
As soon as the "Box Office" opened, there was an eager rush for bargains. Trade was soon booming; purchasers were many, and bargains were ditto. At no moment did business seem like falling below the average of former years. It was as much as the supply could do to meet the demand. Asked what was his general impression of the Sales Department, the indefatigable Mr. Ramsden replied, "Very good; well, up to the average." An analysis of the sale returns reveals the fact that while there were no sensational figures paid, purchasers were not afraid of paying a good sum for a good bird. The total amount of cash which passed through the books verges on £300, while the number of sales effected totalled 170. Mr. J. McLay's Crested-bred Canary (a hen of eight months), first in its class, changed hands at £10 10s., while the only Norwich Plainhead sold was Mr. J. Wones' clear buff cock, the price paid being 25/. Several good sales took place in the Yorkshire classes, one of the most notable being Messrs. J. Haigh and Son's clear yellow, which found a purchaser at £4 10s. Mr. F. Wood's ticked buff (3rd in its class), changed hands at £3 10s., while the Cinnamon ticked cock of Messrs. Ogden Bros., which won 1st prize, was sold for £6. Only one sale took place in the Cinnamon classes, and that was for £1 15s. The Limit classes provided no less than 67 sales, including 14 pairs matched for Plainhead breeding, most of which fetched the maximum price of 35/-. Two Roller Canaries embarked on a journey to a new home, both belonging to Mr. Roehl, the one sold for £2 and the other for £1 15s. Mr. L. S. B. Clark's Goldfinch and Canary mule found a purchaser at £2 12s. 6d., Mr. W. Pierce Williams' dark yellow Goldfinch Hybrid at £3, Mr. H. P. Hutchison's dark buff at £2 10s. and Mr. H. Dale's at £2. A number of good Britishers were sold. Mr. C. Prior's second prize cock Goldfinch was claimed at £5, while Mr. G. N. Barclay's cock Siskin (first prize) fetched £5 5s. Mr. A. Porteous' cock Goldfinch found a purchaser at £2 12s. 6d. "Dobber II." a Twite formerly in the possession of Mr. J. Livingstone, passed into that of another at £2 12s. 6d. Two pounds was paid for a Magpie of Mr. F. Jarrett's, while quite a number of Britishers changed hands for a pound apiece.

Among the Foreigners, too, purchasers were busy. Mr. C. T. Maxwell's pair of Sepoy Finches, first in a heavy class, were claimed at £5 10s., and his Black-faced Sugar Bird at £5. Mr. L. W. Hawkins' pair of Cuba Finches, too, found a new owner at £4. A raid was made on the Extra Stock class, and 38 birds changed hands at good prices. A very good number of sales were effected in the case of cages, which were undoubtedly a tempting lot.

Champion Norwich a Grand Lot.

The champion Norwich Plainheads made a grand show, there being an entry of 210 in the eight classes, giving an average of nearly 27 per class—a fine average indeed for any show. The quality, too, we thought was better than last year; in fact it was very level and another set of winners could have been easily found in most of the classes. The buff classes struck us as being the best in point of quality, all the winners being birds of exceptional merit and nicely balanced. The clear buff of Mr. Bishop, which secured the L. and P.O.S. diploma for best Norwich, the silver challenge cup, and the spl presented by the Victorian Society (Australia) is a smasher, and was put down as fresh as paint, which enabled it to throw off the strong opposition presented by the ticked yellow of Mr. E. Baker, which secured the championship special last year. Messrs. Bishop and Baker are to be congratulated upon winning three firsts each, no mean achievement at such a show as the Crystal Palace. There was, we were pleased to see, almost an entire absence of the big, long-sided and coarse feathered birds, and for such a large collection, they were a very uniform lot as regards type. Several grand birds got "knocked out" owing to having fought many stiff battles up and down the country, and consequently showing signs of wear and tear, being handicapped when meeting good birds which had only made their appearance at a few shows. In the unflighted classes were many birds which will make sure winners next year, should they get a good moult, as they are just the sort to improve. The winning buff is a gem and with a little more size would be the beau ideal of a young Norwich Plainhead.

Crests Good, Though Few.

The total entry in the six classes for Crests and Crest-breds was 65, or an average of just over ten per class. Even though the numbers were not so great as might have been hoped for, the competition was well broken up, and some dozen members of the Crested Canary Club entered the lists. It is perhaps a hopeful sign for the future welfare of any variety that the competition should be spread widely, rather than that a few fanciers should exhibit largely. Thus, in the classes under notice, there were twenty-three individual exhibitors, a splendid percentage. True, such magnificent teams as we have seen put down, in the days gone by, by some of the "giants," were conspicuous by their absence. With just a few exceptions, the quality was not so high as we have seen it, but it was more even. Mr. C. Roberts showed Southerners his noted Crest, "King of the North," and his truly marvellous Crest-bred "Blackpool Wonder"; and we could not help admiring Mr. J. McLay's remarkably fine yellow-green Crest-bred. Variegated crested buff cocks, and crested-bred buff cocks were the best filled classes, and here, too, was the cream of the quality.

The Yorkshires Make History.

Yorkshires made one of the finest displays in the history of Palace shows, in fact we doubt if a better quality lot were ever seen at Sydenham. Type and quality were strongly in evidence, and those who say that the North country birds are big must have had their eyes opened to the fact that they are not. The recent controversy on length has caused much excitement amongst breeders of this most popular variety, and the birds on view were most critically scrutinised by fanciers' both of the North and the South, and the universal opinion was that the good big ones, of which we have heard so much, certainly had the worst of the deal against the good little ones. The special for the best Yorkshire fell to Messrs. Bailey and Swanger's famous 'ticked buff, which won last year, and has held his own well through the season just closing. He is one of the sweetest and smartest Yorkies that ever looked through a cage, and the judge's decision seemed to be unanimously approved. Whilst the standard gives us such gems as this there is little need to amend it for the benefit of the problematical good big ones. The L.P.O.S. cup for best Yorkshire shown by a member, fell to Mr. Wilcock's winning yellow cinnamon marked hen, a lovely bird, but hardly the equal of her more famous stable companion, which stood in the same class unnoticed. The ups and downs of exhibiting never received a more pertinent illustration—the crack of the season cardless, but compensation comes by her owners second string getting first past the post.

The Class of the Section.

The class of the section was undoubtedly that for ticked buffs; what a lot they were! One only under a couple of score, and the winner did win. For feather and style a better Yorkie never graced the benches, but he gave one the impression that good as he is to-day, he will hardly prove himself such a laster as his more famous stable companion. Anyway they are two as good ticked buffs as ever came from one stable, and Messrs. Bailey and Swanger must have been hugely delighted with their success. In this class several extra prizes were given, and the South got a look in by the aid of the exhibits of Messrs. Parrott, Rennie, and Knight, the former which won the S.Y.C.C. special for best cock was the winner at Walthamstow, and a charming bird he is too, one that with careful handling, should make a name for himself in yellow classes next season. Style and grace were also well exemplified in the birds of Messrs. Rennie and Knight. Other North country birds that got in the prizes were Mr. Wadsworth's pair, and Mr. Walsh's exhibit, and a very shapely, high quality trio they were. The clear yellows were a very even class, but the quality was hardly so high in character as that seen in some of the others. Messrs. Ambler's winner was well worthy of his position, and wound up a successful season in good style. Buffs were a good lot, some birds of most exquisite feather being found amongst them, whilst few indeed were there with that all too common failing of bad wing carriage—a smart shapely collection, with the leaders well selected and pressing each other closely. The second bird was of somewhat different stamp to the other winners, he excelled when handled, but did not look so well on the bench.

The ticked yellows were superior to their clear brethren, and the task of separating them must have been by no means easy. Mr. Mundell's selections were very uniform, and little was there between any of the birds in the tickets, another day and several of them might easily be in reverse position. Mr. Walsh's representative beat everything in the class for colour, and this enhanced his other charms, which were great. In the ticked buffs was found the special winner previously referred to. A bird which we liked very much in this class was Mr. Shackleton's vhc; he is a Yorkie all over, and had somewhat hard lines; between him and the winner there was not much to choose. Mr. Binn's second, given a little more colour to show off his beautiful quality, would take beating, but Mr. Heath paid little heed to colour, and rightly so, the Yorkshire is a bird of shape and style. As a class the unevenly marked were below the average of the others, and were not so typical, many of them lacking the fineness of body and compactness of feather, which is so great a feature in a first-class Yorkshire. Of the unflighted class, we have already spoken. Hens made two splendid classes, quality, shape and style being seen right through, but we thought the buffs excelled the yellows in being a better quality lot, and rather more level; some of the yellows were big.

High Honours for a Hen.

Cinnamon marks were not so good as we have seen them at Sydenham. Whilst there were many most admirable birds staged, there were also some that were far too stout, especially so in the buffs, which were the weakest of the four classes. Each of the yellow classes were good, and some very slim, racy birds of most exquisite feather properties with abundance of nerve and style were to be seen in them. The yellow hens were extra good, and here as before stated was found the winner of the L.P.O.S. cup, a big honour this to fall to a hen.

Borders Hold the Averages.

The Border classes came up splendidly, and there is an undoubtedly growing interest in this particular branch of the Fancy. There is more than one reason for this. The Border is an attractive bird. It is neat, vivacious, hardy, and wears a gloriously silky dress. Moreover, the absence of all necessity for colour-feeding, which saves such a great deal of trouble, time, and expense, is a considerable asset in its favour. Whatever may be the reasons, certain it is that the Border Fancy Canary is rapidly increasing in popular favour, as, indeed, are also the various subdivisions of the variety increasing in point of beauty and of merit. There were big classes, and the quality was marvellous—this remark applies throughout nearly the whole of the section. As is the case with the Norwich, there is not at present quite that uniformity of type which the best friends of the breed heartily desire, but where so many were excellent, 'twere unkind to criticise adversely the few. It is only bare justice to congratulate the breeders upon the success of their labours to improve and popularise this bird. Splendid quality and type were to be found in the hen classes (happy augury of future excellence). The class for self or foul Cinnamons was one of considerable interest, and an entry of 16 a very creditable feat on the part of Border Fancy men. Great and commendable progress is being made in this section. As may be expected with a variety in process of development, there were varying shades of colour, and that, too, in the prize list. Still, be would be a writer of considerable temerity who essayed to assert that Cinnamon Borders were not on the up grade all round. 163 birds in 8 classes was an average which should have a steadying influence on the champions of other varieties, who boast of the popularity of their favourites. Even the straight 'un of the County of Broad Acres was out-numberd on the averages!

The Scots and Belgians.

Scots were not a great collection, only sixteen in three classes, buff hens being scratched. Mr. Brown had not much difficulty in finding the winners, Mr. Harden's two birds standing out in the cock classes, In the yellow classes, the best shaped and cleverest handling bird was Mr. Cobb's third; a wonderful Scot is she, but feather condition told its tale. Only twenty-six Belgians faced Mr. Robson, but they were good, and the leaders would have done credit to more extended competition. Capt. Philp held a very strong hand and his birds not only excelled in points, but were put down in the finest condition possible. Some exhibitors might ask the Capt. for a tip on showing Belgians. The veteran Robertson sent a lovely brace of hens, and they led the class well. It is over twenty years since the writer of these notes was exhibiting Belgians and the High Harrington enthusiast was then a power in the land, even as he is to-day. Evanescent as is the Canary fancy, it is unique to find an exhibitor sticking so closely to one variety for such a number of years, especially with a variety so difficult to breed and exhibit as is the Belgian. Mr. Robertson, we lift our hat to you. Some comment was aroused by the fact that Captain Philp exhibited his young class birds in the two adult classes where they carried off the premier awards. According to the schedule he was quite in order in so doing, but it is not quite in accordance with custom, and there was some "kicking."

The Novices; and Others.

In the A.O.V. class were to be seen several of those handsome birds, the four-marked Yorkshire and Norwich, and we were pleased to see Mr. Dobson recognise their merits. Lancashires, but for the presence of the teams of Messrs. Green and Garner, would have been a very poor lot. These two enthusiasts each staged a capital lot of birds, the former especially, and his perseverance is reaping a rich reward, three firsts, three seconds, two thirds, and a fouth is an achievement of which Mr. Green may be justly proud. Lizards came up fairly well in numbers and the quality was very even and of high class. We thought the Silvers excelled the Golds in all-round merit, and especially in spangling. Mr. Hampshire, who had the long journey from Oldham, was rewarded by seeing his Silvers stand at the head in each class. These two birds are father and son. Mr. Rukin held a strong hand in Golds, but we thought the pick of the basket was Mr. Dewsnap's winning clear cap, a wonderful bird this for rowing and colour, and it had a coat which shone like silk. As usual the novice Norwich contained some warm stuff and that in more senses than one. Taking them right through they were an exceedingly fine lot, and we were pleased to see that in most cases, type and quality was well considered in the awards. Mr. Young was the most successful exhibitor in the section, and he certainly staged a grand team. The unflighted class was a teazer, and in it was found the winner of the special for the best bird in the section, a very handsome wing ticked yellow of Mr. Johnson's, but he was very hardly pressed by the buffs of Messrs. Young and Schofield, and the yellow of Mr. Dixon. Crests were about the poorest lot we have seen the novices put down at the Palace, and were miles below last year's turn-out. Yorkshires were splendid, many of the birds staged being fit to win at ordinary shows, and what is more they were staged in really grand style. A Yorkshire takes some staging, but these novices seem to have overcome the difficulties. The classes were not quite so uniform in quality as those in the open section, as some of the exhibitors thought Mr. Mundell would be captured by the big ones, but they made a mistake, for if any difference was to be seen the awards leaned more to type and quality than they did in the open. Messrs. Shaw won the section special with a most charming yellow which was closely pressed in its class by a lovely little bird shown by Mr. Jeffreys. Other exhibitors, whose birds were of grand type and style, were Messrs. Duke, Adams, Forse, Robinson, Couzens, Hawes, Slade, Cross, Stevens, Blackhurst, Jones and Wood. As the open cinnamons were an improved lot, so the novices were below par, and were disappointing. Possibly this arose by reason of many of the C.C.C. novices showing in the open, so as to compete for the club's specials.

Among the Hybrids.

The Hybrid section, as is usual here, provided those interested in these freaks with splendid classes to look over, and some food for speculation as well. The Light class was not heavily patronised, but held some quality. A "Twite-Canary" (according to catalogue) was put down in it, but was very unsteady, and had broken its plumage. We hardly know whether it could be classed as "lightly ticked," either. The variegated Goldie class was magnificent, both in numbers and in quality, and a double set of winners could well have been found in it. Light Linnet and Greenfinch Hybrids seem as scarce as ever. The dark yellow Goldies were a clinking lot; the dark mealies present only in small number. Dark Greenies mustered in force, and the only (we believe) cinnamon-coloured example figured amongst them. They were more numerous than the dark Linnets, though we question whether so high in all-round merit. The Si-kiu, Redpoll and Twite-Canary class was a stinger, and the light Siskin mule bred last season in Scotland landed the first prize for its new owner. Dr. Galloway staged (unnoticed) what we assumed to be a very lightly-marked Redpoll-Canary, though the catalogue was silent as to the parentage. Lacking colour, it looked, although of good size, like a hen; somewhat unsteady, it had damaged its plumage. The Canary-Bullies, seven all told, made a fine showing. The remaining Bullie Hybrids were also a grand lot, the "star" Goldie-Bullie leading the way. The Redpoll-Bullie we have heard so much about of late, secured fourth place. It is a fine young bird. The A.O.V. Hybrid class was splendid, though it did not introduce us to any novelties. The recently disputed House Sparrow-Tree Sparrow Hybrid stood therein, but went unnoticed; bad condition of plumage, however, was not in its favour.

British a Huge Success.

The British Bird section was a great success, and well upheld the traditions of the Palace as a hotbed for classes of our native birds. The judges, whoever they may be, can always rest assured that their task will be no light one. Whatever happens to other sections, the Britishers come along in huge numbers year after year, and there is no doubt that with the gorgeous Foreigners, they share the honours of the show, so far as the public is concerned. The usual throngs filled the aisles along which they were staged. The British Bullfinches were a very good and level lot, and with one possible exception the judge "went for" the medium-sized birds, about whose nationality there could be little question. Two "good big 'uns," at least, we noticed cardless. The Goldies, always a fascinating class, came up in the usual stroug manner, and the judge said he considered them the finest all-round lot he had as yet had under him at this fixture—the quality was exceedingly high, and exceedingly level, rendering the sorting out no easy task. Birds with good winning records, and which will win again, had to stand in the "carded" division, and probably some were out in the cold altogether. We believe one or two of the Goldies fell under suspicion as regards their nationality. Last year's winner, the gem from Wales, appeared in even more brilliant form than before, and scored another first. The Linnets were excellent, a close race for all positions having to be recorded. Unfortunately the Scottish National winner, a gem belonging to Mr. Arrigbi, had two or three flights out of one wing, which probably lost it the coveted first prize. Hard luck for its popular owner. Mr. Walsh also had a lovely specimen unnoticed (a well-known winner) through being off in condition on the day. The Chaffinches, Redpolls and Siskins made up strong classes, while the Brambles were a fine collection. We understand the winner is 11 years old, and that this is his fifth Palace win. What a record! The Greenfinch class was exceptionally keenly contested, and the judge did well in selecting his winners. The Hawfinches saw a grand specimen (recently bought for £10) at the head of the poll. But, curiously enough, a bird which lowered its colours at the recent Scottish National show, here failed to get even a ticket—an odd reversal of "form." We had six species in the Bunting class, so that it was highly interesting, and Mr. V. Wynn, an exhibitor making a first appearance at the Palace in this section, captured both first and second prizes, a very meritorious feat. The large Softbills were well up to the average in merit, the Magpie, etc., class being, indeed, exceptionally fine. The Albinos brought out a pretty pied Bullfinch, and a really beautiful Albino-Yellowhammer, a lovely yellow in colour, and with pink eyes (we heard it being disputed, by the bye, that the bird is in reality a Yellowhammer). The Resident and Migratory Insectivorous classes may be said to have maintained their usual interest, though nothing new and startling put in an appearance. We had a Swallow; but this species has been seen before many a time, though not just recently. The Great Grey Shrike carried off the special for best British bird, its owner, Mr. W. Cook, also annexing several other specials with its aid.

Many Rare Foreign Birds.

The Foreign section, if not a record, was certainly more than up to the average. There were 129 entries spread over eight classes, and among them quite a number of rarities, of which there has been quite a surfeit of late, so much so that it might almost be said rarities have become common! Of the management, it suffices to say that it was in advance of past years, and this is high praise indeed. A feature was the ample seating accommodation, of which visitors were not slow to avail themselves, and evidently appreciated. Elaborate precautions were taken to obviate draughts. But will this ever be accomplished at the Palace? The precautions against draught had the effect of shutting out some of the light, but in spite of all, the management must be congratulated on getting as near perfection as circumstances permitted, and also on a most successful show. The main features of interest were again the Birds of Paradise, of which there are now quite a number in the aviaries and bird-rooms of aviculturists in this country. A noteworthy exhibit, though not commanding the same general attention as the Birds of Paradise, was the Rev. H. D. Astley's Purple-breasted Parrot, which surely is a misnomer, as it certainly would be more appropriate to call it the Purple-hellied Parrot. Other rarities were the Guiana Lovebirds, Crimson-fronted Lorrikeets, Golden-breasted Buntings, Rock Bunting, Sepoy and Lavender-backed Finches, Sunbirds, Festive Tanager, Black-faced Sugarbird, etc., truly a goodly array, making the judges' task anything but an enviable one. The judges' awards came in for some criticism, but they had a difficult task indeed, and with Foreign Birds at a show, a day, or even half a day, makes a lot of difference in the appearance and condition of the birds.

Norwich Plainheads
(Judge Mr. J. H. Payne.)

CL. YELL (23): 1, c, Bishop, plenty of substance, good head and neck, grand feather and quality, wings well braced, level but not hot in colour, just a shade long in barrel; c, grand colour and good shape, but browy; 2, Wasley, short, thick-set body, wide back, short flights and tail, nice quality and level colour, a little twist in neck we thought pegged it back; 3, Blackhurst, nice quality, good shaped body, neat head and good feather; 4, Tristam, magnificent quality and colour, nice flights and tail, good back, with a bit more substance would want beating; vhc, Symonds and Son, grand colour; spl, best hc, hc, Gaze, grand colour and feather, bit long in beak. BUFF (23): 1, 3 spls, hc, Bishop, magnificent shape, rare head and neck, grand quality and rich colour, short well carried flights, gets over the perch in the correct style and sets off its hold front to perfection; 2, 4, Hodder, grand feather and colour, lovely back, neat head and wings; 4, nice shape and feather, good head, crosses wings a little at tips; 3, Baker, magnificent quality, lovely back, rich undercolour, set off by nicely distributed frosting, just a shade flat on head; vhc, Blackhurst, grand feather, shape and quality, would be a good one but for faulty wing carriage; c, Davies, grand quality, colour and feather. TKD. OR UNEVEN YELL. (18): 1, Baker, the noted neck ticked, grand shape, feather and colour, deep chest, nice full, clean skull; 2, C. E. Brown, thigh tick, very rich and level colour, nice shaped body, good wing carriage; fine example; 3, Beardall and Walker, neck tick, grand shaped body, full neck and deep chest, level colour, short flights and tail, nice quality of feather; 4, Vaughan, mkd. left wing, grand shape, short flights and tail, gets well over perch, nice level colour; vhc, Chalmers, saddle marked, good feather, quality and shape; hc, Miles, grand quality and colour; c, Hopkin, correct shape and quality. BUFF (29): 1, Baker, grizzled on back, lovely shape and bang full of quality, rich colour, short, well packed flights and neat straight tail, in full bloom; 2, Beardall and Walker, similar markings, shade stouter in body, full head and neck, short wings and tail, nice quality, close run; 3, Harland, marked on rump and neck, grand shaped body, good head and front, full of quality, paler in colour; 4, Tedstone and Jones, marked head, neck and wings, magnificent colour and feather, neat wings and tail, grandly frosted and as tight as wax; ex. 4, Davidson, grand feather, and good shaped body, nice short tail; vhc, A. Brown, good one for shape and quality; vhc, Gilbert, grand quality and shape; hc, C. E. Brown; c, Bowyer, lovely feather, crosses wings at tips. UNFLI. YELL. (33): 1, Davidson, neck and cheek marked, splendid shape and solid colour, short wings and tail, good feather and quality, fine youngster; 2, vhc, Hall, good shape and colour, nice bead and neck, gets well over perch, neat tail and well packed wings; vhc, left wing marked, lovely colour and quality; 3, Baker, splendid quality of feather, nice shape and rich colour, good flights and tail; ex. 3, Pethick, nice shape and feather, neat wings and tail, level colour; 4, vhc, Tristem, grand feather and shape, bit longer in flights and tail; vhc, nice colour and shape, bit slack in feather, to-day, else good; ex. 4, Admitt and Driver, neck marked, lovely shape and colour, good head; hc, Lowe, nice quality and colour; hc, Spinner, good feather; c, Harland A. Brown. BUFF (32): 1, Bishop, regular little swell, tight as boxwood, lovely quality, flights and tail, well packed, nice shape, rich undercolour, neat head, in tip-top order; 2, Kilby, grand shaped body, deep full chest, good feather, well mealed, nice head and neck, not quite so neat in wings; 3, Dobinson, grand quality, nice shape and colour, cobby, but a shade longer in tail; ex. 3, Davies, variegated, nice quality and shape, short wings and tail; 4, Beardall and Walker, ticked on head and rump, grand shaped body, nice colour and quality, close up; ex. 4, Gilbert, splendid shape, colour and quality, showing a bit of browing or no doubt would have been higher up; vhc, Bowyer, nice shape and quality; vhc, Hodder, good shape, nice flights; hc, Lowe, Spinner; c, Richardson, Francis. YELL. HENS (22): 1, Baker, magnificent quality and shape, good head and neck, flights and tail well packed, in good trim; 2, Birks, neck ticked, grand colour, good shape, short flights and tail, not quite so high in quality, perhaps; 3, Admitt and Driver, grand shapely bird, short flights and tail, nice feather, paler in colour; 4, Beardall and Walker, sweet shape, nice quality, good wings and tail; vhc, Harland, grand shaped body, nice feather, shade longer in tail and wings; hc, Herd, splendid shape, nice quality, neat head and full neck, a bit patchy in colour on back, or would have been higher; c, Lowe, wing and neck marked, nice quality and colour. BUFF HEN (31): 1, Herd, good size and shape, rich undercolour, and profusely mealed, good quality, wings well braced, rare head, neck and back; 2, Kinson, thick set body, nicely rounded chest, short flights and tail, good feather and quality; 3, Dobinson, grand feather, nice back, wings and tail, good shaped body, just a shade weak in head, otherwise close up; ex. 3, Tedstone and Jones, lovely colour, nice quality, A1 shape and style; 4, Vaughan, nice shape and well mealed, short wings and tail, a bit unsteady; ex. 4, vhc, Baker, grand shape, nice colour, seemed a bit slack at left side; vhc, Fox, hot colour, good shape; hc, Gaze, hc, Taylor, nice shape, bit soiled; c, Harland, Francis.

Crests and Crestbreds
(Judge, Mr. T. Heath).

CRESTS, CL. BODY, BUFF (7): 1, Mitchell, clear body, dark crest, bird of lovely silky tone of feather all through, just a shade long in body, but a good one, crest nicely centred, good back and sides for a cl. body, rare frontal and droop; 2, 4, Tope, the former a grizzle crest, thickly thatched even if not so long in frontal as the winner, good body, nicely formed crest, massive, dense in lay and neat; 3, Pooley, clear body dark crest, good body shape, nice formation of crest, which was fairly dense, but why colour-feed these birds?; vhc, Johnson, neat, dense; hc, Mrs. Galloway, nearly clear, very nice exhibit. CREST BUFF, A.O.V. (14): 1, Roberts, "King of the North," very often described, and to-day looking like a king, well shown, a gem of a bird, grand in body, frontal and droop; 2, Tyson, beaten but not disgraced, a beautiful bird, with rattling texture of crest feather, good body, variegated, very thick thatch; 3, Godley, well radiated, nice centre, good quality of feather, a beautiful bird; 4, Gaze, wing marked, very smart frontal crest, just a shade open in centre; vhc, McLay, variegated, thick in the layer, not quite so long in frontal, very neatly formed; hc, Shearman, neat formation, leafy; c, Horton, nearly green, rattling droop, hardly so massive. CREST HEN (8): 1, Tyson, dense crest, deep vein, leafy, grand body, lovely quality, all round, long in frontal, just a bit open at sides, but a topping hen; 2, Pooley, nearly green, grand hen, presses hen; 2, Pooley, nearly green, grand hen, presses hen; 2, Pooley, nearly green, grand hen, presses

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not given in catalogue. CREST-BRED YELL. (3): 1, McLay, nearly green hen, with immense body to a yellow, in fact one or two of the connoisseurs thought it might be a buff, as the size helped scepticism as to colour. It is a yellow without a doubt, and a grand bird of its kind, skull beautifully domed, grandly rising cushion, long turn back, a right good bird of its class; 2, Stanger and Herdman, nearly even-marked, nice formation of skull, well clothed, and turns back well; 3, Calver and Son, variegated, well lashed, good body, nice length of turn back; 4, Johnson, tightly varieg., good in length of head feather, not quite so dense, but a good one; vhc, Tope, very nice skulled bird, with rare quality of body feather; hc, Bowyer, well-formed head, nice one; c, Woollard. C.B. BUFF CK (19): 1, Roberts, the celebrated and marvellously fine-headed bird, "Blackpool Wonder." It is difficult adequately to give a description of this splendid specimen, but it will be sufficient to say that it excited the sportsmanlike envy of all crest men present at the show; 2, Wallace, variegated, with grand body, lovely feather, wide entrance, skull of the correct formation, fine cushion, nice short beak, dense, wide, and long in head feather, a noble bird; 3, Tyson, another gem, with wide veiny feather, wide entrance, rare shape of body, and long turn back; 4, Shearman, green, fine cushion-shaped head, rising well over the beak, and turning back dense, wide and long; vhc, Godley, variegated, well lashed, wide head and entrance nice length of head feather, hardly so deeply cushioned, yet a good one; hc, McLay, well lashed, dense in head feather; c, Horton, grand skulled variegated, that took the fancy of a great many. C.B. HENS (9): 1, Tyson, gem for length of turnback and shape of skull, wide, veiny feather, typical body; 2, Atess, hen with nice width of skull and entrance, dense in the feather-packing on head, wide in individual feather, and good length of head-gear; 3, Walsh and Son, has length and width of head-feather, but is scarcely so wide in entrance, good body, and the right sort of feather; 4, Wallace, very attractive green, with a dome-shaped head, short beak, wide veiny head feather; a truly smart and valuable hen; vhc, Horton, long in head feather, nice width of skull; hc, Brown, green, good one; c, Pooley.

The Yorkshires.

Judges Messrs. T. Heath, odd numbers, W. Mundell even, commencing with Yellows.

YELLOW (20): 1, Ambler, sweet head and neck, grand close fitting shoulders, well filled back, wings and tail, well braced, stands well on a good pair of legs, plenty of nerve and style, lovely silky feather, and a wealth of colour; 2, Bailey and Swanger, grand shape and style, beautiful feather, not so much colour, nice head and neck, capital back, tapers well away from shoulders to vent, wings and tail, grandly braced; 3, Haigh and Son, beautifully slim, stylish, nervy, bird, full of colour and quality, carries himself well, grand wings and tail, not quite so neat in head; 4, Webb, splendid shape and carriage, rare wings and tail, stands well up and is full of nerve and style, a really smart Yorkie, but not quite so silky in feather as leaders, or so neat in head; vhc, Towers, grand colour and quality of feather, splendid head, neck and shoulders, nice tail, hardly so clever with his wings; hc, Cuthbertson, full of colour and quality, lovely head, neat, well packed wings and tail, gets well up on his legs, and shows for all he is worth, given a little more length of side he would be a flyer; c, Hodgson, long, slim, stylish bird, capital wings and tail, hardly so clean in front, grand legs and good position. BUFF (20): 1, Shackleton, a picture, not a feather out of place, as tight as wax, sweet head, grand neck, well placed close fitting shoulders, wings tightly braced, neat tail, plenty of nerve and style and tapers well away; 2, Bradley and Coulson, more length and substance, grand head and neck, good back, capital wings and tail, hardly so round in chest, a nice stylish bird which handles well; 3, Wadsworth, grand quality of feather, plenty of colour, good head, back, wings, and tail, shorter in leg, and hardly so well tapered, full of nerve and style, a taking bird; 4, Bailey and Swanger, plenty of colour, grand quality of feather, neat head, well filled neck, grand shoulders, and well placed wings, nice length of leg and stands well; vhc, Webb, beautiful feather, plenty of nerve, stands well, good head, wings, and tail, on the stout side; hc, Drake, long, heavy built bird, splendid feather, handles well; c, Knight, very neat and sweet, full of quality, grand wings and tail, just a shade chubby. TICKED YELL. (11): 1, Walsh, very hot coloured wing ticked, neat head, grand neck, capital close fitting shoulders, well packed wings and tail, plenty of leg, full of nerve and handles remarkably well, shows a few pen feathers on head; 2, hc, Bailey and Swanger, thigh ticked, very sweet, slim and clean cut all through, lovely quality of feather, neat head, capital neck, rare shoulders, wings and tail, full of style and quality, must have run the leader very close indeed; hc, another gem, full of colour and quality, beautiful shape, rare nerve and position, a charming bird indeed, thigh ticked; 3, Ambler, thigh ticked, plenty of length, full of nervo and style, rare shape and carriage, good wings and tail, hardly so neat in head, and not so hot in colour; 4, Wood, smart and neat throughout, plenty of nerve, handles well, grand wings and tail, not so silky in feather, ticked in neck; vhc, Shackleton, grand shoulders, wings and tail, just a shade fat in skull, grand quality of feather, plenty of nerve, and stands well up on perch; c, Marr, nice slim, thigh ticked, capital shape and nerve, hardly as steady as those above it. BUFF (15): 1, spl best buff, spl best Yorkshire, Bailey and Swanger wing ticked, wonderful shape, colour and feather, sweet head, well filled neck, neat, close fitting shoulders, wings tightly braced, tail like a pipe stem, stands well up, full of nerve and style, a Yorkie all over and a picture that could be studied with advantage by those who advocate the abolition of the present standard length; 2, Binns, thigh ticked, very sweet head, grand neck, shoulders and back, well braced wings and tail, stands well up and shows himself grandly, not so much colour, but magnificent quality of feather; 3, Wood, lovely wing ticked, very neat head, nice neck, close fitting shoulders, wings and tail, well braced, gets well up, and shows himself like a soldier, a bird of rare quality and style; 4, Wilcock, head ticked, fine head and neck, capital shoulders, beautiful feather and style, longer and also stouter; vhc, Cuthbertson, very neat head, good neck and back, grand tail, lovely feather, hardly so clever with his wings, gets well up on his legs and has plenty of nerve, neck ticked; vhc, Shackleton, very handsome thigh ticked, beautiful colour and quality of feather, smart head, capital neck, shoulders and back, tail well piped, full of style and nerve, a bird we liked very much indeed; hc, Owen, another of the longer and stouter ones, grand shape and feather, good head, shoulders and back, splendid tail, neck ticked; c, Wadsworth, thigh ticked, very neat and smart throughout, grand shape, rare quality of feather, capital wings and tail, and stands like a guardsman. UNEVENLY-MKD. (14): 1, 2, Murgatroyd and Son, three-pointed yellow, wonderful quality, shape, colour, and style, grand wings and tail, neat head, stands well up, a really good Yorkie, and on his best behaviour to-day; 3rd, eye and wing buff, grand shape and feather, capital head, back, and wings, does not to-day show the life he should do; 2, Broughton, variegated buff, wonderful quality of feather, grand shape, tapering well away from shoulders to tail, well braced wings and tail, just a shade flat in head, grand carriage and nerve; 4, Armstroug, three-pointed buff, which we liked as well as anything in the class, magnificent silky, close fitting jacket, plenty of colour, neat, sweet head, capital neck, shoulders and back, well braced wings and tail, and full of style and nerve; vhc, Wood, long, slim, variegated yellow, capital head, neck and back, tapers well away from shoulders to vent, fails carriage of wings and tail; hc, Wilcock, neck and wing marked buff, as tight as wax, grand shape, style and nerve, rather pale in colour; c, Crisp. UNFLI. (39): 1, Bailey and Swanger, cheek ticked buff, beautifully rounded head, well filled neck, neat close fitting shoulders, wings and tail, well whipped up like a bit of elastic, full of nerve and style and feathered to perfection, not a feather out of place; 2, 4, Wadsworth, grand shape, very hot yellow, rare wings and tail, grand level back, gets well up on his legs and stands like a soldier, looked rather soiled in plumage; 4th, very tight, close feathered, warm coloured buff, good head, neck back, wings and tail, hardly so steady as his stable companion; 3, Walsh, lovely feathered buff, on the small side and pale in colour, very neat head, rare wings and tail, and as tight as wax; 3, spl best S.P.Y.C.C., Parrott, charming yellow, very slim and sweet, fine head, grand neck, rare shoulders, wings, and tail, plenty of nerve, lovely feather, handles remarkably well, a most typical Yorkie; 4, spl best 4th S.Y.C.C., Rennie, yellow of nice quality and style, good head, neck and back, wings and tail well braced, plenty of nerve, not so nicely tapered in body; 4, Knight, well shaped, stylish buff, fine head, grand back and wings, hardly so neat in tail; vhc, Radley, very slim, stylish bird, lovely quality of feather, neat head, grand wings and tail, full of nerve, had damaged his wing ends, which doubtless put him back; vhc, spl best, vhc S.Y.C.C., Crisp, plenty of colour, length and style, rare legs, nice shape, hardly so compact in feather; vhc, Whittaker, grand shaped, close feathered buff, much shorter than last named, and formed a striking contrast as they stood side by side, had he been well washed, would doubtless have stood much higher; hc, Bradley and Coulson, charming buff, rare shape, style and feather, grand close fitting wings and tail, plenty of nerve; hc, Forse, very hot, slim yellow, grand quality and style, gets well up on his legs and handles well; c, Patrick, very close feathered, stylish buff, rare shaped body, hardly so neat in head. HEN, YELL. (25): 1, Broughton, neck ticked, very slim and neat, grand head, neck and back, wings and tail well braced, lovely quality of feather, and holds herself like the belle she is; 2, Radley, rare shaped wing ticked, neat head, capital shoulders, wings, and tail, plenty of nerve and holds herself well, gone in neck which handicapped her severely; 3, hc, Walsh, rare colour and feather, sweet head, grand shoulders, rare wings, just a title slack in tail, plenty of nerve and style; hc, cheek ticked, very slim and racy, nice feather, not so much colour; 4, Ambler, grand head, and neck, beautiful slim body, tapering well away towards vent, grand wings, shows the effect of the season's work, still a nice smart lassie; vhc, Peel, grand quality, shape, and style, capital wings and tail, plenty of nerve, hardly so neat in head; vhc, Ogden Bros., very long, slim, racy hen, grand wings and tail, stands well up, not quite so clean in front; c, Shackleton, rare shape, tapering nicely away to vent, well-placed shoulders, very compact wings and tail, hardly so close in feather. BUFF (30): 1, Walsh, wing ticked, wonderful feather, rare nerve, rich colour, splendid wings and tail, nice head and neck, nice length of leg, inclined to be a little bit hooky; 2, vhc, Bailey and Swanger, neck ticked, wonderful silky feather, very tight and compact, well braced wings and tail, stands well up and shows grandly; vhc, the old hen in lovely form, wonderful feather and style, but getting a little stout with age; 3, vhc, Wadsworth, very smart, stylish hen, neat head, capital neck, rare shoulders and back, well braced wings and tail, plenty of nerve, quality of feather; vhc, thigh ticked, more colour, nice shape and feather, but does not get up so well as her stable companion; 4, Broughton, beautiful quality and carriage, stands well up, nice silky feather, but not so tight as she might be, very nervy; hc, Shackleton, neat, smart lively clear, nice head, back, and tail, showing signs of the season's wear and tear; hc, Owen, good length, style and feather, but on the strong side; c, Fellows and Flynn, head ticked, neat head, nice back and tail, drops her wings a trifle. CINN. MKD., YELL. (12): 1, hc, Ogden Bros., very hot colour, wonderfully silky and close in feather, nice head, neat wings, and tail, shoulders well placed, plenty of nerve and style, head, cheek and wing marked; 2, Wilcock, head, check, and wing marked, grand, shapely, well tapered body, rare quality of feather, gets well up on his legs and shows himself to perfection, hardly so clean in front; 3, Pattrick, eye ticked, very slim and neat throughout, grand wings and tail, plenty of nerve and holds himself well; 4, Hirst, very slim, stylish wing marked, grand nerve, neat head, capital wings and tail, hardly so tight in feather; vhc, Wood, eye, neck and wing marked, grand, rich colour, very silky and tight in feather, grand wings and tail; c, Bentley. BUFF (13): 1, Hirst, eye and wing marked, sweet head and neck, grand back, beautiful quality of feather, just a bit on the stout side, well braced wings and tail, and plenty of nerve; 2, Cooper, head and wing marked, very nice quality of feather, nice head, neck and back, hardly so neat in wing; 3, Crisp, eye and wing marked, lovely head, capital back and wings, just a shade thick in tail, very close and compact in feather, stands up well and has plenty of nerve; 4, Dobson, eye, neck and wing marked, rare shape and style, plenty of nerve, very fine in feather, grand wings and tail, a bird we liked well; vhc, hc, Pattrick, eye, wing, and tail marked, nice shape and style, well feathered, but rather unsteady; hc, eye and wing marked, capital feather and shape, nice legs and stands well; c, Ogden Bros. HEN YELL. (12): 1, spls, L.P.O.S. cup, Wilcock, head, neck and wing marked, splendid colour, very silky and tight in feather, neat head, capital neck, fine well placed shoulders, grand wings and tail; No. 480, same owner, the champion hen that has done so much winning this season, standing cardless, we liked her as well as anything in the class; she is a real beauty; 2, spl, best S.Y.C.C., Crisp, wing marked, charming bird, slim, straight, and stylish, splendid colour and quality, capital wings and tail; 3, Taylor and Raigh, head, check, and wing marked, long, stylish hen, grand shaped body, not so compact in wings and tail; 4, Ogden Bros., eye, cheek and wing marked, rare head, neck and back, wonderful colour and quality, beautiful shape and style, rare carriage of wings and tail, a lovely hen throughout; vhc, c, Ambler, eye, cheek, and wing marked, capital colour and quality, fine head, capital wings and tail; hc, Gibbs, eye, neck and wing marked, very tight and compact in feather, grand wings and tail, very shapely and stylish. BUFF (9): 1, Shackleton, wing marked, as sleek and tight as a mole, wonderful shape and style, full of nerve, shows herself like a true champion, a real smart lassie; 2, Ogden Bros., rather heavily marked, neat head, grand neck, back, and wings, gets well up on her legs, and holds herself splendidly; 3, Wilcock, head and wing marked, very erect in carriage and as steady as a sentry on duty, very silky and tight in feather, a regular little swell, and hard to find fault with; 4, Armstrong, eye, neck, and wing marked, nice quality and style, rather more substance, but plenty of nerve and good feather; vhc, c, Cuthbertson, wing ticked, grand shape and style, nice legs, hardly so fine in feather; hc, Bentley, cheek and wing marked, very tight in feather, grand shape and style, pale in colour. GREENS: All cancelled.

The Cinnamons

(Judge Mr. J. Dobson).

The open Cinnamon classes made a nice display; in fact, one of the best that has been seen at the big Glass House for a long time. Not only were they numerically strong, but quality was there as well. Mr. Godley staged a fine team, with which he annexed the majority of the prizes, and they were indeed a credit to him. The winning Jonque of Mr. Davies, with which he led off, and upset some of the "champions," is a grand exhibit, and was put down in good fettle. YELLOW (17).—1, Davies, grand colour, sound and well burnished, good size, shape, and skull; 2, Godley, lovely quality and colour, bright, but hardly so deep as the leader, nice feather and shape; 3, Dormer, good size and shape, beaten in neck, but good sound colour, and well burnished; 4, Gaze good size and nice skull, not quite so high in colour and quality; vhc, Riding, a smart exhibit; hc, Wones; c, Yates. BUFF (17).—1, spl, 2, 4, Godley, winner rare size and shape, best of colour nice feather good skull; 2, magnificent colour and full of quality, grandly burnished, and as tight as a drum, must have made the leader gallop to get home; 4, also good quality and colour, a fine team; 3, Davies, good shape, nicely pencilled, loses a shade in quality perhaps, else close up; vhc, Dormer; hc, Rukin; c, Gilbert. UNFLIG. (14).—1, 2, 3, Godley, yellow leading, grand size, colour, shape, full of quality a clinker; 2, buff, rare size, excellent quality and colour, another gem; 3 yellow, very sound in colour, and good in shape; 4, Handt, buff, nice shape, colour, and quality, very promising; vhc, hc, c, Dormer, three smart youngsters. HENS (16).—1, 4, vhc, Godley, grand shaped and good coloured Jonque leading, nice head and neck, excellent quality; 4, buff, good shape, nice quality, grand back and full neck, sound colour, must have pressed hard; 2, 3, Riding, fine Buff leading, grand shape, quality, and size, bold, clean skull, and full neck; 3, good shaped yellow, just beaten in colour and quality by the winner; hc, Dormer.

Lancashires and Lizards

(Judge, Mr. S. R. Compston).

LANCS. COPPY. YELL. (8): 1, 3, hc, spl, Green, first last year's winner again at the top, creating a record we should say in a Southern bird twice winning in succession at the Palace; ho is a grand, shapely bird, of nice length and carriage, with a well fronted, nicely spread coppy, and was put down in AI form; third a ticked bird, grand shape and substance of body, with good carriage, nice frontal, not so well finished at sides; 2, Rushton, shapely, stylish bird, of good length and substance, but does not possess the spread of winner; 4, Adams, another ticked bird, good length and shape of body, which is well carried, nicely spread coppy, but rather short; vhc, Fisher, again a ticked bird, nice length of body feather, fairly stout body of good shape, short of coppy.; c, Garner. BUFF (9): 1, spl, hc, Garner, fine shapely bird, plenty of length, gets well up on his legs, and holds himself in a "gradeiy" way, plenty of body feather, and well spread coppy; 2, 3, 4, Green, long, massive, heavily-feathered body, capital carriage, plenty of head feather, but hardly so much substance of skull; third, another heavily feathered, massive bird, of grand body properties, coppy is of good length, but drops too much; fourth, another rare good bodied bird, with plenty of feather, but is inclined to lift his coppy, and thus spoils his good looks; vhc, Adams, good length, shape, and carriage of body, neat coppy, wants more substance of neck; c, Rushton. PLAINHEAD YELLOW (7): 1, 2, hc, Green, the leaders two grand birds, full of Lancashire properties, each carry abundance of body feather and possess well lashed skulls, winner possesses the best shaped and most massive skull, but second carries and shows his body properties to the best advantage; 3, 4, Garner, third ticked neck, nice width of skull, good long body with plenty of feather; fourth, very similar bird, full of good properties, but, John, you forgot their toilets before you sent them off and the Southerner beat you on staging; vhc, Adams, capital shape, nice length and strength of feather, also suffered for not being in the best of condition. BUFF (6): 1, 2, hc, Green, again two grand shaped birds with plenty of feather and substance and put down in tip-top form, in fact the condition of the Redhill team would have done credit to any Yorkshireman; 3, Garner, stout, well feathered bird, not so long in body, shapely, well feathered skull; 4, Smith, nice length and style, with plenty of feather, hardly so massive; vhc, Adams, good shape, carriage, and length of body, hardly so massive in skull.

LIZARDS, GOLD (14): 1, hc, Dewsnap, a perfect picture for distinctness and evenness of spangle, nice shapely cap, splendid colour, good legs and feet, put down in rare pomp; 2, 3, Rukin, two nice close feathered birds, with plenty of work, but it does not show up so distinctly as that of the leader, owing to a peculiar deadness of the ground colour; 4, Lowe, plenty of spangle, nice cap, loses in ground colour; vhc, Miss Whipp (2), two very smart, shapely birds, of grand quality and well rowed; c, Hampshire. BROKEN CAP (9): 1, spl, 4, spl, Rukin, almost a no-cap, grand, rich colour, wonderful quality, very clear and distinct in rowing; fourth, quite the reverse, being almost a clear cap, good shape, feather, colour, and spangle, loses in shoulders; 2, Lawton, capital shape, colour, and feather, plenty of work, but not so regular; 3, hc, Dewsnap, plenty of spangle, well put on, nice feather and shape, loses in ground colour; vhc, Hampshire, clinking good bird, but mooned in tail. SILVER (11): 1, spl, vhc, Hampshire, grand shape and size, very regular and distinct in spangle, well formed cap, good legs, rich clear ground colour; vhc, another rare good bird, hardly so large or so regular; 2, Riseborough, nice shaped cap, well rowed back, capital colour, and feather, hardly so much work on shoulders; 3, Miss Whipp, another grandly spangled, rich coloured bird of rare quality, good cap, wings and tail; 4, Dewsnap, rare quality and colour, beautiful rowing, hardly so much of him; hc, Lowe. BROKEN CAP. (5): 1, Hampshire, son of the winner in previous class and a very worthy son too, grand shape, colour and feather, with plenty of clear, distinct, regular spangle; 2, Lawton, very nice shape and quality, plenty of work, but hardly so bold; 3, vhc, Dewsnap, two very smart, tight feathered birds, plenty of work and very regular, not quite so rich in colour; 4, Fisher, neat little bird with a lot of work, but rather dark in ground colouring.

Border Fancies

(Judge, Mr. J. Robson.)

CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (26): 1, 2 specials, 4, Wilson, the leader a little gem, just like one of the best-finished wax models in Madam Tussaud's, colour perfectly level, wings beautifully braced, back as level and legs and rump as cleanly cut as if by a chisel, jaunty and full of life; 4, another little star; 2, Hislop, very jaunty and full of go, nice model; 3, Brownlie, very fine outline, jaunty, clean cut, full of life, beautiful feather, a sprightly little fellow; ex. 4, Blaikie, a very sweet bird, of fine quality; vhc and spl, Duncan and Logan, hardly so close in feather as winners; vhc, a trifle, just a shade different in build, but very fine feather; hc and spl, Clark, jaunty, well modelled; hc, Simpson, pretty, close feathered; c and spl, Duncan and Logan; spl, Jenkins. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (16): 1, spl, Brownlie, good all through, a lady with a dress that fitted her closely, grand style and sweetly pretty carriage; 2,, Wilson, another sweet one, so lady-like in her bearing, and with so cleverly fitting a costume; 3, Gilchrist, very perky and gay in action, fine quality; 4, Walker, we liked, little gem, beautiful quality, gay, and jaunty carriage, clean cut; vhc, Hutchinson, neat, but a bit soft when we saw it; hc, Wilson, rich in feather; c, Poole, very nice. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK (24): 1, Gilchrist, very beautiful texture of feather, which fitted it like wax, and in action truly Border-like; 2, spl, Brownlie, another true Border, possessing the best qualities of the breed; 3, Duncan and Logan, a gem of the first water, no better feather could be wished for, and, as to style and carriage, well, these points were all there; 4, Walker, typical in most respects, but hardly so wax-like; vhc, Clark, neat little fellow; vhc, Blaikie, very pretty; hc and spl, Brown; c, Blaikie. CL. OR TKD. BUFF HEN (22): 1 and 3 specials, Duncan and Logan, ticked on wing, gem of a Border in every respect, full of rich quality, beautifully frosted, sweet head and jaunty carriage; 2, 3, and spl, Gilchrist, a couple of grand ones, either of which could hold its own in the best company; 4, Walker, sweet head, rare model, very jaunty carriage, rich quality, clean at all points, well-braced wings; vhc, Dr. Bowes, another sweetly pretty bird, teeming with quality; hc, Arnot and Jamieson, neat and nice, well closed up; c, Pearson. EVENLY MKD. (15): 1, Duncan and Logan, yellow, good style and carriage, rich quality and colour, finely marked; 2, McVittie, four-pointed buff, also nicely marked, and rare shape and carriage; 3, Smillie, yellow, very sweet; 4, Seiranac, yellow, wing marks carried too far up shoulder, but a sweetly pretty bird; vhc, Gilchrist, buff of rare feather and style, fair markings; hc, Shearer; 4, marked buff, fails a bit in eye-marks, rare quality; c, Blaikie. UNEVEN-MKD. (30): The largest class in the section, in which were many birds of rich colour, representing value in the breeding cages. 1, spl, 2, Duncan and Logan, the former a variegated buff of grand Border properties, quality, colour, carriage, wing bracing, &c.; 2, grand yellow, very similar in most respects; 3, Shearer, variegtd. buff, jaunty in carriage, rich in quality, well modelled, nice one; 4 and spl 4, Seiranac, two very sweet and stylish Borders. We were pleased to see our old friend to the fore again on the show benches, this time among the Borders, and hope he may be as successful as he was amongst the Norwich Plainheads; vhc, Blaikie, very nice, vargtd. yellow; vhc, Brownlie, Cinnamon vargtd., very fine feather; hc, Bowes, Wilson; c, Arnot and Jamieson, Seiranac. SELF OR FOUL GREEN (14): 1, Arnot and Jamieson, sweetly pretty yellow green, silky, shiny feather, pure colour, jaunty, very full of style; 2, Jenkins, another yellow, possessing Border shape and style, nice colour; 3, Blaikie, yellow, very gay and jaunty; 4, Mrs. Amos, buff green, rare blooming feather, stouter than some, but nice outline; vhc, McMillan, fine yellow green, we liked, close up; hc and spl, Stevn; c and spl, A. and J. Thompson. SELF OR FOUL CINN. (16): 1, spl, and 2, Brownlie, a capital feat, leader golden bright yellow tone, very level, nice silky feather, good style; 2, also jaunty and gay, but a different shade of colour. Which is correct in Borders? 3, Hutchinson, still another caste of colour, inclining to the dusky shade, clean cut and typical; 4, Cubby, yellow, not quite so pure in colour, but very nice and neat; vhc and spl, Hislop; hc, Cubby; c, McMillan.

Scotch Fancies

(Judge, Mr. T. Brown).

YELL. (7): 1, and two spls, Harden, long-sided Piebald, good head and neck, stout shoulders, grips perch well and brings tail well under, gets head down nicely and drives well, quick and smart in action; 2, hc, Willison, big, massive clear, rare shoulders and back, capital length of side, more substance generally, very deep through, hardly so smart in tail carriage; 3, Summerhill, foul head, capital shoulder, good back, nice head and neck, good length, does not grip perch quite so well as leaders; 4, vhc, Cobb, rare shaped clear, lovely head and neck, nice shaped shoulders, good wings and tail, full of nerve, handles remarkably well, beaten only in substance; vhc, another grand shaped clear, plenty of length, good shoulders, hardly so fine in feather; absent, 802, Longden. BUFF (5): 1, 3 spls, Harden, very heavy shouldered clear, great depth through, grand head and neck, drives well, takes perch well, full of nerve and style; 2, Philp, one of the finest feathered Scots ever staged, magnificent shape, grand head, neck, shoulders, and back, grips perch well, and uses tail nicely, plenty of nerve and action; 4, Cobb, very heavy green pied, splendid head and neck, well filled shoulders and back, takes perch well, and uses tail nicely, not so much substance, but full of nerve and quality; 4th, another green pied of nice shape and substance, capital nerve and style, does not grip perch quite so well; absent, 807, Longden HEN YELL. (4): 1, 3, spl, Cobb, lovely shaped green, with pied tail, rare shoulders and back, grand head and neck, nice depth through, very smart and quick in action, a charming hen; 3rd nice lengthy clear, good shape and substance, nice back, handles well, but not in such good feather as her mate; 2, Harden, quick, nervy hen, grand shoulders and back, takes perch well and knows how to use her tail, not in the best of condition; absent, 811, Longden. BUFF HEN: Cancelled.

"CAGE BIRDS" ESSAY COMPETITION.

The judges of the essays sent in for our recent competition are giving them their careful consideration, but so heavy and onerous is their task that we cannot promise to publish the full results for another week or two. Competitors can rest assured, however, that we will do this, and so relieve their anxiety, at the earliest possible moment.

Belgians
(Judge, Mr. J. Robson).

YELL. (7): 1, 3, and two spls, Philp, fine head and neck, heavy, well filled shoulders, good straight back, capital wings and tail, gets head well down and pulls splendidly; 3rd, grand length of side, very massive, full of nerve, capital wings and tail, nice head and neck; 2, Baker, grand head and neck, pulls well, prominent shoulders, but not so well filled in, great length of side, very quick in action; 4, Davies, very quick, nervy bird, handles well and stands nicely, not so much substance; vhc, Cobb, gets well up on his leg, and brings tail down nicely, good head, but a trifle short in neck; hc, Walmsley; c, Robertson. BUFF (4): 1, 3, and two spls, Philp, great length of side, fine head and neck, rare shoulders and wings, brings tail well down, full of nerve and style; 3rd, nice shape and substance, plenty of nerve, but does not bring head down so well, nice shoulders and back; 2, Rugg, head ticked, but on finer lines, not so long in neck, grand shaped body, plenty of nerve, and holds himself well; 4, Robertson, stout, well filled shoulders, grand back, wings and tail, very stylish, but carries head rather high. HENS (6): 1, 2, Robertson, two very fine hens, rare shape and nice size, splendid shoulders, grand back, capital wings and tails, very nervy and handle nicely, first a buff, second a yellow; 3, hc, Philp, very quick, nervy yellow, rare shape and style, fine head and neck, not quite so much substance; 4, Baker, grand bodied buff, splendid shoulders and back, nice head, shorter in neck, plenty of nerve; vhc, Cobb, nice nervy buff of grand shape, hardly so massive in shoulder. BRED 1907 (9): 1, 3, Philp, the winners in open yellows and buffs; 2, Robertson, very smart, quick handling yellow, plenty of nerve, very fine head, grand neck, capital shoulders, wings, and tail; 4, hc, Baker, very quick, nervy yellow, of nice length, good wings and tail, not so stout as the leaders; vhc, Walmsley, good long-sided buff, nice head and neck, capital wings and tail, not quite so nervy; c, Rugg.

A.O.V. Canary (Judge Mr. J. Dobson.)

COCK OR HEN (13): 1, Halliwell, nicely balanced four-pointed yellow Yorkshire, good type and style, beautiful colour and feather; 2, Gilbert, rare quality four-pointed buff Norwich, well streaked eyes, good wings, stout, chubby body, grand quality and colour; 3, Gaze, nice shaped yellow Norwich green, very nice feather and good type; 4, Tedstone and Jones, rare shaped four-pointed yellow Norwich, plenty of colour, and very nice silky feather; vhc, Brooks, large, massive, well feathered Dutch Frill, in fine order; hc, Overend, pretty four-pointed buff Yorkie, grand shape and style, nice quality and well marked; c, Simpson.

Novice Crests (Judge, Mr. Dobson).

CRESTS (5): 1, Smith, big, shapely, variegated, dense crest, well drooped all round; 2, Archer, another variegated, nice shapely crest, not so much substance of feather; 3, 4, Brown, clear body, nice shape and droop, but a bit rough behind; fourth, a variegated, neat centre, nicely radiated and well drooped; vhc, Mrs. Lawrence. CRESTBRED (6): 1, Brown, very heavy feathered, broad fronted bird, capital shape and substance; 2, Smith, another grand shaped green, hardly so much length, nice quality; 3, Archer, head and wing marked, hardly so shapely in head, but nicely feathered, and good body shape; 4, Mrs. Litchfield, green pied, hardly so massive, nice quality, and good length of feather; vhc, Reeves, another variegated, good length of feather, but hardly so much substance either of body or head.

Novice Yorkshires (Judge, Mr. W. Mundell).

YELL. (16): 1, spl, Shaw Bros., very slim, neat head, fine neck, well placed, close fitting shoulders, grandly packed wings and tail, lovely quality of feather, and plenty of nerve and style; 2, Jeffrey, very sweet and smart, lovely silky feather and as tight as a Java, slim, stylish body, rare wing and tail carriage, a regular little swell; 3, Adams, nice shapely head, fine neck and shoulders, good back, well braced wings and tail, plenty of nerve and action, nice rich colour, hardly so fine in feather; 4, Hill, splendid shape, colour, and feather, grand wings and tail, good back, plenty of nerve, in fact a little too much, and was a bit unsteady; vhc, Short, long, racy, stylish bird of good feather, but a trifle stouter than the leaders; hc, Blackhurst, nice neat head, capital neck and shoulders, neat wings and tail, grand feather and carriage; c, Edwards, neat and stylish, good wings and tail, hardly so good in hand. BUFF (17): 1, Duke, a little beauty, wonderfully close and fine in feather, nice level colour, neat head, well filled neck, good shoulders, grandly carried wings and tail, plenty of nerve and rare carriage; 2, Adams, very fine and silky in feather, nice colour, fine head and neck, capital shoulders, rare carriage of wings and tail, very clean and tight in front, nice showy bird which handles well; 3, Forse, beautiful quality and style, plenty of nerve, good head and neck, grand wings and tail, but does not taper away so well as first and second; 4, Stout, charming little bird, full of quality, nice colour, stands like a soldier, fine head, well filled neck, neat, close fitting shoulders, well piped tail, just a wee bit open in one wing; vhc, Batchelor, very shapely, stylish, grizzle headed bird, nice quality of feather, rather pale colour; hc, Hill, grand little chap, very smart and neat in feather, fine head and neck, good wings and tail; c, Warley, very neat and showy, hardly so close in feather. YKD. YELL. (8): 1, Robinson, eye, cheek, and wing marked, neat head, shapely neck, close, well fitting shoulders, capital wing and tail carriage, very fine in feather, plenty of nerve and style; 2, Edwards, beautiful shape and style, grand quality of feather, rare wings and tail; 3, 4, vhc, Couzens, very nice trio of well feathered birds, all of good shape and style, nice heads, and well packed wings and tails; third wing marked cinnamon tick; fourth head and saddle marked; vhc, head and wing cinnamon marked; hc, Simpson, nice stylish variegated bird of good colour and feather, neat head, good wings and tail; c, Pollett. BUFF (7): 1, Hawes, cinnamon wing marked, plenty of nerve and style, nice head and back, good shapely body, well carried wings and tail; 2, Shaw Bros., marked eye, cheek and wing, rare shapely bird of beautiful feather and style, a bonnie bird; 3, Slade, cinnamon eye and wing marked, a regular gem, full of style, wonderful quality of feather, grand shape and rare carriage of wings and tail; 4, Sapwell, cinnamon wing marked, nice head, neck and back, capital wings and tail, hardly so clean in front; vhc, Mrs. Fisher, head, neck, and wing marked, hardly so slim, but capital quality of feather, grand style and nerve; hc, Couzens, very nicely feathered, wing marked, stands well, a trifle inclined to the stout side; c, Mrs. Abrahams. UNFLI. (23): 1, Duke, very sweet headed yellow, lovely head and neck, grand level back, closely packed wings and tail, nice tapering body, beautiful quality of feather, plenty of nerve and very stylish; 2, Cross, an equally good buff, a real topping bird for a novice to put down, not a feather out of place, and carries himself like a soldier; 3, Stevens, very slim and stylish, neck marked yellow of grand quality and tight fitting feather; 4, Schofield, another nice typical buff of beautiful feather and style; vhc, Simpson, eye, neck, and wing marked yellow, neat head, good back, wings and tail, plenty of style, hardly so close in feather; vhc, Cross, shapely, stylish yellow of nice feather, with good wings and tail; hc, Adams, ticked headed yellow, neat and stylish, and well feathered; hc, Warley, wing marked buff, nice shape and style, not quite so much quality. HEN YELL. (17): 1, Blackhurst, bonnie little hen, full of quality, plenty of style, grand shape and rare carriage of wings and tail; 2, Cross, very erect and smart in carriage, nice fine tapering body, splendid feather, just a bit open in wing; 3, Duke, a real gem, we liked as well as anything in the section, as tight as wax in feather, wonderfully erect in carriage, wings and tail well braced, fine head, plenty of nerve and rare style; 4, Jones, very nice shape and feather, grand head, back, and tail, not so clever with her wings; vhc, Laughey, capital shape, very stylish, nicely feathered, but spreads her tail a wee bit,; hc, Brooks, cinnamon variegated, a bird of nice quality and style; c, Todd. BUFF (13): 1, Walker, very neat and compact in feather, full of quality, beautiful slim, well tapered body, grand carriage of wings and tail; 2, Wood, a gem, full of quality and style, fine head, nice neck, well set shoulders, rare carriage of wings and tail; 3, Blackhurst, a bird of shape and style, but somewhat soiled in plumage, handles remarkably well, and looks a Yorkie all over; 4, Todd, nice head and neck, good shoulders, wings and tail, beautiful feather and style, not so level in back; vhc, Adams, cheek and neck marked, slim, showy bird of grand quality, full of nerve and carriage; hc, Stevens; c, Stout.

Novice Cinnamons and A.O.V.
(Judge, Mr. Dobson).

YELL. (5): 1, Mrs. Reeves, big, shapely bird of nice colour, but a bit slack in feather, good head and body; 2, Bairstow, more colour and quality, but not so large; 3, 4, Roberts, very nice colour and feather, hardly so chubby in body. BUFF (5): 1, Bairstow, grand shape and size, plenty of colour, and nice quality of feather; 2, 3, Roberts, capital shape and size, good quality of feather, second the largest, third the best quality and colour; 4, vhc, Mrs. Reeves, two shapely birds of good size, not in such nice form. A.O.V. CANARY, ETC. (6): 1, Sokel, Greenfinch-Bullfinch hen, fine large bird of good feather, and well marked; 2, hc, Mrs. Fisher, nice coloured, well spangled Gold Lizard; 3, James, dark Greenfinch-Canary Mule, very nice shape, good colour and close in feather; 4, Calham, neat little buff Border, stands well; vhc, Rogers, and Mazzona, bonnie little Redpoll—Siskin Hybrid, in grand fettle.

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Novice Norwich (Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe).

YELL. (9): 1, Blackhurst, rare shape and colour, beautiful quality of feather, a very smart high-class exhibit, and shown in grand form; 2, Gerrey and Davis, capital shape, neat head, good width and depth of chest, rare colour and style, hardly so smooth in feather; 3, 4, Keech, two bonnie birds of grand type, rich level colour, splendid silky, high quality feather; vhc, Deverill, not quite so chubby, but grand quality, style and colour; hc, Johnstone; c, Mrs. Litchfield. BUFF (16): 1, Jeffreys, nice short, chubby body, neat, compact wings and tail, nice depth and width of chest, capital colour and quality; 2, Hill, rare shaped body, clothed in fine shiny raiment of rich colour, hardly so stout in head; 3, Coupe, grand head, lovely colour and quality, grand shape, just a trifle slack at thighs; 4, Laurence, not one of the largest, but very typical, and full of colour and quality; vhc, Blackhurst, capital body shape, grand colour and meal, beautiful feather, not so much substance of head; hc, Vince, grand little bird, lovely shape, very neat, short wings and tail, about his only fault seemed to be that he was horned somewhat; c, Johnson. YELL. TKD. (13): 1, Young, very neat and shapely, neck ticked, nice head and chest, beautiful colour, very high quality of feather; 2, Blackhurst, very stout, chubby, variegated, wonderful colour and quality of feather; 3, Grey, another variegated of exquisite colour and quality, but does not possess so much substance; 4, Keech, very stoutly made variegated, grand shape, rare quality, and good style; vhc, Atkinson, very shapely, nice coloured wing ticked, not so tight in feather; hc, Chandley and Son; c, spl, Lovegrove. BUFF (8): 1, Leeming Bros., rare chubby, variegated, capital shape, short wings and tail, rare quality and colour; 2, Bevan, very warm coloured, high quality variegated, not quite so chubby; 3, Nichols, grand shaped, nice coloured wing marked, gone in neck; 4, Hill, variegated, of very rich colour, nice shape and capital feather; vhc, Wearden, just a shade narrow in head, nice body, capital colour and feather; hc, Gerrey and Davis; c, Eynon. HENS (28): 1, Tottle, head ticked yellow, grand shape and colour, beautiful quality of feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Blackhurst, very sweet yellow, beautiful colour, nice shape and style, with neat wings and tail; 3, hc, Johnson, head ticked buff, grand shape, somewhat pale in colour, but wonderful quality; 4, Keech, very sweet yellow, grand shape, rare quality of feather, nice, even colour; 4, c, Young, buff of good colour and very compact feather, nice tail, but not clever with his wings; vhc, Schofield, very neat buff, grand body, nice colour and quality; vhc, Coupe, another very typical, nice quality, well-fed yellow; hc, Deverill. UNFLI. (4): 3, 1 spl, Johnson, wing marked yellow, beautifully even and rich in colour, rare shape, grand silky, compact feather, staged in rare bloom; 2, 3, 4, and two spls, Young, a rattling good team, full of quality and colour, grand shape and neat wings and tails, a buff and two yellows, the fourth failing just a little to his mates in chest; 3, 4, Dixon, yellow, and a buff, two grand bodied birds, but somewhat narrow in head, rare colour, splendid soft, silky, compact feather good wings and tails; 3, Schofield, buff of super-excellent quality, grand colour, splendid wings and tail, rare shape, we liked as well as any; vhc, spl, Fennel, variegated buff, capital body and quality, but somewhat narrow in head; vhc, Lovegrove, grand shaped variegated, hardly so tight in feather; vhc, Tottle, rather slim, high quality buff, of good colour; hc, Bevan (2): Grey; c, Miss Sneyd, Winnard.

LIMIT CLASSES.—NOR. CK., 30/- (53): 1, Keech; 2, Richardson; ex. 2, Cooper Bros.; 3, c, Yates; ex. 3, Marshall; 4, hc, Axe; ex. 4, Hall; ex. 4, Payne and Bennett; vhc, Wright and Son (2), Adnitt and Driver, Fox, Denny; hc, Francis Gibbs, Beardall and Walker (2); c, Stevens, Gibbs, Spinner, Howe, Jeffs. HEN (26): 1, Adnitt and Driver; 2, hc, c, Axe; 3, Richardson; 4, Swingler and Blackwell; ex. 4, Wright and Son; vhc, Marshall, Yates, Keech, Gentle; hc, Cooper Bros., Yates, Brown; c, Lawrence, Burn, Davidson. CREST, £3 (28): 1, Mills; 2, Calver; 3, Gale; 4, Chalmers; ex. 4, Mrs. Crow; vhc, Risehorough, Mrs. E. Galloway, Greenwood and Burson, Tope and Mrs. Wallace; hc, Todd, Junr., Slade, Howard and Son, Greenwood and Burson; c, Anson, Adnitt and Driver, Walsh and Son, Curtis. CREST-BRED (22): 1, Eley; 2, Wallace; 3, Mrs. Crow; 4, Payne and Bennett; vhc, Mills; vhc, hc, Mrs. E. Galloway; vhc, Greenwood and Burson, Gale; hc, Slade (2); c, Marshall, Curtis, Howard and Son. YORKS, 30/- (33): 1, F. Wood; 2, Helliwell; 3, Vipond; 4, Warr; ex. 4, Fortunato; vhc, T. Wood (2), Gladwin (2), Haigh; hc, Harrington and Son, Proctor, Knight, Yates; c, Rennie (2), Spencer, Gladwin, Overend. A.O.V. (22): 1, hc, Cook; 2, Godley; 3, Marshall; 4, Selranac; vhc, Payne and Bennett, McVittie, Ninness; hc, Bexson, Hawke, Green; c, Shearman (2), Yates. PAIRS, 35/- (52): 1, Woof; 2, vhc (3), Payne and Bennett; ex. 2, Godley; 3, c, Haigh; ex. 3, Midgley; 4, Senior and Hartley; ex. 4, Tope; ex. 4, c, Yates; vhc, Cooper Bros., Proctor, Matthes; vhc, hc, Wright and Son; hc, Bexson, Hampshire, Marshall, Axe, Spencer; c, Brown Bros., Richardson, Keech, Fox, Lawrence, Bulmore.

Rollers
(Judge, Mr. A. Rettich).

Our reporter writes:—"I am sorry I could not get the tours from the judge, and without these it is hard work to report on Rollers. A good many of the birds I did not hear, although spending some five to six hours with them. But I may say that the Rollers came up in large numbers, and made a good show, 94 birds being entered in the three classes. Some very good birds were staged, although the quality of some of the exhibits was not up to contest form. The awarding of the prizes was accomplished under adverse circumstances, such as the organ playing, the noise made by the taking down of timber, etc., which is anything but favourable to the soft strains of the Rollers' song. A good many of the birds failed to open during the judging, which spoilt some good birds out of the premier honours (this, of course, is the lot of the Roller exhibitor). All the prize-winners could not be heard, but I feel sure the judge did his best under the circumstances. Had No. 1343 open class, sung before the judge, as we heard it afterwards, he should have been much higher—in my opinion the best bird in class. In the young bird class some fine specimens were staged, the first and second prize winners making their first appearance this show season. One exceptionally good bird left out of the cards was No. 1403—quite equal to the winners. In the £2 Limit class there was nothing of really special merit to be picked up, as is to be expected at such a show as this, although some of the birds were clamed." (We think it would be to the best interests of this variety of Canary if the officials of shows providing classes for it, stipulated with the appointed judge that a list of the tours sung, and their points value, should be supplied for the information of exhibitors and the public.—EDITOR.)

OPEN (44): 1, ex. 3, 4, vhc, Rochl; 2, Norris; 3, hc, Percival; ex. 3, Cole; ex. 4, Randall; vhc, Kerr, Lyons, Walton; hc, White, Walton, Gostling; c, Hesling, Whittlestone, Walters Bros. BRED 1907 (32): 1, ex. 4, vhc, Randall; 2, hc, Walton; 3, vhc, Lyons; ex. 3, c, Whittaker; 4, Whittlestone; hc, Burton, Kerr; c, Merrick, Roebuck. £2 LIMIT (18): 1, 4, vhc, Rochl; 2, Netherwood; 3, c, Norris; vhc, Roebuck, Mrs. Harper; hc, Walters Bros (2).

Mules and Hybrids
(Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar).

CLEAR, ETC. (10): 1, 4, c, Williams, the "Mule King's" champion clear buff Goldie-Can. leading, a real gem for size, shape, colour and quality, though the latter property was somewhat obscured by the presence of dirt on the plumage, still, the bird won easily enough, 4th, same cross, buff, slightly grizzled on one wing, clinking good mule, fine size, shapely, very nice colour; 2, Arrighi, the Scottish National winner, ticked on eyes, buff, beauty for size and style, fine quality, full of colour, staged in very taking condition; 3, Cunningham, charming 4-pointed buff, small, neat eye-marks, very well balanced wings, good in size and shape, and with the silkiest of feather, put down in great form; vhc, Wasley, 6-pointed yellow, a gem of the first water for colour and quality, hot and level all over, and shining like silk, very sweet markings, excellent size and shape, we thought pressed hard on leaders' heels; hc, Tunis and Son; "w.c." Isard, a dark mule; No. 1422, Hamblyn, a clinking good, all-round specimen, presumably passed by the judge as not being evenly marked, is grizzled on the rump, hard luck. UNEVEN OR VARIEG. GOLDIE-CAN. (28): 1, vhc, Withams, almost 5-pointed yellow, real beauty for colour, big and grandly modelled, put down in perfect trim, rightly heads a wonderful class; 2, Dr. Galloway, nice size, for shape and style a gem, staged in faultless condition, wax-like feather, buff, lightly marked eyes and tail, very taking bird; 3, vhc, Cunningham, almost 6-pointed yellow leading, a grand mule, has size and style, is full of quality, and was seen at its best, in perfect trim, vhc, a lovely 5-pointed; 4, Leigh, marked left wing and about head, yet another charming example of the cross, rare size, very typical in build, best of condition, sleek, shining jacket, nice colour, good face, a close race; ex. 4, Duncan and Logan, marked head, wing and tail, buff, exceedingly good quality bird, nice colour, carries fine bloom, grand size and shape; vhc, Lamb; hc, Beaty, Arrighi; c, Lewis and Dymond; all the carded birds clinkers, fit to win in average competition, a magnificent class. LINNET OR GREENIE DO. (5): 1, 4, Williams, the noted head and saddle marked Linnet leading, a clinking good bird, rare quality and tightness of plumage, nice colour for this cross, A1 size, very typical style, 4th the well-known varieg. yellow Greenie, excellent size, shapely, teeming with colour, but meets its match to-day; 2, Arrighi, same persuasion as winner, marked head, wings and tail, another specimen right out of the common, rather slimmer in build, but very well moulded, and full of style, condition and polish a treat to see; 3, Menzies, lovely, lightly variegated buff Greenie, rare good size, stoutly got up, wide, bold head, excellent colour and plumage, all out a good one, and nicely put down; vhc, Galloway. DK. YELL. GOLDIE-CAN. (16): 1, Duncan and Logan, the well-known champion, grand size, good head and chest, beautifully marked, sound, hot colour all over, fine expansive blaze, well burnished; 2, Coffey, except for being, perhaps, not quite so hot in blaze colour, very close on winner's heels, a gem for size and shape, finely marked, very lustrous coat, splendidly shown; 3, Marshall, this is also a grand mule, but looked a trifle "gone" in under blaze, rattling size and shape, red-hot colour, bright and polished all over; 4, Ridley, equal to any for quality, shown in lovely trim, fine colour and markings, just a little behind in size; vhc, Pierce Williams, rare chested, rich-coloured mule; hc, Lewis and Dymond; c, Mortlock. BUFF DO. (8), a very disappointing entry: 1, Thomson, Junr., a bird noticeable for its really remarkable colour, otherwise of nice size, shapely and stylish, rare quality of feather, in good fettle; 2, Bald, teeming with colour, but just a trifle on the dark side, well burnished, grandly marked, very fine size and shape, excellent blaze; 3, Dale, monster for size, rare chest and head, very decent colour, bit rough at thighs, but quickly claimed at catalogue price, may make a topper; 4, Carter, nice size and shape, good expansive face, put down in taking style, simply shimmers with bloom; vhc, Hutchison, another fine bird, should moult a very good one, soon snapped up; hc, Wells; c, Hall. DK. GREENIE-CAN (19): 1, Leigh, the noted jonque, rightly leads a good "field," rare size and shape, sound, rich, even colour, unsurpassed for polish and neatness, a gem; 2, Arrighi, cinnamon-feathered, fine example of the variety, very good size, shapely, neat, nice tone of colour, staged beautifully; 3, Boardman, somewhat smaller than leader, well built and shapely, deep, rich colour, carries a charming bloom; 4, Cooper and Martin, bold, stylish mule, very hot colour, tight and sleek in coat, nicely put down; vhc, Lewis and Dymond Marshall, real good birds; hc, Wilson, Davids and Evans; c, Taylor, Porteous. DK. LINNET-CAN. (13): 1, Williams, wonderful size, hold chest and head, very rich and sound in colour, excellent wings, a beauty all over; 2, Dick, rattling good buff, grand colour, even right through, fine polish on top, shapely and stylish, nicely put down; 3, Victor Williams, whacking big one, splendid shape, not so sound in colour as leaders, unfortunately, pale in face, a bird of possibilities; 4, Coffey, fine headed jonque, nice shape and style, very decent colour, staged in good form; vhc, Mrs. Doolan, smart one; hc, Morton, promising youngster; c, Wells. SISKIN, ETC. (26), a lovely collection: 1, Williams, a new acquisition to this famous stud, head and neck marked Siskin-Canary, good size for a jonque, lovely shape and quality; 2, Maxwell, dk. jonque Siskin-Can., a real gem, great size, beautiful quality and colour, grandly marked, in rare condition; 3, vhc, Arrighi, heavily variegated, Twite-Can. leading, very good size and shape, nice colour and quality, pretty exhibit; 4, Thomson, Junr., lovely Redpoll-Canary, excellent size, very shapely and stylish, well polished, rich colour all over, and the hottest face we remember seeing on an example of this cross; ex. 4, Fraser, romping big buff Siskin-Can., deserves the place, finely marked, deep colour, very fine condition; vhc, Lamb, rattling good, big Twite-Can., beautifully pencilled; c, Davidson; hc, Sissons, Ringley; c, Hesketh, Leigh. No. 1379, Galloway, a bit of a puzzle, presumably a lightly marked (almost clear) hen Redpoll-Canary. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, 2, Williams, both Canary-Bullies, leader a real gem, lovely size and shape, grand head, red-hot colour, 2nd also very warm in colour and good in size and shape, well beaten on head, both in fine fettle; 3, Duncan and Logan, the Scottish National winner, grand big bird, full of colour and quality, very shapely; 4, Laurence, loses a little in size, but grand cobby shape, beautiful tone of colour, tight as wax in feather; vhc, hc, Mrs. Askham, latter a marvel for size and shape, great pity it is a hen; c, C. G. Williams. A.O.V. BULLIE (15): 1, Williams, that wonder of wonders, the crack Goldfinch-Bullfinch, often described, half as big again as any of its kind in the class, and twice as good in colour, a perfect picture; 2, Leigh, rattling good Greenie-Bullie, beauty for size, grand shape and style, one of the best heads we ever saw, and finished off with a lovely polish on top of sound, rich colour; 3, 4, Ward, the Linnet-Bullie again in front, truly a beautiful bird, lovely size, shape and colour, but surely somewhat lucky to "take down" the Redpoll-Bullie, another grand specimen, albeit wanting time to perfect; vhc, hc, c, Arrighi, trio of clinkers, Goldie-Bullie leading, can win in any average competition; c, Longden, very promising Greenie-Bullie. A.O.V. HYBRID (25): 1, Miss Reeves, the now noted Bramble Chaffinch, unquestionably far the best yet seen, charming colour and marking, grand size and style, staged in A1 manner; 2, Cunningham, smashing good Goldfinch-Greenfinch, grand one for size and shape, red-hot in colour, finely marked, well polished, we must confess, however, a slight preference for 3, Lamb, the well-known Redpoll-Goldfinch, another gem, teeming with colour and quality, lovely blaze, perfect shape and style, plumage like silk; 4, Taylor, very pretty, rich-coloured Siskin-Greenfinch, fine shape and size, beautifully marked; vhc, Tanks, another extra smart Goldie-Greenie; vhc, Williams; hc, Lamb, very fine Redpoll-Greenfinch; hc, Maxwell, real smart Linnet-Goldie; c, Gunnell, Stewart, and Milne, an exceedingly fine class.

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British Birds

(Judges, Messrs. G. E. Weston, J. F. Hills, and S. Cook).

Mr. Weston's Classes.

BULLFINCH (34): 1, Beaty, medium-sized bird of beautiful shape and style, wonderfully deep, rich colour (house-moulted), grand shaped, glossy cap, deep blue back, well cut, clean wing bars, shimmering with bloom, a real little picture; 2, Jupe, in field dress, rather nearer our ideal for shape, being a trifle wider in chest, lovely quality of feather, beautiful, even, hot colour on breast, not a feather out of place anywhere, fine back and bars, grand head, close up; 3, Mays, also in field plumage, steady as a rock, beautiful cobby type of bird, rich colour, polished like glass, perfect markings, staged by a master hand; ex. 3, Cullen, fine size and colour, rich and even breast, rare good cap and markings generally, loses a shade in polish; 4, Haynes and Gardner, extremely steady and tight in plumage, hand-reared we understand, certainly a lovely colour all over, fine size and shape, good head and back, deserves a better cage; ex. 4, Frostick, beautifully neat and cobby, field-plumaged bird, sweet colour all over, very steady and stylish, well put down; vhc, Vincent; vhc, Maxwell, best cap in class, little loose in feather; vhc, R. J. Howe, very fine bird, looked a shade soiled; vhc, Mrs. Clark, grand bird, but almost over the border-line in size; hc, Pennell's, Carter, Mrs. Young, three excellent Bullies; c, Walsh, Henderson, and Chick, another smart trio, the latter somewhat ill-behaved; No. 1,615, gem of a bird, but too big for our liking, we heard was the Scottish National winner. GOLDFINCH (53): 1, special, Lewis and Dymond, the noted Welsh crack to the front again, truly a topper, just the right size, lovely shape, and carrying a magnificent blaze which is a deep, bright, pure scarlet, polished like glass, well buttoned, nine bars, best of tanning, well contrasted colours, staged in admirable style; 2, Prior, another magnificent bird for colour and condition, put down by a master hand, shines like silk all over, rich, well-placed chestnut, grand wings and moons, splendid full face, well cut, brilliant in colour, stylish, showy bird, claimed at catalogue price, £5; ex. 2, Cunningham, a bird we liked well, big, square, clean-cut blaze, lovely cobby body, best of tanning and markings, handicapped by a little lack of life, and also needing a wash, almost lost its position on this account, a splendid bird otherwise; 3, Hurst, the celebrated "Pride of Liverpool," an eye-opener for colour, very richly tanned, grand wings, well folded and buttoned, nice bars, wide, lovely-coloured blaze, carries a charming polish, not so cobbily built as leaders, and a little over-cloudy in whites, yet a bad one to beat; ex. 3, Herbert, looks like another noted Welshman, in fresh hands, grand Goldie for size and shape, beautifully tanned and buttoned, fine bars, wonderfully expansive blaze, which, if it were deeper and more brilliant in colour, would bring its owner the highest honours; 4, Tonks, another beauty for width of face, rich colour and polish, very nicely shown, good all-round bird; ex. 4, Andrews, very cobby, taking Finch, fine wide face nice colour, but a trifle guttered, put down in splendid style; ex. 4, vhc, Maxwell, grand stamp of Goldie, fine wide square-cut face, good colour, not so tight in plumage as leaders; vhc, Stanger and Herdman, fine Finch, charming condition; vhc, Manley, wonderful square-cut blaze, only wants brilliance, probably spoiled by colour-feeding; vhc, Mitchell, also remarkably square-cut, beaten for polish; hc, Harris, Osborne, Duncan, jun., Carter; c, Beaty, Porteous, Gunnell, Swingler and Blackwell, W. S. Smith. LINNET (32): 1, ex. 4, Lovell, "Old Joe" at the top once more, truly a remarkable bird, winner, according to the catalogue, of 51 firsts, really wonderful rich colour, sound all through, splendid pencilling all over, in full bloom; latter "Young Joe," who looks likely to "follow in his father's footsteps" as regards prize-winning, very smart young bird, cobby and well-built, fine sound colour, a mass of marking, both birds grandly staged; 2, Walsh, rattling big bird, grand chest and head, good whites, fine colour, pencilled beautifully, breaks a trifle on the breast, seems to be a new face, and needing another moult to appear at its best; 3, Maxwell, charming Linnet, hardly the warmth of colour of leaders, but for size, shape, and pencilling a gem, very sound all over, ran the second closely; ex. 3, Miss Bowen, shade smaller, fine heavy pencilling, good, even, rich colour, very shapely and stylish, grand polish; 4, Prior, extra fine size and shape, tight as wax in feather and sound in colour, good wings, lacks a little in pencilling, but close up; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, fine upstanding bird; vhc, Roddie, grand Linnet, but not at its best, gone in neck; vhc, Hurst, just down in size, good all round; hc, Vale, Cooper and Martin, Carter, three excellent birds; c, Coffey, Stanger and Herdman, Henderson, the latter a bird of great size, but short of quality and pencilling. CHAFFINCH (23): 1, Beaty, magnificent bird for size and shape, rare chest and head, fine wings, deep, rich body colour, with plenty of contrast, in lovely bloom, steady as possible, not a feather out of place; 2, R. J. Bowe, another gem, not so large or so typical as the winner, lovely tone of colour, however, and smothered in bloom like a ripe peach, all quality; 3, Swingler and Blackwell, "Pride of the West," similar tone of colour to second, rare chest and head, stylish and neat, with a trifle more polish would be bad to beat; 4, Lewis and Dymond, rare big fine-chested Chaffie, excellent colour and condition, not far behind; vhc, Francis, fine bird, but too fat; vhc, Prior, lovely bloom; hc, Feltham, Withers Bros.; c, Maxwell, Morrison. One or two got left out for being too good in the whites, and one or two good birds seemed to have had soap left behind in the plumage in the wash.

Mr. S. Cook's Classes.

LESSER REDPOLL OR TWITE (22): 1, Dickie and Smith, an exceptionally good Twite, very rich in colour throughout, and densely marked, just a little roughness in neck, but it only shows when he is on the turn; he certainly wins, great size, exceptional polish; 2, Osborne, a fine house-moulted Redpoll, almost devoid of breast markings, but in other respects a gem, a thick-set, well proportioned bird, with splendid wing bars; 3, hc, Colley, another good Twite, lovely sound colour, well laced throughout, shows a nice splash of white in wings; 4, Marsden, a house-moulted Redpoll, good size and nicely pencilled, rather yellow in colour compared to some; vhc, Bowen, Livingstone; hc, Prior; c, Arrichi, Walsh. SISKIN (11): 1, Barclay, fine bold bird, grand in colour, good dense cap, well laced, shown to perfection; 2, Cunningham, very neat, tight as wax, beautifully proportioned, grand cap and bib, splendid lacing, very taking bird; 3, Bald, bold, shapely, packed with feather, nice bold cap and bib, grand wings and colour; 4, Arrighi, lighter, but very shapely, excels in lacing, good cap, and best bib in class, splendid wing bars; vhc, Hurst; hc, Cullen; c, Quantrell, not a large class, but good. BRAMBLE (27): 1, Longden, very fine bold bird, rare depth of colour, extends well down thighs, very rich in spangling, excellent carriage, rightly heads a very strong class, and not for the first time we believe; 2, Prior, very shapely bird, nice clean colour, rich spangling, excellent thigh ticking, shows himself to perfection; 3, Bowie, a dark, rich coloured bird, big, but a shade slim, very tight in feather, give him a bit more chest and he would be a topper; 4, Coffey, grand bold fronted bird, rare even colour, carried well down sides, beautifully spangled with lovely wings, we liked well; ex. 4, Bowie, another grand Finch of good colour, beautifully spangled; vhc, Arrighi, Turner, Barry; hc, Francis, Sisson, Coffey; c, Wood, Boardman, Manley. GREENFINCH (29): 1, Sharp, a gem, very shapely, and beautifully proportioned, as tight as wax in feather, good, sound, natural colour, no matter in what position he always shows a good splash of yellow, not the largest in the class, but wins; 2, Hurst, another good bird, bold and shapely, excellent wings and carriage, lacks variation in colour compared with winner; 3, Howe, very big, bold bird, good shape, stands well on perch and shows distinct variety in plumage, in excellent condition; 4, Coffey, very shapely, colour fed bird, beautifully proportioned, and grand wings, we fancy that extra pinch of pepper kept him back; ex. 4, Howe, another good one, shapely, and of good colour; ex. 4, Coffey, good size, well proportioned with splendid wings; vhc, Quantrell, Coffey, Paton, Goodfellow; hc, Francis, Bowen, Frostick; c, Goodrum, Telfer, Goodall. NIGHTINGALE OR BLACKCAP: 1, Howe, a grand shapely Gale, nice rich colour, in perfect feather, full of life; 2, Frostick, very fine Blackcap, large and shapely, shown in excellent feather, a very taking bird; 3, 4, Miss Watts, another bonnie Gale, as steady as possible, lovely shape, nice bold eye, rare colour; fourth Blackcap, good size and shapely, very expansive cap of good colour; vhc, Francis; hc, Hathaway; c, Scott. LARK, ETC.: 1, 2, Walsh, bold Skylark, big head, fine bodied bird, full of work, nice rich colour throughout; second lovely little Pipit shapely, and in perfect feather, beautifully pencilled; 3, Mays, bonnie Shorelark, big, bold fronted bird, with good crescent and eye marks, just coming into colour; 4, McVay, another good Skylark, not far behind winner, shown in beautiful feather; vhc, Withers; hc, Cooper; c, Cook. A.O.S. RESIDENT (22): A good class, ranging from the big Green Woodpecker to the tiny Tit: 1, Milne, Tree Creeper, a very good specimen, with good markings; 2, Rowntree, very fine Grey Wagtail good bold fronted bird of excellent colour, shown in perfect feather; 3, Gardner, Long-tailed Tit, real good specimen, very tight in feather, showing plenty of colour and nice clear marking; 4, McDiarmid, perfect Pied Wagtail, very clean cut markings, the black and white being exceptionally pure; vhc, hc, Maxwell, two Grey Wagtails of exceptional merit; vhc, Francis, Mays; hc, Meadows, Binns; c, Cook, Livingstone. A.O.S. MIGRATORY Binns; c, Cook, Livingstone. A.O.S. MIGRATORY (21): A most difficult class to judge, comprising so many different species: 1, Cook, very fine Great Grey Shrike, in perfect feather, very clean cut markings and pure in greys; 2, Walsh, lovely Wryneck, in good feather, markings clear and distinct, especially upon throat and breast; 3, Ford, Swallow, nicely marked, good in colour, somehow did not look quite at home, possibly misses the fireside; 4, Boardman, lovely Waxwing, and as usual in perfect feather, grand wings and bib; vhc, Howe (2), Walsh; c, Gardner; c, Kingley; some exceptionally good birds left out; they can't all win, but we thought Mr. Maxwell's Blue-headed Wagtail might have squeezed in. LIMIT, 20/- (20): 1, Frostick, grand Foreign Bullie, perfect shape and feather, marvellous colour; 2, Francis, good Goldie, nice face, very rich in tanning, useful bird; 3, Parrott, nice Hawfinch, good size and steady, capital bib; 4, Greenway good bold Bramble, very rich in spangling; vhc, Levers, Greenway, Parrot; hc, Mays, Graves, Rouse; c, Greenway, Rouse.

Mr. J. F. Hill's Classes.

HAWFINCH (21): One of the best classes ever seen at the Palace and sorting the winners must have been no easy task. We noticed the Scottish National winner left cardless (Gilmour), a grand bird: 1, Axe, a perfect specimen, beautifully proportioned, very close in feather, his rich, dark back contrasting well with his neck and breast feathers, feathered to perfection, with a most perfect bib and eye markings; 2, Jones, a good bird, shapely not over large, in excellent feather, nice bib, good beak and skull; 3, Francis, a big, bold fellow, nicely proportioned, good clean cut bib, in very good feather, but appeared to have suffered somewhat on the journey; 4, Axe, a smaller bird, shapely and in grand feather, good wing bars, occasionally crosses the tips, big bib; vhc, Francis, Brett; hc, Prior, Blackie; c, Lewis, and Co., Simpson. BUNTINGS (26): A grand class, every British species represented, although only a single Reed, which is generally a favourable show bird: 1, 2, vhc, Wynn, fine team, Snow Bunting leading, rather unusual in a big class, fine bold bird, in excellent condition, showing an abundance of white and nice chestnut markings, good bird; 2, a Corn, good size and feather, nicely pencilled on head and back, arrow shaped breast markings, fairly plentiful, both birds beautifully staged; 3, Axe, a real good Yellow, nice size and very shapely, perfect head and cheek markings, grand in colour, beautifully laced, hard luck; 4, Carter, rather dark Reed, very shapely, with dense black and nice touch of brown on wings; ex. 4, Lewis and Co., another big Corn, very distinctly marked, nice bold head, and full, in good condition; vhc, Ford, Mather; hc, Miss Bowen, Walsh; c, Ross, MacVittie; a good Cirl and some grand Yellows unnoticed. BLACKBIRD (13): 1, 2, Howe, two grand specimens, perfect in shape and feather, most difficult to separate, the winner appears a shade larger, and fuller in feather, but please change the colour of your cages, Mr. H., it positively hurts us—blue, black, and orange—a terrible mixture; 3, Axe, a well-known winner, excellently shown, perfect in feather, and a good, deep glossy black, wants just a wee bit more substance; 4, Ford, a good shapely bird, nice full feather, looks like a young bird, so will improve in colour, should make a champion; vhc, Milne; hc, Brett; c, Hakes. THRUSHES (15): A very fine class of spangled beauties, some well known winners taking back seats: 1, Bruce, lovely shapely bird, with a wealth of spangling, nice bold front of beautiful colour, shapely head with bold eye and perfect throat markings, quite a picture, wins easily; 2, Howe, bird of good colour, and well spangled, falls slightly in shape and substance; 3, Schoeler, a bold shapely bird, good head and chest, nicely spangled on flanks, bold chest, shown in lovely feather; 4, Price, another big bird, very shapely, beautifully spangled, the marking being dense and clear and extending well down the body, we liked well; vhc, Loader; hc, Axe, grand shapely specimen, we liked; c, Pearce. STARLINGS (9): One of our commonest birds, and yet only nine faced the judge at the big show, and three of the nine shown by one man; No. 1904, Francis, we made about the best bird in the class, perfect in shape, with ticking and wing bars all that one could desire, and that peculiar irridescence which reveals a different colour with every movement; call him, "Rainbow," Mr. F., he deserves the name; 1, Wildsmith and Co., a fine bold bird, looks just a shade 'fat, he is richly and evenly spangled, with very good gloss; 2, 3, 4, Howe, all three of these of the "snakey" type, very shapely and beautifully spangled, rather light in colour, shown in excellent condition; vhc, Lugg; hc, Carter; c, Lean and Son. MAGPIE, ETC. (15): 1, Gibbons, very fine Chough, shapely, good coral beak and legs, rare polish on feather, not over large; 2, 3, 4, Maxwell, a grand Magpie, wonderful colour, absolutely pure black and white, perfect feather; 3rd, a fine Jay, very shapely, beautifully marked head, grand wings; 4th, another very big Chough, rare feather, excellent colour, pressed winner hard; vhc, Johnson; hc, Jones; c, Bond. ALBINO (13): 1, Kell, perfect gem, a pure Albino Bunting, evidently the Yellow, a nice Canary-Yellow throughout, a good wash would improve him, still he wins well; 2, Edwards, variegated Bullfinch, with red breast, excepting for a splash or two of white, white crown with mottled back of cap, and whitish grey back, a very pretty bird of good size and feather; 3, Hakes, grand Albino Blackbird, very shapely, lovely wing carriage, perfect feather; 4, Gill, an almost white Linnet, a little beauty, very steady, in grand feather; vhc, McMath; hc, Knowles; c, Lamb. HENS (19): 1, Chick, very fine Hawfinch, with almost as much colour as a cock bird, rare size and feather, good winner; 2, Maxwell, perfect Bullie, shapely and hold, grand cap and wings, splendid colour; 3, Livingstone, real good Siskin, one of the best laced birds we have ever seen, a little beauty; 4, Francis, a fine Twite, good in colour and markings; vhc, McDougall; hc, Prosser; c, Bald.

Foreign Birds

(Judges Mr. H. T. Camps, Parrots, and Mr. W. Swaysland, the remainder.)

LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (15): 1, Maxwell, red-headed hanging Parrakeet, a beautiful and uncommon exhibit, not yet in perfect condition; 2, Mrs. C. Cooper, yellow Budgerigars, perfect, exceedingly well shown; 3, Mrs. J. Leach, yellow Budgerigars, very fine; 4, S. M. Townsend, red-crowned hanging Parrot, an uncommon exhibit, well staged and in good trim; vhc, True, red-faced Lovebird, very fine; hc, Millsum, Guiana Lovebirds, very rare, a little rough, hardly treated; c, Mrs. Hodgkiu. PARRAKEETS, ETC. (20), a very fine series, but many of them were by no means in perfect plumage, some evidently not having left the dealers long: 1, Maxwell, very rare crimson-fronted Lorrikeets, a trifle soft, at the same time a unique exhibit, and will be simply exquisite when they have been through the moult, the general body colour is bronzy-green, with yellow and orange-yellow shaft streaks on the nape and underparts, head and nape blackish, frontal band scarlet, thigh and vent scarlet; 2, L. W. Hawkins, Stanley Parrakeets, in good condition but not nearly so rich in colour as they will be when fully mature; 3, Mrs. Trenlett, King Parrakeet, very rich colour and in perfect condition, quite one of the best we have seen; 4, c, Cooper, varied Lorrikeet, a beautiful exhibit; vhc, F. Howe, fine chattering Lory; B. H. Cooper, red-vented Blue Bonnets; hc, W. Cook, ornamental Lorrikeet, an uncommon exhibit, good colour and very tight; L. W. Hawkins, Blue Bonnet; c, Cushney, Redrumps, Hollins, very fine Port Lincolu. PARROTS, ETC. (7): 1, H. D. Astley, purple-crested Parrot (Triclaria cyanogaster), a very rare and unique exhibit, which we believe to be not merely the only one in England, but the only one in Europe, and its owner is to be congratulated on a beautiful possession; 2, L. W. Hawkins, black-headed Caique, an uncommon exhibit, in good condition and well shown; 3, Hollins, very fine Leadbeater Cockatoo; 4, L. J. Arrighi, good black-headed Caique; vhc, Mason, perfect blue-fronted Amazon; hc, Cushney, another blue-front, attracted considerable attention by its very realistic laughing, crying, etc.; c, Rev. J. Crawford, very good Roseate Cockatoo. WAXBILL, ETC. (15): 1, Leavers, very perfect Diamond Sparrow; 2, Meadows, green Avadavats, sleek and light; 3, Hollins, very large grey Java Sparrows; 4, F. Howe, St. Helena Waxbills, very fine, quite one of the best pairs we have seen; vhc, c, F. Howe, very good Diamond and Nutmeg Finches; hc, L. McWade, good pair Combassous. Also exhibited Rhodesian Ribbon Finches (hard luck), Bib Finches, Indian Silverbills, Avadavats and orange-cheeked Waxbills, all in very good condition; a very pleasing and interesting array of the freely imported Ornamental Finches. A.O.S. WEAVERS, ETC. (23): 1, R. J. Watts, very good Queen Whydah; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Maxwell, a grand team, all in fine condition, violet-eared Waxbills, Dufresnis, black-cheeked and blue-brested Waxbills; vhc, Hollins, very perfect pair of red-headed Finches; F. Howe, very richly-coloured violet-eared Waxbill; hc, Hawkins, very perfect Pin-tailed Nonpareils; Beaty, good Gouldian Finch; c, Whyte, good pin-tailed Whydah; Mrs. Galloway, Parrot Finches. Also exhibited, scaly-crowned Finch (very hard lines), Dufresnis, blue-breasted and violet-eared Waxbill, Fire Finches, etc.; a large and interesting class. GROSBEAKS, ETC. (16): 1, Maxwell, Sepoy Finches, in very fine condition, but lacking the beautiful geranium-red of the wild bird; 2, H. E. Bliss, African golden-breasted Bunting, very rare and beautiful, the yellow throat and white facial streaks being very striking; 3, Mrs. E. Galloway, very good Olive Cuba Finch; 4, S. M. Townsend, rare Cape Rock Bunting; vhc, F. Howe, perfect green Cardinal; hc, Watts, pair yellow-billed Cardinals, evidently two cocks, a black-throated and a brown-throated; c, Cook, Nonpareil Bunting, good condition. Mr. Maxwell had hard luck with his rare lavender-backed Finch, it having a fit while judging was on. The uncommon black-faced Serin was only a ghost of its former beauty, having partially passed into winter plumage. A pair of Cutthroats was entered in this, the wrong class. TANAGERS, ETC. (15): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Maxwell, Indian Sunbird, festive and black-backed Tanagers, a grand team, but a trifle lucky, the first-named appearing as if it would hardly survive the show, which will certainly be very hard luck for its popular owner; 3, 4, S. M. Townsend, black-faced and yellow-winged Sugar Birds, in exquisite condition, and hardly treated, in our opinion the remarkably fine rich-coloured and absolutely faultless condition of the latter should have secured it premier honours; vhc, hc, c, Dewhurst, Mason, and Watts, in the order named, all superb Tanagers, and in very best condition, but the writer regrets that colour feeding should have crept in with a species so gorgeous in its wild plumage, and which is easily retained in full brilliance in captivity. This class is always a great attraction, and for gorgeous, tropical colouring is hard to beat, but it was not so varied as it usually is, half the exhibits being Superbs, which have been quite common of late—if the term "common" is permissible of anything the term "common" is permissible of anything Superb. ALL OTHER SPECIES (18): A very interesting class, the exhibits claiming most attention from the public being the King Birds of Paradise of which there were two, neither of which were perfect, one having lost both the long tail plumes (or wires), and the other one. Most of the species which are found in this class are full of character, and make the best of cage pets. 1, 2, Maxwell, Wall Creeper (surely a class of "A.S. Continental" should be provided at the National for such birds) and King Birds of Paradise, both in very finest condition, save that the last-named had lost one of its wires; (3) Miss Watts, very good Shama; 4, A. Brown, very fine Hill Mynah; vhc, Millsum, black-throated Laughing Thrush, a beautiful and attractive exhibit; Cook, golden-crowned Troupial, an uncommon exhibit; Victor Williams, King Bird of Paradise, minus the tail wires, otherwise in good fettle; hc, Dewhurst (2), African Coleys and Indian Barbet, the latter a beautiful and interesting bird, of bright grass-green body colouring, variegated with crimson on top of head, with black, blue, etc., adjoining the wings, sides of face, etc.; c, Gaving, Australian Swallow; Miss Hopwood, Rosy Pastor, well-known exhibit, being now nearly 12 years old, and looking very sleek and trim. Also exhibited, Glossy Starlings, Brazilian Hangnest, various Mynahs, etc., all interesting birds.

GOLD OR BULLFINCH (13): 1, Porteous, excellent Siberian Goldfinch, good sized, shapely body, richly tanned, very pure in whites, nice big blaze, well cut, deep and pure in crimson, wins on condition; 2, Quelch, something of a novelty, a pair of Desert Trumpeter Bullfinches, two very fine specimens for condition, staged in taking manner; 3, Roddie, another Goldie, carries a lovely polish, has a good face and is very stylish, chestnut, rich and well-placed; 4, Goodfellow, little to choose twixt this and the others, an attractive bird for condition and colour, face of good size, fairly well cut, nice tanning and whites; vhc, Dr. O'Neal; hc, Arrighi, a marvel for size and expanse of blaze, but terribly unsteady; c, Drake.

Palace Employees' Class

(Judge, Mr. J. Dobson.)

A.V. CAGE BIRD (15): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Wilson, the leader a smart upstanding yellow Yorkshire; 2, a Missel Thrush, in nice feather, and very saucy; 3, a buff Yorkshire, good close feather, nice whip, and poses well.

Cages and Fittings

(Judge, Mr. W. Swaysland).

The cages made a very interesting section of the show, and more important, perhaps, than ever dawned upon fanciers' and show secretaries until a very few years back. Few seem to think of the contrast, in point of utility, neatness, and decorative effect, between the various show, breeding, flight, moulting, and other cages in use to-day, and those of that far-away time when the Crystal Palace show (for instance) was in its youth. The giving of classes for cages, etc., at the great national show was the happy thought of a practical brain, and the fruit borne is valuable, for, say what one may, a win in the matter of cage utility and cheapness at the Crystal Palace is a cage maker's asset which is not to be esteemed lightly. There were three classes, and these were well contested, the judge, Mr. Walter Swaysland, appearing to be guided mainly by points of utility, lightness, durability and cheapness, combined with effect. In one case—that of a drying cage, No. 2391, exhibited by Mr. Yates, of a drying cage, No. 2391, exhibited by Mr. Yates, it was decided that the exhibit could not compete, under the conditions of the class in which it was entered, but it was such an obvious acquisition to any exhibitor's stock of necessary adjuncts that a short description of it may be valuable. It was collapsible, and was fitted up as follows:—Glass front and back, metal sides, top and bottom, standing on four metal legs, which raised the bottom two inches from the table; a door was fitted in each end, and there were three sensibly-made perches. At the bottom was a cistern, an inch and half or so deep, intended to hold hot water, and on this was spread a piece of flannel intended as a bottom on which to place the bird when washed. By this means warmth was secured sufficient to dry the bird, while dispensing with a lamp or fire.

Another ingenious contrivance which did not receive a mention at the hands of the judge, but was novel and useful nevertheless, was No. 2385, described as a "Song cage, with grips for prize cards, cuttlefish, etc." As a show cage it was clearly unsuitable, but as a "Song cage" for the home it was a most ingenious contrivance, which we should describe as a boon to the ladies. On the lower portion of the front was fitted a hopper, with glass front, which effectually prevented the seed, etc., from littering out on to the carpet or floor. This point obviously escaped the eye of the judge, who is usually keenly alive to fanciers' difficulties, or he would no doubt have given it some sort of recognition. Possibly a little more "decoration" would have to be resorted to 'ere the cage would become popular amongst the ladies. A point we think worthy of mention is that while we have show, breeding, song and other cages galore, no one seemed to take an equally practical interest in the construction of suitable packing boxes or hampers. Here is a field, we are sure, for the exercise of genius that will pay.

SHOW AND STOCK CAGES AND FITTINGS (price not to exceed 6/6) (30): 1, Newley, a Thrush show cage, handy in size, light, durable, well made, fitted with most easily accessible and cleansed seed and water hoppers, which could be attended to from the outside, thus obviating the necessity for disturbing the bird. The perches and the whole structure seemed utility and common sense itself, and the price 6/6, moderate; 2, Linsey, a stock cage, very suitable for a Hawfinch, or such like bird; it was described as a "Large canvas top," and the price—2/6—was cheapness itself; 3, Reece, one of the lightest and neatest Norwich show cages we have seen, quickly snapped up at the modest price of 1/6. The puzzle is—how are they made at the price?; vhc, Palmer, Reece (2); hc, Walsh (3); c, Martin (2). BREEDING CAGES AND FITTINGS (14): 1, gold medal, Linsey, a double breeding cage, 36 in. long, well and substantially made and closely jointed; it had two partition slides, one wire, the other wood, there were clips for the nesting material, suitable fittings for food and water, arrangements for the nest pans or wire hangers, and upper doors for getting at the same, indeed the most minute detail had been attended to; the whole was neat, effective and cheap; price 8/-; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Palmer, the former an "Improved London Breeder and Fittings," price 3/6. This was an attempt to reconcile the old London breeder (with its intricacies, its harbour for red mite, its insufficient accommodation for young in the partition cage, and its nesting platform), with modern ideas; 3rd, a much more modern and exceedingly light and durable, cleanly and excellent single breeder, well fitted, easily cleansed and roomy, price 3/3; vhc, hc, Newley; c, Linsey. A.O.V. CAGE (15): 1, Barrows, a most artistic and at the same time beautifully made wagon-shaped, drawing room cage, for small foreign Finches; this exhibit was made of white wire and metal, was finely finished, and as roomy as it was well fitted, a triumph of the drawing room cage maker's art, price 13/6; 2, Palmer, described as a "Stock cage for large SoftBills." An excellent cage for a Blackbird or Thrush, light, substantial, sensibly perched and fitted, and a great desideratum—every facility for feeding without putting the hand in the cage; very cheap at 11/6; 3, Newley, a "Cardinal pair show cage," also suitable for a Gale, Blackcap, or such like, well made, neat, and light, price 8/6; vhc, Newley (3); hc, Palmer, Newley; c, Barrows, Newley.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

Annual Meeting.

The attendance at the annual general meeting of the C.C.C., which was held in the Garden Hall, at the Crystal Palace, on February 8th, was rather sparsely attended. Mr. R. Rhodes was voted to the chair, the other members present being Rev. L. Platt, Messrs. Ley, Heath, Dobson, Howard, Franz, Lazarus, Barnett, Evans, Bloomfield, Horton, Broad, Pooley, Lilley, Compton, Clarke, Sadd, Brotherton, Robson, Peters, Bunsom, Greenwood Piper, Slade, Stone, Brooks, and J. Tyson (hon. sec.).

The balance sheet having been sent to the members, was taken as read. Mr. Tyson then read his annual report.

At the conclusion of the report, Mr. Ley said Mr. Tyson has spoken of resigning. Now we don't want him to do so, for we cannot get another secretary, and we don't want to. We all have confidence in Mr. Tyson, and we ought to give him our heartfelt thanks for the earnestness with which he has looked after our interests. It is hard on him we know to have to give so much time to the work, and although he speaks of his shortcomings, who could do better! Who has done better? He is the best secretary we have had, and we don't want to lose him. As to his making profit! Well we all know the profit attached to such an office. A man has to neglect his business in addition to giving up what is his spare time. Where is the profit? One thing is certain we don't want to part with him, and we don't intend to.

The Chairman: We have strayed somewhat, but I felt it was right for Mr. Ley to express his sentiments which are those of all of us, but we will have the vote of thanks later on. I must say I cordially endorse all Mr. Ley has said. One thing is certain we cannot find anyone to do the work, as Mr. Tyson does it, the success of the club really depends on him. We can only meet once a year, therefore much of the business must be left to the secretary, and we must have a man with initiative, one who has the club's interests at heart, and one whom we can trust. All this we have in Mr. Tyson, and if we had not, the club would soon go back. The club must make great demands on his time, and we are, I am sure, deeply grateful to him for all his good work. On the motion of Mr. Ley, seconded by Mr. Broad, the report was adopted.

Mr. Tyson then gave the result of the annual election as it appeared in CAGE BIRDS last week.

Club Specials.

The agenda bore notice of motion by Mr. Glasscock—"That all specials given by the club must be competed for by birds bred by the exhibitor only—i.e.—purchased birds debarred."

Mr. Glasscock, not being present to support his notice of motion, and having failed to reply to the secretary's letter concerning same, Mr. Rhodes said the only thing they could do was to pass it by.

Rev. L. Platt objected to this. The notice of motion was there and someone else might adopt and propose it. He thought it would be an exceedingly wise step to pass such a motion. We saw too much of the business aspect of the Fancy, and those who were trying to breed good birds were handicapped by those who went and bought their winners. It would be much better if members did breed the birds which competed for the club's specials. There was infinitely more honour in breeding a winner than in buying one, and if such a rule were passed it would do good to the novices. He had great pleasure in proposing the motion.

Mr. Peters said he would be pleased to second if it applied to young birds only.

The Chairman: If it is desired to vary the motion, notice must be given.

Mr. Ley spoke strongly against the motion. It was wrong putting so many restrictions on members. Such a rule would be of no use, and there was no need for it, and it would cause loss of members. If a man bought a bird he should be able to win with it. What we wanted to see at our shows were the best birds irrespective of ownership. It was the birds not the owners we wanted to win, and he thought such a rule would do harm as men could not be humbugged with such restrictions.

Mr. Peters said it would be an encouragement to young fanciers to breed good birds.

"The Fleecing of Novices."

Mr. Bloomfield said Mr. Platt had spoken of the novices being fleeced. There was no fleecing of novices, because it was the novices who wanted to buy the birds which the old hands bred.

The Chairman: One thing must not be lost sight of and that is the Crested Canary Club must cater for all its members and not for a section only. We do a lot for the novices, as indeed everything should be done to encourage them, but we may go too far. It would be a mistake to deprive members of the right to buy and sell. Such a rule would prove an incentive to fraud. It is a fact that as soon as you begin placing restrictions upon men, they begin to seek ways and means to avoid them, and it is very difficult to detect fraud and bring a charge home to the offender. It would be much more satisfactory to leave the thing open. Working men bought birds as well as other people, and when they bought a bird they calculated upon getting its value back by the winning it did.

Mr. Ley: Such a rule would have a tendency to lower the value of birds, and we don't want that. We want to increase value not decrease it. Let us have birds worth £100 rather than as many shillings.

Rev. L. Platt, whilst advancing the claims of the novice, said he was also thinking of the purity of the Fancy. He wanted to see the hobby side kept to the front, and not the business side. We see birds snapped up, shown, and used to sell other inferior stock in no way related to them. As to fraud? Surely they could trust their members; they were not a lot of rogues, and if they found men doing things they ought not, they could turn them out. The motion was then put and carried by 10 votes to 7.

The Novices Again.

The next notice of motion was:—"The Cage Bird Union's definition of a novice, viz., that a novice is one who has not won a first prize in open competition or three first prizes in open novice classes," having been adopted by this club are novice members who have previous to 1907 won one or two firsts entitled to a 21/- teapot on winning their second or third prize during 1907, or should the three firsts be won during one season to qualify?

Mr. Tyson explained that this had arisen out of the conditions for novice cup competition.

The Chairman: The question is this. Must a competitor qualify in one season, or at any other time? The claim is put forward by some novices that if they win two firsts in one season they should go on into the next season and be allowed to win the third.

Mr. Tyson: It should be limited to one season. If not we shall never know where our liability will end.

Mr. Clarke: Was any hope held out to these novices that they would be considered at a future date.

Mr. Tyson: No.

Mr. Clarke: They cannot then expect to be allowed to compete for a thing which was not in competition.

Mr. Heath proposed and Mr. Clarke seconded:—"That the wins in one season should not count in another," and it was carried unanimously.

Teapots for Novices.

In the absence of Mr. Crisp, Mr. Robson moved—"That a novice winning his three first prizes during any one show season shall receive a teapot value 21/-"

Mr. Ley, in seconding, said the teapots would be an inducement to the novices to get their birds out and win.

Mr. Peters wished to know what limit there was to be to the teapots.

Mr. Tyson: To the shows at which the club's patronage is given.

Rev. L. Platt: What is the position of the novice who wins two firsts and not three?

Mr. Tyson: He is still a novice, but of course his chance of a teapot is gone. The motion was carried nem. con.

First Year Champions.

Mr. Heath proposed and Mr. Horton seconded, Mr. Crisp's notice—"That specials, value 21/-, 10/6, and 5/-, be given for first, second and third most points gained by a first year champion at six specified shows."

Mr. Tyson: Mr. Crisp's idea is to offer some inducement to first year champions to do their best in open competition. Fanciers coming from the ranks of the novices are often overwhelmed with the idea of meeting the champions, and do not try their best.

Messrs. Peters and Robson spoke in favour of special treatment being given to clear bodied birds, and even-marks, the latter saying all the craze seemed to be for size, and they had variegation run riot, to the detriment of quality and points which were hard to breed. Ten or fifteen years ago there were better clear bodies and even-marks than to-day.

Mr. Clark: What about the clear Crests, do you leave them out of consideration?

Mr. Robson: I do not, but wish to emphasise the clear body darks, and will propose that we give specials of 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6 for such birds, taking the clear body darks first, then the clear or grey Crests, and then the even-marks.

The Chairman: We have strayed somewhat from Mr. Crisp's notice, still it is for the benefit of the Fancy. I hardly think we can pass such a motion, and would suggest that it be a recommendation to the committee, as they will have to consider the question of ways and means.

Rev. L. Platt: That is a very wise and proper suggestion, and one which we must all be in sympathy with.

Mr. Peters then proposed and Mr. Robson seconded, that it be a recommendation to the committee.

The Ballot.

Rev. L. Platt asked why the voting papers should be signed. He objected to signing, and as a result his vote was lost.

The Chairman: Years ago I thought the same as Mr. Platt, but there are good reasons why the papers should be signed, and I think it is best so. It prevents any improper use of the voting papers.

Mr. Clarke: I can tell you the auditors when scrutineering never stop to look whose paper they are handling, they are too intent on counting the votes. I may, however, say that we did notice one paper this time, because the member voted for himself for every office and for himself alone.

Mr. Tyson then announced the result of the novice competition as follows:—Mr. Lazarus wins 59 points; Mr. Johnson 49; Mrs. Crow 29, and Mr. Mason 28. At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Lazarus came forward and received the cup amidst applause.

Interesting Presentation.

Mr. Tyson announced the Roberts' cup competition result to be:—Mr. T. J. King, 176 points; Mr. J. Tyson 136; Mr. Colledge 108; Messrs. Evans Bros. 106.

Mr. Leys proposed, Mr. Robson seconded, and the Chairman supported a vote of thanks to Mr. Tyson for his unflagging energetic labours on behalf of the club, and in doing so appealed to the members to render the work lighter by promptly replying to the hon. sec.'s communications.

Mr. Tyson, in replying, said he had done his best, but he knew there were many deficiencies, he had received much help from Mr. Clarke, especially in the matter of purchasing trophies.

The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club was held at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, February 8th. Present, Messrs. Robson (chairman), Fulljames, Lobb, Duncan, Chittenden, Clarke, Hills, Robbins, W. T. Plumbridge, A. Plumbridge, Wyse, Weston, Cooper, Trower, Swaysland, Goodchild, Dewhurst, Maxwell, Arrighi, D. Bentley, W. B. Bentley, Walsh, Frostick, Rouse, Silver, Prior, Vincent, and Carr. The minutes of the last annual general meeting were read and confirmed. Winners of the club medals: Messrs. Maxwell, Browning, Williams, R. J. Howe, A. Howe, Price-Jones, Walsh, Mays, Chick, Dale, Perkins, Hurst, Lamb, Beaty, Cooper, Francis, McQuiston, Arrighi, Andrews, Cunningham, and Laurence. Mr. Plumbridge read result of voting papers; also annual report. Mr. Trower read balance-sheet. Proposed by Mr. Swaysland, seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, that balance-sheet be adopted as read. Proposed by Mr. Fulljames, seconded by Mr. Goodchild, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Sir William Ingram, the President, and to Mr. Trower, the Treasurer, for their generous donations, to the funds. Discussion ensued on the birds recently added to the club list. Proposed by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Fulljames, that the birds recently added to the list be rescinded, and each bird be voted on individually by this meeting. Amendment proposed by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, that the list be left as passed by committee. Further amendment proposed by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Silver, that the recently added list be expunged, and a list be sent out for all members to vote on. The chairman put Mr. Cooper's proposition to the meeting, result 5 for, 10 against. Mr. Weston's proposition was then put, and was carried by 14 for, 3 against. The question of the classification of Albino and rare-feathered birds was next discussed. Proposed by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, that all rare-feathered specimens shall compete only in such classes as are provided for rare-feathered specimens. Amendment proposed by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Bentley, that Albino and rare-feathered specimens be included in the any other species class at shows held under the club rules. The chairman put Mr. Walsh's proposition to the meeting; result, 6 for, 12 against. Mr. Cooper's proposition was then put to the meeting, and carried by 15 for, 6 against. The question of uniform show cages for Hardbills was then discussed. Proposed by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that this club adopt a suitable uniform cage, and it be left in the hands of the committee to select same. This was carried. With a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting was adjourned until February 17th for the election of officers for the ensuing year. New members proposed: Messrs. H. J. Chittenden, D. Duncan, jun., R. Carter, E. Fullbrook, and W. Quantrell.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, Hon. Secs.

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ROSY-BREASTED COCKATOO DESTROYING PERCHES.

SIR,—I wonder if many readers of your interesting paper have been troubled as I have with the destruction of perches by this bird? Even a *lignum-vitæ* perch did not last long. I always gave semi-decayed wood or fir cones to amuse the bird, but this did not prevent the mischief. At last I fixed in two bamboo perches with wire, and these seem most satisfactory. She has had them nearly two months, and they are not injured.

M. HAINES.

A NEW SOCIETY FOR SALFORD AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—At a meeting held on January 30th at 296, Ordsall Lane, Salford, with Mr. G. Hawksworth in the chair, we succeeded in forming the above society. We have appointed officers and also a Committee, amongst them are some well-known fanciers. The subscriptions are as follows: Entrance fee, 1s.; annual subscription, 3s.; payable by instalments at any time before first feather show. We are at present seventeen members strong, and appeal to all fanciers of the district to join us, as we wish to make this club a credit to its members.

G. HAWKSWORTH.

296, Ordsall Lane, Salford.

IS IT CRUEL TO USE MEALWORMS?

SIR,—I suppose I shall be thought unutterably foolish if I object to "Illustrated Idea" No. 177, and wonder at its earning a prize. I have heard of mealworms and other insects being nailed to the perch, but when it comes to illustrating and rewarding a similar suggestion it is too much. No doubt it has already furnished some cruel boys with a new idea for some delightful game. They would not stop at insects, we may be sure; mice and sparrows would follow. I think it is rather a disgrace to CAGE BIRDS. I tore out the column at once, and burnt it, that no one else should see it.

H. B. RUTT.

SIR,—Re Sketch No. 177 in "Illustrated Ideas," in your last issue, I sincerely hope that no bird lover will adopt it. It is an exceedingly cruel suggestion. I find that putting the worms in a small glass vessel answers the purpose admirably. The worms can't crawl up the smooth sides and get away. Just imagine the poor things being impaled on a wire, perhaps for several hours! Trusting you can see your way to insert this letter, and wishing success to CAGE BIRDS.

W. STRICKLAND.

THE RARE REDPOLL-BULLFINCH HYBRID.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Jackson's remarks in your issue of the 1st inst., I still maintain that the Hybrid in question is the most beautiful of all Bullfinch Hybrids I have as yet seen or produced, and during my great endeavours in this department for about twelve years I have produced most of the crosses at present known, and seeing the difficulty in obtaining fertile eggs and greator difficulty in rearing this Hybrid than the larger crosses, a real good specimen rightly deserves to take premier position. Of course, I do not infer that if a rare Hybrid is successfully reared it should beat all other good specimens of other crosses. If a poor specimen, although rare, certainly not. But if a grand example, and much more difficult, under a judge who has gone through the routine of Hybrid breeding, he would certainly be placed at the top, of course, if in good show condition. Mr. Jackson remarks he is sorry to see me take my reverses so badly. All I require is fair judging, which, I am sorry to say, has not in some cases taken place this show season. At Brighouse my Redpoll-Bullie was placed first, and the following week, at Great Horton, had not even a card. Surely something is wrong? I might also inform Mr. Jackson that had my Redpoll-Bullfinch not been a little out of form when judged at St. Helens by Mr. Houlton he would have scored higher. Presumably the birds were not unpacked until the same morning as show, owing to a ball taking place the night previous. It would not do for a bird to win at every show, and it is well to have judges with different opinions, to give them all a chance. But surely, after so much being said by "St. Bride" "St. Mungo," and others, and the male and female being shown on CAGE BIRDS coloured plate (a thing that has never taken place before since Hybrid breeding commenced) the Hybrid in question is worthy of much more consideration. I also have noticed this show season that a Hybrid has been exhibited not the property of the exhibitor. Referring to Mr. Johnson's letter last week, I must say I consider some of the contents of same ridiculous. In the first place, he contends that the Hybrid in question is quite a common bird. I say "very uncommon," and will leave it to readers of your valuable paper to judge whether I am correct or our friend Mr. Johnson. He also says that I enumerate four of this cross; I referred to Mr. Colton's and the two bred by Mr. Dixon. But it is well known the male bird of Mr. Dixon's has joined the majority. He remarks he knows of two others, and goes on to say that there may be "many in the background waiting to spring upon us," etc. I guess from Mr. J.'s remarks that he has not as yet been fortunate enough to stage a rare Hybrid, or he would not blow his trumpet so loud. Again, he says my Redpoll-Bullie has not been at the top under a good Hybrid judge this season, and is not fit to go there in good company. If he will refer, he will find he has been placed at the top in the best of company, taking premier position at Dudley, under Mr. Robson, in a very strong class, also running Mr. John Williams' grand Goldfinch-Bullfinch a close race at Gateshead under Mr. Westen; as is well known, these two gentlemen are considered experts in the Hybrid world, therefore Mr. Johnson's contentions are quite overruled. He asks, Why not let the bird develop instead of running up and down the country? He has already developed and proved himself a fine specimen of the cross. Mr. J. asks me what I mean by "nest feathers." I should have said "as a young bird" to make it more clear, although a young bird usually retains his flight and tail feathers the first year. I hope that 1908 will bring many more rare Hybrids on the show bench, without causing so much discussion, and that Mr. Johnson will produce something good.

CHAS. J. WARD.

PROPOSED SCOTTISH YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—The Yorkshire fanciers of Scotland have responded gallantly to the above proposal. A sufficient number of names have been received to make a successful start. There are still a number of Yorkshire exhibitors in Scotland whose names we shall be pleased to receive. A meeting will be held on February 19th, at 8 p.m., in the Co-operative Hall, Glasgow Cross, to draft rules and elect committee for the coming season. All fanciers interested are cordially invited.

C. MARTIN, Glasgow.
W. FORTUNE, Edinburgh.
F. BOWMAN, Sec.

A REVIVAL AT KENDAL.

SIR,—After a lapse of several years of the Fancy in Kendal, a meeting of cage bird fanciers was held at Mr. John E. Dixon's Central Refreshment Rooms, Market Place, on February 3rd, when a large number of well-known fanciers gathered together, and everything went off in grand style. The officials chosen by the meeting were as follows:—Chairman, Mr. John Thompson; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Haywood; Committee, Messrs. T. Walker, Wm. Little, John Dickinson, John E. Dixon, J. C. Parkor, Frank Dixon, J. W. Crossley, John Pennington and T. Ball; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wm. Vart, Queen's Place, Queen's Road, who will be glad to give any information in connection with same. He will gladly welcome fanciers as members. We may add that the meeting was a thorough success, about fifty members joining. The society is formed for any fancier resident in the county of Westmorland, or adjoining counties, within a twenty-one miles' radius.

W. VART, Secretary.

A CURE FOR ASTHMA.

SIR,—May I call attention through your valuable columns to the cure of my Canary of asthma? Method: three drops of solution of tar in his drinking water (I use the old-fashioned founts and fill half way), which I kept changed daily. After a few days' treatment he seemed worse. Then, gradually, he began to breathe less heavily, when, much to my surprise, he began to warble, and is now singing gaily. As the information to the tar was gleaned from your paper, I must thank the writer for the suggestion. Also, as my canary was always moulting, I was advised to take him to a room without a fire. This I did when fires were necessary again, and have kept him in a cold place free from draughts all the winter. He is never bunched up now, and instead of my dear little bird being destroyed to put an end to his suffering, I still have him to sing to me incessantly, and he seems to thank me each time I attend to him. I have found Sprati's Cod Liver Oil food a very good thing, given twice a week. The solution of tar I obtained from the chemist. If used too strong, I am informed that it is poison.

J. THOMAS.

RARE FEATHERED BIRDS AT THE SHOWS.

SIR,—What is the "normal colour" on the show bench? This, to my mind, opens up a large question ro judges, as it appears to me, an outsider, that the N.B.B. and M.C. select and approve of the judges, and at the same time appear to have no control over them whatever in the awards they give. Some judges will put rare-feathered birds in the money, while others will leave them out—a strange state of things surely. I don't know what Mr. Weston means by A.O.S. in his last letter; perhaps he will explain. But I think the A.O.V. class has enough in it now, without rare-feathered birds being added.

H. R. LOVER.

[We have had to delete part of our correspondent's letter, for the matter of the rare-feathered Greenfinch at Gateshead Show closed, in accordance with our footnote of February 1st last, with the replies to Mr. Hay's letter in the issue of that date. The question of the exhibiting of rare-feathered and Albino birds generally we shall be pleased to allow discussion on, although we understand that the N.B.B. and M.C. came to a decision concerning them at their annual meeting, held at the Palace Show.—EDITOR.]

AN APPEAL FOR A FANCIER IN DISTRESS.

SIR,—I should like to thank these fanciers and friends who so ably supported me with contributions towards Mr. Benj. Spier's fund. No doubt there are many who would like to give a trifle towards this most deserving case, and if they would send on, however small a sum, to me, it will do much to comfort this poor fellow in his awful affliction. I need hardly state that he lost his sight in such a short time that when the calamity befell him he had nothing provided for his five children, the eldest being nine years of age. Total collected by myself, £7. I should very much like to make it ten, so, friends, help me to accomplish this. Appended is a full list of subscribers.

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A PET YELLOWHAMMER.

SIR,—I have heard that the Yellowhammer is a lovable, tamable little fellow, and I have often wondered if any British bird other than Yellowhammers could come up to mine. I say "could" not "can," for poor Buntie is no more after having been in my possession just over six months. I lost it through an accident. As it never sang I must conclude it was a hen. I bought it from a poor man for 1s. 6d., because he was hard up, for one thing, and the bird looked such a forlorn little thing, with its sober green coat (I call it brown). It was said to be finger tame, but the very next day after I got it it started its impudent tricks. It certainly would stand on your finger for any length of time, that is if you kept your eye on it the whole time; but once take your eye off, if only for a second, and away it would fly, circling round and round the kitchen so swiftly that the eye could hardly follow it. It would keep that game up for such a time that I was often afraid it would kill itself with exhaustion. But it never seemed to do any real harm. It would drop upon the windowsill with its beak wide open, quite motionless. I always opened the cage door when safe, as it loved to roam about at its own sweet will. One day, there being a very tiny hole in the corner of the cage, in an idle moment I picked up a piece of string and pushed the end through the hole into Buntie's abode. Buntie was sitting moping on the top perch, with a very bored look, watching this string; but it seemed quite above touching such a common article as kitchen string. I was just pulling it out again to throw away when down Buntie dropped and attacked the string savagely. As fast as she pulled it in, I drew it back again, and if I drew it right out of the cage, she danced about in a most frantic manner until I put it in again. And there we would keep up the game until one of us got tired—generally I. Then again, she has been sitting with the same bored expression, refusing to come out when I opened the door, when I have taken a piece of string and trailed it slowly across the long table. She would take no notice for a time, but suddenly there would be a dart and Buntie would have the string, holding on to it like a bulldog to its meat. I have carried her about hanging on the string for ten minutes at a time, but she didn't mind a bit. I swung her about, danced her up and down on the floor; but no, she seemed to say, "I've got it and mean to keep it." Of course, I had to be careful that I did not dislocate her neck. We have fairly cried with laughing at her. But one day I found that she had swallowed about 3 inches of string, which she was playing with by herself. After ten minutes' coaxing I managed to get the string out of her throat, and she was poorly for two or three days, and I kept all string out of sight. After that time she seemed all right again—up to all kinds of tricks. She would get hid, and I should call out "Where is Buntie?" Then I would hear a little cry, and out she would dart from some dark corner. If I went into the scullery Buntie was sure to fly after me. If I sat by the fire taking no notice, she would fly round me so closely as to flap my head with her wings, and seemed delighted if I made as if to catch her. If you put a bit of string on anybody's head she would go and fetch it at once; nothing escaped her sharp eyes. But one day I was too ill to bother with Buntie, only opening the cage door. When she had been out an hour or two I looked for her, and, to my dismay, she was sitting in a lump on the cage with a knot of thick string sticking out of her beak. I tried to pull it gently out, but it was quite fast, so cut off the knot hoping against hope that she would digest the other. But she died in 24 hours. She had hidden that string, poor little thing, as she had done before. I was always careful after the first accident to collect all bits. I have had lots of birds both before and since, but never one to come up to poor Buntie.

YELLOWHAMMER.

A FEW WORDS TO ADVERTISERS.

SIR,—I have read the letters on this subject with interest, because I also live beyond the limits of any railway company's delivery. I cannot help thinking that the writers of these letters take a one-sided view of the matter, and might easily avoid their difficulties by a little foresight on their own part. No one can expect dealers to know the local traffic arrangements of every customer they get, and, although postcards are cheap, as one correspondent remarks, postage stamps are not quite so cheap, and business competition nowadays is keen. Perhaps it would help these correspondents to say how I got over my difficulty quite easily. After experiencing one or two annoyances about consignments of birds, I made it a point always to enclose with every order I send to a dealer a self-addressed and stamped postcard, and, telling the dealer in just so many words that I lived beyond the railway company's delivery limit, asked him to oblige by sending off postcard on the same evening as the birds were sent, informing me of the fact. This costs little, gives the minimum of trouble to the dealer, leaves no excuse for neglecting to inform the customer of the dispatch at the proper time, and, I must say, has always worked well for me. I have always found the dealers return my postcard at the proper time. I never trouble about sending to the station until the postcard reaches me, and then, or very soon after getting there, the birds are generally found in good condition. I give the hint for what it is worth: it serves me very well.

NOT AN ADVERTISER.

THE BIRDS OF INDIA.

SIR,—I was very much interested to read the letter from "D.H." about the birds of India. His remark about the Blackbird of the Himalayas shows that he is a careful observer of bird life; for, as a matter of fact, there is no Merula in the Himalayas which is perfectly black. The Neilgherries boast of the nearest approach to our English Blackbird in their Merula Simillima. Many a nest have I found, and young birds have I brought up by hand, but none can compare with our home-bred bird. I have lately returned from a long stay in the sunny East, and have kept many Indian birds in my verandah in captivity, and I must confess to being somewhat disappointed in not seeing more of my old friends imported into this country. The common seed-eaters which do arrive here are amongst the most uninteresting of Indian cage birds. The Red Waxbill, the Silverbill, and the Baya Weaver bird, are what we mostly see here, but they cannot compare with many of the very common soft-billed birds, such as the Black-headed Mynah, the Bulbul, the Drongo Shrike, the Dayal bird, and the Rosey-eyed Babbler (*pyctorhis sinensis*). The Shama is fortunately becoming better known in this country, and a most delightful pet he is. Of the rarer kinds, I have kept the White-throated Fantail (*leucocerca albicollis*), and very tame he becomes in a very short time. The Minivet, the Iora, and, last, but not least, the Paradise Flycatcher. If some of the wholesale importers could manage to get some of these beautiful and, on the whole, easily kept Indian birds into England, they would add considerably to our captive avi fauna.

KING CROW.

THE STANDARD LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—I am much obliged to Mr. House for his lengthy reply to the points raised in the two letters from Mr. Rennie and myself, but it would have been more satisfying to me if Mr. House had replied in a more direct manner. He speaks of introducing other names, and deems it unusual, but he himself has done so over and over again. He has yet to justify his action in passing a bird over 6¾ inches long and putting one over 6¾ inches long in the money. Can he reconcile himself to that fact? He admits that other judges put birds over 6¾ inches long to the front, but does he deny that birds over 6¾ inches long are winning at Yorkshire Union Shows? If Mr. House has never bred Yorkshires he cannot understand the difficulties of producing and maintaining length in the Yorkshire. As regards his statement about Southern fanciers being afraid to send their birds North, the C.B.U., in its wisdom, does not allow outsiders to show at the Yorkshire Union Shows, and the time has not arrived yet when Southerners can hope to hold their own successfully with the Yorkshiremen on their own ground; there may be an exception or so. As regards Southern men not knowing what they want, does he know that £18 was refused for two birds at Bradford West, and one not in the cards? A Southern fancier wanted to bring them away, but could not. He admits it is not essential to judge to exact length, and, seeing that in no place in the S.Y.C.C. handbook or rules does it say birds shall not exceed 6¾ inches long, he has placed himself out of court at once, and it would be futile to further argue the point with him. He says that Southern fanciers want a lot for their money. Would it not have been better to say value for money? Thanks to the Fancy Press and the general enlightenment of the Fancy at large, the days of "flat catching" are drawing to a close. Some birds that come from Yorkshire have an unfortunate knack, after being home a few weeks, of growing trowsers and heavy frills, doubtless, of course, owing to the change of air; others, rude people say, have an uncontrollable homing instinct, and come back near to the land of their birth, of course, at an enhanced price—but this by the way. As regards your Editorial footnote, nothing was further from my thoughts than to be in any way abusive. I am obliged in one way to Mr. House for his action at Plymouth, as it has led to much interesting matter seeing the light of day. As regards people thinking I am a disappointed exhibitor, that does not trouble me one iota. As a matter of fact, I got nothing at the last three shows I showed at. As long as it amuses me, and I can afford it, what has it to do with anyone else. There is one thing: I do not buy winners, and if I cannot breed them, I go without until such time as my luck turns.

R. R. BROOME.

SIR,—Reading Mr. House's views on the Yorkshire, I, with others, are as much in a fix as ever. I admit that Mr. House had a perfect right to pass the two birds in question, according to the standard laid down. I also agree with him that the standard is faulty in construction. The length should read in my view "about six and three-quarters." As to my experience, the long, good, typical bird is the hardest to breed. Speaking of the stock classes up North, I wonder why they have been allowed to lapse? But there, if a few more judges have the same opinion of a stock bird as Mr. House, they are bound to fail, as Mr. House distinctly said at a lecture he gave to the members of the W.C.O.S. only a few weeks ago that he should always put a typical show pair in front of a stock pair. This question was asked by our Mr. Spillman in reference to a pair he put some years ago in front of a stock pair. So, according to Mr. House's view, a stock bird should be a show bird. If so, why does he talk of stock classes? Now, speaking of length, the longest birds that have been seen South are the birds from the North, and they win as a rule. Again, the show reports every week (as a rule) generally say: 1st, so and so, bird of grand length, etc.; 2nd, not so long, or fails length. What are we to be guided by? Let's have the question settled by the present-day breeders, the men that know the hardest and most valuable bird to breed. I may mention that Mr. House is appointed to judge the Western Counties this year again, and, the fixture being an early one, a few of us should like the thing thrashed out before the show comes off, so that we may know what sort of a bird has got to win. I noticed last year most of the societies put the Ticks and Clears together, so as to stop disputes, and the handling and blowing up of birds. Just fancy a bird being taken out of a cage and laid on a rule (you cannot do all this without ruffling up the feathers), then placed back amongst the row and judged against the birds with all their plumage in place. Is it doing justice to good birds? I don't see why we shouldn't do away with the handling, except for suspected fraudulent practices. I conclude by hoping to get bigger breeders' views than myself, a West-Country breeder, and a lover of a good long one.

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RED-BILLED WEAVER BIRDS AS CAGE PETS.

SIR,—This bird would not be a favourite if it were not for its extraordinary habit of weaving its nest. It is not endowed with any beautiful colour, nor is it of any particular interest. In winter the plumage resembles that of the common House Sparrow, except that its red bill and light coloured breast are different. In the breeding time the hen bird remains the same colour, but the cock birds vary considerably. Its food should either be the ordinary Canary mixture (care being taken that there is not much hemp, as this is apt to give them apoplexy), or foreign bird mixture. The cage should be a large one, plenty of room for flight being provided. It will agree with other birds. If the birds are desirous of building they should be kept in a large cage by themselves, as the other occupants of the aviary are liable to pull the nests to pieces. The following things should be borne in mind if the birds are required for breeding purposes:—They should be placed in a large cage by themselves. Plenty of hay and fibres should be supplied, and some fork-like branches. They weave busily all day, but they are rather shy while they are engaged, and will not do it while being watched. If possible the cage should be kept in a warm place, a conservatory for preference. I once, however, had a pair in my possession that were kept out in the open in an aviary with some Canaries. They thrived exceedingly well, and in two months' time they began to weave their nest. But they had continually to be on guard, on account of the Canaries' frequent attempts to destroy it. The bird is not recommended as an aviary bird, but more as a bird to be watched simply on account of its habits.

G. F. COBB.

SOME OPINIONS ON JUDGES.

SIR,—I believe a good judge is born, not made, so to speak. If a man has a real capacity for forming judgment, it must be born in him, and he then can study and acquire all the main points and features in the various species and breeds he sets himself to, and become a good sound adjudicator on whatever breed or thing he studies. There are many men who are successful as exhibitors, but absolute failures as judges, and quite at sea with a class of birds when trying to place them in order of merit. Too many men in these days want to be judges, and that in some cases with just one or two years' limited experience with two or three successful exhibits. There are also, in the opinion of the writer, too many "exhibitor-dealer-judges," and it is beyond human nature to expect these men to hold an unbiassed and open mind when entering a show to judge. They will find birds there which have passed through their hands, in some cases quite recently, perhaps the week before, and when another runs the known one very close, there is a natural temptation offered to the judge to lean to the one he sold only last week after winning at a show for him. I am a stout believer in a strong exhibitor remaining so as long as he wishes, and when he wants to begin to be a judge, to give up exhibiting, and enter the judging field with a free, open hand, and clear of all temptation to buy, sell, or exhibit, one or both or all these. By so doing he can hold aloof with the dignity which ought to characterise every judge, absolutely free from the fetters of the paradoxical position of dealer, exhibitor, and judge, all rolled into one. I consider the position honestly and conscientiously untenable. Either be dealer and exhibitor or judge, and not try to be all the three at one and the same time. I know this principle of mine is not approved by such men as are at present basking in the category pointed out here, but, if they will unfetter their minds of the bonds mentioned, and look upon the situation, they must admit it is running with the hare and hunting with the hounds, or at least trying to do so.

COMMUNE BONUM.

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SCOTCH FANCY CANARIES AT CITY OF GLASGOW SHOW.

SIR,—I have always made it a rule in my life to ignore all correspondence of an anonymous nature, no matter on what subject, but as your correspondent chooses to make, to my mind, a personal accusation under the cloak of a nom-de-plume, I have decided to forego principle for this once, as I have good reason to believe that I am the president referred to "who arose, and did not appreciate the Scotch Fancy." I may inform "A Scotch Fancier" that it is news to me to know that during my term of office I moved in any way detrimental to the interests or progress of the Scotch Fancy section of the City of Glasgow Association, and if my conscience teaches me aright, and the goodwill of my colleagues is any indication, I will pass your correspondent's accusation as being flimsy. "A Scotch Fancier" again seems to forget that I was merely president, with a large executive of experienced fanciers, gentlemen well capable of conducting the affairs of the society in its best interests. Your numerous readers will therefore, I think, readily admit that, supposing I had the inclination to be antagonistic in any way towards our Scotch Fancy section, I had but small opportunity for doing anything of the sort. I might go further, and tell your correspondent that during the last ten years of my connection with the City of Glasgow Association I have had the valued friendship of a large number of the most prominent breeders and exhibitors of Scotch Fancies in Glasgow and the West. Coming now to "A Scotch Fancier's" tabulated proposed prize-money of something like £5 5s. per class, I think the suggestion, to say the least, is preposterous, and anyone who has had to do with a large show, guaranteeing full prize money in about 60 or 70 classes, as we do, will readily conclude what this proposal of "A Scotch Fancier" would mean. If, however, I may be allowed to read between lines, probably your correspondent would like to see the association reduced to the same level as it was in 1900, and at that time the presidentship was held by a gentleman who takes a more than passing interest in the Scotch Fancy in Scotland. I fear to think what position the association might have occupied to-day had not a few loyalists bravely put their shoulders to the wheel, and, coupled with the grand support accorded them by the general Fancy, succeeded again in placing the association on a sound financial basis. And this was accomplished even after the aforesaid Scotch Fancy President had washed his hands from the affairs of the old association. I do not propose to answer in any way for Mr. Jardine's views or intentions, as that gentleman is quite capable of attending to his own affairs. Nor does it concern me whether or not he satisfies "A Scotch Fancier" by stating his "views"; but anyone knowing Mr. Jardine as I do (and there are many) can vouch for his motto as being impartiality and fairness to all varieties catered for by the City Association. In conclusion, let me tell "A Scotch Fancier" if he cares to sign his name to his epistles on this subject in future, I will be pleased to discuss matters for the benefit of all sections of the Fancy in connection with the City of Glasgow Association. Otherwise this is my first and last communication, as our annual business takes place in June, and discussion is open to all members.

JOHN YOUNG,
(Past President, City of Glasgow O.A.).

MORPETH WAKES FROM SLUMBER

SIR,—Following up my remarks in your last issue, anent the Morpeth and District Canary and Cage Bird Society, I am pleased to say that the first meeting was held in Vose's refreshment rooms on February 6th. There were present Messrs. A. Grey, Cowling, Summers, Myers, Mackay, Lackey, Pegg, Davis, and Marshall. Mr. A. Grey was unanimously voted to the chair. In the first place the chairman made some justifiable remarks concerning the breaking-up of the old society. It was his opinion, he said, and it was also the opinion of Mr. Lackey, who followed up his remarks on this point, that the final meeting of the old society was not in order, inasmuch as notices had not been sent to members. A little discussion followed, whereupon it was stated that the late secretary resigned at that meeting, and the residue of cash (a very small sum, I suppose) and the show staging was bequeathed to the late secretary and treasurer. However, it was considered best to let bygones be bygones, and start a new club. If we are to have a new society, said the chairman, we must start on new lines and make a big success of it. The election of officials was proceeded with. Mr. E. Cowling was proposed as secretary by Mr. Lackey; this was seconded by Mr. Summers. Mr. E. Cowling received the unanimous vote of the meeting. Mr. Cowling is an ardent fancier of the Norwich Plainhead, and has figured prominently at the shows in the North Country. His character and principles are beyond dispute, and we have every confidence in his ability to fill the position of secretary. Mr. Sidney Pegg was next elected assistant secretary, and the other officials are as follows:—Treasurer, Mr. A. G. Marshall; chairman, Mr. A. Grey; auditor, Mr. C. B. Willis. The position of president was considered, and it was decided to approach Ald. G. B. Grey, J.P., for his patronage. I am pleased to say that since the meeting this gentleman has expressed his willingness to be elected. Permit me to enumerate a few of the lines we purpose adopting. The annual subscription is to be 3s. This amount is not prohibitive, and ought to prove an inducement to all intending to send exhibits to our annual show to become members. Mr. Cowling made some forceful remarks regarding novices, and in his opinion novices should have greater inducements held out to them. Mr. Grey was of the same opinion, and pursuant to this we decided to hold an annual show under C.B.U. rules, with members' classes for novices only. The opinion expressed was that it seemed unfair for the professional, or the fancier who could win in open competition, to scoop up the awards in the members' classes. The novice has no heart to show his birds in members' classes when he knows he has to stand his birds alongside those of professionals. For our club we regard a novice as one who has not won a first prize in open competition. Our show date is October 17th, and we intend making the popular charge of 1s. for each entry, and pay four money prizes—8s., 4s., 2s., and 1s.—in each class. We have already enrolled fourteen members, and are hoping for a generous response to our appeal for more. We shall be glad if fanciers wishing to join, and who cannot attend our next meeting (which will be notified in CAGE BIRDS) at Vose's refreshment rooms, will drop a postcard to Mr. E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.

A. G. MARSHALL,
Treasurer.

'THE CHAMPION LINNET."

SIR,—Having no reply from Mr. Allen re the challenge to sing his Champion Linnet, I think it is high time he stopped putting in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, about his bird being the "Champion of all Champions," seeing that he is frightened to make a match. Therefore, I am going to let the matter drop.

C. BISS.

RECORD EGG LAYING.

SIR,—I am just a new beginner; I only started last year. I had a young Norwich hen which laid two eggs on the bottom of her cage in November. I took them from her, and she sat her time out, on the cage bottom. So I put the cock bird in against her and she had three more eggs and hatched them on January 5th. Two of them have died, but one is still living, and is likely to do so. I think that beats all. I wish your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success, as I long for it every week, seeing I get some valuable information from it.

ROBERT WALKER.

SIR,—Having read so much about record late eggs by your correspondents in CAGE BIRDS, I beg to enclose the following, which up to the present, I think, constitutes a record. I have a Canary that laid her first egg on the 1st of January, and hatched four young Canaries out of five eggs on the 18th, all at present doing well. Wishing your splendid paper every success.

H. CLARK.

SIR,—As a reader of CAGE BIRDS, I notice week after week that there is a discussion as to who owns the bird that lays the latest eggs. So I thought I would let your readers know that I have a hen Canary mated to a cock Greenfinch, and she has laid four eggs, and is sitting well. But I think we will have to call them early eggs, as the season is coming on again. Good luck to your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS.

ROBERT MCGILL.

SIR,—I see by CAGE BIRDS that two or three of your readers have been writing about records in late breeding, but I think this eclipses them all in early breeding. The reason I call it early breeding is that the birds bred in the summer time up to the month of September and then moult and shortly after that become very proud. A friend of mine, Mr. McLaren, had four birds hatched December 23, and not only that, but the male parent is only a young bird hatched about the end of July, 1907, which makes him only five months old at the present time. He was reared in an open aviary, and I think it was the change from the aviary to the house that set them breeding. He has also another hen sitting (a week now) and still another one along with a Russian Goldie. They are great friends and are looking as if they are going to pair up at an early date, as both the Goldie and the hen are busy building a nest.

ADAM DICKSON.

THE STANDARD LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

Some Opinions of Breeders and Exhibitors.

(*Continued from page* 118).

I am in favour of the standard length of 6¾ inches being adhered to, as I think it is a good length for a Yorkshire show bird. In my opinion there are not many good Yorkshire birds which measure that length. It takes a very long bird to measuro 6¾ inches, and I think if the standard length is altered, it will be a great mistake.

R. Carr.

Bradford.

I have been breeder of Yorksuires for 23 years. At the time the Union was formed I was a member, and it was to do away with the big plain bird about 7 inches long for one 6¾ long, that that was made the standard length by the Union. My idea is the 6¾ birds are the best for the show bench; they have the style and quality with them which has made the Yorkshire the leading bird.

Joe Exley.

Baildon.

As I have the honour to be chairman of the Yorkshire Canary Club, I answer that the standard laid down is 6¾ inches. This standard has not been arrived at without a great amount of discussion by members of all lengths of experience, and one which I believe to have been arrived at justly. Should birds measure more than the standard length, let classes be provided for them as stock birds, as many of our shows do in Yorkshire, and instead of ignoring the bird, ignore the judges who give preference to an over length bird. If we do not adhere to a standard we shall do a great injustice to the novice and amateur fancior. May success attend the efforts you put forth for the enlightenment of the Fancy

D. Sunderland.

Bradford.

I think this question has assumed an altogether exaggerated form. According to some of your correspondents one would think that a 6¾ and a "7" bird are totally different. Surely a ¼ of an inch cannot make such a huge difference, as suggested. My experience is that birds over 6¾ in. long are the exception rather than the rule on the show bench. My opinion is that if birds over 6¾in. can be bred equally as good in type, feather and breed, as those not so long, preference should be given to them. There is a decided difference between mere size and length and between the two (to say the least)). I think some of your correspondents are getting a littlo mixed. However, I do not know, and never have posed as an authority on the variety, but seeing in my own stud how difficult length is to maintain and breed, I can only stick to my expressed opinion.

R. P. Broome.

Sutton.

We are in favour of tho judges adhering to the standard length, viz., 6¾ inches; but for reasons just the reverse of those given by some of the Southern fanciers, as the judges at most of the Yorkshire Union shows have given preference to the shorter bird. But of course, the reason is that there are no larger birds with the samo good properties as the smaller ones. We do not know what they have down south, but we can safely say there is not a bird living in Yorkshire 7 in. long that possesses all the good properties that are required to make up a good show bird. We have been to all the Union shows and have not seen a noted winner staged this year, that exceeds 6¾ in., if they measure them fair without any stretching. (Our way to measure them is getting the bird in one hand, with the thumb on the back of its head, so as to get its head straight out, put it between two jars for the beak and tail to just touch, then measure tho distance between the jars). We have seen a lot of noted winners under 6¾ in., especially in the hen classes. Bar two or three, there has not been a winning hen exceeding 6¾in., and we could mention several cases were 6¾ hens habe won. Now the Yorkshire is a bird of length, and we dont want it to come about that visitors to the Palaoe have to ask which are the Yorkies, and which are the Border Fancy. Anybody who has tried to breed winning Yorkies knows that it is much easier to get a little good one than it is to breed a big good one. This being so, when that good big one oomes, we think it should predominate over the lesser bird. Mind you. if it is as good in all other show points, not the big ones that Mr. Gibbs describes. The ambition of most breeders is to breed a good big one, but as yet it has never come. This is the reason why we don't think it should be a hard and fast rule,—"must not exceed 6¾ in." It should be worded like the Y.C.C., "standard Length 6¾ inches"; as it would be a pity for the fancier who was so fortunate as to breed a bird about an eighth over standard, with all other essential points, to have to keep it at home. I would like to describe a few instances that have occurred at union shows with these big ones. They have been staged nicely in the morning and looked well; when judged, got first; then they come to stand seven or eight hours in the show cage, what is the result? They let slack feather (commonly called in Yorkshire their breeches) down, and seem to fall out of shape, for ease, I suppose, as they are too big to carry themselves for so long together. The name for them here is "mop cloths." And then you can guess what the poor judge gets! But here is tho most important question of all, who is going to measure the bird, and how are they going to measure it? Has the judge to take birds out of the cage to measure? We say no. As good a way as any is to measure them by the eye, as we can measure the same bird two different ways and make it close on ½in. difference in the length. We think they are over-estimating the length down south. But when we get a few of these long, slim, good ones, that will be soon enough to think of altering the standard.

T. Ogden (Ogden Bros.)

Bradford.

My friends may wonder why I have entered this controversy. My answer is this: In the first place I hold a somewhat altered opinion since I read the able and respectful article by Mr. House, and secondly because I was asked my opinion by an interested person shortly after the birds were judged at Plymouth. I admitted then that it was cutting things very fine to pass a Yorksh're for overlength. My word! If some of the Norwich Plainhead judges were to pass the "should-be chubby ones" for the same reason, we should soon see the "much desired" coming out at the top. There are times when we think we are hard done by. Here's an instance. I exhibited a young bird at a nest feather show some ten years ago and had great hopes of winning. But, alas! I was told on entering the show-room that my bird had been passed on account of its having "second feather," and the judge explained that if the schedule had read "Young Bird Show," then he should have given the bird the special for best in show. Now, no one can but admire the great work Mr. Crisp has done for the fancy, and judging from past experience, he has always been practical and business-liko, and with the courage of his convictions, but that he has erred in this instance no one can deny. The club's standard is the judge's guide, and if any judgo ignores it and pushes his own ideas to the front in defiance. it is the duty of the club to drop him like a hot potato. This remark may cause a smile; well, it is much better to end smiling than to be always grumbling.

W. Spillman.

Plymouth.

Sir,—A great deal is now being written about the length of the Yorkshire Canary, and one of the points in the discussion has been deeply accentuated. It is the difference of opinion which is said to exist between breeders in the North and those in the South as to the length limit of a good Yorkshiro. I am of opinion that this alleged difference is based upon supposition, and is more imaginary than real. It may be true that in the South there are a few fanciers who are craving after increased length and size, just as there are, here and there, men in the North who seem to be supporting them; but I feel certain that if this particular stream was traced to its particular source, and from its source to its outflow, the reasons for this agreement, in isolated cases, between North and South as to the desirability of cultivating increased size and length, would easily bo found In my opinion the good sense of the main bulk of Yorkshire fanciers in the South, would be proved, if put to the test, to be neither in favour of the big, long bird, nor the undersized one; but I think they have their eye well fixed on the 6¾ inch standard, and consider that a rational and reasonable length to which to breed. I remember judging at a Southern show not so very long ago, and a noted Yorkshire, one of the pick of a well-known Northern breeder's stock, was placed first. This bird was admitted by an equally well-known Southern breeder to be "a typical specimen" in every respect, but it did not please him as it was "not big enough" for present-day demands, and yet it had won repeatedly in the North, had feather like wax, well-braced wings, nice tail, clean well-covered thighs, was well up, neat in head and beak,—a model in shape and pose; but—for the disciple of bulk, it was "not big enough." The great majority of Southern Yorkshire men considered it a smart sweet bird. In another instance, a well-known Southern Yorkshire breeder said to me—"You must get 'em longer, or they stand no chance." But in spite of the few instances to be met with as above, I venture to think that the majority, aye, and the large majority of breeders in the South, as in the North, consider a 6¾ inch bird plenty long enough. I am of opinion that the more you go for length, the less likely you are to get stylo and quality, and that, to my mind, is one of the crucial points which should weight the whole controversy, the point of the future of the breed. Consequently, I am quite content with the 6¾ inch standard. Of course, I take it, the argument is intended to apply to shows where there is some evidence of competition, and not to cases where a judge is face to face with a few birds of inferior stamp of feather—birds that he would, perhaps, have to disqualify *holus bolus*, if he stuck strictly within the standard length limit. I do not write with any desiro to dictate, or to blame anybody for the particular views they hold. My view is that the Fancy should fix its standards, and the judges judge to them as nearly as may be possible; but that does not preclude anyono from issuing a word of warning if he sees the tendency of some portion, even, of the Fancy to pursue a course which past experience convinces him is destined to lead to ill results. What has always appealed to me—I say it respectfully, but firmly—is that 6¾ inches is a strapping bird, and I am fully convinced that the more we exceed that length, the further we shall get away from quality; which, with position, and style, form the *sine qua non* of a Yorkshire.

George Gardner.

Some Points about Hybrid Breeding.

By THOMAS SMITH.

The fancier who may not be inclined to purchase high-class Scotch Fancy or Norwich Canaries, which have now reached a high price, can take up the interesting hobby of Hybrid breeding. An unprecedented rush has been made on British birds in the winter months. A Bullfinch hen, as soon as it appears in the dealer's window, is picked up. The wholesale and Continental dealers have not been able to supply all demands. The growth of this department in cage bird life is really marvellous. It is evidence of the alertness on the part of British fanciers taking up a pleasant pastime which entails a minimum outlay. Siberian Goldfinches have been in great demand, and the entry at the principal shows in Goldfinch-Canary Mules exceeded in quality anything that appeared before. Light-pointed and first-class Dark Mules were a treat.

In the scope of this article, I shall confine myself to Hybrids. Hybrids are produced from a pair of wild birds of different species. The knowledge which has been diffused, through the medium of the press, of the possibilities in this direction has no doubt led to the increase in Hybrid breeding. But withal, Hybrids of a superior class were rare last show season. Canary and Bullfinch Mules were more numerous than formerly, but several were small and had not the colour which is necessary in a winning Canary-Bullfinch. There were a few really good specimens of this cross, and they did well on the show bench.

Hen Bullfinches Considered.

Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids did not come out so strong as was expected. Indeed, only one really good Hybrid of this cross was to be seen in Scotland. It possessed colour and size. The others were small, and behind in colour. The reason for the difference in quality is that the one was bred from a large Siberian Bullfinch hen, and the others descended from British or German Bullfinch hens.

The impression that German pet Bullfinch hens were the only kind to use, has been exploded, and now the conviction is dawning that nothing can equal the Siberian Bullfinch hen. True, she is not so ready to nest as her German cousin, but when she takes to nesting, she is quite as prolific. It is as easy to feed and rear, a gem of a Hybrid as an inferior Hybrid. I have tried and have been successful with both, and I recommend the Siberian.

The Siberian appears to nest readily in the second year of her confinement, but I had one that bred in the first year. My Siberian hens did well, and I look back with much satisfaction upon their progress as breeders. Siberians are difficult to obtain, and have to be ordered all the year round in advance.

Points about Greenfinches.

A Greenfinch is not so difficult to get, but hundreds may pass through a dealer's hands before a really good one can be secured. Colour is a desideratum, and therefore a bright brassy yellow should be selected. Old Greenfinches never tame but a young Greenfinch soon settles down, and becomes very docile, breeds freely in confinement, and can be relied upon. An odd one may prove savage, and has been known to strip the hen of every feather, but as a rule a Greenfinch cock and a Bullfinch hen live together on the very best of terms, and are most affectionate.

A couple of pairs, Greenfinches and Siberian Bullfinches, and five pairs of common feeders will, if they breed, afford considerable pleasure in the months of May, June, July and August. They are late breeders. The young are easily reared and moulted, and entail less labour than do young Canaries.

An Ideal Pair.

A Siberian Goldfinch and a Siberian Bullfinch make an ideal pair. Those who have visited Scottish shows, must have admired the very fine specimen which was bred by an Edinburgh breeder. Large and outstanding for colouration, it beat rarer Hybrids in competition. This was solely on account of its superior quality. Yet its competitors of the same cross prior to its appearance, would have satisfied the average breeder. It is clear that the Siberian Goldfinches and Bullfinches are the favourites for producing Hybrids for the show-bench. February is the last month to secure them, so that those who are not supplied should set about getting their wants satisfied at once. The Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid of the first quality is a beauty, and a male is ample reward for a season's labours.

The Redpoll Bullfinch Cross.

The Redpoll-Bullfinch is a rare Hybrid, and worth producing, being highly valued. It will always command a high price, as it is difficult to procure. At the present moment only two or three are known to exist. I recommend the Lesser Redpoll cock and the small British Bullfinch, well-coloured in the tan and dense black on the cap and wing feathers. Both are easily purchased; a nice pair can be got for four or five shillings, putting this notable cross within the reach of any fancier.

They readily pair, are most affectionate and assiduous, but it is, unfortunately, a rare thing to secure fertile eggs. Further, fertile eggs frequently do not hatch. A lively Redpoll and a smart Bullfinch hen are a nice pair.

Another Good Cross.

The Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid is easily got, and is a lovely one. The characteristic markings of the parents come out well in this cross, and it is a favourite on the show-bench.

The Redpoll-Goldfinch is perhaps the most engaging of all Hybrids. Their late breeding has told somewhat against them, but a Goldfinch hen taking to the nest, paired to the lively Redpoll, lends a peculiar charm to an aviary. The young are tiny and can be reared by Border Fancy Canaries. This Hybrid reproduces in a marked degree the characteristics of both parents. The hen Goldfinch takes readily to the nest, and is a capital hatcher, and has been known to rear her young in captivity. The Redpoll is a devoted feeder. Some very fine Redpoll-Finches have appeared on the show-bench.

A Siskin cock and a British Bullfinch hen produce a very charming Hybrid. The Siskin readily attaches itself to the hen Goldfinch, and they are agreeable. Both birds have colour, and it blends nicely in the offspring.

Some Precautions.

Each pair should be separated from the adjoining pairs by frosted glass, or other means, as when they see other birds flirtation is apt to be indulged in, and that should be kept in check if there is to be success. The hens take to a nest fixed up in the wicker cages Russian and German Finches arrivo here in; the bars of one of the ends should be removed, and the small wicker cage fixed up inside the breeding cage, with the side facing the light. Moss, and twigs, and the rootlets of trees should be placed at their disposal to encourage nest building.

The Hybrid breeder must of necessity have a good stock of common pairs to act as foster parents. For this the smaller Border Fancies may do, but for the larger, i.e., Greenfinch and Bullfinch, large common feeders should be used. They are stronger, and more equal to the up-bringing of a strong Hybrid, whose wants during the rearing are not easily satisfied. Bullfinch hens, in particular, lay one nest of eggs after another, and make it no easy task to test them all. It is important that all the eggs should be tested. Fertile eggs are not so numerous, and the omission of testing one might mean a heavy loss to the breeder. Pairs that are to be used as rearers of Hybrids, preferably should be late breeders, so that they may keep alongside of the wild hens.

Have you given the notice respecting CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL for 1908 your attention?

Some Beautiful Foreign Birds at the Palace Show.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

(See our full-page illustration.)

Purple or Violet Bellied Parrot.

(*Triclaria cyanogaster.*)

Class 126. 1st Prize.—Mr. H. D. Astley.

A beautiful and rare species, reminding one of a small Eclectus, for it is fully one-third smaller than the average Eclectus. It is a South American bird and confined—so far as present knowledge goes—to South-Eastern Brazil. The general body colouring is a brilliant green, with a large patch of violet on the abdomen, the centre of this patch being glossed purplish. The eyes are very beautiful, and of a bright, ruddy-brown colour. The female is a plain green bird, entirely lacking the violet patch of the male. This I believe to be the first living specimen imported, not merely to this country, but to Europe, and the thanks of all are due to Mr. Astley for sending so precious a possession a long journey to the Palace Show at this season of the year, and so giving many an opportunity of seeing so rare a species. It was very tame, and appeared to appreciate being fondled even by strangers. At the same time, it did not strike one as being an "intelligent" species.

Many foreign bird fanciers present were of the opinion that this bird was entitled to the shield for rarest foreign bird; it certainly stood ahead of others in this respect. It is also known as the Azure-bellied Parrot. It is closely allied to the Dusky and Hawk-headed Parrots, which species it follows in the British Museum Catalogue, Vol. XX.

Sepoy Finches.

(*Hæmatospiza sipahi.*)

Class 129. First Prize. Mr. C. T. Maxwell.

This is also known as the Scarlet Finch and Scarlet Grosbeak, a truly brilliant species. The pair exhibited, though in good condition, indicate but little the beauty of the colouration of this splendid bird when seen in its native wilds. The male is a beautiful geranium-red in its summer dress, and the female is by no means a plainly clad bird. She is brown on the upper surface, with the centres of the feathers of the mantle and wings much darker; the under surface is paler, abdomen and ventral region yellowish; middle and lower back and rump bright yellow; tail dark brown with lighter edges. The beak is yellowish, and the legs and feet greyish.

According to Jerdon it is an inhabitant of India, and is found principally in the S.E. Himalayas, Nepal, and Sitshim. It frequents both forest and open, shrubby districts, and feeds on various fruits and seeds. Alas, in captivity its glory soon departs, and it becomes a sort of mealy-orange colour, though in the aviaries of Mr. Castle Sloan, in Sussex, it retained its regal plumage during the whole of an English summer. Mr. Sloan makes the remark that, like the Scarlet Tanager, although he possesses no crest, he raises the feathers of the head when startled. Diet: Seeds (Grosbeak mixture), fruit, a few mealworms, and lettuce and other green food *ad lib.*

Red-headed Hanging Parrot.

(*Loriculus indicus.*)

Class 124. 2nd Prize. Mr. C. T. Maxwell.

This is also known as the Smallest Green and Red Parrot, and the Red and Green Indian Parrot, Ceylon Lorikeet, etc. These are very pretty, but not very interesting birds, except when they are on the move; then nothing could be more entertaining as they roam about their cage, head downwards. Briefly, they are bright green in colour, with portions of the wings, tail, and throat bluish; top of head and forehead red, merging in orange green on the nape.

The birds exhibited appeared to be not fully mature, and will yet be much brighter in colour, but the light was poor at the time I examined them. It feeds on the pollen and saccharine juices of flowers and fruit. In captivity it should have soft, ripe fruit, well-sweetened fruit preserve, milk-sop, sugar-cane, etc., and a large and lofty cage to roam about in, kept in some sunny situation free from draught. Though somewhat dull in captivity, especially if kept in a small cage—in which its life would be but a brief one, as a rule—nothing can exceed its activity in its native wilds, as, with its screaming cry, it flits from tree to tree in search of food. Its brief periods of activity in the largest cages in the Parrot house at the Zoo but poorly indicate its Tit-like activity, etc., when at liberty.

The Queen or Racket-tailed Whydah.

(*Vidua regia.*)

Class 128. 1st Prize.—Mr. R. J. Watts.

This, one of the most beautiful of the Whydahs, has already been described in the pages of Cage Birds. Its velvet-like plumage of glossy black, golden-tawny and fawny-whites, with striking racket-tail plumes, impart to it both a striking and a beautiful appearance. It is a native of Africa. All the Whydahs, in addition to their seed diet, should have a few live insects regularly, and during the period of the moult these should be supplied more liberally. They should never be kept in a small cage, as under such conditions they cannot show off their long and beautiful caudal plumes, and they soon become frayed and broken.

The Golden-breasted Bunting.

(*Emberiza flaviventris.*)

Class 129. 2nd Prize. Mr. H. E. Bliss.

This beautiful and striking bird ranges over practically the whole of Southern and tropical Africa, extending northwards to the Congo and Abyssinia. This specimen was very rich in colour, tight and silken in plumage; sides and upper part of head black, with five white longitudinal lines, a narrow one down the centre of crown (see plate), and two on each side of the face, one above and one below the eye; upper surface nutty brown, with the centres of most of the feathers blackish; chin, abdomen, and under-tail coverts white, slightly tinged with yellowish; throat and breast bright yellow, strongly suffused on the breast with golden-rufous; beak: upper mandible brown, lower mandible flesh colour, which is also the colour of the legs and feet. A beautiful and striking species. The female is similar, but the blacks and whites of the bird's plumage are not so pure and are slightly mottled.

These beautiful birds would thrive on the seed mixture usually given to foreign Finches, with a little insectile food and a few live insects. I believe this to be their first appearance on the show bench, and they only need to be imported to become very popular with aviculturists generally. It also gives an opportunity to breed a species for the first time in this country.

The Festive Tanager.

(*Calliste festiva.*)

Class 130. 2nd Prize. Mr. C. T. Maxwell.

This is a very beautiful species, which has only once previously been seen on the show bench, viz., in December last. One can hardly speak of Tanagers without associating them with irridescent and gorgeous plumage, and this species is certainly not second-rate in this respect. Its general body colouring is bright irridescent green, obscurely variegated with blackish on the mantle and back; sides of face and upper neck golden coppery; cap, rich glistening blue.

One can only hope that the day is very near when many more of this beautiful genus, at present known only from skins, may be imported, that we may feast our eyes upon their glowing, living beauty.

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Protective Colouration.

During our winter rambles, when the trees and hedgerows are denuded of leaves, we have the opportunity of noting the nesting habits of wild birds in a way different to that in which we see them during the summer months. Even old hands at nesting find they have missed many nests, while the foliage aided protection. We all know that a quickset hedge is the most likely place of all to find the home of the common Hedge-Sparrow, and it is now when the branches are bare that we are able to locate many nests which we passed in the summer. The Hedge-Sparrow is not considered to be a bird of much importance in the ornithological world, and yet like other rarer species it has its allotted work to perform, its nest to build, and its young to rear, to perpetuate its kind, with equal sureness as that of the Golden Eagle or the rarest Warbler. Although the nest of the Hedge-Sparrow is considered by some to be somewhat insignificant and of little importance, yet some of the structures put together by these sober plumaged birds can compare favourably with the choicest work of the Goldfinch and Chaffinch. And where can we find anything in the world of oology to surpass the turquoise blue of those tiny eggs; not even the priceless egg of the extinct Auk can beat it for colour. A child would probably select the smaller egg (if the two were offered), on account of its beauty of colouring. In the endless variation of wild birds' eggs we have a subject for constant study. It has been noticed that the white and pale coloured eggs belong to those species nesting in holes or covered nests, and that the brightly-coloured and marked eggs are laid by those birds which build open and exposed homes. Protective colouration plays an important part in the care of wild birds' eggs. Let the novice search diligently the small meadow where the Lapwings regularly rear their young. He knows the nest and the eggs are there, and he will most probably set his foot within six inches of the treasures, and yet be unable to find them. When, too, the young are hatched, and scramble among the herbage and stubble grass, they will be just as difficult to locate as the eggs were. At first glance it may appear that Nature has made a mistake in giving the coloured eggs to those birds which build open and exposed homes, but with the study of eggs must also come the study of the birds themselves. To revert to the Hedge-Sparrow, we find a dowdy-brown and grey bird covering a clutch of beautiful turquoise eggs, and unless we catch her beady eye we shall probably pass her more than once during the day without noticing that we are so near to the treasures of a living creature. Again, the nest is deep, and although the eggs are very conspicuous when laid in the palm of one's hand they are not so easily noticed when among the green foliage of the bush. All the Finches lay eggs of a greenish tint, and the hen birds are duller in plumage than the males, thus continuing the colour protection commenced by the nest and eggs. It will be noticed that where the sexes of birds are alike, both having showy plumage, such as the Robin, Kingfisher, Woodpeckers, etc., that these species invariably nest in holes in trees, banks, etc., and even then it will be seen that the gay coloured hen hides her rich colouring as much as possible during incubation. Peep into the knot-hole of the elm-tree, where the patient redbreasted hen is covering her pale coloured eggs, and note how little of that bright colour is visible. She crouches down, thus hiding her breast below the ragged lining of the nest, and becoming almost invisible herself.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Heron's Local Name.

"Hernshaw" appears a peculiar name for a bird, but this is one of the local names for the Heron. The Shakespeare phrase, "Know a Hawk from a Hernshaw," no doubt referred to the grey long-legged Sentinel.

Self-Protection.

It has been recorded that some of the larger birds, such as the Curlew, Redshank, etc., have been known to deliberately head a sheep off when it is grazing too near the bird's nest. This shows a depth of purpose which we can hardly credit a wild bird with having. Some ground nesters will, while sitting, deliberately peck at the foot or nose of a grazing animal in the same manner as they will sometimes at one's hand. I have seen a Skylark do this.

A Diver Without Flights.

Mr. A. H. Patterson says he once obtained a red-throated Diver that was quite devoid of flight feathers; it had only the softest pulpy stumps showing. Either the bird had moulted all these feathers simultaneously, or it had never possessed any. Anyway, it must have paddled and drifted with the tide a long way to have been secured at the end of the pier. He says it was heavy and fat, thus showing it had fared well.

During Extreme Cold.

Such a spell of severe weather as we are now experiencing, says a writer in a contemporary, causes discomfort and suffering in many quarters, but nowhere so promptly and keenly as among many familiar kinds of birds. The kinds which feed entirely on insect life left the country at the first hint of autumn cold. But there are many others, including Thrushes, Blackbirds, Hedge-Sparrows, and many other common and apparently hardy kinds, which feed to a great extent on worms and other forms of food which they extract from the soil; and as soon as the ground is frozen their time of hardship begins. Their great stand-by is the berries of the hawthorn and holly bushes, which fortunately this winter are exceptionally well clad. Chattering troops of Missel-Thrushes, Song-Thrushes, and Blackbirds can be seen fighting for possession of the boughs with their near relatives, the Redwings and Fieldfares, which come to us in winter from the Scandinavian and Russian forests. If they cannot find a lasting and abundant supply of berries Thrushes and Redwings are very soon seen in a state of starvation, though such a slender and apparently feeble little bird as the Golden-crested Wren is well able to keep in thriving condition in hard weather. The feeble resistance made by the Song-Thrushes is very remarkable, as the Thrush is one of the commonest and apparently hardiest of British birds, and the Redwing breeds in the far northern forests, and only in winter time condescends to come as far south as our own islands. Most kinds of hard-billed birds, such as Finches and Titmice, contrive to withstand the frost a good deal better, though they are grateful enough for the charity of the "birds' breakfast table."

Rarities in Old Epping Forest.

One of our Woodford readers (J.S.C.) says Hawfinches have been plentiful in Epping Forest this year, and there can be no doubt but what these interesting birds are increasing fairly fast. A very good indication is the number of them we see at our big shows. But apart from that we are constantly hearing about them in suitable localities. Goldfinches in fair numbers have been seen a good deal lately in the old forest, appearing particularly fond of the old oak trees. Many people have never seen these beautiful birds at liberty. There is no prettier sight than to see some half dozen, feeding upon the tall weeds upon waste ground; for colour and vivacity there is nothing to beat them. They appear more like butterflies.

An Unusual Clutch of Plovers' Eggs.

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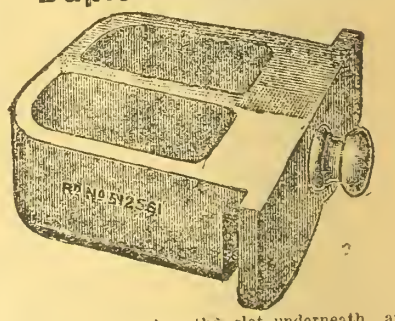

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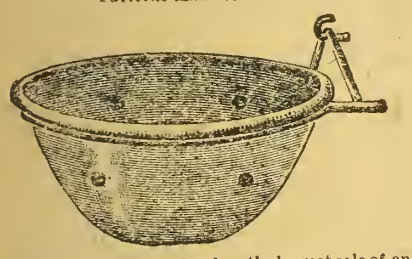

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Long-tailed Tits, Jenny Wrens, kept in outdoor aviary, all winter, stood 22 degrees frost, perfect condition, cheap; room wanted.—P. F. M. Galloway, Durban, Caversham, Reading.

Miscellaneous.

COCK Linnets and Larks for sale.—Apply, W. B. Allister, 7, Crockersholt, Wisbech.

MILNE, BROTHERS, Keith, must clear all their winning Britishers cheap; stamp particulars.

MIXED seed birds, cocks and hens, 1/6 dozen; 20 2/6.—R. Bowers, Southery, Downham, Norfolk.

NOTICE. Cock Skylarks, Brown Linnets, in song, 1/- each.—Brain, 288, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

COCK Linnets, warranted, 4/6 dozen; deposit with editor; cock Blackbirds and Thrushes 9d. each.—Hodson, Great Totham, Essex.

LINNETS! LINNETS!! cock Linnets, 6/- dozen; every bird warranted.—The old reliable firm, H. Dawson, West Street, Chatteris.

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CRYSTAL PALACE winning Britishers for sale, also a few to moult out winners; stamp reply.—R. J. Howe, Broad Green, Wellingborough.

COCK Linnets, 4/- dozen; Skylarks, 3/- dozen; 20 mixed birds, 2/-; cock Blackbirds, singing, 2/-; others, 1/- each.—Mrs. T. Fenn, Beck-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

LARGE steady cock Hawfinch, tail damaged, 10/-; cock Meadow Pipit, 2/-; cock Linnet, house-moulted, 2/6; on approval.—Rowell, 79, West-row, Bebside, Northumberland.

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singing, caged cock Linnets, guaranteed, not straight from the field, 10d., 1/- and 1/6 each, three 2/-, six 3/-, twelve 5/6; cock Larks, as big as Thrushes, 1/- and 1/6, three 2/6, all caged off singing; note, I don't send half hens for cocks, nor straight from the field, same as most of these bird catchers do; they are here one day, gone the next; send your orders to a reliable firm, who is patronised by all leading judges, such as Judge Bexson, Battye, Payne, Roe, Baker, Barnes, all Crystal Palace judges; this address 27 years.—J. Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston, Lancs.

EVERYTHING I SELL

is on approval, entirely at my risk; if not perfectly satisfied, send them back, I'll replace them or refund money in full; warranted Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, 2/6; three 6/-; hen Goldfinches 1/-, 1/6 each; cock Bullfinches, like paint, 2/6, 3/- each; hen Bullfinches 1/-, 1/6 each; grand lot of Linnets in stock, with nutbrown wings and back, Rose Redbreast 1/-; three 2/6; six 5/-, 6/- dozen. I have over one hundred specially selected, large cock Linnets for showing or muling and in full song, 1/6, 2/- each, three 3/6; cannot be beat; Redpolls 1/- pair; hundred cock Larks in full song, with new cage, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each cock; Chaffinches in song 1/-; three 2/-; Greenfinches 9d. pair; Linnet or Goldfinch cage, 6d., 9d., 1/- each; Lark cages, 6d., 1/- each; Bowfronted Lark cages, 2/-, 2/6 each; single trap cages 6d., 9d.; double ditto, 10d., 1/-; fancy hanging Canary cages, 2/-, 2/6.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

FEW pairs of good Belgians for sale.—Apply J. Walmesley, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

ONE Buff cock, two Yellow hens, 1907 bred; cheap; approval.—F. Butts, Holland-st., Barnstaple.

BELGIANS, few grand birds, same strain as my Palace winners; approval.—Baker, Rolle Quay, Barnstaple.

FEW good cocks and hens left from my winners; approval; reasonable to clear.—Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple.

PRIZE-BRED Belgians, grand pairs, 80/- upwards; cocks, 30/-; approval.—George Baker, 24, Reform-st., Barnstaple.

GRAND yellow Belgian cock, 1st Green Club Show, a bargain, 40/-; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

FEW, grand high-shouldered birds for sale, related to my two firsts, specials Barnstaple; 2nd Palace.—J. Rugg, Southgate, Bridgwater.

HIGH-CLASS Belgian Canaries for sale, from my winners, Antwerp, Ghent, moderate price.—Address, Jas. Coenen, 11, Oudaen, Antwerp, Belgium. Stamp 2½d.

Border Fancy.

GOOD healthy birds, 6/- per pair.—J. Chaplow, 20, James-st., Carlisle.

PRIZE-BRED Border buff cock, cold room bred, 7/6.—M. Firns, The Walls, Berwick-on-Tweed.

EVEN-MARKED buff cock, two clear yellow hens, one buff hen, 1907, 10/6.—Myles, 13, Abbot-st., Arbroath.

A FEW good Borders for sale, mostly cocks; this is the strain that wins.—Wilson, 118, Harrington-rd., Workington.

GRAND lot Yellow and Buff cocks, ditto hens; special matched pairs, 10/6 upwards; stamp.—Craig, High-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, cocks, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6 each, grand type and quality; approval.—Lawson, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

A FEW good Borders; cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/- upwards; 1907 bred; approval.—Wm. Poole, 37, Frostoms-rd., Workington.

WANTED, yellow cock Cinnamon-bred, from even marked strain; on approval.—Archie McWatt, Bankview, Bonnybridge.

BORDERS, clear Yellow and Buff cocks, from 5/-; clear and Buff variegated hens from 2/6.—Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

THREE good stock buff border cocks; two clears, one marked; 7/6 each. Approval, stamp.—Stevenson, Muir-st., Kirriemuir.

PRIZE-BRED Borders, all colours, cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; cold room bred.—David Easson, 76, Montrose-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, all colours. Cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; pairs from 7/6. Cold room bred.—Walker and Stirling, 21, Bridge-st., Brechin.

BORDERS. Cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/-; matched pairs, 10/- upwards; all colours; approval.—George Davidson, 23, South Esk-st., Brechin.

GRAND Buff ticked hen, Cinnamon hen, foul tail; both even marked bred; 5/- each.—Joseph Atkinson, Fayrestowe, Dalston-rd., Carlisle.

PRIZE-BRED Borders; cocks, 5/-; Yellow hens, Buff hens, 2/-, 3/-; Buff hen, wings and eye marks, 5/-.—David Douglas, 12, City-rd., Brechin.

A FEW typical little birds, properly matched, from 10/- pair; Yellow hens, 4/- each.—Wm. Shakespeare, 233, Kentish Town-rd., London, N.W.

MUST sell five pairs of prize-bred Borders, 10/- pair, or best offer for lot; bred from prize winners; approval; stamp.—W. H. Reid, Cannon-st., Selkirk, N.B.

MATCHED pairs, from 10/6; few young hens from 3/6, from Patterson's and Alexander's; approval, stamp.—Young, Police Station, Reston, Berwickshire.

BORDERS. Variegated cock, 4/-; Yellow Buff, ticked and variegated hens, 2/6 each; approval; cash or deposit.—J. Chaplow, High Hesket, Southwaite, Carlisle.

BORDERS. One Buff cock, 5/-; two Buff hens, 2/6 each, 1907; approval.—Mills, 29, Royal Park-terrace, Edinburgh.

THREE pointed Buff Cock Self Buff, Green and Self Cinnamon hens, clear Buff and 5 Pointed Cinnamon hens, cheap.—C. Cubby, 30, Edward street, Carlisle.

BORDERS. Few good birds yet for sale. A trial solicited. Outdoor stock; show or stock birds. Approval.—Hancock's, Border Fancy Aviaries, Buxton-avenue, Crewe.

FEW good Borders for sale; Greens, cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/; clear Yellow hen, Yellow and Buff marked hens from 3/6; approval.—J. Studholme, Doyle Bridge, Lockerbie.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, can spare clears and marks, cocks and hens, 7/6 to 15/; matched pairs, 10/- to 30/-, approval.—Wm. Scott, Croft's Cottages, Clirmont.

BORDERS. Yellow Green cock, 6/-; Buff Green cock, 6/-; clear Buff hens, 3/- and 4/- each; two box flight cages, about three feet long, offers, approval.—Graul, Flora Bank, Haddington

TYPICAL Borders; no better blood obtainable; low prices to clear quickly; cocks, 4/6 to 7/6; hens, 3/6 to 6/-; pairs, 8/6 to 12/6; approval, deposit.—Davies, Steel Green, Millom, Cumberland.

CLEAR Buff hen, from uneven strain, almost six-pointed Buff hen, even strain, 15/-; or exchange for clear Yellow cock, from even strain; approval both ways.—Campbell Bros., Odrul-st., Tillicoultry.

BORDERS for sale, fourteen pair buffs, 1906 and 1907 birds, not picked rubbish, but genuine and healthy birds, cocks from 4/6, hens from 2/-; or what offer for the lot?—W. Keith, 6, Maindonald-lane, Brechin.

HIGH-CLASS Borders Having selected breeding stock, can spare four pairs, matched for breeding, from 12/6 to 15/6; bred from best and reliable strains; see report Gateshead, St. Helen's; approval.—Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O

ARNOT and Jamieson, Queen terrace, Hawick, N.B., not having time to attend to so many pairs, have decided to part with other 15 pairs, properly matched for even marked. Breeding prices, 10/- to 20/-; also several odd buff green cocks and hens; cheap; approval stamp.

CHAMPION BORDERS.

A few of this season's well-known winners for sale; also a few stock pairs. If you want to breed your own winners, this is your chance; approach.—Patterson, Grocer, Chirnside, Berwickshire.

Cinnamons.

YELLOW Norwich cocks, 6/- each, approval; fed or unfed.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

NORWICH type Cinnamons, 15/- and 20/- pair; approval.—Eaton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

SALE several pairs good Cinnamons; also buff cocks and hens.—Bexson, 17, Otter-st., Derby.

BUFF Cinnamon cock, good size Norwich type, 15/-; approval.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

LARGE Norwich Yellow and Buff cocks, Dormer's strain, 9/6 each.—Broadbent, Bird Specialist, Sheffield.

HAVING selected, can spare few good stock hens (yellow); stamp reply.—T. Johnson, 40, Cobden-st., Leicester.

FEW high-class Cinnamon Canaries, Dormer's strain, cheap.—H. Fry, Alwinton, Godstone-rd., Purley, Surrey.

THIRTY grand Cinnamons, large stock birds, Norwich type, very cheap.—Joseph Exton, Westcotes Drive, Leicester.

J. DOBSON has some good Cinnamon cocks for sale, Yellow or Buff, at reasonable prices; state wants.—11, East-rd., N.

HOWARTH, Rydal Stores, Little Harwood, Blackburn, has a few good cinnamon Norwich for sale; approval; deposit; stamp.

CINNAMON and Cinnamon-Norwich cross, all colours, cocks and hens, cheap; state wants.—Blay, Lower Ford-st., Coventry.

GRAND yellow Cinnamon cock, 1st Woolwich, 30/-, worth double; unrelated hens, 10/- each; approval.—C. Silk, Emsworth, Hants.

HIGH-CLASS cinnamons, related to my winners; best blood obtainable; pairs or single cheap to clear; stamp reply.—Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs.

HENS, two large buff hens, 12/6 each; another 7/6; two yellow hens, 10/- each; yellow cock, 10/-; approval.—Mallinson, 197, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

TO DEALERS.—Forty large, healthy, red-fed Cinnamons; what offers? singly 10/6, 15/6, 20/6, 25/6 each, worth three times amount.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

WANTED, on approval, two large chubby yellow, or buff, unflighted Cinnamon hens, Norwich type, must have good heads and chests.—Apply to, S. A. Dunn, 9, Belford-terrace, North Shields.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, bred from the best blood obtainable; two unflighted pairs only for sale, £2 per pair; one Buff hen, grand type and quality, 15/-.—William Ford, Tobacconist, Silverdale, Staffs.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons; cheap; yellow buff cock buff hen. See this week's report Palace Show. One second, two third, one fourth with four entries. Approval, stamp.—Roberts, 41, Lancaster-st., Blackburn.

CINNAMON pairs from 17/6 to 63/- pair; odd cocks from 7/6 each; some grand buff ones at 15/- each, room wanted; also four good buff Norwich hens, 4/- each; two odd Cinnamon hens, 10/6 the two to clear; approval.—R. Ingram, St. Ives, Hunts.

GOOD pair unflighted Cinnamons, yellow cock, buff hen, cock winner, 20/-; two large buff cocks, unflighted, 7/6 and 12/6 each; giving up Cinnamons; two good white-legged, house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 5/- each; about half value to clear.—E. White, Shepherd's Station, St. Newlyn East, Cornwall.

CINNAMONS, three large Buff cocks, 15/-, 12/6, 10/-, Godley's strain; two large Yellow hens, £1 and 12/6 each; genuine twice house-moulted Siskin and Goldfinch, large birds and good colour, proved mulers, 10/6 each; high-class typical birds; approval, cash or deposit; stamp.—Hamilton, Middle Leazes, Hexham.

Crests and Crestbreds.

REALLY good Crested hen, 6/-; Green Crested cock, 1907, 5/-.—Beeston, Ross-on-Wye.

A FEW very fine Crestbred cocks, 10/6 and 12/6 each.—Smith, 5a, Chapel-st., Edgware-rd., London.

SEVERAL Crest and Crestbreds for sale, cheap to clear.—E. Blatchford, Nestleton Upton, Torquay.

CRESTED cocks, Crestbred hens, (Barnett's) 20/- each; exchange anything.—Boutcher, Eastgate, Exeter.

WANTED, two large crested hens, 1907, for cash.—Robt. Wood, Sun Inn, Newbottle, Fence Houses, Durham.

TWO pair 1907 Green Crests, 12/6 pair; or exchange ticked Buff Crestbred cock, 1907.—Hunt (see Norwich).

HEAVILY variegated crested cock, plenty of feather, young bird, 15/-.—Walsh Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

REDUCING stock, have about forty good stock birds for sale; best blood only.—Slade, 37, Cranmer-rd., Brixton

YOUNG Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, pairs or sparate, cheap.—84, Salisbury-rd., Queen's Park, Kilburn

FEW Crest and Crestbred cocks and hens, 20/- to 30/- each; sound and healthy.—Parkinson, Waterloo place, Whalley.

CREST and crestbred, 1907, also matched pairs, sell cheap to effect clearance.—McColl, Park Terrace, Wallsend-on-Tyne

1907 CRESTS, Crestbreds, grand birds, from 10/6, approval.—David Scott, 148, Atkinson-rd., Birkenhead, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

FIVE pair Crest, good large birds, heavily feathered, C.B. hens, from 7/6 to 20/- each.—Hall, 52, Station-rd., Lowestoft.

CREST cock, 8/-; Plainhead, 6/-; Greenfinch Mule, 8/-; exchange for Crest hen or Lizard hens.—T. Burgess, Baker, Leek.

FEW hens to spare, crest-breds, 5/-; Yorkshires, 4/-, crest-breds, 2/6; 1907 bred.—Pettit, 146, Mosselle-avenue, Wood Green

SEVERAL good Crests and crestbreds, cocks or hens, cheap; own breeding.—Cross, 29, Empress-avenue, Cranbrook Park, Ilford.

BARGAINS in high-class Crest and crestbred; also few Plainheads; approval, stamp.—Wm. Cottingham, 9, Peveril-st., Nottingham.

REDUCING Stock. Crested and Crestbreds. Splendid birds. About ten for sale. Stamp reply.—Newsholme, 11, College-st., Keighley.

GREEN Crested hen, 6/6; Crestbred cock, 7/6; and two hens, 7/6 each; heaps of feather; cheap.—Campling, 8, Greenhill-rd., Harlesden.

WM. REID, Falkland, Fife, winner of 10 prizes, 10 specials, challenge cup, this season, has Crests, Crestbreds, winners, from 10/-; approval.

BARGAINS, room wanted, five crest-bred cocks, 12/6 to 15/-; six ditto hens, 8/6 to 10/6, cold room.—Wicks, 17, Nelson-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

CHAMPION crests, crestbreds, cocks and hens, cheap, to make room for breeding.—Professor Selkirk, 55, Southdean Gardens, Southfields.

LARGE, feathery, crest-bred Canaries, from 10/6, Barnett's and Dove's strain, seen by appointment; stamp.—Lorden, 54, High-st., Hythe, Kent.

ONE crestbred hen, 4 crested hens, 5/- each; two crested cocks, 6/- and 7/- each; pair Norwich 7/6 to clear.—Pass, Cagemaker, Hucknall, Notts.

SPLENDID Crest, clear body, 30/-; buff Crest cock, good crest, 25/-; green Crest hen, £1; all good birds.—Rippon, 62, High-st., Chelmsford.

CRESTS, four good stock pairs, some winners and from winners, Dunfermline, 25/6 pair; approval, stamp.—William Campbell, 3, Leishman-sq., Alva.

1907 GREY crested cock, good frontal crest and body feather, Barnett's strain, £1; on approval.—Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall, Torkard, Notts.

NOTICE, some grand feathery Crests and Crestbred, best blood obtainable; stamp particulars; breeder twenty years.—Ralfs, 71, Glebe-rd., Norwich.

TWO crest-bred cocks, also Yorkshire cock, large birds, lot 15/-, to clear; four large crest-bred hens, 5/- each.—Hall, 5, Holly-terrace, Whetstone, London.

CRESTED Canary cock, very heavy crest, 1906 bred; won three 1st prizes, 10/-; win back cost first time shown.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

LAST three birds, crested cock, two crest-bred hens, 1907, single and double breeder, two show cages, lot 22/-.—Particulars.—Cope, Eastgate, Worksop.

NOTICE, several grand matched pairs Crests and Crest-breds, 30/- per pair; approval; easy payments taken.—M'Keand, Scabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

CRESTS and Crestbreds from 7/6 to 15/6; pair Coppy, 25/-; seen after 2 p.m. or Sunday; stamp reply.—W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., Kilburn, London.

BARNETT'S direct, Crests and Crestbreds; few good healthy stock pairs; also single birds, cheap; approval.—Bushell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse st., Norwich.

J. CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, late Norwich; thirty years breeder, exhibitor own strain. Must clear twenty from 10/- upwards. State wants. Stamp, approval.

GRAND Green Crestbred cock, big winner, 50/-; another, 10/-; Coppy cock, 10/-; Crest hen, 10/-; pairs, 15/- to £6; cages; wanted lady's bike; offers.—I. Young, Frome.

LARGE, clear body, dark Crest cock, good shape crest, rare texture of feather, £4, bargain; stock pairs from £3; hens from £2; approval.—F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.

CRESTED Canaries for sale; young cock, full song, and crested hen; also plain hen, crest-bred, cocks, £1 1s. each; hens, 15/- each; giving up birds.—Jamsden, Berry Cottage, Sunbury.

FOUR prize crested, one cock, three hens, 20/- each; three Norwich hens, 5/- each; will exchange for black or chocolate Poms or Spanicl pups over distemper.—Gandy, Grocer, Herne Bay.

CREST-BRED hen, 3rd Palace; see report, won several 1st and 2nd, £5; grizzled crested hen, from the above, 50/-; approval; deposit.—Walsh and Son, 8, Withers-st., Higher Audley, Blackburn.

J. BERTIE, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham, has several rare good Crests and Crestbreds to spare; two Crestbred cocks, fit to win at Palace, Yellow and Buff; approval; stamp reply.

UNFLIGHTED wing-marked dark Crested hen, winner, 15/-; unflighted variegated dark capped Crestbred cock, 12/-; approval, deposit; good stock birds.—Macneol, 104, North Hanover-st., Glasgow.

YOUNG cocks, three heavily feathered variegated Crests, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; one clear buff, 12/6; one variegated crest-bred, 12/6, 55/- lot; approval.—Thomas Heslop, 65, Cavendish-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BURGESS AND SON, Bridgwater, winners of 500 prizes, offer Green Crestbred cocks, 10/6, 15/-; clear Buff, 12/6; dark Crested Yellow cock, 27/6; monster variegated Buffs, 15/6, 20/-; best blood, approval.

MR. MARSH invites you to call any time and inspect his Crest, Crestbred cocks, from 7/6 to 50/-; hens from 5/- to 10/-; sent carriage paid on seven days' approval; see Yorkshire and Norwich adverts.; state wants.

GRAND Crests and Crestbreds; crested cocks 10/- to £3; crested hens 10/- to 30/-; Crestbred cocks 7/6 to 20/-; Crestbred hens 5/6 to 20/-; pairs 1s. upwards; approval.—Hewett, Rose Tavern, Mariners-lane, Norwich

CRESTS and Crestbreds. Buy from the breeder and save dealers profits; only a few left; Barnett's strain; cold room bred from 20/- per pair upwards; approval.—Inspector Storey, Police Station, St. Ives, Hunts.

TWO dark Crested cocks, good birds, 20/- each; one wing marked dark Crested cock, 15/-; one dark Crested hen, 20/-; three double Crested cocks, 15/- each; two double Crested hens, 15/- each; Roberts' strain; approval, deposit.—M. O'Keeffe, College rd., Cork.

HIGH CLASS Crests, Crestbreds; cocks from 15/-; hens 20/-, bred from or related to birds of my own breeding that have won hundreds prizes; approval.—Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. Johns Park-road, Blackheath, S.E.

CHAMPION Crests. I won Robert's £25 cup this season with 10 spare points, all my exhibits being bred by self, envelope for list of spare birds which produced the 1908 winner over 7,000 prizes.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

LAST three this year, two green crested hens, 1907 Coppy, [illegible] and [illegible]; green Crestbred cock, 1907, big head, second Birmingham, best feather Palace.—Alfred Smith, St. Ives, Chesterton-rd., Ardleigh, near Barnsley-lane.

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HALF value to clear, crest-bred cock and crested hen, 30 -; crested cock and crest-bred hen, 25/-; another pair, 17 6; large wing-marked, crested cock, 20 -; ticked crest-bred cock, 7/6; approval before cash.—Evins Bros., High-st., Exeter.

SPLENDID grey Crest cock, 2nd Pelton, 25/-, clear body, dark crest cock, cheap bird, only 10/-; yellow green Crest hen, cheap, 10/-; green variegated Crest hen, variegated crest-bred hen, young birds.—Bewick, 7, Newfield, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HEAVILY feathered matched pairs, crested, 12/6, 15/-, £1; crested and crest-bred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; ditto hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- upwards; travelling cage 3d. extra; approval; cold-room bred.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

WALLACE'S four entries at the Palace won two seconds, fourth, vhc, strong competition; breeder over twenty years. Single cocks, hens, from 12/6; pairs 25 - upwards; all own breeding, not bought birds. Approval.—115, Roscmount Place, Aberdeen.

CREST cocks, yellow, with dark crest, 10/6, three variegated, 10 6, 15/-, 20/-; green Crest hen, 10/6; buff crest-bred hen, 10/6; variegated crest-bred cock, 20/-, all 1907 birds, Barnett's strain, healthy.—Thomas Almond, 6, Myrtle-grove, Low Fell, Gateshead.

GREEN Crestbred cock and green Crestbred hen, large, well-bred young birds, 20/- pair. Good Goldfinch cock and large, almost clear, Canary hen, bred 1906; good feeder; Leen together all winter, 10/-; room wanted.—Barton, Sedbury Gardens, Sidmouth, Devon.

GOOD crested cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; crested hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; crest-bred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; crest-bred hens, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; stamp reply; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich.

TYPICAL heavily-feathered Crests and Crestbreds of reliable strains; young, healthy and cold-room bred; matched breeding pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30 - upwards; odd cocks and hens reasonable; highest satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly; enquiries invited.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION crest and crestbreds for sale; same strain as my winners; winner of over 2,000 prizes, including bowls, cups, medals and other specials. See report of Bristol Fanciers' Show; one first, two seconds, and three thirds. Pairs from 30s.; single birds equally cheap.—A. A. Pool, 37, Manor Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, best blood in the world, winnings well known, Barnstaple and Plymouth bowls outright, Bristol three; have only shown three times this season, but won bowl for best Crest, 1st and special Crestbred Plymouth, three 1sts and specials, 2nd, etc., Bristol; few to spare; state price prepared to give; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

CHAMPION Crests.—At Westminster, Cheltenham, Gloucester, 1907, I won 14 1sts. £5 5s. cup, 2 Crest Club specials, and many others, and this season a great many more; good stock crests, crestbreds, all bred by myself; Cinnamon crests unbeatable; winner over 7,000 prizes, breeder 40 years; addressed envelope, list; personal visit invited.—T. J. King Coronation-rd., Cheltenham.

MONSTER even marked dark Crest cock, 11/-; massive variegated ditto, 10/6, beauty; monster Green Crest hen, 10/-; massive feathery variegated ditto, 9/-; monster variegated Crestbred cock, 12/-; massive heavy-feathered Green ditto, 10/6; massive heavy-feathered variegated ditto, 9/-; massive heavy-feathered variegated Crestbred hen, 9/6; ditto, beauty, 6/6; splendid value; all grand stock birds; Barnett's strain; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

CHAMPION Crest blood, winning hundreds of prizes, cup, medals, etc., can spare the following cheap to clear, grand clear crest-bred cock, good head and clear body, grizzle crest hen, grand pair, 65/-; another clear cock, Crest hen, wing marked, dark crest, 38 6; variegated crest-bred cock, good bird, 22 6, to clear, or singles cheap to clear; approval: stamp reply.—Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

BARGAINS. Variegated Crested cock, 25/-; wing-marked ditto, 25/-; ditto, 20/-; two variegated ditto, 10/6 each; two Grey ditto, 10/6 each; clear body dark ditto, 15/6; two variegated Crestbred cocks, 15/6 each; three ditto, 10/6 each; two ditto, 7 6 each; wing-marked Crested hen, 20/-; variegated ditto, 10 6; ditto, 6/-; three Crestbred hens, 10 6 each; also matched pairs, from 15/6; all 1907 bred; approval.—John Hesketh, 49, Campbell-st., St. Helen's.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crestbreds, Barnett and Joyce's strains; monster variegated dark Crest cock, beauty, 15/-; monster Green Crest cock, perfect crest, 15/-; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 13/6; massive heavy-feathered Green ditto, 10 6; monster Green Crestbred cock, grand head, 13/6; monster variegated ditto, 13/6; massive heavy-feathered Green Crestbred hen, 10/6; massive variegated ditto, beauty, 10/6; monster ditto, 13 6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CRESTED cock, nice drooping crest, and good size, 7 6; grey Crest cock, clear body, 6/-; green crest-bred cock, broad skull and lots of feathers, 7/6; crest-bred hen, very large bird, feather over beak-end, 7/6; three crested hens, large crests and plenty of feather, 9/- the three, or 8/- a pair; two large feeding hens, 3/- the two, these are all young birds, buff-marked Norwich cock and clear yellow hen, 1906 bred, type and quality, 6/- to clear, all these birds are worth double what I am asking for them.—What offers for about 200 CAGE BIRDS, with plates, Goldfinches preferred?—Dalgetty, Crown-crescent, South Cliff, Scarborough.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

High - class birds at moderate prices. — W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

BARGAINS.

Champion Crestbred cock, winner in keenest competition, abundance of feather, massive skull, well lashed, £3, worth double; another monster, wonderful body, good skull and lashing, a tip-topper, 50 -, winner anywhere; another grand bird, good body, wealth of head feather, 40/-; dirt cheap; also splendid Crested cock, big winner, £4, worth double; guaranteed sound and healthy; room required for Plainhead breeding.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

The Sensation at Crystal Palace, 1908

was C. Robert's unbeaten Crests, "Blackpool Wonder" and "King of the North," winning six out of eight open specials offered for Crests, taking both the Championships and Crystal Palace medal for best Canary in the show out of 2,300 odd entries; see reports of Gateshead and the Scottish National great show, winning gold medal for best bird in show; they win hands down; I have a few pairs properly matched from 30 - to £30; state wants; on approval, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

Crests! Crests!!

Do you want "Blood" that will tell, as well as quality on the perch? If so, state your requirements to me. I have them from 6/6 to £10 each. All special value; or send for full detailed free Price List.

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Wrentham, Suffolk, has for disposal the whole of his Crest and crest-bred stock of birds; this is an exceptional opportunity for breeders to procure birds which will improve their stock; I am expecting to remove from Wrentham shortly, it is for this reason they are being sold; a fortnight ago no money would have bought any of these birds.

EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY.

Through increasing business, am compelled to give up the fancy, therefore offer the whole of my valuable stock of the above and cages, at very low prices. They comprise some exceptionally good birds; a few crested hens will be sold separately; may be seen by appointment, or sent on approval.—Mason, 23, Ferme Park-rd., Stroud Green, N.

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I have some good crests and crest-breds for sale. Many that can win at our very best shows, and some grand stock birds; I don't exhibit now. I breed for my customers to win. Best blood in the fancy; many winners sold by me; 30 years breeder; approval, and before payment, to any fancier I know.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-rd., Nottingham.

CHAMPION CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

bred from my winners at London Provincial Ornithological Society 1906, including championship diploma and medal winners, also Norwich, Crystal Palace, etc., few cheap to clear 7/6 each, upwards; state price. Note: Not a dealer, absolutely all own breeding; cold room; approval.—Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich. The Aviaries, Holsworthy, Devon. January 25th, 1908. Dear Sir,—Bird safely to hand, and gives perfect satisfaction; in fact, very cheap indeed at price. J. Hicks to A. Woollard.

E. L. A. CROW

has the remains of Rev. David Dickson's stock very cheap, to clear quickly; No. 1, variegated Crest cock and crest-bred hen, 30/-; No. 2, ditto, 35/-; No. 3, green Crest cock, variegated crest-bred hen, 20/-; No. 4, variegated crest-bred cock, green Crest hen, 25/-; No. 5, variegated crest-bred cock and crested hen, 30/-; No. 6, lightly variegated Crest cock, ditto crest-bred hen, 35/-; No. 7, wing-marked crested cock, variegated crest-bred hen, 40/-; crested cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, each; approval, London-rd., Lowestoft.

Dutch Frills.

FRILLS, Continentals, Skylarks, wholesale, export; pets stuffed from 1/-.—Edward Williams, Parliament-place, Liverpool.

Greens.

PRIZE-BRED pair Green Yorkshires, ditto Green Norwich, 15/- pair.—Eastoe, 183, Thonold-rd., Ilford.

LARGE Green Norwich cock, Yellow, 10/-; Buff ditto, 8/-; grand birds.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

GRAND stock pair Norwich; hen 2nd Liverpool; Self yellow cock, foul buff hen.—Greenglass, 118, Alwen-st., Liverpool.

FOUL Green and Norwich buff cock, fit to show, 12/6; pairs matched, reasonable, approval.—Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

I HAVE a few good Yorkshire Greens to spare, single or pairs; best blood obtainable; reasonable; approval.—Metcalfe, Brythen-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES.—Greens and clears, the old winning strain; breeding cages; reasonable; approval; deposit; stamp.—Caples, 41, Hughes-st., West Derby-rd., Liverpool.

H. HUGHES, late 10, Huskisson-st., now of 6, Argyle-st., South Birkenhead, has few pairs Yorkshire Greens for sale; also single cocks, all bred from the same strain as my Palace winners; inspection invited; approval; stamp.

Lancashires.

YELLOW Lancashire Plainhead cock, 15 -; approval, a bargain.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

WEST Tweedale-st., Rochdale. High-class Lancashires for show or stock; price reasonable. Stamp reply.

TYPICAL Lancashires, Plainheads, cock or hen, 10 6 each; ten days' approval.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

BUFF coppy cock, 16 -; exchange Goldfinch to value; mutual approval, or deposit; stamp.—Adams, Baron-st., Rochdale.

CLEAR buff coppy cock, 25 -, ticked buff coppy cock, 15/-; approval; state wants.—Naden, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

THREE grand buff coppy hens, also three yellow Yorkshire hens, yellow cock, cheap approval. — Hughes, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

A few to sell from my champion strains, Rochdale, Manchester, Nottingham, winners, diploma, Crystal Palace, two years together; price, stamp reply.—Garner, Hazel Grove.

FOR disposal, a good young yellow coppy cock, large bird, price 25/-; will exchange a good young yellow Plainhead hen for an extra good young buff Plainhead hen; approval, stamp.—139, High-st., Macclesfield.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

SELLING off. Have still a few good birds left, including the following cocks, clear yellow coppy, £3; buff coppy, 1907 25/-; buff Plainheads, 1907, 25/-, 20/-; yellow Plainhead 25/- hens; buff coppies 25/-, 20/-; yellow coppy 10/-; buff Plainhead 15/-.—F. Horsman, 13, Bramhall-st., Rochdale.

Lizards.

THREE pairs Lizards, sale 10 6 pair.—Dean, 17, Backwater, Stockport.

OVERSTOCKED with Silvers, from winners, from 4/-.—Marsh, 1, Nicholson-st., Rochdale.

FEW pairs of good Lizards 12/- pair; approval.—Miss Whipp, 13, Rusheroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, near Oldham.

A FEW good birds; pairs from 9/-; odd hens, 4/- each; cheap.—Wm. Shakespeare, 233, Kentish Town-rd., London, N.W.

FEW pairs left, same strain as Rochdale, Manchester, Mansfield, Notts, Oldham, Derby and Horticultural Hall winners, from 15/- pair; see reports.—C. E. Fisher, Surrey-st., Glossop.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, can spare a few gold and silver cocks, same strain as my winners at Manchester, Nottingham, Westminster, and Crystal Palace; no better blood obtainable; approval; stamp reply.—Lawton, Sumner-st., Glossop, Manchester.

Norwich.

COLOUR-FED Norwich cocks, 6/6, 8/6; hens, 4/-, 5/-.—Nelson, Althorne, Essex.

TWO yellow variegated hens, 4/-, also buff cock, 6/-.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

SIX good Norwich cocks, full song, 6/6 each, 30/- lot.—Cave, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

GOOD pair Norwich, 7/6; five healthy hens, 10/-.—Smith, Orchardleigh, Highworth, Wilts.

EXTRA large yellow cock, 10/6; yellow cock, buff hen, 10/-.—Burge, Whittington Moor.

HEALTHY cold room, Norwich cocks 8/6, 10/6, hens 3/6.—Morgan, Sunnyside, Teddington.

NORWICH Canaries, cocks in full song, 6/-; hens, 3/-.—W. 5, Willesden-lane, Kilburn, London.

WANTED, Norwich hens, in exchange for Welsh cock Goldfinches.—Kirkup, 2, Ivy-st., Cardiff.

BUY from the breeder; Norwich Canaries from 3/-.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

FOUR good Norwich cocks, full song, 6/- each, £1 lot.—Hindle, 340, Whalley Range, Blackburn.

NORWICH cocks in full song, 5, 6, 6/6; hens 2/6, 3/- each; ready for nest.—C. Bear, Warley, Essex.

HOWARTH, Rydal Stores, Little Harwood, Blackburn, has a few good Norwich for sale; approval; stamp.

NORWICH cocks for sale from 6/6, full song; call and see; no hens.—Hewett, 122, New-road, Battersea.

SELL large aviary and 15 pairs of good birds, £11 lot, bargain; exchange cob.—Creese, Francis-rd., Leyton.

GRAND hens, in breeding condition, 2/6 each.—Oakley, Coroner's-court, Warwick-place, Whitecross-st., E.C.

TWELVE Norwich hens for sale; offers for lot, or 2/6 each.—G. Cooper, 65, West-rd., West Ham, London.

EIGHT hens for sale, Yellow and Buffs, 3/- to 5/- each; own breeding.—Papworth, 127, High-rd., Chiswick.

NORWICH Canaries for sale; cocks, 10/6; hens, 4/-; come and see them.—Wick, 80, St. John's-rd., Deptford.

A FEW good Norwich cocks, yell. and buff; price reasonable.—D. Bogie, 24, Barrington-st., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for sale, 10/6 pair upwards.—H. Tracey, 30, Prebend-st., Packington-st., London, N.

ALBERT B. FORSE can still spare few matched pairs, also some nice hens, cheap,—29, Thornhill-rd., Leyton.

NORWICH pairs, 12 -, 15/-, 20/-; cocks and hens, 7/6 each upwards. Approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

GOOD Norwich, 8/6, 10 6 pair; odd cocks, 6/6, 8 6; approval; inspection invited.—Hunt, 31, Cotton-st., Poplar, E.

GOOD type cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/6; matched pairs, 10/- upwards; sound and young.—Doughty, King-st., Gt. Yarmouth.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich buffs, cocks, from 6/6; hens from 5/-; approval.—J. Fraser, plasterer, 27, Brighton-rd., Reading.

NORWICH Canaries, few pairs left, from 8/6 to 15 -; also several separate birds.—F., 25, Edburton-avenue, Brighton.

GRAND Norwich cock from 5/6; good spangled Lizard cock, 6 -.—Coles (side door), 109, High-st., Borough, London.

NORWICH, a few pairs in breeding condition, for sale cheap.—Pitt, 14, Belmont-buildings, Picton-st., Camberwell Green.

LARGE clear Buff Norwich hen, well bred, only 4/6; several good cages, cheap.—Hardy, 24, Pathfield-rd., Streatham.

FIFTY young buff Norwich hens, lengthy, ready to nest, 2 6 each; approval.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

NORWICH Canaries, four pairs and seven hens, from 3 -, from winning strain.—Hook, 242, Bermondsey-st., London, S.E.

GRAND lot of Norwich cocks, 7 6 each; splendid breeding Norwich hens, only 3 6 each.—Varney, Angel-lane, Stratford.

LARGE cocks, Bullfinch type, wonderful quality, from 10/6; a few good hens from 4/-.—Miss Gwyn, Somerville, Ramsgate.

TWO grand Cinnamon-marked Norwich hens, with two cock Goldfinches, 7 6 and 10 6 pair.—John Norrish, Lyme Regis.

TWO good pairs Norwich for sale, and two breeding cages; cheap.—Sydney H. Pegg, 24, Pretoria-avenue, Morpeth.

FEW good Norwich cocks, from prize winners, 10 - upwards; approval CAGE BIRDS.—Austin, 58, Cecil-rd., West Croydon.

FEW young Norwich for sale; prices reasonable; or exchange for small Foreigners.—18, Albert-grove, Longsight, Manchester.

SEVERAL good Buff cocks, full song, from prize strain, on small side, 7/6.—Reynolds, 62, Langdon-rd., Upper Holloway, N.

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TWO typical buff Norwich cocks, 7/- and 8/-; variegated hen, 5/-; approval.—Hughes, Danybank, Velindre, Henllan, R.S.O.

H. BROOKS has some grand Norwich ready to nest, cocks, 7/6; yellow hens, 4/-; buff hens, 3/-.—Bluswood-st., Leamington.

TWO clear buff hens, 1907, 6/-; cocks 5/- each; two Norwich show cages, nearly new, 2/6.—E. Clarke, Stalbridge, Dorset.

HEALTHY 1907 Norwich hen Canaries; cold room; one ticked 2/-; two clear 2/3, 2/6.—Woodworth, 101, New Town, Ashford, Kent.

HEALTHY Norwich Canaries, 1907 birds; cocks, 5/- and 6/-; hens, 3/-.—J. Shipton, Post Office, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

GRAND Norwich hens, anxious for immediate breeding, 2/6, to clear; approval.—Wilkinson, 48, Arlington-rd., Regent's Park.

CHAMPION Norwich, 15/-, £1 pair; inspection invited; approval, stamp.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

MISS SNEYD, 48, Holland Park-avenue, has some good Buff, two Yellow hens, from 5/- upwards; can be seen by appointment.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6; approval.—Miles, St. Andrew's, Norwich.

FOUR pairs of prize-bred Norwich, 12/6 and 15/- pair; also breeding cages, complete.—S. Hack, 1, Marlborough-rd., Old Kent-rd.

WALTON AND NOAKES have for disposal few pairs, 15/- to 30/-; odd cocks, 10/- to 25/-.—14, Abney-st., Highfields, Leicester.

TYPICAL Plainheads. Yellows and Buff, clear and variegated, from 20/- per pair.—Calderwood, 34, West Shaw Street, Kilmarnock.

OFF to Canada; must sell pair Norwich, vhc Palace, 25/-; others cheap; genuine; stamp particulars.—405, Norwood-rd., S.E.

GOOD Norwich cocks, yellow and buff, 7/6 and 10/6; one cock and three hens, Goldfinch Mules, 7/-; approval.—Buck, Bondgate, Ripon.

GRAND extra large, stout, typical, Yellow Norwich hen, 1907 bred, splendid stock bird, 5/-.—J. Simons, High-st. North, Dunstable.

THREE Yellow cocks from 10/- to £3; six Buff cocks from 10/- to 25/-; on approval.—W. Morris, 123, Milton-rd., Stoke Newington, N.

HAVE several large Norwich hens to part with, good size (cold room), cheap; approval, 2/3, 2/6, 2/9.—Scott, 2, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

NORWICH canaries to clear, 6/3 a pair; sex guaranteed; cash returned if not satisfactory.—G. Brown, 44, Bartholomew-st., Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, bred from winners, 6/-, and 7/6 each; high-class hens, 2/6, 3/-, and 3/6 each.—Chapman, Haymarket, Leicester.

NOTICE, extra grand pair Norwich Canaries, sure winners, 15/-; approval; easy payments taken.—M'Keand, Seabright-villa, Castle-Douglas.

NORWICH cocks, 7/- upwards; hens, 4/- upwards; own breeding; healthy birds; approval.—Robinson, 6, Barton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

GRAND stock pair, ticked buff cock, clear yellow hen; also a few odd hens, cages, etc.; prices reasonable.—21, Freehold-st., Fairfield, Liverpool.

TWO nice hens, Yellow and Buff, 7/6 (Buff chubby); exchange Buff, good singing Norwich cock or Roller.—Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; pairs, 7/6, 8/6; grand typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

BREEDER'S outfit, three Norwich birds, six cages, everything complete, 20/-, or nearest offer; approval, deposit.—Healey, 32, Brunswick-st., Oldham.

NORWICH hens, big birds, pink of health, 1907, cold room bred 3/- each; week's approval; cash or deposit.—Dinnes, The Mount, Hanworth, Middlesex.

FIT to win; one clear Yellow Norwich cock, 10/-; one clear Yellow hen and three Buffs, 7/6 each; approval, deposit.—Morton, 38, Brook-st., Brighouse.

HANDSOME Norwich Canaries, golden and ticked; cocks, 10/6, 8/6, 1907; songsters, strong young birds, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-.—Wilson, Stoneleigh, Warminster.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich clear and marked Buff cocks, from 7/6; cold room. Approval; stamp.—Sidgwick, Aviary Cottage, Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire.

GRAND chubby cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 10/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6; pairs, 8 -; breeding cage, 2 6; state wants fully.—Broadbent Bird Specialist, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

WANTED, typical yellow Norwich hens, 1907 birds; will give in exchange pair of gent's home-made boots, size 7.—Howard, Clayton-st., Mount Pleasant, Swansea.

NORWICH cocks from 7/-; hens from 4/-; pairs from 10/-; few pairs Yorkshires; cash or deposit; postcard before birds.—W. Taylor, Station-rd., Hinckley.

TYPICAL Norwich, Sandiford's strain direct, buff cock, two yellow hens, 22 -; nearly even marked yellow cock, 12 6; approval.—E. G. Roberts, Roche, Cornwall.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD from my winners; Hinckley, Coventry, Leicester pairs from 10/6; few odd birds.—W. Growdridge and Son, Clarendon-road, Hinckley.

MUST sell to make room for breeding, several pairs from my Palace birds, from 12 6; cock, 8 -; hens, 5 -.—Handscombe, 40, Palmerston-rd., Walthamstow.

W. CUNDIFF can still spare a few good ones, from 15/- per pair, Trengove's, Vardy's, Roe's and Shamo's strains; approval, stamp.—159, High-st., Macclesfield.

NORWICH Canaries, Green, variegated and clear; good birds in prime condition; seen evenings and all Saturday.—Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush-rd., W.

NORWICH. Grand stock birds, bred from my winners, Buff and Buff var. cocks, 12 -; Buff hen, 12/-; all young birds; approval.—Hampton, Damacre-rd., Brechin.

MONSTER buff cock, large yellow hen, unsighted, 15/- pair; large variegated buff cock, 6/-; small ditto, 4/6; small hen, 1/6.—Miss Gibbons, Boddington, Cheltenham.

TYPICAL Norwich, few grand clear and variegated birds for sale, 10/- to 20/- each, bred off and related to winners; stamp; approval.—Lawson, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

FORTY massive Norwich hens, all colours, 24 feeder hens, 40 Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, from 6/6 each; cages and flights.—18, Coach-terrace, Longsight, Manchester.

QUALITY for money, guaranteed, well matched pairs, Norwich Plainheads, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair; approval; cash or deposit.—Gostling, South Entrance, Saxmundham.

FEW good Norwich hens to part with from my winners, clear and variegated, from 5/- to 10/- each; approval with pleasure P.O.—David Hunter, Yorkshire Cricketer, Scarboro'.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, can spare few pairs of Norwich, same blood as my winners leading shows, 20/- to £5; single birds from 10/6; state wants; approval.

CAN spare extra large Buff cock, 12/6; winner 2nd, card sent; Yellow cock, 8/6, large bird; Buff hen, 5/-, healthy.—Macvicar, 13, Springfield Cottage, Camden-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, to 15/-; hens 2/3, 2/9, 3/6 to 10/-; some grand stock birds; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

MR. E. FOX will sell a grand young Yellow hen, 20/-; young Yellow cock, 20/-; also a grand pair, matched to breed winners, 17/6; approval.—Curzon Aviaries, Longeaton, Nottingham.

HENS, few grand Buff hens, clears, marked, 6/- to 15/-; also some good cocks, Yellows, Buffs, Clears, Marked, 7/6 to 15/-; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

UNFLIGHTED ticked yellow cock, winner 2nd, 3rd, 15/-; variegated yellow cock, 10/-; buff cock winner 3rd, 12/6, good type and colour; approval. —Moorman, Carisbrooke, Wight.

TWO pairs good chubby birds, both reared nests young last season, 12/6 a pair; several good hens, 5/- each; all been in garden aviary all winter.—Guest, Market-place, Bromsgrove.

FOR sale, three pairs of 1907 Norwich Canaries, cold-room bred, and in breeding condition, 7/6 pair; sell in one lot, 21/6; own breeding.—James Howlett, Kibworth, Beauchamp, Leicestershire.

NORWICH Plainheads, 1907, good typical, related to Palace winner; buffs, yellows, and variegated cocks, 7/6 and 10/- each; hens 5/-; approval.—Mountney, Ivy Cottage, Mill-hill, N.W.

SCHOFIELD, Saddler, Ipswich, has four pairs Norwich, two pairs Cinnamons, Norwich type; two pairs Crests, to part with, own breeding; will separate; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; approval.

WANTED, cheap for cash, a Seifert Roller, in full song, three large Yellow or Yellow-marked unflighted Norwich hens for muling; hens first.—Apply 3, Ciare Villas, Singlegate, Merton, S.W.

LARGE, Norwich Plainhead cocks 6/6; buff hens to match, 3/-; Cheveral cock Goldfinch and hen Canary; bred Mules last season, 18/-; other cock Goldfinches 3/6.—J. Green, Tailor, East Dereham.

THIRTY large Norwich cocks, full song, 1907, splendid colours, 7/6 each; aviary, five feet wide, three feet high, two feet front to back, 10/-; what offers for lot?—Roberts, 80, Anerley Park, Anerley, S.E.

PLAINHEADS; strain second to none. Buff cocks from 12/6, hens from 10/6; all related to my yellow variegated hen, Scottish National Champion. Approval, stamp.—George Scaife, Fauldhouse, Scotland.

EXHIBITORS, winning Norwich for sale, best of blood; I have won twelve 1sts and nine seconds, etc. this season, from 15/-; stamp particulars; approval willingly.—McQueen, Wood Carver, Dumfries.

HAVING selected breeding stock, can spare even-marked yellow cock, two clear Buff hens, two Buff variegated hens; also Bullfinch cock, a winner; large birds, cheap.—Wm. Jaffrey, Montrose-street, Brechin.

NORWICH, twenty hens, 5/- each; ten cocks, 10/- each; practically given away; colour-fed, grand condition; must clear quick to make room for breeding; offers.—Snowball, 13, Croft-avenue, Sunderland.

TWENTY typical Norwich cocks and hens, yellows and ticked and buffs, unflighted, breeding condition and bred in cold room, and sell in pairs or singles.—34, Wenlock-rd., Simonside, Tyne Dock, Durham.

NORWICH, large Buff cock, 15/6, make a grand stock bird; large Buff hen, 12/6, cheap £1; Buff hen at 7/6; Yellow cock, 8/6; the above are all bred from my winners; approval.—Palmer, Newby-st., Ripon.

TWENTY sound, healthy Norwich hens, buff yellow and variegated, 2/6 and 3/- each; also four cocks, 8/- each; all cold room birds; must clear, room wanted.—Warren, Lower Somerton, Somerton, Somerset.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 7/6; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/- 12/-; splendid value in highest-class stock; approval.—F. W. Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

A. W. CURTIS, breeder and exhibitor of winners of over 160 money and special prizes, including City and Suburban Plainhead Challenge Cup, 1906-1907, can spare unrelated pairs from 15/- to 25/-.—8, Fabian-rd., Fulham.

ELLISON, breeder of high-class Norwich Plainheads, birds bred by me, won leading honours at principal shows this season, can spare some good stock birds; reasonable; approval.—Ellison, Logwood-st., Blackburn

NOTICE. Handsome Norwich-bred cocks, medium size, but really good songsters, 3/6 each; cock and hen, real good pairs, 5/6; or two cocks, 6/6; single hens, 2/6; all strong, healthy birds.—Mrs. Jones, 46, Claybrook-rd., Walham Green.

NORWICH Plainheads, best blood in the Fancy; matched, unrelated pairs, 9/6, 10/6, and 12/6 per pair; cocks, full song, 5/6, 7/6 upwards; Yellow or Buff hens, 3/6, 5/6 upwards; approval.—Geo. Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich.

J. TRISTEM, further reducing stock, can spare grand unflighted Norwich, single or pairs; bred same as his noted cup and Crystal Palace winners; cheap; approval with pleasure.—Elstem House, Winchester-rd., Brislington, Bristol.

NORWICH prize-bred; matched pairs, 8/-, 9/ 10/6, 15/- upwards; cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 upwards; travelling cage, 3d. extra; approval; cold-room bred; dealers supplied.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

HAVING paired my birds, I have the following to part with, related to my winners at Palace, Leyton, Westminster, etc.; 1906 Buff stock cock, 1906 ticked Buff hen, 1907 ticked Yellow hen, 15/- each.—Brooks, 3, Trinity-rd., Wood Green.

TYPICAL Plainheads of reliable stock; young, healthy, and cold-room bred; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; odd hens from 3/-; cocks, 6/-; highest satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly; enquiries invited.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

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TWO Buff and one Yellow Norwich, cocks, fed, in full song; Yellow vhc, Portsmouth, and c, Bournemouth; Buff, vhc Bournemouth. £2 the three, or reasonable offers separate. Also few good Yorks.—Schneider, Pretoria House, Fairfield Road, Winchester.

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MR. ECKERSLEY can still spare a few good birds, including some related to his champion yellow cocks, 1st and 2nd at Crystal Palace, 1906, in a class of 44; and to that grand yellow, Eclipse, winner of N.P.C. Championship gold medal, 1905.—51, Francis-rd., Edghaston, Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries, cocks in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; pairs, matched for breeding, 9/-, 10/6, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- pair; money returned if not approved; stamp reply.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries (cold-room bred), cocks in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; I have some large stock pairs, properly mated for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; no waiting; if not satisfied, money returned.—Fred Heathcote, 55, Havelock-st., Leicester.

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FEW GRAND NORWICH.

bred from my noted winners for salo cheap; must clear at once.—A. C. Burn, 14, Fabian-rd., Fulham, London.

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Having selected my breeding stock, I have some yellows and buff cocks to part with; all in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; Yorkshire cocks 6/6, 7/6 each.—Matt, Hopkins, 38, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

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84, Heath-road, Norwich, for typical Norwich Plainheads; winners medals, specials, etc., at Norwich, Crystal Palace, and leading shows, all in open competition; have a grand lot of prize-bred Norwich for sale; cocks, on full song, 5/6, 7/6, and 10/6; grand matched pairs, 9/-, 10/6, 12/6 to 40/-; a lot of good hens, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6, upwards; also show birds, 20/- upwards; approval.

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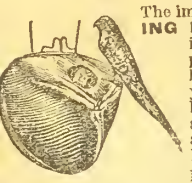

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WANTED, Siberian Bullfinch hen.—W. McLaren, Tacoma-place, Church-st., Broxburn, Scotland.

WANTED, good Norwich hens in exchange for spring gun.—G. Cave, 133, Oliver-st., Birkenhead.

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WANTED, two buff Yorkshire hens, from outdoor aviary, cash. — Powell, Donside, St. John's, Worcester.

WANTED, offers in exchange for three good Norwich cock Canaries, in full song.—A. King, 9, Amity-st., Reading.

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NOTICE. Will give 6/6 per pair for Yorkshire or Norwich; approval.—Write, Robinson, 77, Union-st., Middlesbrough.

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WANTED Yellow Yorkshire hens; exchange five cocks, 1907, or sell to clear at 30/-.—Parker, Carr-st., Huddersfield.

WANTED, two green Woodpeckers in the flesh for stuffing, good price given.—Wm. Blackwell, Knockholt, Kent.

WANTED, tame cock Linnet cheap, for cash; or exchange house-moulted cock Bullfinch.—E. Brooks, 25, Kenton-st., W.C.

WANTED, 1907 Canaries, give good Acme floor cramp, joiners' tools, etc.—J. Brailey, 7, Beaufort-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

WANTED Canaries; exchange Fancy Pigeons, Dogs, or Bantams; state requirements.—Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich hen Canaries; state quantity and lowest cash price.—H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED, two clear, young Yorkshire hen Canaries; exchange pair buff Orpington prize bred.—59, High-st., Glastonbury.

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, cheap; approval; will give 7/- a pair.—H. O. Hagan, 120, South Willington-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, few large, bright, variegated yellow Norwich hens, 1907; exchange cocks, fullest song.—Beeston, Ross-on-Wye.

WANTED yellow Norwich hens, in exchange for crested cock; or sell, 20/-.—Lewis and Dymond, 11, London-square, Cardiff.

WANTED, any kind birds, Canaries, Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches, Thrushes, Parrots. — Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

WANTED good cock Goldfinch; exchange two flying Homer cocks; Rev. McKenzie's strain.—Geo. Braidwood, Stenhousemuir.

WANTED, Foreign birds in exchange handsome black Persian male cat, seven months, or sell 25/-.—Elliott, Oakham, Dudley.

WANTED, Yorkshire hens; exchange cock Linnet; cock Greenfinch, singing, house-moulted.—Hursey, 26, Frognore, Wandsworth.

WANTED, all fanciers to try my handyman whitewashing brush for breeding cages, post free 6d.—Miles, St. Andrew's, Norwich.

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WHAT cash offer for two good Seifert cocks, one hen, or exchange for pullets to value 18/-.—U. Tromans, Beecher-st., Cradley.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Linnets, Canaries, any variety; quote prices; prompt cash.—Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire.

WANTED, any quantity of Skylarks and other British birds; also Canaries; state price.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED Yorkshire cock Canary, Siskins, Goldfinches, or Bullies, for painting on the Medway, 10/-.—Clarke, Hawthorn-terrace, Derry.

WANTED, offers five pairs grand Yorkshires, birds kept for own breeding, but am compelled to clear out, a bargain.—Stone, Mere, Wilts.

WANTED, large typical yellow Norwich cock; give pair Norwich cock Siskin bird; first approval. —Dempster, 12, Galloway-st., Paisley.

NOTICE, wanted good Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, good prices given for good birds.—M'Keand, 15, Queen-st., Castle-Douglas.

IMPORTANT, wanted Bullfinches, Siskins, Goldfinches, Linnets, etc., for cash; or exchange; stamp particulars.—Ralfs, 71, Glebe-rd., Norwich.

WANTED, clear yell. Norwich cock, will give lady's or gent's umbrella, value 10/6 in exchange.—F. Langley, Maker, Beaconsfield-rd., Dover.

WANTED high-class Crested cock, for stock; will give pair of high-class Norwich, 1906; sell 15/-.—Taylor, 11, Lynn-st., Hyde-rd., Manchester.

COCK Canaries; exchange lady's 56-in. tight-fitting coat, cut out, dark grey, with dark stripe, 15/-.—Young, 32, Shrublands, Berkhamsted.

WANTED, any quantity hen Goldfinch-Mules; give 1/- each; any kind of birds bought.—W. Perkins, 1, Blewett-st., East-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED, good, healthy Canaries, in exchange for cigars, razors, or Norwich croppers.—Trapnell, Hairdresser, Tobacconist, Weston-super-Mare.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire hens, also cock Goldfinch, Mules; state lowest price for cash.—Marsh, 45, Pereira-st., Bethnal Green, London.

WANTED, good pair Yorkshire Canaries; exchange pair good exhibition flying Homers, price, 15/-.—W. Holder, Kingston Langley, Chippenham.

WANTED, singing Canary or Mule; exchange new German hollow-ground razor and razor strop, value 6/6.—Hairdresser, 422, Parliamentary-rd., Glasgow.

WANTED, hen mules and Canaries; buyer of all kinds of birds, Hardy and Barron's Aviaries, 3, Ainsworth House, Church-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

WANTED, to supply any quantity of good Yorkshire Canaries, large or small lots; write for price list.—Aviaries, 65, Snakehill Lane, Girlington, Bradford.

HEN Budgerigars, cock Goldfinches, Siskins, Redpools, Bramblefinches, Linnets, Foreign birds, cokernut husks wanted.—"Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

WANTED, any number of Goldfinches, cocks, give 20/- dozen; hens, 10/- dozen for cash.—Merrington, Mule Breeder, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London.

WANTED offers in high-class Canaries for five real good Black Minorcas; Pitt's and Webster's strains; approval.—Armstrong, 41, Grange-st., Brotton.

WANTED singing birds, laying pullets, cockerel, anything useful, offers, for 100 bushes gooseberries, currants, year-old; finest fruit grown.—Longbottom, Wisbech.

YELLOW Cinnamon cock; exchange large tame hen Bullfinch, feed from hand, paired to Greenfinch cock, price 8/- pair.—S. Burch, Brook Cottage, Woodbridge.

WANTED, offers in Canaries for lady's new keyless (gold) watch, with brooch in case, complete, recently cost £2 7s. 6d.—A. Lewis, 3, Richmond-rd., Leytonstone.

WANTED, green or yellow Yorkshire cock Canary; exchange pure Indian game cock, April hatched, 1907; approval.—S. Jones, Saddler, Albury, Hadham, Herts.

WANTED, yellow Yorkshire hen, 1907, standard length; exchange full size cricket bat, stumps, pads, bag, good condition, sell 10/-.—Newton, 28, Ingleby-terrace, Sunderland.

WANTED, any variety of Canaries, Mules, Britishers, Pigeons, poultry, etc.; cash sent immediately.—State your price to Heathcote, Dealer, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WANTED, Fowls, Pigeons, 6/- dozen; having bought a gentleman's stock of Canaries, Norwich prize-bred, and British, sell cheap; or exchange.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

WANTED large 1907 Crested hen for stock; must have good frontal; will give good exchange in Crestbred cocks, or very light cock Goldfinch Mule; approval.—20 Nile-rd., Gorleston-on-Sea.

TO communicate with anyone coming to Canada, and willing to bring out few Canaries, dogs, etc., etc.; ample compensation promised.—Montreal Bird Co., 245a, Bleury-st., Montreal, Canada.

WANTED, hen Canaries; exchange two aviary-moulted cock Yellowhammers, well coloured; also four large cock Linnets, well pencilled, good Mulers. —F. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

WANTED, a good strong watch; will exchange good Goldfinch-Mule; warranted cock Goldfinch note and in full song; also cage; approval each way; sell 12/6.—Johnson, 22, Western-rd., Ealing.

HIGHEST price given for Norwich, Yorkshire, and other varieties of Canaries, Monkeys, Mongoose, Rabbits, and all kinds of live stock.—Wm. Wilson, Live Stock Auctioneer, 247, Argyle-st., Gla. -

WANTED, good stock Norwich cock; exchange real good stock pair Yorkshires, with show cage, or sell 15/-; also exhibition muling Goldfinch, 10/-; approval.—Charlesworth, 100, Park-st., Wellingboro'.

WANTED, good chubby pair of Norwich or yellow Crestbred hen; exchange colour-fed Greenfinch-Mule, 2nd at Bolton, 2nd at Pendleton and Salford, or sell £2; Norwich first.—Hart, 79, Glebe-st., Leigh, Lancs.

WANTED, Canaries any variety; exchange real grand Italian mandoline, beautiful tone, or splendid violin case and bow, complete, sell 30/- each; mutual approval; what offers?—Chas. John, Camp-rd., Norwich.

WANTED, good yellow crested Norwich cock Canary, crest-bred hen, young birds; exchange Minorca cockerel pullet, Hunter's direct, sell 8/-; give cash to value for good pair.—Lewis, Milborne-port, Somerset.

WANTED, two cock Norwich or Yorkshire; exchange two black Leghorn pullets and cockerel; also exchange two buff Orpington pullets for a pair of Yorkshire or Norwich; offers.—Minter, 226, Mount Pleasant-rd., Tottenham.

YELLOW Norwich cock, in exchange for one green crested hen, one dark crested and wing-marked hen, both 1907, and one cap and wing marked crest-bred hen, 1906; or sell 10/6.—Summers, Portland-st., Daybrook, Notts.

WANTED, offers in large Norwich yellow hens, or bird-room appliances; will exchange cock Mistlethrush, Starling, two Greenfinches, one brown Linnet; also Brownie camera and outfit; will separate. —Hubbard, 103, Russell-st., Loughborough.

WANTED, offers in cycle or cash, two cock Bullfinches, cock Greenfinch, cock Goldfinch-Mule, hen ditto, cock Roller, cock Canary, five breeding cages, in good condition, six hanging cages; particulars.—A. Hoddinott, 52, Alexandra-terrace, Frome.

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WANTED, British birds, also hen Canaries; exchange Reynold's zither harp in perfect condition; cost £2 2s., or sell 15/-; also No. 2 Brownie, hand camera and daylight developer; sell 6/6, or exchange either for anything useful.—F. Ditchfield, 37, Nugget-st., Oldham.

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EXCHANGE six cock Greenfinches for good cock Goldfinch.—Hendry, 110, High-st., Montrose.

WHAT offers in Britishers for 3½ by 2½ camera and accessories.—W. Dart, High-st., Barnstaple.

THREE steady hen Bullfinches; exchange offers.—Winstone, 2, Soundwell-rd., Staplehill, Bristol.

TWO splendid cock Bullies; exchange Canary, or Hawfinch.—Chopping, Taxidermist, Stansted, Essex.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Linnet, fit muling; exchange for hen Canaries.—Moore, 136, Middlewich-rd., Northwich.

IRISH terrier bitch, four months; exchange British birds, or sell, 7/6.—Baker, 10, Gordon-place, Highgate Hill.

FOR sale, house-moulted cock Goldfinch, full song, and fancy cage, 7/-; or exchange Canaries.—Thos. Cole, Cradley.

FOUR cocks, one hen, Bullfinches, 10/-; exchange Canaries, or anything useful.—Bert Rice, Rounds, Wellingborough.

HAND-REARED cock Song Thrush (1907), singing, finger tame, 5/-; or exchange anything.—Smith, 44, Greville-rd., Walthamstow.

WILL exchange exhibition cock Greenfinch and Goldfinch hen, both cage-moulted, for Norwich cock. —Blow, Blue-st., Boston.

THREE large Bullfinch hens, October caught, for green or yellow cock Canaries; offers.—Humphrey, 34, Stanhope-rd., Strood.

TWO cock Thrushes and Blackbirds; sell or exchange Hardbills, Foreign, or British.—Pearce, 9, Pontcanna-terrace, Cardiff.

BLACKBIRD and cage, hand-reared, full song, quite tame, 30/-; or exchange two pairs of Norwich.—Finnigan, Barmouth.

HAND-REARED, house-moulted hen Bullfinch and hen Canary, 5/-; exchange Goldfinch.—William Jones, 13, Pecl-st., Abergele.

1906 cock Goldfinch-Mule, 6/6, exchange for yellow Yorkshire cock, or hen to value; approval.—Butler, Plumber, Southwell.

GRAND cock Greenfinch, paired to fine Bullfinch hen; exchange two good Canary hens (Norwich).—24, South View, Annfield Plain.

EXHIBITION crossbill Bullfinch; exchange for cock Goldfinches, Siskins, Mealy Redpolls.—Geo. Smith, 70, Charles-st., Kettering.

EXCHANGE winning Pied Wagtail, for large yellow Norwich hen; or offer in Hardbills.—Wilkinson, 6, Marat-st., Waterloo, Liverpool.

THIRTY parts Wright's Poultry book, 7/6; exchange good Goldfinch for same; stamp reply; deposit.—Adams, Baron-st., Rochdale.

LINNET and Goldfinch, cocks, house-moulted; also two Mules; what offers; or exchange for laying pullets.—16, Hope-st., Coventry.

SIX aviary-moulted large cock Linnets, well pencilled, certain mulers; exchange hen Canaries.—J. Simons, High-st. North, Dunstable.

SPLENDID, 1907 hand-reared Thrush, splendid songster; exchange good homers or Yorkshire terrier.—Cooke, 26, Norfolk-st., Cambridge.

GOLDFINCH cock and Canary hen, bred mules last season, sell 10/6, or useful exchange to value. —Clowes, 28, Nunn-st., Leek, Staffordshire.

WHAT offers in Hardbills or Canaries for seven spleudid cock Larks, singing grand; 3/- each; giving up Softbills.—Inkpin, Queen-st., Gravesend.

EXTRA large Linnets and Greenfinches for muling, 2/6 each; exchange canaries. Approval deposit.—James, 41, Henrietta-st., Blackburn.

LINNET, 1/6; Chaffinch, 1/-; Bramblefinch, 2/-; Greenfinch, 1/-; Yellowhammer, 1/6; exchange pair Canaries.—Fraser, 33, Powis-place, Aberdeen.

GOOD cock Bullfinch, four hens, two have housemoulted; exchange Yorkshire hens; sale, 7/6; offers. —Wills, St. Thomas-st., Wells, Somersetshire.

WILL give cinnamon Linnet cock Mule, young bird, for 1907 C.B. hen; good brows; hen sent first. —Cannon, Bootmaker, Stricklandgate, Kendan.

FOR sale house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 7/6; or exchange pair Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries.—John Howes, 28, Florida-st., Bethnal Green, London.

COCK Greenfinch, German hen Canary, cock Twite, Redpoll; exchange cock Goldfinch; offers, anything. —M. Dixon, 16a, Columbus Raviue, Scarborough.

EXCHANGE two dark Goldfinch Mules, good songsters, for two Norwich cocks, full song, 1907 birds, or sell 10/6 each.—Farrar, 16, Hancock-st., Hulme, Manchester.

GREENFINCHES, six good cocks, 9d. each; Bramblefinch, 1/-; sell or exchange Goldfinch.—Cross, Bucknall, Lincoln.

SIX cock Greenfinches, four hen brown Linnets, one true pair Yellowhammers; exchange for 28 by 1½ cycle cover, or sell 4/-.—Frith, Crowle, Lincolnshire

COCK Goldfinch and hen Canary, pair Bullfinches, house-moulted cock Bramblefinch, 11/-; exchange phonograph records.—Howard, Station-rd., Burnham Market.

LARGE house-moulted Goss Linnet, bred Mules, 2/6; grand master old violin, bow, grand tone; exchange anything.—Darby, 62, Barrows-st., West Bromwich.

TWO cock Bullfinches, one hen, cock Linnet (bred Mules), and cock Goldfinch; exchange two young hen Canaries; sell 10/- lot, or separate.—Devaney, Knaresbro'.

A LINNET, a winner of five 1sts, never been out of money tickets, be at the Palace, £2 2s., or exchange for good Norwich Plainheads.—Jas. Couper, Weaver-row, St. Ninians, Stirling.

THREE cock Greenfinches (two moulted), Mulers, three picked cock Chaffinches (two moulted), two cock Blackbirds 10/6; exchange Canaries or foreigners.—Hancocks, Buxton-avenue, Crewe.

FIVE Linnets, two Greenfinches, all hens, in outside aviary, five months, exchange for hen Canary; also double trap cage and Linnet cage for hen Canary.—Fairbank, 60, Grove-st., Barnsley.

EXCHANGE, the following exhibition British birds, Bramblefinch, Redpoll, Chaffinch, Muling Goldfinch, for three hen Canaries, Rollers preferred.—W. Mason, 141, Langwith, near Mansfield, Notts.

HAND-REARED cock Pied Wagtail, with show cage, complete 10/-, adult cock Blackbird, with show cage, 10/-; exchange Canaries, anything.—Mackwell, Hairdreser, Bradford-rd., Keighley.

SIX English cock Goldfinches, fit for show or muling, square blazed; exchange for Crests or Norwich cocks; or sell for 25/-; approval each way.—C. A. Wood, 61, Spencer-st., Stantonbury, Bucks.

COCKS, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Snowbunting, show birds; hen Bullfinch; all twice house-moulted, 2/6 each; two grand Greenfinches, 1/6 each; or Roller or Norwich exchange.—Butcher, St. George's Wellington, Salop.

EXCHANGE two real Cumberland house-moulted hen Bullfinches, and grand cock and hen Bullfinch, caged three months, for good Yorkshire, Norwich, or Border cock Canary; or offers; no rubbish.—Thwaytes, Great Corby, Carlisle.

LARGE Siberian cock Goldfinches, 7/6 each; Siberian Bullfinches, 3/-; large Scotch cock Linnets, make good show birds, 1/-, 1/6 each; handsome cock Larks, like Thrushes, 2/6, with cage; exchange anything useful.—Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

COCKS, Bullfinch, twice aviary-moulted, 3/6; Goldfinch, 3/6; Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, Redpoll, Greenfinch, Linnet, 1/6 each. Hens: Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, 3/6, three, lot, 17/6; exchange exhibition working Homers.—Kirk, Hankey-st., Peterboro'.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

1907 HEN Canaries; exchange Crest cock or Crestbred.—F. Edmead, Guildford.

GOOD, yellow marked Norwich hen, fine breeder; what offers.—Roberts, Eirianfa, Conway.

SALE or exchange cock Lizard and Goldfinch; offers.—Murray, 28, Coleman-rd., Camberwell.

FOR sale or exchange, splendid air-gun, 12/6; cost 25/- last season.—Walker, Tobacconist, Conway.

THREE young hen Canaries, good health, 2/3 each; 6/- the lot.—Nicholls, High-st., Whitstable.

FOUR splendid Norwich hens, sell 12/-, or useful exchange.—Bate, 45, Shepherd-lane, Dartford, Kent.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, full song, 5/6: exchange young yellow hen.—Chadwick, 7, Buxbury-st., Earby, Yorks.

THREE pairs Yorkshire Cinnamon Canaries, 30/-; or exchange for sewing machine.—Wakeford, Bridge-rd., Emsworth.

HEN Canaries, to clear, room wanted, 20/- doz., 10/- six, or exchange cocks.—Park, 29, Cumberland-rd., Hanwell.

EXCHANGE, or sell three high-class Yorkshire hens, not colour-fed, 18/-.—J. Nutter, 17, Albion-terrace, Keighley.

EXCHANGE two pairs of Canaries, or gent's bike for Yorkshire terrier bitch.—Higgins, 16, Peel-st., Hulme, Manchester.

EXCHANGE two hen Canaries and cock Linnet for mule, full song; offers.—Willson, 140, Skidmore-st., Stepney, London.

FOUR hen Canaries, three Norwich, one German; sell or exchange; stamp reply.—Miss Pennell, 3, Cross-rd., Wimbledon.

FOUR cock brown Linnets; two feeding hen Canaries, 9/- lot; exchange yellow Norwich hen.—McNaughton, Alne, Yorks.

MORNING coat vest, chest 39 in., once worn, cost 43/-; exchange Canaries; offers.—Wiseman, 29, Radnor-rd., Canton, Cardiff.

YOUNG singing Canaries; also hens; breeding cage, new last season; sell or exchange.—Griffiths, 104, Mattison-rd., Harringay.

GRAND 1907 buff Yorkshire cock, 12/6; or exchange two good Yorkshire bens.—Raybould, 128, Dixon's Green, Dudley, Worcs.

YORKSHIRE, Green and Border, cocks, cheap; exchange for good sewing machine, or offers.—Stewart, 27, King-st., Liverpool.

PAIR Norwich, 12/6; exchange Yorkshire or Lancashire; Green-mark Yorkshire hen, 7/6.—Eastoe, 147, Copenhagen-st., King's Cross.

CANARIES, two Norwich cocks, 6/- each; single barrel gun, 10/-; or exchange pullets, laying.—Attwood, Vally-rd., Lye, Stourbridge.

SALE or exchange, crest-bred cocks, 15/-, 10/-; or exchange crested hen; approval.—Adam Rae, Barleyhill, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

TWO Welsh grey Rabbits, in young, one vbc, Morecambe, 15/- two; exchange pair Norwich.—Ireland, Parliament-st., Morecambe.

EXCHANGE variegated cock Goldfinch Mule for two 1907 Yellow Norwich hens; approval.—Fred. Heal, 53, Colbourne-terrace, Swansea.

WHITE Manx Cat, male, winner, £3; exchange green or Cinnamon Norwich; offers; birds, first; approval.—John Esplin, Bonnybridge.

FIVE good yellow Norwich hens for sale, 8/- each; or exchange two for good yellow, variegated cock.—Dean, 17, Backwater-st., Stockport.

EXCHANGE travelling case and two Yorkshire show cages, used once, for Plainheads or Crests.—Duggins, Two-dales, Matlock, Derbyshire.

WANTED hen Canary; exchange pearl pocket knife, best hand-forged blades, workmansbip guaranteed.—Gill, 2 in 2, Eldon-st., Sheffield.

CHAMPION high-class Yorkshires, not rubbish (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper or brass.—M. Cooper, 25, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorks.

THREE pair Border Fancies 7/6 pair, two show cages and case, lot 26/6; exchange Crestbred cock, Yorkshire hens.—Wright, Beckwithshaw, Harrogate.

EIGHT-COMPARTMENT breeding cage, 4 feet by 9 inches, by 3 feet 3 inches, 14/-; or exchange for pair good Norwich.—Taylor, Saw Mills, Ambergate.

WANTED, a good yell. Nor. cock, in exchange for pair prize-bred Borders; no rubbish wanted or given.—Woodman, Liscard Village, Liscard, Cheshire.

FEW variegated Crestbred cocks from 7/6 to 12/6 each, King's strain, few hens from 4/- or exchange for Lancashires.—Wood, 32, Linden-rd., Gloucester.

COCK Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch nesting; also young winning Dutch buck, 15/-; exchange to value good Norwich Canaries.—Graham, 23, St. John's, Faversham, Kent.

GRAND pair 1907 Yorkshires, 12/6; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, 10/-; exchange boy's suits; offers.—Green, Beaconsfield Terrace, st., Somerset.

FOUR cock Canaries, in full song, Yorkshire and Norwich, one variegated Norwich hen; what offers in ducks and pullets.—Knight, Hazelhurst, Swinton, Manchester.

EXCHANGE, black and white English buck rabbit, perfectly marked, grandson of John Brodie, for a yellow Yorkshire cock, or sell 10/-.—Muir, Postman, Gilston.

NORWICH hen or hen Bullfinch, house-moulted; exchange black and tan toy terrier bitch, five months, 4½ lbs.; or sell 10/-.—C. Cornelius Oare, Faversham, Kent.

TWO large buff Cinnamons, cocks, 15/- each; or exchange for two large, chubby Cinnamon hens, yellow and buff, 1907 birds.—Silver, Peel-st., Winson Green, Birmingham.

GRAND /07, wing-marked buff Norwich hen, good /06, ticked yellow ditto; sell two, 15/-; or exchange /07 buff cock.—Davies, 12, Kingsley-rd., Greenbank, Bristol.

WILL exchange a 1907 Buff Crestbred cock for two pairs of Norwich feeders, or sell 20/-; mutual approval; feeders to be sent first.—Parry, 169, Speakman-rd., St. Helen's.

WHAT offers in Norwich, Yorkshire, or Crests, for African grey Parrot and cage; no rubbish wanted or offered; or sell for £4.—M'Keand, Seabright-villa, Castle-Douglas.

GRAND pair colour-fed Norwich, Buff cock, Yellow variegated hen, also three feeding hens; exchange pair high-class Yorks, Yellow cock, Buff hen.—Jones, 77, Hyfrydic-rd., Talysarn, Carnarvonshire.

SECOND cross Scotch fancy buff cock, good size, shoulder and drive, 30/-; exchange Plainhead buff Norwich cock, or muling Goldfinches, to value, mutual approval.—Patterson, Grocer, Chirnside, Berwickshire.

NINE Yorkshire clear buff and yellow hens 2/- each; five Norwich cocks, clear buff and yellow, 6/- each; four single breeding cages, good ones, loose fronts, 2/6 each, good as new.—Boggett, North-st., Ripon.

TWO Norwich hens, two Yorkshire hens, housemoulted Linnet, singing, all 1906; nice 1907 cock Siberian Goldfinch Canary Mule, songster; sell lot 20/-, or exchange for prize-bred Scotch Fancy hen or cockerel and pullets to value; mutual approval.—Wordie, 48, West Regent-st., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE Linnet cock (cage-moulted), cock Greenfinch (cage-moulted), value 4/- each, and pair of Norwich value 15/- (19/- in all), for a clear or ticked unflighted buff Norwich hen, short wings and tail and good quality; hen to be sent first.—F. Hills, "Admiral Gordon," Maidstone.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Weekly quality singing contest was held at the King's Head, Shannon-street, Leeds, when 18 birds competed; 1st and 2nd prize shared by P. Foley and T. Stead; 3rd prize, C. Biss. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle and H. Hayes. Also February 16th, when 30 birds sang; 1st and 2nd prizes, C. Biss; 3rd, T. Summers; 4th, T. Stead. Judges, Messrs. C. Cooper and T. Crane.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

CROOK.

Great Linnet singing contest at Mr. J. Anderson's "Royal Oak Inn," Crook, Saturday, February 29th. Prizes, first 12/6, second 5/-, third 2/6. Entrance fee 6d. per bird, half entrance fee returned in refreshments. Judge, George Reed, Brandon. First bird to be on nail at 1 p.m., prompt.

YORK.

Weekly linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers'. Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, on February 15, when 26 birds faced the judge, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. The singing was excellent the following being the principal prize-winners:—I, J. Evan; 2, A. Chaplin; 3, T. Marsheder; 4, T. Lightfoot; 5, Joe Whitehead; 6, F. Whitehead. Judge, Mr. T. Paver. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert, senr.—WM. EMPSON.

Contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, when 28 birds sang. The following were the principal prize winners: 1, J. Stothard; 2, A. Watson; 3, T. Mangham; 4, J. Moore; 5, T. Massheder; 6, G. Horwell. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, J. Mason.—J. W. SMITH, Sec.

SACRISTON.

The Sacriston District Bird Club held their first linnet singing on February 8 at the Colliery Inn, Sacriston, when 54 birds faced the judge, Mr. R. Boyd, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. Result:—I, 2, and 3, Blackburn and Co. Timekeepers, Messrs. W. Pickering and W. Adams. GEO. HENDERSON, Secretary.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn L.S.A. held their week-end singing contest for quality at the club-house. A great number of birds competed for three prizes:—1, G. James; 2, G. Rostron; 3, J. Harrison.—R. HAYHURST, Secretary.

ELSECAR.

The Elsecar Linnet Singing Society held usual week-end contest at the Clothiers' Arms, Elsecar, when 17 birds competed, each bird four minutes' hang. The prize winners were as follows: Mr. S. Vaines, 1st prize, with three minutes, 36 seconds; Mr. W. Lofthouse, 2nd, three minutes, 20 seconds; Mr. E. Charles, 3rd, two minutes, 28 seconds. Timekeeper, Mr. A. Watkin; marker, Mr. J. Denton.—E. CHARLES, Sec.

CLUB REPORTS.

CONSETT, BLACKHILL AND DIS. P.P.R. AND C.B.S.

Annual meeting was held in Co-operative Buildings, Consett, on February 15. Mr. E. S. Bell occupied the chair, and a large number of members attended. Mr. F. Turnbull, one of the auditors, presented the balance-sheet. It showed, after paying all accounts, also prize money in full, a balance of £45 16s. 7d. in bank, an increase of £14 17s. 11d. on last year's balance-sheet. Also at the present time we have 135 members on our books. The balance-sheet was duly adopted. The officers were then elected, which terminated the business.—W. H. HUTCHINSON, Jun., Secretary.

SUNDERLAND C.B.S.

We had an excellent meeting on Feb. 15, when Mr. John Farrer presided. Very few birds turned up for the table show, but there was some splendid quality, the prizes being won by Messrs. J. Riseborough and C. Waters. Thanks were accorded to Mr. J. T. Clark for judging. The same gentleman will officiate at our table show on Feb. 29th, when more members have promised to support. Terms: Pairs of Canaries, any variety, and pairs for muling, a special being given to each division, with entry fee threepence, half to go to the funds. A special prize will be given by Mr. John Farrer to the novice getting most points in either division. Members are allowed two entries in each section. Our open show dates are November 20th, 21st, and members are requested to attend on Feb. 29th, at 7.30 to hear report of deputation in respect of engaging the Co-operative Hall for show. Six new members were elected. Officers: President, Mr. C. E. Thompson, J.P.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. C. Grimshaw, W. Hall, G. Bell, J. Cobb, and Dr. O'Neal; Chairman, Mr. John Farrer; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Geo. Clark; Trustees, Messrs. William Oglehy and Robert Armstrong; Auditors, Messrs. W. F. Swan and J. Farrer; Committee, Messrs. W. F. Swan, A. Elliott, H. Gordon, W. Reid, Dr. O. Neal, C. Waters, W. Maddison, H. Fenwick, and G. Davidson: Treasurer, Mr. John Riseborough; Assistant Secretary, John Copeland; Secretary, F. W. Gordon, 17, Kayll-rd, Sunderland. Membership is now 70, entrance fee 1s.—F. GORDON, Sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

The members were favoured by a lecture on British Birds and Hybrid Breeding at their meeting on February 9th, by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, Bolton Woods. Mr. T. Whitfield presided over a good attendance of members and friends. The lecturer dealt more particularly with the better known Hardbills, and the lecturer's treatment of the subject received the closest attention. In giving us the benefit of his long experience in this branch of the Fancy, Mr. Chittenden will no doubt induce some of our members to take more interest in the same, and to follow out his methods of treatment would certainly bring some measure of success. The lecture was greatly appreciated, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Chittenden, on the motion of Mr. H. Hudson, seconded by Mr. H. Bradshaw.—H. DOBSON, Secretary.

THE METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

The Metropolitan C.B.A. held their usual fortnightly meeting on February 13 at headquarters, The Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W. Mr. J. Nicholas was elected a member of this Society, and Messrs. F. Mullins, W. R. Everett, E. Alderman, G. Emmerson, and V. Wynn were duly nominated for membership. On the proposition of Mr. Box, seconded by Mr. McGregor, it was resolved that this Society should be known in the future as The Metropolitan Cage Bird Association. The next item on the agenda was to fix date for holding the pair show, but after a long discussion it was resolved to abandon this on account of its being rather too late in the season, as we should be unable to hold it until February 27. A discussion then ensued re the exhibits at the late Palace Show, after which the meeting closed.—A. J. HEAD, Hon. Secretary, 171, Battersea Park Road, S.W.

GLASGOW (Confined) SOUTHERN O.A.

A meeting was held in the National Halls, on Feb. 3. There was a large attendance of members. Mr. E. B. Bullins occupied the chair. Mr. Alex. Porteous made a feeling reference to the great loss the association had sustained through the death of Mr. Gilbert Gray, who was the esteemed president for the last eight years, and a very popular and enthusiastic Scotch fancier. The following office-bearers have been elected for the ensuing year:—Honorary President, A. Cameron Corbett, Esq., M.P.; honorary Vice-President, Andrew Motherwell, Esq., J.P.; President, Mr. E. B. Bullions; Vice-President, Mr. William Stewart; Secretary and Treasurer, James Fleming, 368, Cumberland-street; Auditors, Messrs. James M'Laren and James G. Turnbull. The rules were passed without alteration. Judges were elected for the forthcoming show on 31st October. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—JAS. FLEMING, SEC.

MORECAMBE F.S.

A most interesting evening was spent on February 12 at Mr. Tetley's Crescent Cafe, Promenade, Morecambe, the occasion being a whist drive and supper. Seventy-six persons took part, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The whist drive was got up by the novice members, namely, Messrs. Satterthwaite, Houghton, Beach, Brailsford, and others, the object being to raise funds for the Society's annual show. These gentlemen were highly satisfied at the hearty response with which their efforts were met. The prizes were eight in number, viz., four for ladies and four for gentlemen. These were graciously given by lady and gentlemen friends, and were very handsome. Mr. Walter Bell acted as M.C., and all passed off without a single hitch. I feel very thankful for the manner our young members are taking to the work, and I think it a very good sign for our next show. We have enrolled eighteen new members since the January meetiug.—JNO. H. IRELAND, Secretary.

WORCESTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

This recently-formed Society held a meeting on February 13, at the Black Horse Hotel, Lowesmoor, for the purpose of forming a committee, rules, etc. Mr. W. Morgan was voted to the chair. It was decided to form a small committee of five, when the following gentlemen were elected:—Messrs. Underhill, Summerhill, Truman, Morgan, and Bishop. Several rules were made, and two new members were accepted. It was arranged to hold a committee meeting on February 26th at 8 p.m., to fix the date of next monthly meeting, to appoint officers, etc., and to forward other necessary business. Some fine specimens were on view for inspection. Mr. Underhill staged a nice collection of Norwich Plainheads, Crests, and Yorkshires; Mr. Bishop, Yorkshires, Crestbreds, etc. Mr. Underhill's vargt. Norwich was greatly admired, also Mr. Bishop's clear Buff Yorkshire hen, a frequent winner. Mr. Summerhill was congratulated on his success (third at the Crystal Palace with a Scotch Fancy), the bird that stood first in its class at the late Malvern Show. A few valuable hints from Mr. R. Wingfield helped to make our meeting a great success. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Underhill for kindly lending the staging, etc., and a similar vote to the chairman, Mr. W. Morgan, for presiding, brought our meeting to a close.—A. E. BISHOP, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES N.C.M.B. AND F.B.C.

The annual general meeting was held in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram-street, Glasgow. Mr. Peter Pettigrew presided over an attendance of close on 70 members. Previous to the opening of the meeting, Mr. Peter Pettigrew, acquainted the members of the sudden death of Mr. William Craig, of Uddingston, and it was decided to record it in the minutes and to send vote of condolence to the relatives. The balance sheet was next read, showing a credit balance of £6 11s. This, along with such a valuable asset of staging as the club possesses, was considered highly satisfactory for a club in its first year. The following office bearers were appointed. President, Mr. George Marlin (Hamilton); Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Harry Henderson, Robt. Bald, F. S. Brannigan, and John Young; treasurer, Mr. Andrew Malcolmson; secretary, Mr. J. H. Adam, 15, Alexander-street, Sandyford, Glasgow; committee, Messrs. Johnstone, Roddie, Erskine, Weir, J. Roulstone, Montgomery, Drysdale, Wilson, McKenna, Edwards and Gardner; assistant secretary, Mr. Wm. Jack; trustees, Messrs. A. McFarlane, Peter Pettigrew, Walter and Connelly; auditors, Messrs. Peters and Gadsden. It was also decided to have a pairs show on 29th February, 6 p.m., at 122, Ingram-street, with the following classification, viz.: 1st clear or tick Norwich pairs; 2, tick or var., do; 3, clear or tick Border pairs; 4, tick or var., do; 5, Crest pairs; 6, A.O.V., pairs; 7, Goldfinch muling pairs; 8, Linnet muling pair; 9, A.O.V., do; 10, Hybrid pairs, any variety. The following new members were admitted, viz., Messrs. William Sharp and R. Cabler. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated a very good and lively meeting. Anyone desiring to become members (fee 3/6) can have full particulars from.—J. H. ADAM.

SWANSEA AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

The annual general meeting was held at headquarters on February 13, and was attended, as usual, by the majority of the Society's officers and members. The chief items on the agenda were the auditors' report and the election of officers for the current year. The balance-sheets for the previous year were then read and discussed, and it was very gratifying to all concerned to hear that it was not only a record one, but left them with a substantial sum to carry forward. The officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. John Williams, M.P.; vice-presidents, en bloc from last year; chairman, Mr. J. H. Ford; vice-chairman, Mr. W. T. Kirby; auditors, Messrs. A. E. Taylor and W. Chelley; show managers, Messrs. Phil Jenkins and J. Hocking; committee, Messrs. E. M. Evaus, J. Richards, T. J. Vanstone, W. Palmer, W. Robbins, D. Roach, J. Gooding, R. Owen, J. Gay, W. Hammacott, and M. T. Glover; secretary, Alf Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, near Swansea. The following new members were elected:—Messrs. J. Cronin, D. Saunders, D. Williams, W. Donnell, W. J. Hyett, T. Thomas, F. Mabbett and W. Williams (Gorseinon). It was decided that the annual open show should be held this year on November 11 and 12.—ALF. HITCHINGS.

UNITED KINGDOM LIZARD C.S.

At the meeting held at the Howard Arms, Glossop, on February 16, the following fanciers were present:—Messrs. Barker, Clegg, Dewsnap, Hampshire, Cawton, Fisher, Fuller, Dickinson, Smith, Ollerinshaw, Harrison, Senior, Anderton, Dove, and Kirby. Mr. J. E. Ollerinshaw was elected chairman pro. tem. The meeting was opened with a short speech by Mr. Clegg, who suggested that the Society, being new, and there being plenty of time in hand before the next show season, and also as there were several fanciers who might still join the Society and make good officers, it would be better to leave the election of officers, making of rules, and fixing of subscriptions until the next meeting. That would give fanciers time to think things over, and perhaps think of many a good suggestion to be put before the next meeting. A sub-committee of four was elected to go through the old rules and make any alterations they thought necessary. We have now on our books twenty members, and I hope that by the next meeting we may have as many more. It was suggested that the subscription be 4s. per annum. Our next meeting will be held at the Howard Arms, Glossop, on March 15, at 7 p.m. All members are asked kindly to be punctual and ready for business, as fanciers coming from a distance have to catch the 8.50 p.m. train from Glossop, and if the meeting is late in commencing very little can be done before our visitors have to leave. Fanciers thinking of joining are asked kindly to send in their names at once, and state whether they will take office if elected.—FRED GREIG, Secretary, pro. tem.

LANCASHIRE CANARY ASSOC.

Meeting held at Rochdale O.C. Club, Feb. 15th, before a good attendance of members. The President, Mr. Nadin, in the chair. After the balance sheet and list of officers for 1908 had been passed, the standard show cage came up for discussion. It was resolved that we adopt the L. and L.F.A. standard, Mr. Hampshire, of Oldham, to be maker of same. It was decided that we give medals instead of guarantees, three for the champions, three for novices, one gold, one silver, one bronze for each section, to be given for most points at shows where the L.C.A. give their patronage. All birds competing for medals to be shown in club, cage and points to count according to rules of show. The secretary was instructed to write to the L. and P.O.S. society, thanking them for the manner they have met us in foregoing our guarantee at the late show at the Palace. This was a big surprise for us. Next meeting at the Great Eastern Hotel, Oldham, on April 11th, where we hope to see a good attendance, as we expect having the designs for the medals before the meeting. I should be pleased to send a copy of the Lancashire standard along with any particulars regarding our society to anyone interested, as now the time is ripe for the novices to come out with their birds, and show the people that we intend the Lancashire birds to come to the front again. The subscription, 2/6 per year, is within the reach of all, with a good chance of winning the medals. All shows desirous of the club's patronage must send to me by the 30th of June, when we shall give them our early attention, as it will give us time to consider same.—W. ADAMS, Sec.

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FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

Stockport B.F.A.

The members met at their headquarters, "The Boar's Head Hotel" on February 6th, the occasion being the annual dinner and concert. Over 30 members and friends sat down to dinner, which was served in the very best style by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, the host and hostess. The President, Mr. T. E. Dickenson, occupied the chair, and was supported by Messrs. Hill, Massey, and Davies. During the dinner, the following toasts were submitted:—The Stockport B.F.A., proposed by Mr. W. T. Hill; The President, proposed by Mr. G. H. Massey; The Officials, proposed by Mr. J. E. Davies; The Visitors, proposed by Mr. W. Stafford, and The Winners of the Trophies, proposed by Mr. T. E. Dickenson. After a good set-to at the tables, and when the inner man had been supplied with the good things provided, and the tables had been cleared, we laid ourselves out for a good evening's amusement, the arrangements for which were in the hands of Messrs. Hill, Davies, Nelson and Massey. The President, in a very neat speech, said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, namely, to hand over to the Secretary a nice little "nest egg," the sum of £2 5s., as an expression of appreciation on the part of the members. When the secretary had got over his surprise, he replied in a suitable manner, and thanked the members very much for the kindness shown to him. He had, he said, only tried to do his duty, and would continue to do so. Music followed. Mr. R. W. Marshall sang "The Mighty Deep," in a fine bass voice; Mr. Hugh Haines, society entertainer, caused much merriment with a humorous song entitled "Cheese," and Mr. Chaloner sang "Drinking" in a very nice manner; he was well received. Mr. McKail followed with a reading entitled "The Saint and the Sinner," and was loudly applauded. Mr. Matthews sang "There must be another One," which took very well; friend Matthews ought to be able to sing, seeing the Linnets that pass through his hands. He also sang "The Skipper" and "The Wolf," both with good effect. Mr. Haines again sang a humourous song entitled "A minute to Seven," which created roars of laughter. The company were treated to another by Mr. Haines entitled "Don't Sing another Coon Song." Mr. Cuthbert, that able pianist, gave a sketch on the piano imitating "Fife and Drum," "Scotch Bagpipes," "Penny in the Slot," and "Church Organ," which was quite a treat. As an encore, the pianist sang and played "The Songs of Araby." Mr. Haines had the house "upside down" with his next entitled "He was a Married Man." Mr. Marshall sang "The Bandolero" with success. A vote of thanks to the artistes, proposed by Mr. Davies, was replied to by Mr. Cuthbert in a very nice speech. He promised to come again on some future occasion, and we shall be glad to renew the acquaintance. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess, and the singing of the National Anthem, brought to a close one of the best evenings that we fanciers have ever had.

W. STAFFORD.

Oldham and District C.B.S..

On February 1st, a large number of the members, along with their wives and sweethearts, assembled at the Club's headquarters to spend a pleasant evening. Tea was arranged for five o'clock, and after ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the rest of the evening was spent in singing, dancing, etc. In the absence of the President, Mr. Ackroyd was voted to the chair, and in his remarks alluded briefly to the past season's working. He also commented on the social side, and hoped that all present would enjoy themselves. In the first part of the programme, opportunity was taken to toast the honour of one of the members, Mr. Hardy, who had won outright the Bristol Bowl placed for the Lancashire section of Canaries. The chairman in proposing the toast stated that the society was proud that one of its members had had the distinction of winning such a trophy; especially after starting on such a "back" mark. Mr. Alex. Donnelly, in supporting, said he was pleased that the bowl had come to Oldham; also referring to the interest, the trouble and anxiety that it caused each year the competition had been running. Mr. Hardy briefly responded. The artistes included Mr. Howarth (Littleborough), as dialect reciter; Messrs. Turner and Bradbury, vocalists; Messrs. Steeple (Anglo-German), and C. Astley (English) concertinists, and Mr. Hargreaves, pianist. Mr. Turner also acted as M.C. Votes of thanks were passed on the proposition of Mr. Winn, seconded by Mr. Houldsworth. A splendid evening's entertainment was brought to a close with an old-fashioned country dance, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." A. ACKROYD.

Inverness O.A.

In the hall of the Queensgate Hotel, Inverness, on February 5th, an "At Home" was held under the auspices of the Inverness O.A. Sir Hector Munro presided, and he was supported by Messrs. Geo. MacKenzie, president, A. Sanderson, E. Chisholm, J. MacKenzie and A. Urquhart, sec. The chairman in the course of a few remarks thanked the society for inviting him to occupy the chair on that interesting occasion. He observed that they were to be provided with a rich feast of music that night. He was disposed to think that the best feature of the splendid musical programme was the chairman's remarks. (Laughter.) A chairman was fairly obliterated on an occasion like this. (Laughter.) But he might say how much he approved of the objects of the association whose career he followed with the greatest of interest. They knew more about birds of the feather tribe than he could possibly tell them. Whatever their hobby was—whether cricket or bird fancying—he thought it did a vast amount of good and was time well spent. The only remark he had to make was to wish the function every success. An excellent musical programme was thereafter submitted, comprising songs, etc., contributed by the Misses Minnie Fridge, Annie Collie, Mrs. Kelly and Messrs. J. R. Craik, Manson, Bert Law, W. R. Christie, A. MacKenzie, Alec Sinclair, etc. Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Sinclair played the accompaniments. The various items were loudly applauded and the singers and reciters were encored. During the interval in the proceedings tea was served by a number of ladies and gentlemen. At the close Mr. Geo MacKenzie, the vice-president, moved votes of thanks to Sir Hector Munro, for presiding and to the artistes for contributing to the programme. Mr. MacKenzie spoke of the esteem in which their president that night was held by the citizens of Inverness, and proceeded to eulogise the merits of the performers. He invited the young ladies of the town to join the Association, which had a very good membership and plenty of money. (Laughter.) The votes of thanks were enthusiastically accorded. The singing of "For Auld Lang Syne" brought a very enjoyable function to a close.

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TWITTERINGS.

Kindly note change of address to 14, Brick Row, Seaton Delaval writes Mr Geo. Dobinson.

I won vhe in vho class for Border Fancy Hens, Buff, at the Palace Show, writes Mr. A. J. L. Taylor (Neath).

Our first feather show is fixed for June 17, writes Mr. J. N. Jeffery, sec. of the Torbay O.S. (Paignton).

Tho initials, "H. G." were inadvertently given in last week's advertisement of Mr. H. J. Hawes (Forest Gate).

The date of our next show, writes Mr. J. Thomas, secretary of the Merthyr Dowlais and Dis. F.A., has been fixed for Nov. 2.

I cannot possibly reply to all who answered my advertisement in last week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Jones (Coalbrook Dale).

I have had so many applications through your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS that I cannot answer all, writes Mr. D. G. Davies (Cardigan).

Our show is fixed for Nov. 11 and 12, subject to C.B.U. sanction, writes Mr. W. H. Wright, hon. sec. of the Carlisle and District C.B.S.

The name of the Secretary of the Derby Cage Bird Club is Mr. Stevens, and not Stephens, as was inadvertently given in our columns.

Kindly note change of address from 10 Collego St., to 17 King St., Whitehaven, writes Mr. W. J. Douglas, Hon. Sec. of the Whitehaven C.B. and H.S.

Secretaries of shows please note that the Inverness Ornithological Association annual show has been fixed for 18th November writes Mr. A. Urquhart, sec.

I am pleased to say that I sold all my Scotch Fancies through my advertisement in your grand paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Wm. Dalgetty (Scarborough).

The plate issued with CAGE BIRDS Palace Show Number is well worth having. It is certainly a work of art, and I think I shall frame it.—F. S. Matthes (Rotherhithe).

I have taken on the Secretaryship of the Accrington and Dis. Cage Bird Society writes Mr. Jas. W. Philpott. My address is 28, Jubilee St., Oswaldtwistle.

Please do not insert my advertisement re mealworms in CAGE BIRDS this week, writes Mr. R. Kremner (Bolton), as the demand has been bigger than the supply.

The date of our next show has been fixed for 15th of August writes W. T. Davies, sec., of the Vaynol Park Show, Port Dinorwie. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

We hear that the judges for the next annual show of the Newcastle C.B.S., on October 23 and 24, are Messrs. T. McCredie (Dumfries), C. Houlton, W. Vardy, and J. Robson.

I think that all our members take in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Vart, sec of the Kendal and Dis C.B.S. As for myself I have taken it every week since its commencement.

The A.O.S. Resident Class in the Palace Show report should read first Milne Bros., and the Blackbird class should be vhe Milne Bros. write Messrs. Milne Bros. (Keith).

Full prize money won at Spalding Show was paid within fourteen days writes Mr. W. R. Murrell, Hon. Sec. Should any exhibitor have been overlooked will they kindly communicate?

Evidence of the unusual mildness of the weather is afforded by the finding in the Hertford neighbourhood of a Blackbird's nest and Thrush's nest, each containing several eggs.

The Sidmouth Fanciers will hold their show on November 19th write Messrs. Collier and Clode, Hon. Secs. All communications in future must be sent to us at Church St., Sidmouth, (Devon).

Very many thanks for so excellent a report of the Palace Show and the most beautiful coloured plate which accompanied it. I think your artist very clever.—S. G. Quelch, Shoreditch.

I think CAGE BIRDS a very valuable paper indeed, and one which makes interesting reading for those not in the Fancy; also I have been treated fairly up till now by those advertising. I wish you success.—H. Cook (Rodborough).

Last week's plate was a "knock-out," writes Mr. Wm. Hornby (Leeds). I am having it framed, and am waiting for the companion to it, so as to have a pair of pictures of which I shall be proud.

Kindly thank applicants for my Norwich advertised in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. H. Jowett (Bradford). They were too many for me to answer. Birds were sold very early.

In the Crystal Palace Show report I see the much talked of drying cage, No. 2391, reads as exhibited by Mr. Yates. This was not so; it was exhibited by myself, Geo. Burrows (Judd St., W.C.)

Your special Crystal Palace Show number is a great treat to all lovers of birds. The coloured plate and also the sketches are very good, and well worth the extra money.—Jno. C. Spilsbury (Stockport).

Your lengthy report of the Palace Show I appreciate very much, as I was unable to be present this year. The coloured plate is a real gem, the Wood Warbler being a "topper."—M. Hardy (Streatham).

We hear that Messrs. Moore and Crowston have been elected secs. of the Grimsby and Dist. Ornithological Society and in future all correspondence should be addressed to them at 9, Chantry Lane, Grimsby.

We like CAGE BIRDS very much and the coloured plates are supurb, writes Miss Annie Marshall (Winchfield). It it just the paper that we Novices require and we are surprised at such a paper for the modest 1d.

Kindly thank those who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS for Britishers writes Mr. R. Dallman (Melbourne). I had so many letters and cards I could not answer all. I wish CAGE BIRDS further success.

We regret to hear from Mr. Tom Bentley, of Cleckheaton, that two of his cinnamon-marked Yorkshires, which got into the cards at the Palace Show, were dead on their arrival home, though they left him in vigorous condition.

We hear from Mr. A. Wand, sec of the York C.B.S. that owing to a clashing with six other shows their show date has had to be altered from Nov., 6 and 7 to Oct., 30 and 31, and it is hoped the Fancy will note the change.

I consider the reproduction of this week's plate of Britishers is the most lifelike of any you have yet published, writes Mr. Fred Bowman, hon. sec. Scottish Yorkshire C.C., and reflects great credit on your most up-to-date methods.

Kindly note my change of address to 68, Railway St., Heywood, writes Mr. A. H. Meadowcroft, sec of the Heywood and Dis C.B.S. We shall welcome at our society meetings any fancier residing within a radius of 4 miles.

Allow me to wish CAGE BIRDS continued success and prosperity writes Mr. T. E. Nicholson (Pilmoor, York.) With the first class coloured plates and articles given therewith CAGE BIRDS cannot be surpassed by any other paper, that I have ever seen.

I regret to announce the death of Mrs. John Wrigley, wife of one of our oldest and best known Lizard Breeders, writes Mr. Fred Greig (Glossop). It was after a long illness. I am sure all fanciers join me in offering their deepest sympathy.

I shall be much obliged writes Mr. A. S. Treasure if you will rectify an error in report of our annual meeting. It says Mr. T. N. King was re-elected Assist. Hon. Sec., it should be Mr. E. H. E. Hope, who acted in the same capacity last year.

Mr. E. Fox, of Long Eaton, is judging the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. Members' Show on Saturday, Feb. 22, writes Mr. Chas. Draper, the sec. It will be held at headquarters, the White Swan Hotel, and be open at 2 p.m. All fanciers are cordially invited, and the admission is free.

Am pleased to say that I sold my outdoor Bird Room through CAGE BIRDS columns, writes Mr. Geo. Francis (Lowestoft), also the two yellow variegated Norwich Cocks 1st and 2nd Lowestoft at a big figure.

Kindly announce that the Leigh and Dis. C.B.S. have fixed Oct. 23 and 24 as the dates for the Open Show, writes Mr. R. H. Davies, sec. All fanciers and friends are invited to attend our annual concert on Feb. 22, at Lawson's Railway Hotel, at 7.30 p.m.

Kindly thank all who answered my advert. in CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. F. Tweedle (Birkenhead). I have replied to all who sent stamped addressed envelopes, but I could not undertake to answer all, they were so numerous. Wishing CAGE BIRDS further success.

I have sold, from my advert. in CAGE BIRDS, all the Norwich I have to sell, writes Mr. J. F. Bishop (Radcliffe-on-Trent). I am sorry I cannot breed all my birds equal to my three Palace winners, as most people seem to expect them to be so, judging from their letters.

The Red Mite Exterminator I am advertising in your columns this week I have given a fair trial, writes Mr. W. R. Myers (Bradford). It can with safety be given to birds even in their drinking water. I think it will be a big boon to every fancier during the coming season.

Fixtures for the year have been arranged as follows, writes Mr. B. F. Forse, secretary of the Leyton and Dis. C.B.A.: March 2, British Bird Show; June 27, Young Stock Show; Nov. 14, Annual Show; Feb. 6, 1909, Pair Show. Will secretaries please note to avoid clashing.

The plate entitled "Popular Parrots" by Mr. Goodchild, recently issued by you does you great credit writes Mr. W. Earp (Henley on Thames). It was done in first class style. I don't think I ever saw a better grey Parrot illustration. The expression is lifelike.

I see in the report of the Palace Show, writes Mr. A. P. Hurst (Liverpool), that the 3rd prize winning Goldfinch was the Pride of Liverpool, but the Pride was at home. The one at the Palace was a youngster, and has only been out once before, viz., at Dudley where he was first.

In the advertisement of stock for disposal from that well-known British bird fancier and exhibitor, Mr. C. Prior, of Brentford, the words, "State wants, enclosing stamps," appeared last week. This was an error of our printers; "state wants, enclosing stamp," it should have read.

We note from the annual report of the Consett, Blackhill and Dis. P.P.R. and C.B.S. which was sent by the sec., Mr. W. H. Hutchinson, that the balance is £45 16s. 7d. (an increase of £14 17s. 11d. on that of the previous year) and that the society now has a membership of 135.

We have received a copy of the City of Birmingham C.B.S. balance-sheet for 1907 from Mr. H. C. Wilkins, sec. It is a very creditable showing, despite losses of £4 odd on the Nest Feather and Winter Shows. The cash balance is £11 13s., which shows a small increase on that of the previous year.

The "advance booking" for CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL has been exceedingly large, but we are doing our very best to cope with the orders on hand, and all copies which have been paid for should reach subscribers on or before Tuesday's post next. If you have not yet ordered a copy, you should do so at once. This year's ANNUAL is far and away the best ever issued, and looks like being "sold out" in record time.

At Bathgate and District C.B. Show, held on 11 January, I may say for the benefit of other exhibitors who may be disappointed at not receiving full prize money, that in Class No. 5 my cage number should be 1, and not 8, as stated, there being only seven birds in the said class.—R. Frew (Wishaw).

Mr. E. W. Sainter of Royds St., Manchester, having guaranteed a quarter of the loss on the Pendleton and Salford O. S. All England Show held last December, writes Mr. W. Jackson (Hon Sec.), presented at our last meeting a cheque for same. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Sainter

Allow me through your paper CAGE BIRDS to thank the Lowestoft fanciers for their hearty vote of thanks writes Mr. J. E. Reeves (Canning Town). I shall be pleased at any future time to assist them at their shows if I happen to be at Lowestoft. I am sure of their success under the leadership of that good old fancier, Henry Hart.

We hear from Mr. Sampson, sec. of the Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S. that the annual members' show will be held on February 26 at Naish's Royal Stores, the Hayes, Cardiff. Mr. J. H. Payne will judge. Classes to be provided for Canaries, Brit. and For., entrance fee is 9d. and the prize money is on a sliding scale. Entries close on Feb. 24.

That well-known Crested Canary breeder and expert, Mr. W. E. Greeves, of Wrentham, in sending an advertisement of birds for disposal, writes: It is a matter of sincere regret that I am parting with my stock, but as I shall not be able to breed from them this season, I thought they had better go, rather than lose a season's youngsters.

I am delighted with the result of advertising in the Palace Number, which is magnificent, writes Miss A. Richardson (Hatfield). Kindly thank all who answered my advertisements as it is impossible to reply to each one individually. I had answers from all parts of the country, which shows what a large circulation CAGE BIRDS really has.

In our report of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club annual meeting, our printers mixed up a line, and the proposition moved and seconded by Messrs. Woolhouse and Kilby should have read: "That we be not affiliated (to the C.B.U.), as this would give the affiliated and non-affiliated breeders the same chance of belonging to the Club."

Kindly state that my champion Goldfinch "Southern King" was absent from the Palace Show on account of his having lost 4 flight feathers, writes Mr. Arthur T. Jupe (Petersfield) Yours is certainly a grand paper. I always make a dive for it Friday mornings and often get into hot water for reading it instead of having my breakfast. I wish CAGE BIRDS all the success it deserves.

The balance-sheet for 1907 of the Gateshead and District C.B.S. is very satisfactory, showing a turnover of no less than £190 4s. 10d., and a cash balance of over £10, in addition to other assets. We note that the sum of £32 19s. 7d. was taken at the gate at the All-England Show. Mr. Taylor, the sec., and his fellow workers, are to be congratulated on the result of their labours.

Do not forget to visit the London and Counties A.C.B. Show of British and Foreign Birds at "The Bay Malton," Gt. Portland Street, W., on Saturday, Feb. 29. Note that this is the only Society which organises a show of this kind in London. Within five minutes' walk of Oxford Circus, Euston Road, Tube stations, and two minutes from Portland Road (Metropolian Railway).—ADVT.

Will you kindly remind all those having books connected with the Hartlepools C.B.S. prize drawing writes Mr. E. Woodhead, sec., that the same must be returned to the Hon. Sec. not later than Feb. 22, or Monday morning's post in time so that the winning numbers may appear the following Saturday (29). Those who have already sent books in, please accept the committee's very best thanks.

An admirable little handbook, entitled "The Bird Keeper's Guide," reaches us from Messrs. Trower and Co., the noted bird-food specialists, Caledonian Road, London, N. It deals in tabular form with every species of British bird likely to be kept in captivity, and also a very large number of Foreign birds, and brief but accurate and helpful information is given concerning their habitat and the cages and foods suitable for them. It is published at 6d., and may be had direct from Messrs. Trower. This useful addition to the bird-keeper's library is tastefully got up, and bears the names of Messrs. T. R. Trower and A. Silver as joint authors.

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Through an advertisement in your columns writes Mr. Wm. H. Riley (Hull), I have bought of Mr. A. E. Bishop (Worcester), two Goldfinches, and with one, a Graypate, I was in the money at our show. I also bought his winning Bramblefinch, Chaffinch and Linnet. I wish your paper every success.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the manager of the Crystal Palace Show, and the well-known vendor of colour-food, asks us to once again call attention to his change of address to 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W. Correspondents sending letters to the old Herne Hill address, cause considerable delay and inconvenience.

We desire to express our thanks to the many secretaries of Societies who have responded to our application for the definition of a Headline Advertisement in a Show Schedule and Catalogue. As the matter is *subjudice*, we cannot deal with it in our columns at present, but we have noted the expressions of opinion with great interest, and shall hope to publish them all as soon as we are placed in a position to be able to do so.

Report of the Palace Show credits Mr. A. Lovegrove with commended and special in Novice Yell. or Tkd., etc., Norwich Class, when it should have read commended Mr. F. R. E. Handscombe. It is the first time I have ever shown at the Palace, and several of my friends who buy CAGE BIRDS and did not see my name, refuse to credit it. I think the report of the show a credit to your staff, and the number is great, while the plate, as they are always, is good and life-like and a credit to the artist. —F. R. E. Handscombe (Walthamstow).

I beg to tender my sincere thanks and heartiest congratulations to CAGE BIRDS and to Mr. Norman for the truly grand sketch of my winning yellow Norwich cock, writes Mr. C. E. Brown (Bristol). It came as a pleasant surprise to me when my birds arrived home from the Palace to find my yellow had won 2nd prize in CAGE BIRDS Coupon competition, and again on Feb. 14, when I was delighted to see his picture on the cover of your special Palace Show number, which I must say is a wonderful twopenny worth.

The balance-sheet for 1907 of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., proves the society to have had a highly successful season, the members', first feather and open shows all resulting in a profit, and there being £43 16s. 8d. cash in bank at end of year, despite an outlay of £10 for new staging and £17 for medals and members' specials at the two first-named shows. This must be eminently satisfactory to all connected with this old-established society and reflects credit on the secretary, Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, the assistant-secretary, Mr. E. Jones, and the treasurer, Mr. Higgins. A splendid programme of lectures, competitions, debates, etc., has been arranged for the present, 1908, season.

Allow me to thank your reporter, writes Mr. S. Hamblyn of Southampton, for the very kind way he has written about my specimen. No. 1422 in the Clear, etc., Hybrid Class. I have been successful with him at many shows of late. Last year at the Palace I took 3rd with him. He has been 1st and special at Bournemouth two years in succession. Whether he was passed by the Judge I know not, nor did I know there was, or is, any grizzle on his rump. I was unable to get to the Palace but appreciate the remarks in your paper, as much, or more so, as if I won a prize.

OBITUARY.

MR. E. JACKSON (Hamilton).

Many of your readers in Glasgow, Hamilton, and in fact all over Scotland, writes Mr. And. Wilson (Glasgow), will be sorry to hear that Mr. Jackson, of Hamilton, died at his residence there on 13 Feb. It was a short illness, he only being confined to the house for two weeks. Mr. Jackson was a single man and a guard on the Caledonian Railway, being greatly respected by all who knew him. His whole hobby was his "Bullies," of which he had both British and Foreign, and which were the only species of cage birds he kept and exhibited. These won many 1sts, 2nds, and 3rds for him all over the country during the last three years. I am sure his many friends will join me in deeply sympathising with his relations in their great bereavement.

Mr. W. Haddow, of Hamilton, also writes in feeling terms concerning the late Mr. Jackson, and of his kindly and obliging disposition.

MR. W. B. SIMMS (Sutton-in-Ashfield).

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William B. Simms, of the Railway Inn, Sutton-in-Ashfield, which took place after a painful and lingering illness early on Tuesday morning (Feb. 11). Deceased, who was only 40 years of age, was widely respected. The Sutton-in-Ashfield Cage Bird Society, and several other organisations, all found in him a ready and willing helper. Deceased leaves a family of four young children to mourn his death. Amidst manifestations of regret and sympathy, the remains were taken to their last resting place in the Sutton Cemetery, among the large gathering of mourners being representatives of the Cage Bird Society.

Mr. R. Rhodes, of Nottingham, writes: William Simms was the eldest son of the late John Simms, and John Simms kept the name of Sutton-in-Ashfield well before the country for many years, being a very successful breeder of Crests and a winner all over the country. He was the means of starting the Norwoods in the fancy, their stock having for its foundation Simms' birds. But above all he was a strictly honourable and straightforward man. His son William, although never attaining the success which his father did, has had some very good birds, and has been a successful exhibitor. His business claims, however, prevented him from devoting as much time to his hobby as he would have liked. He carried on the Railway Inn successfully. The death of his wife, however, some nine months ago, the illness of his little daughter, and close attention to his business brought on consumption, which resulted in his death. He was at Nottingham Show last November, on the Monday, and at that time looked very ill, although he said he was improving. He evidently made many friends, judging by the very large number of persons who were present at the church and the graveside. Amongst other fanciers attending the funeral were the following: J. Briggs, O. Butler, T. Dove, and H. Turner (Sutton-in-Ashfield), J. Driver (South Normanton), W. Vardy, F. Beardall, and G. Marshall (Hucknall Huthwaite), and myself.

Mr. Joseph Smith (Mansfield) also writes in sympathetic terms, adding: The late Mr. Simms was the treasurer to the Sutton-in-Ashfield and District O.S., and anything that lay in his power he would do for the Society.

The L. and L.F.A. Cups and Medals.

Result of the Cup Competition of the Lancashire and Lizard F.A. is that Mr. John Garner, of Hazel Groves, wins the Lancashire Cup for the second time, Mr. J. Oldham being the runner up. Mr. John Dewsnap, of Glossop, wins the Lizard Cup, Mr. Wm. Lawton, of Glossop, being the runner up, followed closely by Mr. J. Hampshire, of Oldham, and Mr. J. Rukin, of Rawtenstall. Mr. Rukin was the winner last year. Mr. J. Oldham, of Oldham, wins the Lancashire Novice Gold Medal, Mr. T. Nelson, of Macclesfield, being the runner up. The annual general meeting will be held at the White Lion Hotel, Manchester on March 7th.—H. OLIVER, Sec.

Standard Show Cage for British Birds.

The committee of the National British Bird and Mule Club will have under consideration at their next meeting the adoption of a standard pattern cage for exhibiting British seed-eaters in, and cage-makers are to be invited to submit a specimen cage. Where the latter is to be sent, and the latest day for sending, will, we understand, appear in our issue of next week. The idea seems to be to adopt one suitable pattern, which can be made in different sizes to suit the various Hardbills, from Siskin to Hawfinch. The design which seems to meet with most favour, judging by remarks let fall at the annual meeting of the club, is one with the top about one-quarter wired over, bow-pattern, after the manner of a Crested Canary show-cage, with seed receptacle at the door end, and waterhole close against the seed receptacle; not, as is now general, in the centre of the cage between the two perches.

Women's Suffrage?

A curious happening in connection with a certain Metropolitan Cage Bird Society has leaked out. New members are elected by ballot, and "black balls" exclude. A certain fancier who put up for membership was "black-balled," and was not accepted. But on the very same evening the wife of the rejected one *was* accepted.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. Competitions.

The following is the result of our Competitions for 1907-8. Open Competition: 1, Messrs. Ogden Bros., 185 points; 2, J. Wilcock, 135; 3, A. Cooper, 105; 4, A. Hirst, 104; 5, tied between R. Sutcliff and Son, and W. H. Shackleton, 68; 7, H. Dobson, 49; 8, E. B. Denton, 48· 9, J. Hartley, 34. Novice Competition: 1, Mr. H. H. Towers, 63 points; 2, W. Blakey, 54; 3, A. Blackburn, 51; 4, T. Wood, 15; 5, T. Bentley, 10. Special prize for most first prizes by a Novice was a tie, Messrs. H. H. Towers, A. Blackburn and W. Blackey, one first each. Special prize for most points with consolation cards: Messrs. Ogden Bros, 42 points; Mr. J. Wilcock, 38. Will members count their points and if the figures I give above are not correct, send on to me a list of their winnings for correction.

Food Specialists' Annual Feed.

The annual Staff Dinner of Spratt's Patent, Ltd., was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Friday, Feb. 14th, when a most enjoyable evening was spent under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Vaughan, director, supported by all the members of the staff able to attend. Mr. Vaughan apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Managing Director, Mr. Stephen Wingrove, who has invariably attended these festive gatherings. An excellent menu was provided. The toast of the evening "His Majesty the King," was proposed by the Chairman, that of the "Directors and Company" by Mr. S. T. Lethbridge, and of the "Chairman" by Mr. E. A. Deall. An excellent programme was provided and well rendered by members of the staff, assisted by Miss Eleanor Vale (soprano) and Mr. George Richmond (animal impersonator). A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Committee, and responded to by Mr. F. W. Gill, the hon. sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

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*Oct. 2 and 3.—**Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood & Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. & C.B.S.**
Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.**
*Oct. 15 and 17.—**Bolton & Dis. O. and R.S.** J.H.R., C.H.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.** J.W. M.N.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth).** C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.
Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.**
Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.**
Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.**
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.**
Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.**
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.W.
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Preston O.S.**
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and E.E.S.
Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.**
Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.**
Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.**
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.D., and W.A.C.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.**
Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 18.—**Reading & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Leeds C.B.S.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven.**
Nov. 21.—**Perth.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.**
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec 11 and 12.—**Gate head and Dis. C.B.S.**

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Thirsk; Spalding; Marske.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—Feb. 22, at Station Hotel, 7. Annual general meeting; secretary's report.—J. M. Nicholson.

Stockport B.F.A.—Feb. 25, at Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet and rules to be re-considered.—W. Stafford.

Stratford and East London F.S.—Feb. 27, at Workman's Hall, 8. General meeting. Election of officers and consideration of balance-sheet.—G. J. Sheldrick.

Warrington and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 27, at Blue Bell, 8. Important business, discussion of C.B.U. and rules.—Carruthers and Leigh. (We presume Feb. 27 is meant.—Ed.).

Wombwell and Darfield C.B.S.—Feb. 22, at Royal Oak Hotel, 7.30. General meeting, election of officers, etc.—W. Ross.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 25, at Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Members' pairs show. All welcome. Ladies specially invited.—T. Duffield.

Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A. Feb. 27, at Station Hotel, Wallsend, 7.30. Business of utmost importance; intending members invited.—J. Johnston.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—February 25, Victoria Restaurant, Oxford Road, 8. Business very important.—T. Harrison.

Ashton-u-Lyne A.D.O.S.—Feb. 29, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. Lecture on the Bird-room Management, by Mr. W. A. Bladon. Fanciers and friends invited.—H. Foden.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Feb. 22, at Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 8. Lecture by Mr. Chittenden (Bolton Woods, Bradford), "British Birds and Mules Breeding." Members and friends invited.—H. Clegg.

Bradford (East) O.S.—Feb. 22, at Park Chapel Schools. Members' show. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Girlington. All birds to be staged by 2.30 prompt.—H. Hill.

Choppington Station C.B.S.—Feb. 29. Election of officers and other most important business.—J. Dixon.

City of Bradford O.S.—March 7, at The Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. No meeting Saturday, Feb. 29, owing to Y.U. smoking concert at the Market Tavern.—F. Rhodes.

Cambridge C.B.S.—Feb. 26, at Ye Olde Castel, 8.15. Annual dinner.—T. S. Moore

City of Wakefield O.S.—Feb. 22, at Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. Fixing date of members' shows for present year, etc.—Parker and Atkinson.

Dulwich O.S.—Judging competition of pairs matched for breeding at headquarters, The Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, S.E., on Thursday, Feb. 27. All birds to be staged by 8 p.m. Entrance fee, 6d., returned in prizes. Valuable specials, including gold medal most entries, etc. All welcome.—Rogers and Mazzoni, Hon. Secretaries.—Advt.

Ealing, Hanwell, and District F.S.—Feb. 27, at Mission Hall, Church Road, Hanwell, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, on "The Management of Cage Birds."—W. Bird.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Feb. 22, at Barley Mow, Bowling, 3. Second show for 1908 running competition. To be judged by Mr. W. H. Shackelton, of Wibsey.—J. E. Hudson.

Great Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 17, at headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30. Important to all members. Election of judges for Young and Old shows.—G. Waddington.

Green Canary Assn.—Feb. 27. Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Discussion on Breeding Greens. All nomination papers to be in by the 27th.—S. Hadwin.

Guisborough and Dist. "Priory" C.B.S.—Headquarters, Mr. Wear's, Church Street. Members' show: Pairs Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests, A.O.V. Canary, A.V. British (single), pair for Hybrid breeding. Exhibits to be staged by 4 p.m. Judge, Mr. G. Jobling. Beautiful prize cards first, second, and third winners. Fanciers welcome. No charge. —G. Atkinson.—(No date given.—Ed.)

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.—Feb. 25, at 112, Ingram Street, 8. Pairs show: Norwich, Crests, Borders, Yorkshire or Lancashire, A.O.V. Canary, Muling pairs, Bullfinch Hybrid pairs, and A.O.V. Hybrid pairs.—R. A. Brown.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Feb. 29, at Church Schools. Members' show. Birds staged at 2.30. Judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Windhill). During judging the monthly meeting will be held.—A. Holden.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 26, at Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. General business.—T. Taylor.

Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 25, at Central Dining Rooms, Market Place, 7.15. Table show of pairs. Birds to be staged 7.15. Judges, Messrs. J. W. Howarth and T. Livesey. Supper served afterwards. 9.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hastings United C.B.S.—Feb. 26, at Royal Oak Hotel. Show; pairs matched for breeding. Birds to be staged 6.30. Judging at 7.—A. E. Godden.

Hebden Bridge and Dist. C.B.A.—Feb. 25, at Exchange Restaurant, 7.30. Annual general meeting.—A. Pickles.

King's Heath F. and F.S.—Feb. 25, Red Lion Hotel. Smoking concert, presentation of prizes, and nomination of officers. Members and friends invited free.—J. H. Forsyth.

Kent County C.B.A.—Feb. 26, at Engineer Hotel, Dover, 8.30. Annual show; alteration in rules, general, etc.—G. Sanderson.

Kendal and Dist.—Feb. 24, at club rooms, 8. Business important.—W. Vart.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 21, at Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, 8.15. Table show, Norwich Buff hen, nat. col. open and novice classes. Judge, Mr. M. Noakes. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Feb. 27, at Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. Elections, nominations, judges for young bird and annual shows, and other important business. Fanciers welcomed.—A. J. Head.

Morpeth and Dist. C. and C.B.S.—Feb. 28, at Vose's Refreshment Rooms, 7.30. To appoint judge, draw up classes, and other important business.—E. Cowling.

Middlesbrough and Teeside C.B.S.—Feb. 29, at Crown Hotel, 7.30. Balance-sheet and open show business.—A. Wake.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 25, at headquarters, 8.—J. Davey.

Northern Crest Club.—Feb. 26, at Lockhart's Cafe, Clayton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.30. Election of new members and officers, fixing show date, and patronage.—T. Robson.

Northampton Hand-in-Hand.—Feb. 25, Forester's Arms, 8.15. Discuss question re next annual show, whether members' or open, also clear up ticket accounts.—J. Nason.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Feb. 24, at Chapel Street Mission Hall, Salford, 8. Special meeting re alteration of rules, also fixing dates for night shows and country ramble. New members can now join.—W. Jackson.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Feb. 22, at Queensbury Baptist School, 6.30. Lecture on "Pairing and Breeding," by Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley); also a knife and fork tea at the Co-Op. at 5 o'clock. Price 1s. Fanciers invited.—P. Jagger.

Rochdale O.C.—Feb. 29, at club rooms, 8. Committee meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 22, at Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Annual general meeting. Balance-sheet, etc.—A. E. Morton.

Sale Open O.S.—Feb. 27, at Sale Hotel, 7.45. Table show of Greens and Borders, with lecture on same. Judge and lecturer, S. Hadwin (Liverpool).—G. F. Hardeastle.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Dull Norwich.

S.G.—If you carefully examine the cage I have little doubt but that you will find enough there in the way of red mite to account for the bird being out of condition. The restlessness at night is very strongly indicative of it being badly troubled with this pest. Put the cage through the cleaning process recently described so fully in the "Novices' Note-book" page, and the bird will probably soon begin to regain condition. To help it, give first as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops of lemon juice in its water for two days, and afterwards give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight. At the end of each week repeat the dose of salts and lemon juice for one day. You do not say how often you give egg-food. Give it only a week, and a small piece of bread and milk about as often. Give green food as often as it is obtainable free from frost.

To Make a Start.

L. Geddes.—1. You would be able, with an expenditure of £4, to make a start with Norwich with very fair birds, and ought to be able to breed birds quite fit to win at small shows the first season. 2. With the outlay suggested, I think you may venture to start with a cock and two hens, and mate the cock with each hen alternately. Then next year you might get another good cock, and by mating a young cock from each hen to the other adult hen, and purchasing a fresh hen to mate with the old cock you might go on for a few years afterwards without adding any more fresh blood. The two original hens should, of course, be unrelated, or at least not closely related. If you do this, I should advise you to get a good sized, shapely, and typical clear yellow cock, a slightly ticked buff hen, and a marked or variegated buff hen. Next season you might add a green cock, and thus have an abundant supply of natural colour to work with. 3. No, decidedly. I should not advise you to pick up the birds at shows. It required far more experience and acumen than a beginner is likely to possess to succeed in that method of selection. Either place yourself in the hands of a known and successful breeder and exhibitor, or in the hands of one of the large dealers who advertise in our columns and rely upon their judgment and selection. You will find a list of the breeders in "CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL." Sorry we cannot name any particular one. The present is a very good time to procure your stock. 4. You would find "House's Canary Manual" and "Canary Breeding for Beginners" both from this office, very helpful.

Poison in Zinc Drinkers.

Zinc.—There are many chemicals used as medicines for birds which, if given in a zinc drinker, would act chemically upon the zinc and form a poisonous solution, but whether ammoniated citrate of iron is one of them I do not profess to say, although I think it is not unlikely. Acids are usually the most dangerous things to use in this way, but as a matter of fact no medicine of any kind should be given in metal drinkers. We have often stated this distinctly. By the way, you do not say whether it is a loss of this kind that prompted your query. If it was, a post-mortem would have been most satisfactory for you. Perhaps some reader more deeply versed in chemistry would tell us whether a solution of iron in solution would act chemically upon a Zinc vessel.

Substitute for Egg Food.

C.F.P.—I have never used the prepared egg-food you mention, so cannot really say any more about it than that I should not object to its use as an occasional treat at ordinary time. But when breeding there is no really satisfactory substitute for good, freshly-made, egg-food. As you have so little spare time you might make up a sufficient quantity of the food composed of maizena wafers and preserved yolk of egg recommended to a querist in the previous issue to last a week, or even a fortnight, and damp as required for use. If you boiled your eggs all at once each day, and only broke them when required, it should only be a very few minutes' work to make up the food morning, mid-day, and at night just before the birds begin to settle down to roost. You might manage to accommodate 30 pairs and their young in the room you name 15 ft. by 18 ft., but it would be very much crowded at the end of the season, and the risks of disease breaking out proportionately great. On the whole I think you would be well advised to limit the breeding stock to twenty pairs at most.

Now Doing Well.

Norwich Fancier.—Thanks for your kind, appreciative letter, and remarks about our paper. Am very pleased to hear the birds are now doing so well. Continue the treatment until they are quite well, and the cock is on song again.

Blood in Droppings.

No Name.—Another query without signature. I suppose this is what you mean by red matter being mixed with the droppings. You give no detail as to feeding except that the general diet is Canary seed, and as you are sure the bird is not exposed to any chill I think it is very likely the condition in the result of too free bathing in cold water. For the present give the bath in a tepid state only; keep the cage floor as clean as possible; and treat as follows: Give only a small quantity of Canary seed, and each day give a little bread soaked in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with maw seed. For one day only, give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and five drops of glycerine in the water. Afterwards give one day thirty drops of chalk and bismuth mixture—any chemist will supply a pennyworth or two of this—next day give ten drops of aromatic sulphuric acid, and on the third day give pure water. Repeat this three days' course over again until the droppings are normal, and then omit them, and give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a week or so longer.

Not Singing.

"Monarch," Manchester.—The bird's age is partly accountable for its not singing, and your feeding is by no means conducive to its well-being. Feed on a diet of plain Canary seed only for the present, and give green food when obtainable ad lib. Once a week only you may add a pinch of rape seed, given separately, and once a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and then every third day for another fortnight, and at the end of each week give a dose of twenty drops of Chemical Food in the water for a day. Improvement will probably be slow, as the bird appears to have been considerably over-fed; therefore, persevere. Shall be pleased to help you at any time.

Breeding in Aviary.

Notts.—Yes, certainly; you could run a cock with three hens flying loose in any aviary 12ft. by 10ft., and by doing so may very probably find a very successful result of the season's work. Fix up at least half-a-dozen nest-boxes, to prevent squabbles amongst the hens, and you would do well to put in a clear cock bird of one colour, and have all the hens more or less ticked or variegated, and of the opposite colour. Say, you put in a clear yellow cock, let all the hens be buffs and vice versa. It will not be necessary to remove the young when able to do for themselves, unless the parents should ill-treat them, or the young should be too meddlesome with the later nesting operations.

A Typical Alderman.

"Constant Reader."—If your Canary is so much overfed that it has a lump the size of a pigeon's egg (this, you know, is practically as large as its own body) on its chest, and a smaller lump lower down, it is an "Alderman" indeed. But you give no description of the appearance of these lumps, nor how you feed and treat the bird, so I cannot really tell whether the bird's condition is due to fat or not. Lumps of fat do not, however, usually appear on the chest first. Altogether I think you had better write again, and give me more particulars. Meanwhile, keep the bird in a fairly large cage; feed on Canary seed only, and limit the quantity of this to a small teaspoonful a day, and give, when obtainable, an unlimited supply of green food, especially chickweed and groundsel, and soft fruits, such as grapes or orange. Every alternate day give a piece of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the drinking water, and at the end of each week give ten drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water for one day. You should not attempt to breed with the birds in this condition.

Yorkshire Cock Wheezy.

"Gordon."—You should begin to give the bird a pinch of rape and one of hemp once a week now in addition to Canary seed. Give it also a small piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it once a week, and once a week a teaspoonful of egg-food with six drops of Chemical Food well mixed in it; and in the water give every alternate day ten drops of glycerine and five each of syrup of squills and sweet spirits of nitre, until the bird is well. See that it is protected from chills and draughts.

Opinion on Recipe.

"Enquirer."—The recipe you send is one which although I have never used anything quite like it, I should think it a very good tonic and stimulant, in cases where such "liveners" were indicated as being necessary. Its effect would be practically the same as giving the iron and quinine tonic we often recommend in conjunction with a piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry, and the latter course would work out much cheaper than making this quantity of medicine. There is quite enough iron in the recipe you sent.

Puffy Hens and Seed Samples.

"Sappho," Watford.—There is very little the matter with your feeding, and I am inclined to think the seed you are using is the cause of the three hens becoming puffy and drooping their wings. They are the first to succumb to its ill effects, and the other will probably follow suit at longer or shorter intervals, according to their susceptibility, if you cannot get better seed. If you cannot obtain any better quality locally, you should order from one of the large dealers, whose advertisements you will find in our columns. The Canary seed is very small, thin, of poor quality, and badly ripened. The rape is a mixture, and contains a large proportion of wild mustard. It is not fit for feeding caged birds with regularly. Until you can get better seed, I should cut off the rape altogether, and feed solely on the Canary, with just a pinch of the rape once or twice a week, and a little egg-food twice a week. You may continue giving the piece of bread and milk, but omit the maw seed, and give green food, when obtainable, each day. Give a little Epsom salts in the water for two or three days, and after that twenty drops of Chemical Food every alternate day for a week.

Makes Clicking Noise.

C. Kearley.—You are most likely keeping the bird colder than it was accustomed to before you had it, and this, with the recent fluctuating weather would account for the bird starting to make this clicking noise with its beak at night. Keep her fairly warm, but especially avoid exposing her to any serious fluctuations, and protect her from chills and draughts. Do not give cold baths on cold, damp days. Give her also a small piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it twice a week until better, and in the drinking water give the medicine advised to "Gordon" in this issue every alternate day for a week.

Roller out of Condition.

W.H.W.—Your feeding is doubtless largely accountable for the bird's condition. Keep it in the room where it now is and see that it is not exposed to any draughts or chills. Discontinue the quinine in the water altogether, and alter your feeding as follows:—For a staple, give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape seed, and give a small piece of bread and milk twice a week. Give a spray of green food every day when obtainable, and free from frost and wet. If you intend breeding with her later on, you may give a small pinch of niga twice a week, but omit this if you are not going to breed with her. Also stop giving all the other foods and tit-bits you mention, and give only just what is named here for a time. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence every second day for a week, and then give twenty drops of Chemical Food in the same way three times a week for a fortnight.

Yorkshires Squeaky, etc.

"Ireland."—The Yorkshire probably caught a chill on its journey. Keep it comfortably warm and free from draughts, and give it the medicine advised to "Gordon" in this issue, for a week, and twice a week a little sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry, until the squeaking noise has quite disappeared. As regards the food you mention, I have no doubt whatever as to its being sufficient to rear young birds from the shell, "if," firstly, the old birds take to it freely and are fond of it, and feed readily with it, and, secondly, if the young can digest and assimilate it. These however, I know from practical experience, are "mighty big ifs," and I would not myself attempt to make it wholly supply the place of good wholesome and fresh egg-food in breeding valuable birds; the risk is too great. Therefore, I should only advise you to attempt it simply as a pure experiment.

List of Canaries.

Constant Reader.—Was it not a curious oversight that you should omit one of the very commonest varieties, and another common and notable variety, from the list of Canaries you send in and ask if it represents a compete list of the varieties of Canaries we possess? In addition to the varieties you mention, there is the Border Fancy, the Crest, and its ally the Crestbred, the Dutch Frill, and the Lancashire Plainhead, which, of course, is the ally of the Coppy, which you give on your list. All these you might have seen advertised in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, and the Border Fancy and Crest-bred were illustrated in the body of the paper, and a Dutch Frill was shown on the advertisement pages. Most of the breeds occur in a variety of markings, and in yellow, buff, and green. Years ago there also existed a Blue Lizard, which may not yet be quite extinct. Pigmy or Bantam Canaries of the Yorkshire type, and crested Cinnamons, are also breeds which fanciers sought to establish some years ago, but they seem to have disappeared.

Breeding Crests.

"A New Subscriber."—You ought not to have the cock and hens running together now. Take away the cock until the end of the next month. If he is strong, healthy, and vigorous, it is just possible to breed him with both the hens, by mating him with the one that is first ready, and then when she has commenced to sit, take him away and mate him with the other, and he should be ready and fit to mate again with the first hen by the time she is ready to receive him. A little judicious management in feeding up the hens should enable you to have one ready a little in advance of the other. But if you wish to breed decent birds, I should advise you to breed with single pairs, and also you would find it an advantage to keep a pair or two of common feeders to help in rearing the young. Plural mating, or pairing a cock with more than one hen, is not to be advised in Crest breeding.

A Norwich Gone Wrong.

G.W.—Your feeding is probably at fault, but your letter is not very explicit on that point. Look up a few back numbers of CAGE BIRDS, and you will find detailed advice for general feeding. Follow this, and give the bird a small piece of bread soaked in milk, squeezed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar, twice a week. Also give twenty drops of whiskey and ten of glycerine in the drinking water every second day for a week or so, and see that the bird is not exposed to any chills or draughts. Do not give the bath icy cold; make it tepid, or withhold it until finer weather.

A Question of Matching.

"Philatelist," Glasgow.—I think you would make the best of the material at your disposal, if you were to mate the (No. 1) cap and wing-marked yellow cock to the small buff hen (No. 2); then the small yellow cock (No. 2) with a good head and short tail, but not quite deep enough in breast, to the large typical buff hen (No. 1); and the large variegated yellow cock (No. 3) to the green variegated hen (also No. 3). From the last-named pair you would obtain a few Greens probably, and should keep the best of these and the most typical and full-chested Yellows to breed back to the other birds, and also keep up the natural colour of your stock. The most typical Yellow cock from the cap-marked Yellow cock, should be mated next season to No. 1 large Buff hen, and the best Buff hen from hen No. 1 mate back to the cap-marked cock. The other young may be mated together according to the strength of the points they possess. But as three of your present stock fail a little in depth of breast, you must keep your eye on this point, and retain for future breeding of their progeny only such as are good in this point. If you find the fault appear persistently in the young from either of these parents, it would be best to clear that bird out next season, with all the young that show the same failing markedly.

Nest Pan Linings.

Wm. Shone, Junr.—No, as you are going to give the hens cow-hair for nesting material it is not necessary to put blocked felt linings in the nest pans, in addition to the swansdown linings they already possess. If you had the pans bare inside, that is, without any lining at all, then you would either line them with swansdown or felt, but not with both these articles, which would simply be a waste of material.

A Canary with Abscess.

F. Newday, York.—There must be something radically wrong with your management for the bird to have been moulting six months. Stop giving the mixed seed. Feed on a staple of plain Canary seed, and give a teaspoonful of scalded rape and a similar quantity of egg-food once a week, and twice a week a small piece of bread and milk. Give each of these extras separately on different days, and when neither of these is given, supply a little green food. In the drinking water give one day as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice; next day give twenty drops of Chemical Food; and on the third day give pure water. Repeat these doses, in this order, again and again for two or three weeks. You do not describe the appearance of the abscess under the wing. Are you sure the bird it not troubled with insects, and has caused this sore by pecking at itself? In any case, you may gently smear it very sparingly with boracic ointment twice a week, and if it bathes, give it tepid baths, with a few grains of permanganate of potash dissolved in it.

Yellow and Buff.

No Name.—It is quite an easy matter to distinguish between yellow and buff. The distinction is the same in every breed, so what applies to the Norwich does so equally to all others. In the Buff the yellow feathers have the extreme tip of the web of a pure white colour, which gives the colour and appearance as though the bird was dusted over with white powder. The appearance is very noticeable around the base of the neck, the top of the head, shoulders, and on the breast. The Yellow bird has no such white tips to the feathers. You should get CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL to be fully coached in all these technical terms.

Mite Destroyer.

"Camphor."—Yes, the spirit and camphor mixture may be applied quite freely whilst the bird occupies the cage. It is perfectly harmless. An ounce of camphor dissolved in a half-pint of spirit is a good strength to use. Do not allow it to run about the varnished front more than you can help, as it quickly affects the varnish.

Trouble with Eyes.

M.C., Corino.—I should try moving the bird to another part where there would be no possibility of its being exposed to draught. Although you say the other birds in the room are not affected, there is the probability of this bird being more susceptible than the others, and also of its being exposed to a local draught which does not finds its way into the other cages. Still, there is the further probability of the inflamed eyes being due to constitutional disturbances. Try feeding it generously, giving plenty of green food or ripe sweet fruits, and add twenty drops of Chemical Food to its drinking water one day, a little Epsom salts the next, giving pure water the next, and repeat this course again and again for two or three weeks. As a local application, you might dissolve as much boric acid as will lie on a shilling in an ounce of water that has been well boiled and add a teaspoonful of rose water. Catch the bird daily and drop one or two drops of this fluid on each eye, holding the bird in the hand with the eye upwards for a minute or two, to allow the fluid time to work its way about the eye.

Loss of Voice.

E. Muller.—The bird has certainly had a severe chill, which might have occurred whilst on the journey to you, or subsequent to its reception. In addition to the seed mixture you are giving, give it a small piece of bread soaked in milk, squeezed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar, twice a week, and add twenty drops of Chemical Food to its drinking water three times a week for a fortnight or so. Also give it a pellet of the following paste two days in every three until the voice returns. You may stick the pellet on the wires at the end of a perch, where the bird can pick it off conveniently. Paste:—Well mix as much chlorate of potash as will lie on a sixpence into a teaspoonful of honey, and add sufficient yolk of hard-boiled egg to make a stiff paste. The voice should be quite strong and well before it is time to mate it, but even if it is not, and the bird is otherwise vigorous and healthy, I see no objection to breeding with it. Do not be in a hurry to mate it, however, if the voice does not soon improve.

A Varied Lot.

A.E.R.—The aspect of your bird-room is quite likely to be responsible to a great extent for the prevalence of colds among your stock. You must guard against draughts very carefully, and in such a room as yours I should advise you not to supply baths indiscriminately. Give them only during fine, mild weather, and early in the day, and do not allow them to hang on the cages more than half-an-hour, when you do give them. Give the hen you have removed to the kitchen twenty drops of whiskey and five each of syrup of squills, and sweet spirits of nitre, in the drinking water every alternate day for a fortnight. Feed on a plain staple diet, as frequently advised in these columns, and give a teaspoonful of scalded rape once a week, a little bread and milk one day each week, and one day each week a small piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it. The latter should be omitted when the bird is quite well. You should not try to breed with her, or, in fact, with any of them until they are better. 2.—Give the other birds with slight colds the above medicine three times in one week, and the next week give twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day. In addition to ordinary plain diet, give birds in cold room a pinch of a mixture of about equal parts rape and hemp twice a week, a teaspoonful of scalded rape twice a week, once a little bread and milk, and once a teaspoonful of egg-food. Give all on different days, so as to have one or another extra going each day. 3.—Treat Green Crestbred cock in the same way as recommended for the birds in cold room. It would only be possible to say what would be a suitable hen to match this bird to, by having a description of what crest properties it possesses. In the absence of such knowledge I should say in a general way a clear body dark-crested Buff hen would suit him.

Canaries with Cold.

T.W.—It is the late break in the weather that has slightly upset the birds I expect. Give just a little pinch of hemp and rape mixed in equal quantities to the cocks daily when none of the other extras are given, and a pinch of inga and rape to the hens, when the weather is changeable. Also give a teaspoonful of egg-food once a week. If the coughing and gaping have not already ceased when you see this, give twenty drops of whiskey and five each of glycerine and sweet spirit of nitre in the water for two or three days. 2. If, as I understand your letter, you only give the scalded rape and bread and milk each, once a week, your feeding is not bad, but you should make the additions mentioned above now, and might also begin to give green food regularly when you can obtain it free from frost.

Feather Eating Hen.

"Pernicious."—Your hen is evidently in high breeding condition, and instead of eating feathers is probably bent on trying to scerete them in some cosy corner in the form of a nest. The diet you were giving the bird is quite sufficient to force the hen into breeding condition, and will certainly do so now we are getting whiffs of the coming spring in stray bright and sunny days. As you have already moved the hen to a cage by herself, if she appears to go on well and ceases pulling at her feathers you had better keep her away from the cocks for another month or thereby. Feed her plainly, cut off the hemp and teazle, and only give a pinch of niga two or three times a week. Give a little bread and milk twice a week, and add a small dose of Epsom salts to the drinking water for two or three days.

A Breeding Query.

G.E.—Your kitchen must be a warm one, or otherwise you have been feeding the birds too liberally, which has brought them into breeding condition. This would be all the more likely to occur with hardy birds which had been flying loose in a large aviary in a glassbouse, which probably means a cold house. If your kitchen is a fairly warm one, say, at least, fifty-nine degrees, and you can ensure this been fairly equable day and night, I should advise you to mate these birds at once, and take your chance of success or failure with them, as when the birds have reached the condition yours are in, the hens will begin laying whether they are paired or not. Indeed, I should not be surprised if your one hen has laid before this reply can appear. When this occurs at this time, if the hens are kept unmated, they may be quite ruined for the rest of the season. Mate them first with the Canary, and then with luck they should be ready to start again at the end of April, when they might be replaced in the aviary altogether for the second nests. If all goes well, you may remove the cock Canary when the hens appear to be going to nest for a third round, and introduce the cock Goldfinch, and try for some mules. But breed from the cock Canary the first two rounds, as the Goldfinch may not be ready nntil these nests are safely reared.

Constituents of Cereals.

"Inquisitive."—I have no figures handy at tho moment, but will look the matter up and reply next week.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

About a Woodlark.

S.P.—Many Woodlarks are singing freely at the present moment, hut if yours is not a steady bird (well domesticated, so to speak) he may not sing until tbe spring is well advanced. You must try and get him steady and used to the presence of human beings. Some Woodlarks are really very shy, and will not sing in the presence of strangers; others are as bold as Skylarks. I have had both sorts. In fact, I do not think I could name any species in which individual birds differ more in disposition. A good, free singer is a gem to be prized. Even the call-note is beautifully melodious. The best stock-cage is one of the type known as the "Lark runner," which should not be less than 24 ins. long, 10 ins. wide, and 10 ins. high, and should have a canvas top, and one perch in the middle, low down. There should be a door at each end; food and water vessels outside. Arrange so that one half of floor can be very thickly covered with a mixture of road dust and fine sand, and the other half by a clover turf, renewed as required. Run in frequently a wide shallow tin or dish filled with chickweed or other greenstuff, made very wet, and among this the bird will paddle, and so keep its feet in order. When cleaning this cage (or any other) the best plan is to have another cage of suitable kind handy, and run the bird temporarily into it. Feed on a good insectivorous mixture on the lines recommended to "W. T. P." last week.

Bullfinch with White Head.

Greenhorn.—It is not often that the Bullfinch sports white amongst its plumage (that is, exhibits albinistic tendencies), but eases are not by any means unknown. If you turn to the report of the Crystal Palace Show last week, you will see that a partly white Bullfinch took second prize in the Albino, etc., class. A year back an entirely white Bullie won first prize; a very beautiful specimen, this. Your Bullfinch, being white on the cap only, will not be of any particular value, hut as it moulted thus in the house, you should certainly keep it another year, and see if it comes lighter still at the next moult—a possible happening. You ought easily to tell its sex, for the cock Bullie has a red "waistcoat," whereas the hen is blackish-grey all over the hreast. On one of our picture postcards a coloured representation of the Bullfinch appears. Why not invest in this set? The Bullfinch has no song, only a few piping notes, which he strings together with some more or less creaky, crazy sounds, and produces with great gusto when feeling pleased with himself.

An Outdoor Aviary.

W. H. Shoobert.—Am afraid I do not quite grasp which part of the aviary (or rather how much of it) is to be covered entirely in. In my opinion a place the size of yours (6ft. by 6ft. by 4ft.) should be entirely roofed over, and have both ends boarded up. You say there is "a quite covered in part," but your sketch does not show any part of the front as being made of anything other than wire. Don't use whitewash, hut the sanitary distemper sold at most paint-shops (see also our advertisement columns). You cannot expect a live shrub to flourish in a covered-in portion; a heavily branched dead shrub would be better. It would need to be replaced as it became soiled and unsightly. If you put in canary hens you are practically certain to breed something or other. You could keep six or seven couples in it comfortably. Roller hens are excellent if the small size and poor colour of the progeny be not objected to. The cock and hen Bullie are doubtful breeders, and the Chaffinches very doubtful. If I were you I should leave out both the latter, and also the cock Bullie. I could not advise you what to add until I know the sexes of the other species you have. You certainly stand a chance of breeding something, but in a mixed collection, as I am frequently saying, it is very much of a lottery. Both old and young birds will winter alright in your place. But it is often necessary to catch up the young birds one breeds for a period, as they interfere with their parents' attempts to get on with the next brood, and sometimes get mauled about for their trouble. You will have to keep your eyes open for things of this kind. Bird-breeding is not all plain sailing. Try the cock Siskin with the hen Redpoll.

Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrids.

W.I.—You say you have a cock Greenfinch which mated with a hen Chaffinch, the result being one fertile egg. Well, all I can say is that you achieved what probably has never been achieved before, and which most fanciers would tell you was "impossible." If you bad hatched that one fertile egg, and reared the young, you would have at one bound attained lasting fame among bird-keepers. By-the-way, you don't say anything as to the fate of that egg; was it successfully hatched, or smashed, or what? Pity the Greenfinch has turned "asthmatical." It will certainly affect his breeding this coming season if it gets bad, and may prevent him coming into condition at all. I advise you to turn to our advertisement columns, and try one of the remedies for asthma which figure therein. Keep the bird in an equable temperature, out of all draughts. He is worth going to a little trouble with, assuming your story to be correct.

Skylark Not Singing.

V.H.G.—You cannot expect your lark to keep in health and song on a staple diet of crushed hemp and bread. No doubt he had not sufficient stamina to pull him well over the moult. I have no doubt, however, that he would soon be a different bird if you fed him liberally on the following lines, and for a fortnight stirred a teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food (from the chemist) into his drinking water daily, using a pot or glass vessel only. A good stock food, the ingredients of which you can get from any up-to-date seller of bird foods or through our advertising columns (through which, too, many excellent ready-put-up foods may be had) is made of; Game meal (without grit) or crushed puppy biscuits, three pounds, finely ground silkworm pupae, half-a-pound, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, a quarter pound each, by weight. It will keep a long time. A few mealworms and other insects should be frequently given; also a little seed, in a separate dish. This food can be moistened with a little water (it should be made crumbly moist, not into a sticky mass). But a little finely-minced greenfood is by far the best. Why, clover grass (either a turf of it or some chopped fine and mixed in the food) is one of the best possible things to give a Skylark to make it sing, and keep it healthy, also to assist it during the moult. Chopped green-food of different sorts (chickweed, lettuce, etc.) grated raw carrot and mashed cold boiled potato, are indispensable, in my opinion and experience, to the health of the majority of softbill birds, both large and small. The party you name, I am sure, will treat you well in the matter you speak of. Mention my name when writing, if you like.

Brevities.

Among Canary Seed (A. G. Marshall).—The "black stuff" you send, and which was found among the Canary seed, is known as cockle-seed. It is the seed of a weed which grows among the Canary, and cannot be entirely cleaned out. It is not injurious, neither does it necessarily proclaim an inferior quality of Canary seed. At the same time, it ought not to be present in any pronounced quantity.

Early Breeding (E. Williams).—It certainly is not "wise" of you to commence breeding so early. But as your hens are so forward (witness the eggs) it will probably be the less of two evils to let them go ahead. The Finches you mention are hardly likely to fertilise eggs just yet, hence you should make use of the cock Canaries you have.

Mating Matters (Amateur).—1. It certainly is possible to breed with a fresh-caught (i.e., non-housemoulted) Greenfinch, and your very steady bird is just the sort of chap to do it. 2. Yes; I have myself bred Redpolls in a cage, so there is no reason why you should not succeed. Your birds which have been two years in the aviary should be a likely couple; give them a big cage, of course, nice and deep from front to back.

Muling Hens (A. W. Anderton).—It is not at all essential that muling hens should be sib-bred. You can breed Mules from any hen Canary. The term "sib-bred" means that the hens to which it is applied have been bred from closely-related stock (i.e., in-bred) and this is done with the idea of rendering them likely to throw light Mules. Your last season Norwich Plainhead hens ought to be very suitable for ordinary muling purposes.

Sexing and Feeding a Hawfinch (Feeder).—The treatment of Hawfinches was dealt with in reply to "Pupil" last week. The telling of the sexes is very easy in the adult birds. The hen is very dull-coloured by comparison with the cock, being The cock Hawfinch is clothed in bright browns and with the black of the bib quite greyish in tone. The cock Hawfinch is clothed in bright browns and reddish chestnut and has a dense black bib, and glossy black feathers in the wings. Probably you know the male and female Chaffinch; well, the sexual differences in the Hawfinch may be broadly said to be similar. Of course, the scheme of colouring in the males is not precisely the same.

Linnets Featherless about Head (J. H. E.)—From the description you give I should say your two birds are troubled with red-mite, or bird parasites of some kind. Are they restless at night, and continually picking and scratching about among their plumage? If so, you can depend on it my view is correct, and I advise you to get a copy of Cage Birds Annual, and in the chapter on bird diseases, you will find full details as to the proper treatment. As a new beginner in the Fancy, you will find the Annual invaluable—a mine of information.

Starlings Talking (H. A. S.).—Personally, I should not call our common Starling a "very good talker." I can say, however, that he is a very good not only heard of a good talker, but I have mimic and sometimes a good talker. I have listened to one, and he, curiously enough, was mainly "taught" by a talking Jay he had for a companion. It was a hand-reared specimen; and hand-reared birds should always be selected if one would have a proficient talker and mimic with a minimum expenditure oftrouble and time.

Jay's Eyes Bad (Doctor).—Get a chemist to mix you a lotion of one grain of sulphate of zinc in one ounce of rose water. Morning and evening lightly bathe (or dab) the eyes with this, using a tiny piece of surgical lint for preference to do it with (the chemist will supply this). If no improvement in a week or so's time, ask your family medical man what he thinks of the case. It is difficult to advise without seeing the bird, and often it is quite impossible to do good in cases of eye trouble. The "film" may be cataract; or it may be removable.

Mule Breeding (Devon).—Pleased to know my advice proved so successful. I can quite believe you have got a good hen from the fancier you name.

Question of Identity (A Puzzle).—You certainly are right in calling this a puzzle. The only Hybrid at all answering to the description of your bird is the Goldfinch-Bullfinch (male). But I have never heard of them being caught wild (except an obviously escaped one). And to have caught three at once is rather a tall order. Are you sure you have not some Foreign bird?—though goodness only knows what. Pity you can't send it for me to see. Should be pleased to see it.

A Woodlark (Novice).—Hang the cage just a shade above breast-high. See another reply this week concerning management. I should certainly say you have a cock, and that it will eventually come into full song. Many captive insectivorous birds "record" (or "try over") their song for quite a long period at the approach of spring before they begin to sing out loudly and strongly. I have several insectivorous birds now of different species that persistently sing pianissimo, so to speak, yet never a note do they utter above a whisper. But they will do shortly.

Thistle Seed (Novice).—The seed you send is that of a kind of thistle, but one of the large, ornamental plants, and not of the field thistle, the seed of which is the only kind that should be used in the feeding of birds. It ought never to have been sold you as "bird seed," and if you take my advice, you will throw it into the dust-bin.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Chinese Nightingales and Siskins.

Wynn Williams.—The Chinese Robin and Pekin Nightingale are names which refer to the same bird, which has also several other aliases. These birds are very fond of a bath, and as a rule will keep themselves in perfect trim, however disreputable they may look when they emerge from the bath, soaked to the skin. Diet: Ripe fruit, soft food, or the following will meet the case—crumbled sponge, crushed plain biscuit, ants' eggs, dried flies and silkworm pupæ meal, in equal parts, make crumbly moist for use; also give a teaspoonful of millet about twice a week. Each bird should have several mealworms or other insects daily. Tempt the Siskin to take as much green food as possible, also ripe apple, and put half a teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food into the ordinary cage drinker daily for a few weeks; also crush some cuttlefish to about the size of millet seed, and mix some with its seed mixture, and also with its sand. An aperient might help the case when this sign of surfeit appears, one dose of Epsom salts would certainly do no harm, make its drinking water just saline with it.

Plumage of a Grey Parrot.

A.S.—As regards the plumage of the birds, this varies considerably with individual specimens, some being silver-grey and others quite a dark grey, the bronzy reflections would be mainly due to light refraction; but you must have an exceptionally dark bird for this to be very apparent. Have you got a true grey. As regards the colour of its tongue, I must confess to not having made a study of this point and can only speak from memory; and as far as this serves, the tongues are quite dark; however, the tongue of your bird being white (or quite light) this need not of necessity point to any disease, unless the tongue is white by being furred. In such case give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking water every other day for a week, write again giving fuller details. Re talking, most greys speak more or less; as regards method of teaching; see reply to another querist in this issue.

Wire Netting to Enclose Lovebirds

Cockatiel.—I have at the present time Rosellas, Cockatiels, Budgics, and Lovebirds in an outdoor aviary, enclosed in with ½-in. wire netting of 22 G. They have been there some considerable period, and are still safely confined. You need have no fear to put your birds behind similar wire. What you must keep under observation is the woodwork; promptly cover any part they attack with the wire netting.

Budgerigers Moulting.

J.G.—I am inclined to think you have got hold of birds afflicted with what is popularly called "French moult." If so you can do them no good. Your diet is correct, but they should have green-food, such as grass in flower, lettuce, etc., also cuttlefish. You do not say how you are keeping them. A light, sunny position is best; while they must be kept out of draught, they must not be kept in a warm room. Try well colouring their drinking water with Parrish's chemical food for a few weeks, and give them a few oats twice a week. If they will eat bread crusts (though they are better without these as a regular item of diet), soak a piece in clear water, squeeze almost dry and well dust with flour of sulphur.

Grey Parrot Moulting.

T. Watson.—(1). Parrots usually moult in the autumn, and frequently this is a somewhat protracted operation. Diet the bird as advised regularly in this column, keep up a continuous supply of cuttlefish and put it on a course of Parrish's chemical food. Supply this in the proportion of one teaspoonful to a table spoonful of the drinking water—if there should be any appearance of constipation making the drinking water saline with Epsom salts will give relief. If it is pulling out its feathers, it is worth nothing at all, for it is almost impossible to cure them of this habit. As to whether the bird is pulling its feathers or in a genuine moult, you will have to ascertain by observation. (2). In the first place, the only danger of the bath is the bird getting a chill. It will be the better for being lightly sprayed with chilled water, but you must keep it out of draught till dry. The best way to teach it to talk is to keep it where it will hear plenty of general conversation, and also by constant repetition. Teach it such small sentences and words as you wish it to say. There is no settled age when they begin to speak, respective birds are very irregular in this respect. Very often after trying your patience very severely, they will surprise you with uttering several words.

Birds for a C.P. Aviary.

A.E.S.—St. Helena Waxbills, if not brilliant, are certainly beautiful birds, and a striking contrast to Canaries, and are neither costly nor delicate. Your query is not an easy one to answer, as the cheap, brightly plumaged birds are mostly delicate when first imported. Zebra Waxbills are also very beautiful and minute, and are, as a rule, long-lived in captivity. The green Singing Finch is also a smart, yellow and olive-green bird, and a sweet singer, and an odd male should agree with the other birds. You really ought to have a pair of Zebra Finches with them, they are pretty, and with their self-assertive, perky demeanour are also interesting. The cheap, brightly-plumaged birds are, as already stated, delicate when first imported. The Cordon Bleu, Fire Finch and Lavender Finch are all beautiful, and would suit you but for their delicacy; if you watched advertisements for an acclimatised pair of Cordon Bleus, these would meet your requirements. Canary, millet and spray millet, green food, with a little crumbled sponge cake, and a few ants' eggs will fully meet the requirements of all named above. They must all be kept out of draught. If this is not what you require, please repeat query.

Mynahs; Their Talking Capacity.

H.A.S.—There are several species of these interesting birds. Some of the best known in this country are as follows:—The Crested, the Malabar, the Southern Hill, the Northern or Greater Hill Mynah, etc. The last-named is the best talker, so far as my experience goes. It has a very human voice, and articulates very distinctly, but individuals are very variable in this respect, and the only way to get a talented specimen is by unlimited patience. In addition to this, even if you failed to induce an individual to talk, they are excellent mimics, and whistle with gusto, and the notes are mostly full and rich. It is of a glossy purplish-black colour, with orange beak and rich yellow eye and ear wattles. The Malabar Mynah has been bred in this country, both in a private aviary and at the London Zoo. Given a true pair and suitable accommodation, there is no reason why a like success should not accompany the attempt to breed the other species.

Green Avadavat Bald.

Anxious.—Waxbills and Ornamental Finches seem to act as if they had a special mission to keep one another bald once they get in poor condition. You must cage your bird up separately, till it has recovered its plumage. For one day only make its drinking water taste just saline, with Epsom salts. Follow this by lightly colouring the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food daily, until it has recovered its plumage. In addition to its seed diet give it a small piece of slightly damped sponge cake, dusting same with flour of sulphur.

Food for Rearing Zebra Finches.

V.C.—In addition to the seed diet, supply green-food liberally, also a mixture of crumbled sponge cake, dried flies, and ants' eggs in equal parts. Slightly damp for use. Or purchase one of the insectivorous mixtures advertised in our columns. I am of the opinion that the inclement weather was responsible for the non-rearing of the young, as many of these charming little birds rear their young on seed alone. It is better, however, to supply a soft food mixture.

We regret to have to say that owing to indisposition Mr. Page has had to hold over a number of replies until our next issue, but hopes to answer all then.—EDITOR.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Feeding of Marmozet.

Mamazete Monkey.—The low state of health your Marmozet has got into is no doubt owing to a lack of animal food. People who keep these pretty little animals too often do not realise that they only partly feed on fruit, the rest of their diet being insects and the eggs and young of birds. You should give your specimen some animal food daily, such as mealworms, egg and milk, scraped raw beef, and, as soon as you can get them, the eggs and young of sparrows. As it seems so much run down, I should try it with some Brand's Chicken Essence for the first start

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Jonque Green Canary (S. T. J.).—Inflammation of liver and spleen, ulceration of lungs, apoplexy. All the signs of bird fever.

Goldfinch (J. Pilot).—Softening of liver, and consequent bilious feverishness, ending with rupture of bloodvessel of liver. Bird seems to have been eating a great deal too much. Some salad or sweet apple might have kept him in better health.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Report (J. P. Dawson).—Thanks very much for your kindness.

Many Replies (R. Dallman).—Very pleased to know you did so well through your advertisement. Still, you might have put a penny stamp on your envelope. The post-office people have plenty of cash, without collecting penny fines from unoffending and inoffensive Editors.

Quantity of Water, etc. (J. Brown). Two tablespoonfuls of water is the correct quantity. Most sellers of fanciers' specialities will supply sea-sand, we believe; anyway, a small advertisement in our columns will doubtless soon put you in touch with someone who would place it on rail to you.

Our Visitors' Notebook (G. Tetin).—Your name was one of several we were unable to decipher, and so were unfortunately compelled to omit from our published list. Probably our pen nibs were not to the liking of some of our friends, and we must provide a wider selection next year.

Club Notice (W. Stafford).—We cannot find any trace of the notice you refer to. Its omission is unfortunate, but are you quite sure you put our address on it? The Xmas notice, as you surmise, reached us too late to be dealt with, owing to the holiday arrangements.

CORRESPONDENCE.

IS WIDNES C.B.S. ALIVE?

SIR,—Could anyone say if the Widnes Bird Society is still alive? I have not seen a report of any of their shows for a long time.

ONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

IS IT CRUEL TO USE MEALWORMS?

SIR,—I can assure both Miss Rutt and W. Strickland that it is not cruel to nail or pin mealworms on the perch, as the worms have neither *sex nor feeling*. Having hundreds of insectivorous birds during the season, I find it, of course, much more economical to put the worms in a glass vessel. The worms after being impaled on a pin die after a few hours, but it is sometimes necessary for a shy feeder to pin the worms in the front of the cage for them to see.

Chalk Farm Road, N.W. F. C. BARNES.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S. AND THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—I notice in this week's issue the business to be considered at the C.B.U. annual meeting is published. Amongst the suggestions sent up from societies, the Newcastle Society is credited with having passed a resolution that Rule 17 be extended to debar non-members of the Union from exhibiting at Union shows, etc. This is very misleading; in fact as far as the Newcastle Society is concerned it is utterly false. The matter was brought forward by the Newcastle delegate, who moved a resolution that such a suggestion be sent to the annual meeting of the C.B.U.; but after discussion, this was defeated most decisively. So by what means the Newcastle Society has been placed in this false position of suggesting what they do not wish or desire, is more than I can understand.

JOHN CURRAH.

RARE-FEATHERED BIRDS AT THE SHOWS.

SIR.—In the letter of mine Mr. H. R. Lover refers to, "A. O. S." means "Any Other Species of British Bird," which, I take it, is the correct wording. The words, "Any Other Variety" are right enough when applied to Hybrids, which are really "varieties," and not distinct species (as I am sure Mr. Lover does not require me to tell him). In the same way, a white Blackbird is a variety of the Blackbird. But the Blackbird itself is not a variety of anything; it is a distinct species. Hence the different birds eligible to compete in the last class (usually) of the British Bird section, are correctly scheduled "Any (or, better still, All) Other Species of British Birds." Possibly the N. B. B. and M. C. will take the hint contained in Mr. Lover's letter, as regards "controlling" their judges. I believe it is not unknown for birds not in the club list to be awarded prizes at club shows (the Meadow Bunting, for instance), thus depriving the rightful birds below them of points helpful to their owners in the medal, etc., competitions.

G. E. WESTON.

"THE DISQUALIFIED CREST AT ST. ALBANS SHOW."

SIR,—I regret that it should have become necessary for me to most emphatically contradict a report which has gained currency that the Crested Canary, disqualified at the above show (and afterwards claiming the exceptional distinction of not only winning first prize in his class, but also the special for best bird in the show) was purchased from me. The bird was purchased by Mrs. Pearse from Mr. C. L. Quinton of Great Yarmouth, and has been in the possession of Mrs. Pearse since October last. Until I met Mr. Quinton at Norwich show, on November 2nd, I had not the slightest idea that Mrs. Pearse had such a bird in her possession, or that Mr. Quinton had sold any to her, and I respectfully invite Mr. Quinton to state, through the medium of your valuable columns, if the above representations are correct. It is really a pity that one cannot act on behalf of another without the attribution of sinister motives. Suffice it to say that I should certainly not have accepted the responsibility of detaining the bird if I had, in the first place, disposed of it. No secret has ever been made from whom the bird was purchased and, further, it was quite immaterial to Mrs. Pearse who kept the bird to prove her innocence. [The show officials had the option of sending it to any one show, the name of the seller given to them). In conclusion, during the time the bird has been in my possession, it has been inspected by many long-standing breeders and exhibitors of the variety, and was at a recent pair show, but in no single instance has anyone detected new feathers growing in place of those alleged plucked, and all are of the opinion that the bird was naturally and honestly exhibited.

JOHN TYSON.

BEGINNERS: READ "CAGE BIRDS" ANNUAL.

AN APPEAL FOR A FANCIER IN DISTRESS.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in CAGE BIRDS to acknowledge receipt of £4 9s. from Mr. Easterling, on behalf of Mr. Ben Spiers in his sad afflictions. This sum was collected by him at the Crystal Palace Show. This makes a total to date of £11 8s. 10d. for which I tender my heartfelt thanks.—GEORGE HENRY NEAL, 163, Junction-road,

ANOTHER BLOW TO SCOTTISH BIRD SHOWS.

SIR,—Following upon the charging for carrying boxes, the Scotch railway companies have decided to close down their parcel offices at 8 p.m. This means that birds arriving after that hour will not be delivered till next morning. Rules and schedules will have to be revised, and fanciers will have to study the ways and means of transit, where transfers are involved. Verily, we do not know where we are! I admit it was too late to deliver birds at a show about midnight, but 8 p.m. on a show event is rather early.

OBSERVER.

CLOSING TIME AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR, — On arriving at the Palace at six o'clock last evening, February 11th, and trying to enter to see the birds, I was surprised to find that no admittance was allowed, only to those who had birds to take away. I think this very unjust, as a time should be stated so as not to cause a wasted journey.

F.B.F.H.

[Our correspondent seems to have overlooked the fact that the times of opening and closing of the show on each day were stated in the schedule and catalogues. This information, too, appeared in our issue of February 1st, on page 92. The time of closing on the Tuesday (February 11th) was given as 4 p.m. —Editor.].

A KNOTTY POINT ABOUT HYBRIDS

SIR,—I have read with interest Mr. Thomas Smith's able article concerning Hybrid breeding in your issue of 15th instant, and have to compliment Mr. Smith on his ability as a writer on the above subject. Mr. Smith, having in the past bred some of our finest Hybrids, his article must carry weight with it. The difficulty of securing Siberian hen Bullfinches is very great, and after trying to get them from various sources, I have come to the conclusion that at present they are unobtainable, and have dismissed them as being an impossible factor in Hybrid breeding. I had the pleasure of seeing the Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid mentioned by Mr. Smith, which was bred in Edinburgh in 1905. It is a monster and Hybrids between British Finches would have no possible chance in competition against it. Without wishing to detract from either its beauty or value as a Hybrid between two foreign Finches, I think it has been shown under slightly misunderstood conditions. I am, of course, only a single individual, still, if Finches of foreign extraction are disqualified from competing in classes for British Finches of the same species, I think a Hybrid between foreign Finches is out of place in a class which I think was originally intended for Hybrids between British Finches. I quite allow that it is not so specified in the schedules of our important shows, but if Bullfinches and Goldfinches of Siberian origin are foreign birds, then a Hybrid between these two is also a foreigner. This will no doubt open up a wide discussion, some of our best Hybrids having a foreign Finch as one of the parents. I shall be pleased to have Mr. Smith's opinion on the matter.

VIOLA.

THE RARE REDPOLL-BULLFINCH HYBRID.

SIR,—I am sorry that the contents of my last letter seemed ridiculous to Mr. Ward. Of course, when I mentioned the Redpoll-Bullie as getting quite common, it was more or less a "figurative expression," and I quite expected your readers would take it in that light. But evidently Mr. Ward hasn't read it quite as broad-mindedly; or is he blinded by his success at Dudley? By the way, was there something wrong in the Hybrid classes at Dudley? I read two reports of the show, and each read "Light Hybrid, including Canary-Bullie."—1st, Canary Bullie; 2nd, Greenie-Bullie. The other class read: "Dark" (I presume any other variety). The Greenie-Bullie isn't a "Light Hybrid," nor yet a Canary-Bullie. If the reports were a correct copy of the schedule, the Greenie-Bullie should have been in Mr. Ward's class, and perhaps, (who knows?), might have altered things a little. Perhaps Mr. Ward, or you, sir, will give us the correct wording from the Dudley schedule, if possible? But to revert to our original topic. There were six Redpoll-Bullies bred last season. I wonder if there were six of any other variety of Bullie Hybrids bred last year, or in any other one season. If not, I feel justified in saying that soon they will become common; at least, as common as the other varieties of Bullie Hybrids. Mr. Ward says his Redpoll Bullie was 1st at Brighouse, while at Great Horton he hadn't a card; and wants to know the reason. I should say the competition was much keener at Great Horton, or perhaps, "the judge wasn't capable." At a recent show in Wales, the Redpoll-Bullie got nothing, while his Linnet-Bullie was well up. Another "incapable" judge, perhaps. He goes on to say that his bird was in bad form during judging at St. Helen's. How does he know? Is he in the habit of writing to the judges to ask the why's and wherefore's? If so, I think it is bordering almost on intimidation. Mr. Ward accuses me of blowing my own trumpet. Now, I think that is a direct smack below the belt. I don't remember having said in either of my previous letters that I had won anything with Hybrids, or even owned any. For that matter, how does Mr. Ward know that I keep birds at all? I haven't mentioned it in my letters before; so how he can accuse me of blowing my own trumpet is beyond my comprehension. I even wouldn't have mentioned it in this letter, but for Mr. Ward's uncharitableness. I certainly haven't staged a Redpoll-Bullie yet, so can't blow my trumpet about that; in fact, I haven't tried to breed one. But I have reared 23 Hybrids bred from British birds this last three seasons, amongst which is one that has beaten the Redpoll-Bullie the only time he has met him. I don't mean to say mine is a better bird, not for the world; perhaps the judge wasn't "capable." Mr. Ward says the judges at Gateshead (where his Hybrid was 2nd), and at Dudley, are considered experts in the Hybrid world. Why not the judge at Brighouse also, Mr. Ward? Don't let us trouble Mr. Weston with this little matter; he has enough to think about—besides, the wild seeds will soon be growing, and then! With regard to Mr. Robson, he certainly shows a partiality to anything rare, as witness past events. With regard to the question in Mr. Ward's previous letter re Canary-Bullie, my opinion is, that if a Canary-Bullie in its first year beat a champion Hybrid that had matured, it was put up on account of its rarity, which, in my humble opinion, ought not to be. Mr. Ward asserts that his bird has developed. The expert report at Palace says, "Another grand specimen, albeit wanting time to perfect." In the face of that, I don't think my contention in previous letter re development is "overruled." Another report says, "Its rarity ought to have placed it higher in the list." Its "rarity," mind you, not its "merit"; another of my contentions not "over-ruled," Mr. Ward. To conclude, Mr. Ward has written a capital letter for our edification, but I must say the very last sentence stands out pre-eminent. He hopes "that Mr. Johnson will produce something good." So do I.

T. JOHNSON.

[The Dudley schedule reads: "Class 17, Light Canary Mule or Hybrid, including Canary-Bullfinch," "Class 18, Dark Canary Mule or Hybrid."—Editor.].

SIR,—I was considerably surprised to read Mr. C. J. Ward's letter last week, in which he mentions Mr. Weston as one of the judges who has done his Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid "justice." Now, his first letter on this subject appeared the week after the Gateshead show (where Mr. Weston judged the birds). In it he very nastily asserted that judges were incompetent and judged the "merits of the exhibitor," and not the birds, and so put the "commoner crosses" in front of the rarities. Now it seemed to me and other fanciers I have spoken to here, that it was the result at Gateshead which had upset Mr. Ward and caused him to write so unfancierlike a letter. Perhaps he had counted on the Gateshead bowl as being won by his bird; hence the tears! Fancy any sane man saying the exhibitor was "considered" in the case of such a champion exhibit as Mr. John William's Goldfinch-Bullfinch winning—one of the "common crosses." I wonder what friend John thinks about it?. However, perhaps Mr Ward will tell us what show or shows he referred to, if not Gateshead? How did he "bear up" when a specialist judge at a recent Welsh show left the Redpoll-Bullie unnoticed?

TYNESIDER.

AYR AND DIS. CAGE BIRD CLUB.

SIR,—A well-attended meeting was held in the Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street, on 10th February, to form the above club. Thirty-five fanciers attended, and only two left the hall without becoming members. Mr. C. W. Paterson was elected President, Mr. R. McKay, vice-president, Mr. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick-road, Ayr, Secretary, and 12 well-known fanciers for committee. We hope to see all members present at the next meeting, also all fanciers who have not joined. For date of next meeting, see club notice column of CAGE BIRDS. Anyone wishing to join before meeting, please communicate with me.—C. IRVINE, Sec.

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IS IT A DEFUNCT SOCIETY?

SIR,—You will, no doubt, probably think that this is a somewhat peculiar heading, but, as an old reader (one of the first), I am anxious to know if it is anyway related to the "Leeds Cage Bird Society." My reason for asking this is that we never see any reports in the Press regarding members' meetings or committee meetings, which leads one to think the Society cannot exist. Surely this is not the case? I hope to hear to the contrary.

PRESUPPOSITION.

NEW SOCIETY FOR FORFAR AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Kindly announce through your valuable paper that the fanciers of Forfar have just formed a society, to be called the Forfar and District Cage Bird Improvement Society. We have fixed a membership radius of six miles, so as to admit the fanciers of Kirriemuir. We have over 20 members enrolled, and hope to get a good few more. The subscriptions are as follows: — Entrance fee 1s. 6d., with a monthly sub of 3d. All fanciers within the radius are earnestly invited to become members. The officials of the Society are: President, Mr. W. Brown; vice-president, Mr. J. Cable, treasurer, Mr. F. Strachan; secretary, Mr. W. Grewar, 3, Bell Place, Forfar; committee, P. Taylor, R. Dundas, J. Stirling, D. P. Robertson, A. Robertson, and D. Robertson; auditors, D. Lawson and J. Stevenson. Meetings are held first Saturday of each month.

W. GREWAR, Secretary.

ROSY BREASTED COCKATOO DESTROYING PERCHES.

SIR,—Would you allow me space in your valuable paper, in reply to Mr. Haines? By all means do not try to break if off. Let it have a new perch every few days if they are needed; they can be made out of an ordinary broom handle which will cost only 2d. and will make three or four. I don't think that a serious outlay for pretty polly. If he is successful in breaking if off, he will surely be more successful in making it into a feather plucker. I find it a greater pleasure in making new perches than doctoring a bird that has acquired the habit of plucking itself. I have a young Grey Parrot, now, which would not chew up the wood I gave it. I caught it trying to nip its perch, which was a hard one, so I exchanged it for a piece of broom handle, and now she is fully employed pulling it to bits. I wish your paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success; I could not do without it.

F. H. TODD.

SOME OPINIONS ON JUDGES.

SIR, — Your correspondent, "Commune Bonum," goes it strong against the "exhibitor-dealer-judges." But don't judges of all sorts — whether dealers and exhibitors or those which "hold aloof with dignity"—soon find their level? If they don't judge fairly, or don't give satisfaction, through inexperience or inability, they soon cease to attract entries, and show officials soon find them out, too, by the comments of their own members and the visiting fanciers on the birds seen on the benches. If a man has got to give up exhibiting before he can properly judge a few shows, I reckon it is a poor tale, and a poorer tale still if he cannot sell a few birds (which probably he has bred), and still judge properly. What about our good Norwich and Yorkshire judges, who are also both breeders and sellers (to say nothing of other varieties of Canaries)? Are they all so very weak-minded as "Commune Bonum" would make it appear? I think it bosh. Surely this writer must be one of the "Stand aloof with dignity" kind of judges (or would-be judges) who can see nothing good in anyone else, perhaps because he does not get appreciated as he thinks he ought to be. It is right enough that some successful exhibitors cannot judge a class of birds for "monkey nuts," as we say round our way. But they soon get found out, and certainly don't get on as judges. There is another class, however, who want showing up (or talking to, anyway), and these are the men who, when once they have given a bird a first prize (which it may have deserved), give it many more first prizes right through the season, which it may *not* have deserved. The bird becomes a champion right off, and under this class of judge (who, I suppose, thinks this being "consistent"), nothing can afterwards beat it. This class of judge is followed by the "lucky" exhibitor to every show he is down for, and gets the firsts every time. No new faces, however good, can get this man's birds out of the judge's eye, and so get a fair chance. This I call just as bad, if not worse, than judge's selling birds and then giving them the preference in a tight finish. Birds ought to be judged on the day, and not on what they have done in the past, and it is a shame birds backward in the early part of the season should not get a fair chance later on, because a judge keeps on putting his old winners up. It tells on the entries, too, for exhibitors soon notice these one man (or perhaps a few men) judges and shows.

F. JACKSON.

THE FIRST PRIZE ALBINO AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—The above bird well deserved its position in the class, but what is it? The fanciers that saw the bird would be more interested if Mr. R. Kell, the exhibitor, would give a few particulars as to how he obtained it. Was it reared from the nest, or was it captured in a wild state? And, if so, what bird does its call note resemble? It had no call-note at the Palace. The beak is not same as a Bunting's. I think it is an Albino Chaffinch. J. H. VERRALL.

A FEW WORDS TO ADVERTISERS.

SIR,—In some recent issues of CAGE BIRDS, some of your readers have complained of the treatment dealt out to them by dealers in regard to sending out the birds, etc. Will you kindly allow me to ask those readers to do us, "the dealers," the favour of their forethought. When enquiring through CAGE BIRDS for their wants, to ensure prompt replies, a stamped envelope is always the best and quickest way to satisfaction on both sides, as it not only saves the dealer a lot of time, but also cuts expenses considerably. My case, no doubt, is only a small consideration to some of your very big advertising clients, but in answer to my small advertisement in last week's CAGE BIRDS I received 138 replies up till Tuesday, and only one gentleman had the forethought to enclose a stamped addressed envelope. H. J. HAWES.

THE MANAGEMENT AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in which to say that I fully agree with your reporter's note re good management at above show. I arrived at the Palace on the Thursday evening, prepared to stay all night to watch the arrival and unpacking of exhibits. On putting the question to Mr. Ramsden as to the time he expected to have all birds staged, I was surprised when he answered. "By ten o'clock to-night," and sure enough every bird that had arrived was unpacked and in its place before the hour stated. Before leaving to catch my last train home, I had time to go right through the show, to see if every bird had food and water, and am pleased to state I found only one bird without water. Early on Friday I was again on the spot, to find all judges at work, all drinkers on Crest and Crestbreds' cages emptied until after judging, and prize cards being put on cages within ten minutes of receipt of judges' award slips. On the Tuesday evening I put in an appearance to watch the packing and dispatching of exhibits, and was glad to hear Mr. Ramsden and Mr. Lambert Brown giving orders for all long distance birds to be packed and dispatched first; and again, my eyes were opened to see how quickly and easily such a large number of birds were got rid of, for when I left at 10 p.m. there were not more than a dozen birds left in the show, and those I understood were to be called for. I went home satisfied at having learnt a thing or two, and at the same time feeling confident that "The Palace Show" is bound to be a success while in the hands of such workers as those it was my pleasure to come in contact with. I have no cause to regret my first experience at the Palace, as a Cage Bird Union delegate. A. W. CURTIS.

WHAT CONSTITUTES AN EXHIBITION CINNAMON?

SIR,—Being a visitor to the late Palace show, I was very pleased to see such an increase in the number of Cinnamons, and being a lover of the Cinnamon, I naturally spent some time amongst them, comparing the winners with one another, to see where the first prize bird beat the second, and where the second prize bird beat the third, and so on. I have got it into my head somehow or the other, either by reading CAGE BIRDS, or meeting with other birdy fanciers with their birdy chats, that the chief thing in a Cinnamon is a good, sound, bright, cinny colour, then quality and tightness of feather, type and size. Well on coming to the champion Buff class, I found that the first prize bird was a lovely large one, a clinker for size, a good Norwich type, and a bird I should be proud to own. But the second prize bird I found was a better coloured bird altogether, and I thought if anything of better quality of feather. When I saw the bird, it was certainly a lot tighter in feather than his pal above him. He was also a good-sized bird, typical, but beaten in size by first. Some one has led me to believe that in Cinnamons colour counts 50 points. So when I looked at the two birds, I thought perhaps I was off the mark in my way of thinking, seeing that the second bird was a lot the better coloured bird. It was equal, if not better in quality and tightness of feather, and of good Norwich type. So I cannot help thinking that it must be the size of the first chappie that put him on the laughing side of his pal. Now, sir, my way of judging Cinnamons must be wrong, according to those two birds, at all events. If so, I should like some one who understands a good Cinnamon, to kindly put me straight, for as a lover of Cinnamons I want to know what I am to aim at in breeding. Perhaps some one who saw the same birds would let me know through CAGE BIRDS what they thought, so as to help those of us who are willing to learn, and so bring this grand variety of Canary to the front. I was (with all due respect to the old hands) very pleased to see a fresh exhibitor's name to the front. I hope no one will think I am a disappointed exhibitor, as I didn't send an entry to the Glass House, or that I am trying to belittle the judging of friend Dobson. Hoping some fanciers will give us their ideas of a good Cinnamon in reply.

LOVER OF THE CINNAMON.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARIES AT CITY OF GLASGOW SHOW.

SIR,—I made no accusation against Mr. Young, but I took the liberty of giving my opinion as to the cause of the position of the Scotch Fancy Canary, and I do not move therefrom. A president did arise who did not appreciate the Scotch Fancy Canary. The reducing and keeping down the prize-money for the Scotch Fancy has been its ruin, and my proposed prize-money need not be extended beyond the Scotch Fancy classes, which is a modest demand where so much money is lying helplessly idle. The money should be put into active use. Mr. Young's reference to 1900 is clothed in mystery to me. But what do we find in 1908? A president vacating the chair and taking a joint secretaryship—which is a backward step. Mr. Young was not appointed secretary at the annual (which is past, and not to come in *June*, as he put it), and the committee have no power to appoint a paid official, and I am surprised Mr. Jardine should have taken a hand in such. The members will have something to say on that when they meet. The secretaries' salaries have been advanced. Why, it is difficult to understand. The committee do a lot of work—sending out schedules, etc.—which in former days was done by the secretary or secretaries. The surplus money should be expended on the Scotch Fancy Prize money, or paid to the hard-working committee, and I think that should be adjusted at the next annual business meeting in December. I shall be pleased to have Secretary Young's views on the points raised. If he did not declare himself before 1908, in accepting the position he has he certainly throws his entire influence into the Norwich, etc., sections. The situation is unique. A SCOTCH FANCIER.

ROLLER CANARIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I see your reporter could not get the tours from the judge. Well, Sir, whoever he may be, I can assure him that he was much nearer the mark without them, as I see in his published report that the judge states my bird, Ex. 3rd prize in Class 90, bred 1907, No. 1402, B.R.C.C., Ring No. 513, sang hollow roll 6, hollow bell 4, bass roll 5, schockel 5, flute notes 4, with a bad aufzug, and a very sharp whistle, which kept the total down to 17 points." I declare this bird does not sing an aufzug, nor yet a sharp whistle, and the judge ought to have added points for purity and delivery, and thereby have made him the winner. Had the bird been one of (or bred from) C. Roehl's famous Gluck strain, he might have done so. On reading his report, I at once wrote to the B.R.C.C. secretary, to say I was prepared to send the bird up to any meeting, and I would give £20 for the benefit of the club if he sang an aufzug, or yet a sharp whistle in any form; but as yet I have not had a reply. Now, Mr. Rettich, I must remind you that I am a Lancashire bred and born sportsman, one of the sort that won't lie down to be defeated. So I take this opportunity of cancelling the above offer, and challenging Mr. Rettich to back up his judgment, and I say I am ready to wager any amount that this bird never sang an aufzug or a sharp whistle before he went to the Palace, and that he never does it again, and you can put him anywhere you like. Again, the reporter says my young bird left out of the cards, No. 1403, B.R.C.C., Ring No. 550, was quite equal to the winners. Quite true—and better. Many thanks to your reporter. And as I have a few pound I don't care much about, I will back up his opinion and wager these two young birds to sing any two B.R.C.C. rung birds in England (Randall preferred), under any three judges in England (bar Mr. A. Rettich and Mr. C. Roehl), the judges to have them at their own home not less than three days. At the same time, with No. 1403, Ring No. 550, I will sing for £2, any bird in England, young or old, imported or not (Roehl's recently imported excellent Gluck strain preferred). So hurry up, down with the stuff, and let us see what these now famous Gluck birds can do. It will be something new and very interesting. WALTER WHITTAKER.

Moses Gate, near Bolton.

LONG-SIDED NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

SIR,—It is with the greatest pleasure I read in CAGE BIRDS of the almost entire absence of those long-sided so-called Norwich plainheads at the Palace show. I am pleased to think the judges are opening their eyes to the fact that these big, long-sided birds are no longer to be termed Norwich, and let us hope this change in the right direction has come to stay. What is more annoying than to see such mongrels win in a class of Norwich, when there are good Norwich type birds in the class? As I have always said, type first. If we have not the Norwich type, what have we got? Also allow me to congratulate friend Bishop on his great achievement in winning three champion prizes. This speaks well again for good old Notts. We can do the trick when we try.

J. BERTIE.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD, HOLLOWAY, KENTISH TOWN & DIST.

SIR,—It has been arranged by several cage bird fanciers in this neighbourhood to call a meeting together to form a society. The lower room in Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., has been secured for a meeting to take place at 8 p.m. prompt, on February 28th next. This hall is situated two minutes' walk from Junction Road Station, Midland Railway; three minutes' walk from Boston Hotel and Tufnell Park Station on the Highgate and Hampstead Tube Railway, and a few minutes' walk from the Highgate Archway Tavern and Gospel Oak Station, N.L. Railway. We earnestly invite all fanciers to attend and assist us in forming this new society and thus give it a good send-off. Election of officers will take place from fanciers present and names sent in. Any fancier willing to become a member, who is unable to attend, kindly send a post-card with name and address to

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BRITISH GOLDFINCHES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—We are sorry to say that we have lost one of our winning Goldfinches. He seems to have gone wrong on the journey to the Palace, and arrived there "soft," and we notice the judge marked his ticket accordingly. To make matters worse, the Palace authorities, in error, sent him up to Mr. Arrighi, in Edinburgh, instead of returning him two days' rest. He arrived home in a his best for the bird (for which we wish to thank him), and returned him after giving him two days rest. He arrived home in a bad state, and only survived the following day, before joining the great majority. We were sorry to lose him, as he was a good bird, having won this season, 2nd Bristol, 2nd Porth, 3rd Merthyr, 4th Swansea, 4th Cardiff, etc., but our loss, of course, is somewhat minimized by the fact that he lived to the end of the show season. We notice a remark in your report of the palace show, that some of the entries in the British section had been passed by the judge because he considered they were foreigners. Might we ask if this was the reason why he passed our Goldfinch, 1647? We may say this is not the bird we refer to in the above paragraph, as having arrived at the show soft. If a judge passes an exhibit in a British section because he considers it a foreigner, should he not mark it "wrong class?" We fail to see in the catalogue that any Goldfinch was "wrong classed." LEWIS AND DYMOND.

MORPETH WAKES FROM SLUMBER.

SIR,—In your correspondence columns last week there appeared a letter which seemed to affect my eyesight very much, in reference to a new cage bird club having been formed at Morpeth. It would be interesting to know the reason the old club wound up at their annual meeting. If the management was not satisfactory, I think there was no need to abandon the club and start a new one. Why could they not have changed the office-bearers? It would have been more satisfactory. It was said at the annual meeting that some members were not going to continue their membership if there was not a new secretary. I should like to know where the term "Brother Fancier" comes in. It seems to me that the secretary has been forcing his duties too much on the so-called novice fancier," and I say it shows the lack of power of the members to have allowed the secretary to rule the whole of the business at their meetings. One would have thought that if the secretary was getting away from his duties, the meeting would have dealt with him, as he dealt with them, by enforcing the rules of the club. Also, looking up the back numbers of CAGE BIRDS, I find, according to the reports, which would be given by experts of the Fancy, that the hon. secretary has been a very energetic man, and also what I may term a real brother Fancier, but the whole affair leads me think that there has been some under-hand work going on by members, who perch too long on the same stick. They even rest so long that when they come from their roost they find the Society has become defunct. Then they hop about (getting heated through their horrible dreams), which leads to a new club being formed, simply through their own doings.

ONE FEATHER.

SIR,—I see by your issue of this week that the sleepers of the Morpeth and District Canary and Cage Bird Society have awakened from their slumber and have had their first meeting. Now, Sir, I, as secretary of the late society, cannot let Mr. Marshell's letter in this week's CAGE BIRDS pass without replying to same. In the first place, I would advise Mr. Marshell and his friends, when sending any more reports to CAGE BIRDS, to send true and accurate ones. He says that in the opinions of Messrs. Grey and Lackey the final meeting of the old society was not in order, inasmuch as notices had not been sent to members, and also that the residue of cash was bequeathed to the late secretary and treasurer. Those are not true reports. Mr. Lackey was at the final meeting of the late society, and he must have been very absent-minded when he supported Mr. Grey's remarks. He knows at that final meeting I said I had notified all members possible to be present. The one exception was Mr. Summers, whom I said I had neglected to notify. Why did not Mr. Lackey say the meeting was out of order then? No, Sir, the late society has been boycotted, as I said at the last meeting. Now, as regards the character and principles of the new secretary (Mr. Cowley), I have nothing to say, but I would like to ask Mr. Marshell if he imputes anything against my character, as I can assure him it will bear the strictest investigation, both as fancier and exhibitor.

A. DIPPIE,
Secretary of the late Society.

THE STANDARD LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—The esteemed issue of last week's CAGE BIRDS is most interesting, more especially on account of the timely letters it contained re Yorkshire standard length. This subject is being vigorously discussed in a friendly manner by your numerous correspondents. From their observations much may be learnt. I certainly consider the time has quite arrived when this much-vexed question should be finally settled, for at least an indefinite period, so that future exhibitors and others may no longer be left in hopeless suspense respecting so trifling a matter as a quarter of an inch in a bird's tail. But as there appears to be a concensus of opinion in favour of a 6¾in. standard length, why not adopt the same forthwith as the recognised standard to be adhered to throughout the entire Yorkshire Fancy? Personally, I should prefer the standard to be 6¾in., and not exceeding 7in., provided such a specimen is equally perfect in all other points as that possessed by a 6¾in. bird. This stipulation ought to satisfy the most contentious exhibitor. I am, however, at a loss to understand how, or by what physical law, or other cause, the mere fact of a ¼in. longer should so "seriously" interfere with the essential qualities of a typical Yorkshire, as implied by some of your respected correspondents. I wish also to say, with regard to that objectionable custom of measuring show specimens, that however carefully the process may be carried out, the bird, on being returned to the show cage, cannot readily regain his former appearance and position, which, for a public show, is a "grievous disadvantage. Besides this, there arises dissatisfaction respecting such measurement being strictly correct. In order to avoid this unnecessary disarranging of show birds, allow me to suggest that for big shows an amateur photographer should be engaged to take a snapshot of the various specimens. Their *modus operandi* would prove in every respect a complete success, the accuracy of which could not be disputed by the most exacting judge or exhibitor.

Topsham. FREDERICK ELLIS.

ARE THEY RECORD LATE EGGS?

SIR,—As a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, I see that a correspondent had a Canary that laid eggs in October and in November, and two in December, even as late as the 8th and 16th of December. So I may say in regard to my own two Norwich type hens and a cock Finch that I have been breeding Mules from them since last year's sitting. With me one hen laid her first egg on December 25 and the other on December 28. One got four and the other three. I think that is a record so far, and I expect some Mules from them, if the weather will keep the same.

W. WAILY.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Result of Competitions.

The results of the various competitions promoted by the Y.C.C. are as follows:—The £21 challenge cup, won in 1906 and 1907 by Messrs. Bailey and Swanger; 1st cup and medal, value 21s., Mr. W. H. Shackleton, with 136 points; 2nd, cup value £2 10s., Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, 132; 3rd, teapot value 25s., presented by Mr. R. P. Broome, Mr. J. Wilcock, 111; 4th, Messrs. Ogden Bros., with 81 points. The Ramsden challenge cup, value six guineas, and points cash specials: 1st, cup, medal and teapot presented by Mr. Ramsden for "best colour-fed birds," Mr. W. Wadsworth, 101; 2nd, £1 cash, Mr. J. Wilcock, 92; 3rd, 15s. cash, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, 86; 4th, 10s. cash, Messrs. Ogden Bros., 67 points. Novice Competition: 1st, cup value £2 10s., presented by Mr. J. E. Brotherton, and Ramsden's teapot value 25s., Mr. W. Helliwell, 53 points; 2nd, 10s. cash, Mr. H. H. Towers, 33; 3rd, 5s. cash, Mr. W. Blakey, 15 points. Sandiford's cup value £5, Davy's picture value £2 10s. for members residing outside Yorkshire: 1st cup and Ramsden teapot, Mr. W. Broughton, 119 points; 2nd, Davy's oil painting, Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson, 115; 3rd, 10s. 6d. cash, presented by Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson, Mr. A. Hirst, with 25 points. The following gain money prizes for 3rd, 4th and 5th birds at the different shows, viz., Halifax, 3rd birds, Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son, W. Blakey, J. W. Wilson, Murgatroyd and Son, and E. Radley divide; 4th birds, H. H. Towers; 5th Messrs. Ogden Bros., Sutcliffe and Son, T. Millburn and J. Wilcock divide. Great Harwood: 3rd, not won; 4th, A. Hirst; 5th, A. Hirst and F. Cross divide. Windhill: 3rd, J. Wilcock; 4th, J. Wilson and Murgatroyd and Son divide. Newcastle-on-Tyne: 3rd, H. Broadley, George Wear, and G. W. Cuthbertson divide; 4th, W. Helliwell; 5th, G. W. Cuthbertson, H. H. Towers and Chew and Stokoe divide. Southend-on-Sea: 3rd, A. E. Pattrick; 4th, A. E. Pattrick, H. H. Towers and J. Wilcock divide; 5th, A. E. Pattrick. Manchester: 3rd, A. Cooper and W. H. Shackleton divide; 4th, W. H. Shackleton, W. Broughton, A. Cooper and H. Dobson divide. Sandy Lane: 3rd, Ogden Bros.; 4th, J. Wilson; 5th, Ogden Bros., F. Spencer, H. Dobson and W. Blakey divide. Sheffield: 3rd, not won; 4th, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. Derby: 3rd, A. Hirst and Ambler divide; 4th, A. Hirst. Shipley: 3rd, J. Wilcock, W. Wadsworth, H. W. Walsh, M. Peel and R. W. Alderson divide; 4th, W. Wadsworth; 5th, J. Wilcock. Westminster: 3rd, W. J. Webb; 4th, J. W. Rennie, Ogden Bros., W. G. Elsmore and W. J. Webb divide. Dewsbury: 3rd, M. Peel, 4th, W. Wadsworth; 5th, Ogden Bros. Laisterdyke: 3rd, H. W. Walsh; 4th, F. Armstrong; 5th, L. Dyson, A. Hirst, H. H. Towers and Sutcliffe and Son divide. Bradford (West): 3rd, J. Wilcock and C. Stebbings divide; 4th, T. Milburn, G. H. Walton, T. Wood, J. Wilcock, H. H. Towers and Sutcliffe and Son divide. Huddersfield: 3rd, E. Radley; 4th, M. Peel. Edinburgh: 3rd, R. Halliday; 4th, not won. Brighouse: 3rd, L. Dyson, T. Wood, H. H. Towers and Brayshaw and Jowett divide; 4th, P. Mason, J. Wilson and A. Cooper divide. Great Horton: 3rd, J. Wilcock, W. A. Cowgill, A. Hirst, A. Cooper, J. Wilson and M. Peel divide; 4th, J. Wilcock and W. Cruise divide; 5th, J. Wilcock, F. Armstrong, J. Wilson and W. Cruise divide. Crystal Palace: 3rd, W. Wadsworth; 4th, F. Armstrong; 5th, W. Wadsworth and G. W. Cuthbertson divide.—JOHN GREAVES, Sec.

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ECHOES FROM THE PALACE.

Among the Lancashires.

The buff Lancashire Coppy staged by Mr. J. Garner, of Hazel Grove, won the championship diploma, and we understand that friend John has in his possession (stuffed) a buff Lancashire Plainhead which won three firsts and one second at the Palace in four successive years, a remarkable feat.

The Absent Greens.

The Green Canaries were conspicuous only by their absence, not a single class in the section being left standing. We heard that the Green men from Liverpool were quite willing to support the show, but, in view of the "square-feather" disqualifications last year, only providing the judges were changed. The latter the show officials would not consent to.

The Alleged Stained Mule.

Later inquiries made about the alleged stained Mule referred to in last week's issue, reveal the fact that the bird was sent home to its owner, Mr. Thompson, junr. Mr. Ramsden was overheard to say that in view of the happenings at the last (1907) Palace Show, he had had quite enough of disqualifications, and as the judge refused to disqualify, he (after mentioning the matter to the C.B.U. representative), washed his hands of the affair. We learn, we may say, that this identical bird has, so rich is its colour, been looked on with suspicion and tested at several Scottish shows during the past season, but without the slightest result.

Influenza a Visitor.

Colds seem to have laid a hold upon several prominent workers at the show, for we hear Mrs. Ramsden is still confined to the house, and that Messrs. Laskey, Couzens, and one or two others are "in the grip."

Rule 17.

An astonishing feature of the show was the number of small exhibitors—that is, the people entering a single bird or so, and not strictly fanciers. As Mr. Ramsden pointed out, if Rule 17 of the C.B.U. had been altered to debar non-affiliated exhibitors, the Palace Show would have been badly hit.

These people see the preliminary announcements of the show, and having a bird they think a "beauty," take steps to enter it. Thus they help to make the show pay, to provide prize-money for the fully-fledged exhibitors, and in addition they become initiated into the Fancy, and make good members for their local cage-bird societies, and welcome additions to the ranks. It certainly would be a pity were they not allowed to enter their birds, for if told they were "barred," the chances are they would take no further steps in the matter, and thus be lost to the Fancy

Seven inch, and over.

It would have been a grand treat for us Yorkshiremen had there been a class made at the Crystal Palace for the 7in. and over Yorkshire show birds we are hearing about, writes Mr. T. Ogden (of Messrs. Ogden Bros., Bradford), as we have never seen such birds. Then we could have reported on them and given a much better opinion on the matter of length. I for one would have been pleased to have given a trifle to start a subscription for the class to stand, so as to be able to pay good prizes to induce those who have them to show these birds. Sorry I did not think of this suggestion sooner.

Trouble Among the Belgians.

In our last issue we referred to Captain Philp entering the same birds to compete in two different Belgian classes. We believe duplication of entries is allowed at many Scottish shows, but is contrary to custom at the Palace, and a protest was lodged by Mr. Baker, of Barnstaple, against Capt. Philp taking two prizes with the same bird in different classes. A curious feature, we understand, is that the Captain made a mistake in tying on his cage labels, but the judge, Mr. Robson, ignored the labels and allowed the birds affected by the mistake to compete in their proper classes, but without acquainting the show manager of the facts. What will be the outcome we cannot say at the time of going to press. Fanciers present said that if an exhibitor put old bird class labels on young birds, he ought to pay the penalty.

A Fine Record.

We have just received your wire to say we have won 1st in CAGE BIRDS' Competition at the Crystal Palace Show, which was a very pleasant surprise, write Messrs. Amblers (Bradford). We thank you very much for the news, and may say we think our clear yellow has been the most successful Yorkshire of the year. (It is acknowledged the best seen for years). He has won eight 1sts and four 2nds—12 times out. So you see he has never been below 2nd. He was also four times winner of the special for best Yorkshire in Show. We wish CAGE BIRDS even more success in the future than in the past.

A Probable Change.

We understand it is a matter for consideration whether certain of the exhibits shall not be kept back at the Palace until the morning after the close of the show. It seems that the workers handle the repacking of the birds quicker than the railway lines serving the Palace can deal with them, and thus cases cannot be got away by these suburban lines in time to catch the night mails (although cleared from the Palace in plenty of time), but have to lie at the London main-line termini waiting for the morning expresses. It certainly seems as though it would be to the best interests of the birds to rest comfortably in the show until the early morning, rather than be in their boxes at a railway station through the night

A Hand-reared Winner.

We must thank you for your prompt reply giving result of Palace Show. We were delighted to find our Bullfinch received fourth prize, and may say that he is hand-reared—we hand-reared him with two hens, making a total of three. He is, as stated in catalogue, 2½ years old. The reason we mention he was hand-reared is because it seems the opinion that such do not turn out fit to win in such a good class as that at the Palace Show, and it may enable others to try and do the same. We have CAGE BIRDS to thank, and especially Mr. Weston, for being able to win with Bullie, as we gained all our information from Mr. Weston and CAGE BIRDS. HAYNES AND GARDNER.

Potter's Bar.

Measure for Measure.

I have followed with very much interest the controversy which has been passing through CAGE BIRDS anent the standard length of the Yorkshire Canary, and in the light of recent developments it would appear we have all been working in the dark. According to a contemporary journal Mr. J. Bailey (of Bailey and Swanger), is reported to have stated at the Crystal Palace, that birds in Yorkshire are measured from the "crown of the head to the tip of the tail," and this has apparently created an impression that this is the universal method adopted of measuring Yorkshires in the north. I hardly think, however, that this can be so, and that the genial "Jimmie" was merely expressing his personal opinion in the matter. I am forced to this belief in view of the fact that Mr. T. Ogden (of Ogden Bros., Bradford) in the course of a letter on the subject published in last week's CAGE BIRDS said "our way of measuring them (Yorkshires) is getting the bird in one hand, with the thumb on the back of its head, so as to get its head straight out, put it between two jars for the beak and tail to just touch, then measure the distance between the jars." It will thus be seen that a 6½in. bird in Mr. Bailey's hands would become a 7in. bird by the Ogden style of measuring. Hence the probability is had the birds passed at Plymouth for over-length been measured by the Sandy Lane method they would have been included amongst the prize winners. Surely this, Sir, is a matter that calls for immediate attention on the part of the powers that be, and the sooner a rule is passed as to the way in which birds should be measured, whether from the crown of the head or tip of the beak, the better will it be for judges and Fancy generally. Unless some such rule be adopted it would appear to be so much waste of time to argue about the length of a bird. JOHN B. WATERMAN.

THE YORKSHIRE UNION.

A meeting of the Council was held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on February 15th. Mr. H. W. Battye, president, occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. Regarding novice medals, it was agreed that in cases where two persons in partnership had won one they should be allowed to purchase another at cost price, one guinea. No alteration in design or value could be permitted, and in no section could a winner of more than one prize have the whole consolidated in one. Prizes will be presented exactly as offered and won. The Council nominated nearly fifty judges for the next series of open winter shows. Their names, with their inclusive charges, will be submitted to each society for final selection of exact number required. It was decided to join with the Yorkshire Canary Club and the Cinnamon-Marked Yorkshire Canary Club in their meeting on March 7th, at the Market Tavern, and there make the presentation of the Union prizes to the respective winners. A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. W. Blakey, E. W. Johnson, T. Ogden and H. Simonett, was appointed to work with the above mentioned societies in making the necessary arrangements. The secretary was instructed to obtain specifications and designs for novice and other medals from A. Uttley, C. E. Clark and J. E. Hudson, in addition to those already supplied by Fattorini and Sons. The selection of said medals was left in the hands of the Emergency Committee. All societies wishing to hold an Open First Feather show this year are requested to make application in time for the first meeting of the new Council, when the dates will be arranged by ballot. During the meeting the secretary announced the present financial condition of the Union which showed that the first year's working was likely to result in a profit of between £17 and £18.

SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

This season's competitions were brought to a close at the Palace show, and the results are as follows: Champion trophies, Mr. J. Hawes, 76; Mr. H. Knight, 67; Mr. A. E. Pattrick, 61; Mr. W. J. Webb, 60; Mr. J. W. Rennie, 59; and Mr. R. L. Crisp, 58 points. Messrs. Ramsden and Easterlings' specials (silver cup and teapot), Messrs. Mabey and Knight, tie with 98 points; Mr. Webb third (silver medal) with 79 points. Mr. Easterling's cup, most points in S.Y.C.C. classes at Southend, Battersea, Horticultural Hall, and Wimbledon: Mr. R. L. Crisp, with 51 points; Mr. Broomes' teapot, Mr. W. J. Webb, 45 points; Mr. Gladwin's special (first year champion), Mr. J. Hawes; Mr. Ramsden's tea service, Mr. Knight, 93 points. Diplomas (best cock and hen), Plymouth: Messrs. Hawes and Mabey; Battersea: Messrs. Mabey and Hawes; Hastings: Messrs. Rennie and Hawes; Horticultural Hall: Messrs. Pattrick and Hawes; Crystal Palace: Messrs. Parrott and Crisp; best fourths, Plymouth: Mr. C. W. Mabey; Battersea, Mr. Pattrick; Hastings, Mr. Warr; Horticultural Hall, Mr. Crisp; Palace, Mr. J. W. Rennie; best vhc: Plymouth, Mr. Mabey; Battersea, Mr. R. L. Crisp; Hastings, Mr. J. W. Rennie; Horticultural Hall, Mr. R. L. Crisp; Crystal Palace, Mr. R. L. Crisp. No specials were awarded at Cardiff. Novice competitions. Southend: Teapot, Mr. W. S. Bennett, 18 points; medal, Mr. Carson, 17 points; diplomas, Messrs. Moss and Withers. Bournemouth: Teapot, Mr. J. Carson, 24 points; medal, Mr. J. Dobson, 21 points; diplomas, Messrs. Rorke and Withers: Horticultural Hall: Teapot, Mr. J. Dobson, 20 points; medal, Mr. Edwards, 19 points; diplomas, Messrs. Moss and Dobson: Wimbledon: Teapot, Mr. Withers, 20 points; medal, Mr. Rorke, 18 points; diplomas, Messrs. Rorke and Withers. Palace: Teapot, Mr. T. W. Adams, 16 points; medal, Mr. F. Cross, 15 points; diplomas, Messrs. Adams and Cross. Llanelly: void. Most points, ladies: Mrs. F. Smith, Mrs. Vopend, Crocker and Miss Price. Should any member find the above points differ from their counting, I shall be glad if they will communicate with me at once. It is desired that those members who have not paid the current year's subscriptions, will do so at once to enable the annual general meeting to be held at an early date; also any donations to the special prize fund will be thankfully received. Our present year being practically closed, I shall be pleased to hear from any fancier desirous of joining the club. Owing to a good many novices going up, there will be a good opportunity for novices to annex some of the valuable prizes presented by the club.—J. W. RENNIE, Hon. Sec.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

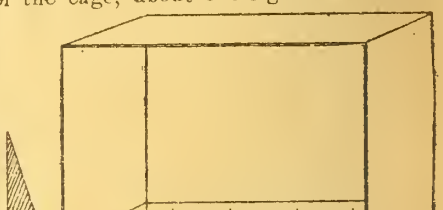
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 181.

THE EASY REMOVAL OF SAND-TRAYS.

Sent by W. Higgins, 54, North Road, Brighton.

Enclosed is a sketch of a very simple but useful and cheap idea, which I have fitted to my cages. It consists of a wedge-shaped piece of wood, tacked to the sides of the cage, about one-eighth of an inch



Easy-running Sand-trays.

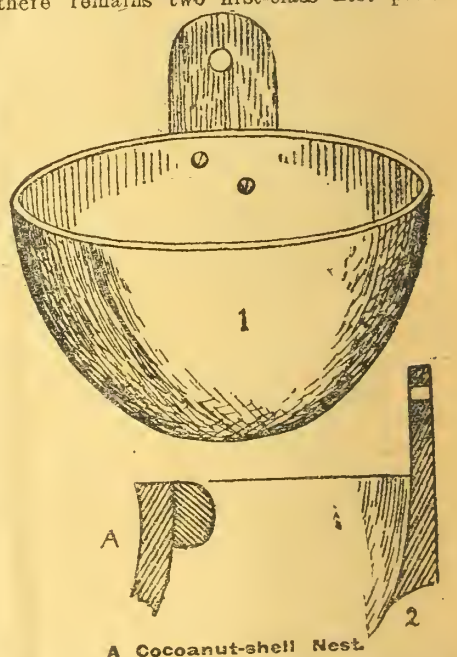
above the sand tray. It prevents the seed husks and sand from getting thrown beneath the tray, which makes the latter hard to pull out, and tends to frighten the birds. The wood should be about one inch wide and about half-inch thick. The sketches show the wood fitted to the cage, and a section of the wood. W. HIGGINS.

No. 182.

COCOANUT-SHELL NEST PANS.

Sent by Wm. Paull, 64, Tenby Street, Cardiff.

Procure an ordinary cocoa-nut and cut it across with a tenon saw, in the manner shown in Figure 1. Remove the nut, and there remains two first-class nest pans.



A Cocoanut-shell Nest.

For hanging them, fit a strip of wood to each, as in Figs. 1 and 2 (the latter being a sectional view through shell and wood hanger. Drill two screw-holes in the shell, and screw fast to the strip of wood. A rim of leather or wood (see "A") may be fitted and glued round the top of each to give a firmer grip for the birds, who often take to this form of pan in preference to earthenware. W. PAULL.

THE SHOWS.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

A members' show was held on Feb. 15th, at the Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton. Mr. W. Cruise (Gt. Horton), judged and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, Cawthra and Son; 3, vhc, Oddy; 4, Bennett; hc, Wright and Son. BUFF: 1, 4, G. Grayshon; 2, Cawthra and Son; 3, Greig and Pearson; vhc, Bennett. TICK, ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, Wood; 3, Oddy; 4, Whitworth. BUFF: 1, Oddy; 2, Bennett. CINN. MKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Wharton; 2, 3, Whitworth. BUFF: 1, Wood. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, Wharton; 2, Oddy; 3, Bennett; 4, Greig and Pearson; vhc, G. Grayshon; hc, Cawthra and Son; c, Wright and Son. BUFF: 1, Cawthra and Son; 2, 4, S. Grayshon; 3, Greig and Pearson; vhc, Oddy. CINN. MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, G. Grayshon; 2, Wood. BUFF: 1, Whitworth. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Wood; 2, Bennett; 3, Wharton. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Wright and Son. SOFTBILL: 1, Greig and Pearson. SELL.: 1, S. Grayshou; 2, Wharton.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

A members' winte rshow of Canaries and British birds was held at the Club's headquarters, the White Hart Hotel, on February 15th. Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax) placed the awards in a very creditable manner. We had an entry of 72, which compares favourably with previous shows.

YORKS. YELL.—1, Hodgson; 2, 3, c, Moss and Son; 4, Haigh; vhc, Waring; hc, Longbottom. BUFF.—1, Longbottom; 2, Haigh; 3, Moorhouse; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Woodhouse Bros. HEN.—1, 3, Hodgson; 2, Haigh; 4, Mallinson and Son; vhc Jackson; hc, Brier; c, Miller. CIN. MKD. HEN.—1, Longbottom; 2, 3, Hodgson; 4, vhc, hc, Mallinson and Son; c, W. Glenhill. CIN. MKD. COCK.—1, 4, Hodgson; 2, Mallinson and Son; 3, Waring; vhc, Longbottom; hc, c, Gledhill. YELL. NOR.—1, 2, 3, vhc, Mallinson and Son; 4, Moorhouse; hc, Waring. BUFF.—1, vhc, Woodhouse Bros.; 2, 4, Mallinson and Son; 3, Battye. NOR. HEN.—1, 2, hc, Mallinson and Son; 3, 4, Skeim; vhc, Woodhouse Bros.; c, Battye. YORK (NOVICE).—1, Miller; 2, 3, Fearnley; 4, Jackson. NOR. (NOVICE).—1, Miller; 2, 3, Quarmby. BRIT. HARDBILL.—1, 2, Mallinson and Son. GIFT.—1, Mallinson and Son; 2, Woodhouse Bros. SELLING (10s. 6d.).—1, Haigh; 2, Miller; 3, Brier; 4, Waring. Messrs. Mallinson and Son won special for most points; Mr. K. S. Hodgson second, and Mr. A. Haigh third.—S. LODGE, Sec.

CRESSWELL AND DIS. C.B.S.

The society held their stock Pair Shew on Feb. 15th, at the Rose-Crown Inn, Cresswell, and some grand birds were staged. Judge: W. Vardy, Hucknall Huthwaite.

YORKS. PAIRS (9): 1, Simpson, buff cock, yellow hen, good stock pair, fine length, very nice quality, lovely wing carriage, nice position; 2, 3, c, Knowles, cheek marked yellow cock, and buff hen, well up on leg, nice length and quality, close up; 3, variegated buff cock, yellow hen, nice pair; vhc, hc, Truman, both nice pairs. NOR. PAIRS (3): 1, 2, Doxey, variegated buff cock, yellow hen, first nice substance, good quality, colour; second clear buff cock yellow marked hen, another nice pair; 3, Hodgkins. CREST PAIRS (2): 1, 2, Doxey, first variegated buff cock, good size, nice bead feather, with dark crested hen, good match; second green crested cock and clear buff hen, nice pair. MULE BREEDING, BRIT. FINCH-CAN.: 1, 2, Hodgkins, first nice Goldfinch and large yellow hen; second variegated and buff hen. FOR. FINCH AND CAN. (1): 1, Doxey, large Goldfinch and yellow Norwich hen, both very good. BRIT. FINCH SINGLE (9): 1, Simpson, very nice Goldfinch, good blaze and buttons, shown in good form; 2, Presley, very nice Greenfinch, good size and colour, very close up; 3, Pearson, Snow Bunting, in good order, large and steady; vhc, and hc, Wilson, Bramblefinch and Bullfinch, both very good exhibits; c, Presley, good size Linnet. BRIT. SOFTBILL, SINGLE (1): 1, Stinson, very nice Goldcrested Wren, very steady and shown in grand condition. FOR. SMALL. SINGLE (2): 1, Pearson, Diamond Finch, well-known winner; 2, Truman, Budgerigars. DARK MULE: 1, Pearson, dark Greenfinch-Canary, splendid colour, quality, shown in good order; 2, Truman, Goldfinch-Mule, lacking in colour.

PRESTON O.S.

The annual February members' show was held in the Scientific Society's Rooms, Fishergate, on Feb. 15th. The room is an ideal one for a members' or a young bird show, and the large, side windows, so lofty, give plenty of light, which is a great necessity and acquisition to a cage bird show. A big classification was made, but the lateness of the season, and the show being on the heels of the Palace show must be among the reasons for several members not filling the classes provided for them. The Norwich, both champion and novice, contained some of the best birds in the kingdom. A few were caught a bit off condition, and so had to stand back a peg or two, but that may be accounted for by the work they have recently been doing on the show bench. Yorkshires did not turn up quite as expected, but there were several smart birds on view. Mules and hybrids, too, were very good. British birds did not turn up so well, and members in this and the foreign sections have gone to sleep surely. There is now plenty of room for some good foreign bird exhibitors. Mr. Heathcote made his debut as secretary fnr a show, and he is a likely gentleman to make things go, when he has grasped the situation fairly. Messrs. Leeming Bros., young and energetic, lent a willing hand to carry out the show arrangements, and matters were in apple-pie order. The Preston O.S. have made these rooms their headquarters. Mr. Heathcote, being secretary of the Scientific Society also, will be able the better to carry out the secretarial duties of the Preston O.S. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged.

NOR. CL., ETC., CK. (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Blackhurst, superlative team, most of which were reported as having won honours at the recent Palace show in the novice section; 2, Cleminson, ticked on head, rare shape good head, good Norwich all over. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Blackhurst's bonny, big clear, fine bloom and mealy very fine quality in feather, 4th grand head, lovely feather; 2, Curwen, very cobby var., fine body; 3, Cleminson, clear, beaten in tightness of condition only. YELL. HENS: 1, 2, Blackhurst, clear, very fine shape and condition; 3, Issott. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Cleminson, fine, big clear, rare head, good body, fine feather and condition; 2, var., good cobby shape, nice feather and condition; 3, Curwen, neat clear, good body, fine head, etc. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Cleminson; 2, Issott, both fine clears, first, fine body and good head. BUFF: 1, Issott, grand clear. Scottish National winner, in fine form; 2, Curwen; 3, Blackhurst, good type, etc. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Blackhurst, grand pair, have won in champion company this season. BUFF: 1, 2, Blackhurst, first an ideal bird, which ought to stand well in good competition, level as a die. YELL HEN: 1, Blackhurst. BUFF: 1, Blackhurst. BORDER BUFF: 1, Gregson, pretty shape, grand condition. HYBRID: 1, Issott, grand dark buff Linnet-Canary, St. Helen's winner; 2, Heaps, beavy var. Linnet-Canary. GOLDFINCH: 1, Rev. Collinson, very pretty, cage-moulted bird, tight in feather and condition; 2, Marsh, another nice bird, small moonings, wild moulted. LINNET, 1, Leeming Bros., fine colour and markings, good size, shape, feather and condition; 2, Marsh, bonny bird, good colour; 3, 4, Heaps, 3rd perhaps finest in class, but has unfortunately lost a toe on left foot; vhc, Curwen. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Cleminsen; 2, Heaps. BUDGERIGARS: 1, 2, Pyke. SMALL FOR. FINCHES: 1, 2, Pyke, pair cutthroats and pair Saffron Finches. PARROTS: 1, Collinson, very fine Alexandrine Parrakeet; 2, Peak, pretty, small, grey Amazon Parrot. SELL, 25/-: 1, Blackhurst. 20/-: 1, Taylor; 2, Leeming Bros.; 3, Curwen. 10/-: 1, Taylor; 2, Curwen. NOVICE SECTION.—NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, 4, Leeming Bros, rare good trio, very fine in size, shape and quality, quite equal to some of the birds in the other sections; 2, Dunn, nicely finished good colour and feather. BUFFS: 1, Leeming Bros., really fine var., cobby type of bird, lovely bloom, blowing with quality of feather; 2, Coupe, right type, sound feather and condition; 3, Anderton, fine bouncing bird, has a slip heel on left foot; 4, Churchman. YELL. HENS: 1, Swarbrick; 2, Coupe; 3, Leeming Bros.; 4, Knowles. BUFF: 1, Leeming Bros., fine clear buff; 2, Anderton, heavy feathered var.; 3, Dunn; 4, Peak. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Anderton; 2, Leeming Bros. BUFF: 1, Leeming Bros., tick nape, very good all round bird, fine feather; 2, Swarbrick, ticked head, also good shape; 3, Anderton; 4, Dunn; vhc, Churchman. NOR. NAT. COL.: 1, Curwen; 2, Knowles. YORKS. BUFF CK.: 1, Lyon. BUFF HEN: 1, Lyon. BORDER YELL.: 1, Swarbrick; 2, Dunn. BUFF: 1, Dunn; 2, Swarbrick.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

The Partick and Dis. C.B.C. held their pair show of Crests, Norwich, Border Fancy, Yorkshire and A.O.V., in the Jolners' Hall, on 13th Feb. There was a good turn-out of Norwich and Borders. Of the former there were 23 pairs, which constitutes a record for this club. Mr. C. Campbell judged and seemed to give general satisfaction. Mr. Henderson, the new Secretary, is all that a society could wish for and acted like an old hand, instead of a new one.

CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, spl, and spl. for best pair in hall, Crest hen, a topper and fine Crestbred cock; 2, 4, Hendry; 3, Hamilton. NOR. (23): 1, spl, Shirriden, yellow hen, good round head, splendid quality of feather and buff cock, nice wings and tail; 2, 3, 6, Graham, second yellow cock, and buff hen, cock, good hold chest, nice wing carriage and good type all over, hen very good; third yellow hen, buff cock; 4, Gow; 5, Shirriden. BORDER FANCY (13): good class; 1, spl, Whitelaw, buff cock and yellow hen, perfect carriage, nicely modelled; 2, 3, 4, Walker; 5, Henderson; 6, Graham. YORKS. (3): 1, spl, 2, McRobbie; 3, Webster. A.O.V. CAN. PAIRS (5): 1, spl, 3, Hamilton; 2, 4, Brown.—AND. WILSON

SOUTH LONDON COL. AND F.A.

A successful pair show was held at the club's headquarters on February 13. Mr. R. Brownlie judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Fifty-two pairs were entered for competition, this being a record for the old Association. Mr. S. Harriss won the medal for the best pair in the show with a pair of Norwich Greens, well staged. Mr. G. Munday pressed hard with some well-matched pairs. Mr. H. J. Horton won special for next best birds in show, with a well-matched pair for Crest and Crestbred breeding, and Mr. H. Palmer won special for best pair for muling or Hybrid breeding. Owing to the large number of entries of Norwich pairs the hon. secretary deemed it advisable to call the committee together, seeing that six prizes or cards are allowed in one class for points for points cup, and the following awards were allowed for this class:—Two third prizes, two fourth prizes, two vhc's, two hc's, and two c's.

NORWICH (25): 1, spl, 3, 4, Harriss; 2, ex. 3, ex. 4, Munday; vhc, c, Kearney; ex. vhc, Hollands; hc, ex. c, Biss; ex. hc, Males. CRESTS (7): 1 spl, 2, 4, vhc, Horton; 3, c, Johnson; hc, Johnson; hc, Bizley. YORKS. (4): 1; Biss; 2, 3, 4, Males. MULING (9): 1, spl, Palmer; 2, 4, Johnson; 3, Richardson; vhc, Horton; hc, Bizley; c, Males. HYBRIDS (4): 1, 2, White; 3, Johnson; absent, Munday. NOVICE (3): 1, 2, 3, Palmer. Owing to extra prizes given the hon. secretary cannot report on points gained. The same will be considered by committee, which meets on February 26, for revision of points and other business.—G. A. JEFFERYS, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

CLAPHAM AND DIS. C.B.A.

Few societies can boast of greater success than this. It is hardly nine months old and yet has had a successful young bird show, an excellent autumn members' show, and on February 15th a most successful show of pairs matched for breeding, and a section devoted to non-cage-moulted exhibits. Upwards of seventy pairs were staged in the Masonic room of the club's headquarters, the Avondale Hall, Landor-rd., Clapham. The way new members are joining bids fair to make the society one of the largest and strongest of its kind in existence, it being now nearly 100 strong. We think the cause of its success is the excellent list of officers it is so fortunate in possessing. The present show was judged by the club's chairman, Mr. W. H. Vale, and some of the classes gave him plenty of work, being well filled with a lot of first-rate exhibits. The chief winners were Messrs. Maxwell, Askew and Hathaway, who showed some splendid pairs for both British and Canary Hybrids; Baker and Gooch in Norwich pairs; Honeysett with Border Fancies, while some very fine pairs of Yorkshires were shown by Messrs. Askew, Wall, Lucas, Cutting and Yeoman. British were well patronised by Messrs. Clark, Brighty, Emms, Sandy, Hathaway and Francis. Catalogues with awards were on sale shortly after judging was over. The secretary was well supported by a hard-working committee in Messrs. A. C. Askew, F. Clark, C. Cutting, P. Gillet, E. Hathaway, T. A. Wade, and H. Yeoman.

YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Wall. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Askew; 2, Smith; 3, vhc, Smith (Miss). NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Baker and Gooch. YORKS. (Novice): 1, Askew; 2, hc, Lucas; 3, vhc, Yeoman; c, Hayward. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Honeysett. GOLDFINCH-CAN, PAIRS: 1, Maxwell; 2, Emms; 3, Wall.; vhc, Clark; hc, Brighty; c, Cutting. LINNET-CANARY: 1, Maxwell; 2, 3, Cutting. A.O.S. FINCH AND CANARY: 1, Cutting. BRIT. WITH BULLFINCH HEN: 1, Maxwell; 2, Clark; 3, Sandy; 4, vhc, Askew; vhc, c, Lucas; hc, Cutting. ANY CROSS BETWEEN TWO BRIT.: 1, vhc, Hathaway. 2, Emms; 3, Askew; hc, Cutting; c, Francis. SELL. (30/-): 1, Wall. (15,-): 1, hc, Baker and Gooch; 2, Brighty; 3, Yeoman; vhc, c, Wall. FRESH CAUGHT GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Sandy; 2, hc, Cutting; 3, Clark; vhc, hc, Francis; c, Yeoman. HAWFINCH ETC.: 1, 3, Francis; 2, Hathaway; vhc, Clark; hc, Brighty SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Sandy; 2, hc, Cutting; 3, Clark; vhc, Emms; c, Honeysett.—S. H. W. BAKER, Sec.

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LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

The annual pair show was held on February 13, in Oldham Hall. It proved to be one of the best held by the Association within recent years. The Norwich Greens mustered in good number. The judge, Mr. J. W. Metcalf, placed the cards, giving every satisfaction. The principal winners were:—YORKS, CLEAR, Thompson; NOR., Thompson and McMillan; YORKS GREENS, F. Hanley, T. Royden, and J. Royden; NOR. GREENS, R. Davies, H. I. Isaac, and F. E. Haukes. The silver medal given by Mr. Isaac for the best pair in the show was won by R. Davies, with a clinking pair of Norwich Greens.—A. THOMPSON, Secretary.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

A members' show was held on February 13, though not a great many birds were staged. The quality was above the average. Mr. R. Sutcliffe judged, to everybody's satisfaction. CL. YELL.: 1, Armstrong; 2, Casey; 3, Padgett; vhc, Swaine; hc, Hiles; c, Parker. BUFF: 1, vhc, Casey; 2, 3, c, Coates; hc, Bottomley. TICKED YELL.: 1, Casey; 2, R. Taylor; 3, Bracewell; vhc, Coates; hc, Parker; c, Pawnall. BUFF: 1, Armstrong; 2, vhc, Coates; 3, Bracewell; hc, Bottomley; c, Padgett. YELL. HENS: 1, hc, Hiles; 2, Casey; 3, Armstrong; vhc, c, Padgett. BUFF: 1, Armstrong; 2, Padgett; 3, Casey; vhc, Bracewell; hc, Parker; c, Tetley; FOUL MARKED HENS: 1, Casey; 2, Coates. CINN. BUFF: 1, Pyrate. SELL.: 1, 2, Bracewell; 3, Parker. NOVICE, YELL. HEN: 1, Pyrah; 2, Smith. BUFF: 1, Pyrah; 2, 3, Smith.—J. POWNALL, Secretary.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

The Society held their annual show of pairs for Canary and hybrid breeding on February 15 at the Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, and it proved the largest and best this Society has ever had for pairs. I believe that up to the present this is the third best and largest pair show held in London this year (confined to members only). There were 95 exhibits in nine classes. All were put down in the pink of condition, and were a credit to their owners, as well as a credit to the Society. The Champion Norwich Class was not well represented in number, but what was lacking in that respect was made up in the quality of the exhibits. Mr. J. Robson judged. CLASS 1.—1, 2, 3, Harris, Lilley taking other cards. CHAMPION YORKS. (15).—1, spl, and hc, Mabey; 2, 3, 4, and c, Holbrook; vhc, Broome. CREST (8).—Lilley took the cards. AMATEUR and NOVICE NOR.—1, vhc, J. Graham; 2, 3, 4, Burgess; c, Palmer; hc, Slade. YORKS.—Grand class, some fine specimens, and very severe competition—1, 2, and c, Peck; 3, Slade; vhc, J. Graham; 3, McLaughlin; hc, Ralph. CREST.—1, 2, hc, and c, Slade; 3, 4, vhc, Palmer. CLASS 7.—1, Slade; 2, Pocock; 3, Eddoll. HYBRID PAIRS.—Good and strong competition—1, Palmer; 2, 3, vhc, c, H. S. Graham; 4, hc, McLaughlin. SELL.—1, 4, Peck; 2, vhc, Mabey; 3, hc, Slade; c, J. Graham. Mr. Broome kindly gave a very nice special for best pair in show, and this was won by Mr. Mabey. Prize money and specials were paid out.—LILLEY, Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK.

On February 15th the Queen's Park C.B.A. held its annual pair show in the Emmanuel Hall, Harrow-rd., W. Entries came up about the same as last year, but the quality was the best we have ever seen staged by the members of this flourishing association, and afforded good evidence of the progress that is being made in the district. The Norwich both in the champion and amatcur classes were of capital type, and the majority of them of most excellent quality. Yorkshires were very strong, but many of the exhibitors made the mistake of thinking one good bird in a cage could carry the pair; others made the fatal error of showing two birds as a pair which possessed the same fault. The amateurs were very strong in this section, and actually beat the champions for the special. The birds were very nicely staged, and all the arrangements ably carried out under the direction of Messrs. Birch and Lewis, the hard-working secretaries. Mr. C. A. Honse judged.

NOR. CHAMPIONS (11): 1, 3, vhc, spl, Battison, the leaders excelled in head points, and thus landed on top; 2, hc, Lethbridge, rattling good Yellow cock, but let down by his mate not being chubby enough; c, Roberts. AMATEURS (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Churchard, a very nice team, good in type and substance, the winners excelling in quality and compactness of feather; hc, c, Lawrence. NOVICE (1): 1, Woodford. CRESTS (2): 1, 2, Munro, nice quality birds of good shape. YORKS. CHAMPIONS (7): 1, vhc, hc, Hawes, long shapely buff variegated cock, and a slashing yellow hen of wonderful style, win on head points; 2, 3, c, Easterling, 2nd very smart, shapely, stylish pair, but both on the small side; 3rd good feather and style, but stout. AMATEUR (11): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, spl, Rogers, a rattling good team, the leaders were very fine in feather, and possessed grand shape and style; the best hen of the lot was in the vhc pair, but her mate was not half swellish enough for such a smart young damsel; c, Lewis. NOVICE (16): 1, 2, 3, hc, spl, Menhennett, a team to be proud of, the cocks in the three winning pairs being sons of the old boy in the last, the leaders were a beautiful ticked buff cock of rare shape and style, and a very long, slim variegated yellow hen; vhc, c, Monger; vhc, Cremer; hc, Brick. NOVICE (7): 1, spl, Brewster, grand quality pair of nice shape and style; 2, vhc, c, Rowe, long, slim yellow cock, and a smart buff hen, had to take second place by reason of the hen being flat in skull. This fault was rather prevalent throughout the section. Breeders should watch this failing, it spoils many a good bird, and is difficult to eradicate once firmly set in a strain. CINNAMON, CHAMPION (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Bassett, leaders nice even pair of sound colour and good feather. AMATEUR (2): 1, 2, Wiles, very nice quality and colour. MULING GOLDFINCH-CANARY (7): 1, Coniber, large, rich-coloured Goldie, and a nice-coloured, fine-feathered Norwich hen; 2, Creamer; hc, Birch. NOVICE (7): 1, spl, Brewster, Goldie; 3, Thorpe, big well-marked Goldfinch, and a stout robust Cinnamon Green hen; vhc, Munro; hc, Wiles; c, Woodford. GREENFINCH-CANARY (2): 1, Bassett; 2, Harris. LINNET-CANARY (4): 1, spl, best muling pair, 2, Coniber, two well-marked, nice-coloured Linnets, with a Norwich, and a Yorkshire hen of good quality; 3, Harris; vhc, Wiles. A.O.V. (9): 1, Thorpe, very nice Greenfinch, and a big well-marked Bullie hen; 2, 3, Wiles, two useful pairs, Linnet-Bullie, and Goldfinch-Bullie; vhc, Monger; hc, Woodford; c, Bassett. SELL. CREST (1): 1, Munro. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl, 3, Birch; 2, Roberts.

GRIMSBY ORNITHOLOGISTS SOCIETY.

This Society held its monthly meeting of members at Slatter's Rooms, Freeman Street, Grimsby, on February 13, Mr. Stubbs presiding, when there was a good attendance of fanciers. There was a table show of Norwich breeding and hybrid pairs, 30 pairs being staged. Messrs. Cartwright and Harding judged the Champion classes, Mr. Stubbs the Amateurs classes, and Mr. George Dowie the Hybrid pairs. The birds staged were of good type, and it is to be hoped their owners will be successful in breeding:—CHAMPION CLASSES.—Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, Robinson; 2 and vhc, Moore, sen.; 3 and r, Stubbs. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1 and 2, Moore, sen.; 3 and r, Stubbs; vhc and hc, Robinson. AMATEUR CLASSES.—Yell. Cock and Buff Hen: 1 and 2, Harding; 3 and r, Moore, jun.; vhc and hc, Cartwright; c and spl, Cotterill. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1 and 2, Moore, jun.; 3, Harding; vhc and hc, Cartwright; r, c, and spl Cotterill. HYB. PAIRS.—1 and spl, Harding; 2, vhc, and r, Way; 3, Moore, jun. Mr. Cotterill won the two specials for amateurs. The Society will hold its next monthly meeting at Hall of Science, Freeman Street, Grimsby, on March 10, when there will be a table show for British birds.

GLOUCESTER C.B.S.

The members held their annual matched pair show on February 13, at headquarters, the Rain Hotel, and are to be congratulated upon the grand display of Norwich Plainheads which graced the benches. We thought it one of the best—if not absolutely the best—matched pair show we ever saw in the Cathedral City. It reflected great credit upon the members. The exhibits were nicely arranged in single tiers, and totalled nearly 50 entries. Mr. J. Houghton, the indefatigable hon. secretary, had everything in thorough order, and all passed off without a hitch. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

YELLOW COCK AND BUFF HEN: 1, vhc, Stephenson, marked cock, rare head and neck, nice shape, feather and quality, a shade long, but matched up to a very short cobby hen, nice round chest, short flights and tail, neat head; 2, c, Wadley, well shaped cock, nice quality and level colour, good chest; hen, rare shape, nice head and neck, good flights and tail; 3, hc, Gwilliam, unflighted variegated cock of exceptional size and shape, good colour and quality, nice head and neck, with a rare shaped and good quality hen; 4, Houghton, nice quality, good feathered cock, neat head; hen, a gem for colour, shape and quality, took special for best hen. BUFF COCK AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Gwilliam, ticked cock, grand shape, feather and quality, nice head, flights and tail, matched to a grand shaped clear, nice chest, feather and quality; 2, clear cock of exceptional feather and quality; 2, clear cock of exceptional feather and full of quality, very shapely with good wings and tail; hen, grizzled on back, nice head, neck, and quality; 3, Stephenson, good shaped, nice feathered, clear cock, matched to a shapely hen well up in colour, nicely feathered, good short wings and tail; 4, hc, Houghton, nice clear cock, good size and shape, well up in colour, matched to a marked hen of good shape and feather; vhc, c, Wasley. The two following classes were confined to novices:—YELL. COCK AND BUFF HEN: 1, spl, Hiam, unflighted cock, nice shape, good colour and feather, neat wings and tail; hen clear, good size and shape, and well up in colour; 2, 3, Hadley, cock, nice shape and colour, well matched to a nice feathered and shapely hen; 3, good shape hen, good shape and feather; 4, Herbert, nice quality marked cock, good shape, neat hen of good quality and feather; vhc, Jennings; hc, c, Townsend. BUFF COCK AND YELL. HEN: 1, Herbert, cock, hot colour, nice shape and quality, clear hen, good in shape, colour and feather; 2, 3, vhc, Hiam, cock, good shape and feather, nice flights and tail hen marked eyes, shoulder and wings, nice feather and quality; 3, neck ticked cock, good feather and colour, well matched to a nice, shapely, short flighted, and neat tailed hen with a good head and neck; 4, Hadley, nice shaped cock; hen good shape and feather, rare head. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Gwilliam, all Borders; 1, nice feathered yellow cock and shapely Buff hen, good carriage and action; 2, Buff cock, nice shape and feather, and neat hen; 3, good feathered Greens. HYBRID BREEDING PAIRS: 1, Wasley, nice Goldfinch, good blaze tannings and buttons, with a lovely lesser Redpole hen, beautiful feather; 2, Stephenson, Goldfinch cock and a good yellow Norwich hen of good shape, size, and feather.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

The annual exhibition of the above association took place on Feb. 14 and 15. The Alexandra Hall, Islington Square, provided a well lighted room of good space and free from draughts. Entries came up exceedingly well, totalling 444 exhibits ,thus creating a record, and over 100 more birds were staged than on any previous occasion. As was to be expected, this being the most important show connected with this association, the creme de la creme was in evidence in great force. All the "top sawyers" met to do battle, and fierce was the fight in almost every class, so even were many of the specimens on view. One could easily have chosen two sets of winners in most of the classes, and many birds one saw standing cardless were really high-class specimens. The Yorkshires especially have made rapid strides, the feather, type and length being close on the heels of the ordinary Yorkshires for beautiful symmetry. The Norwich have also greatly improved, but not in such bulk as their slimmer brethren; they lack somewhat the finish. In the Yorkshire section pride of place must be given to the yellows, as they beat the buffs both in quality and style, to a certain degree. The buff Norwich struck one as being better than the yellows and a few stormers were to be seen. The Toronto medal for best green in the show, went to the self yellow, shown by Messrs. Gill and Pickup. This exhibit borders near to the ideal, and although a shade light in legs, is a most marvellous specimen and full of character. Hydes' special went to Mr. V. H. Deacon, his foul buff Norwich answering to the call. Best novice Yorkie was shown by Mr. J. Gore, a fine lengthy yellow Self doing the trick. Second best went to Mr. T. Wilson's foul yellow, a bird of good length and A1 colour. Best novice Norwich was shown by Mr. W. Hales, second best by Mr. J. W. Lewis. President is Mr. G. R. Johnson. Chairman, Mr J. W. Metcalfe, and a better one to fill this important office it would be most difficult to find. Vice-chairman, Mr. F. Handley, makes a capital understudy. Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Isaacs; Assist.-Sec., Mr. T. Wilson, and auditors, Messrs. Moss and Lawson are a quartette of useful officials. The committee of management consists of Messrs. Walker, Irwin, Hillman, Doughty, Barratt, Abbott and Davies. All are well-known as enthusiastic fanciers, and are to be complimented on the efforts they put forth. Mr. S. Hadwin, the worthy secretary, is the right man in the right place, one who knows the correct working of a show and is most courteous and obliging. Much of the success of both the show and the association is certainly due to his untiring energies. The staging of exhibits had been well thought out. Every bird could be seen at a glance. The management throughout was par excellence. Judging was over in good time, the cards were displayed promptly, and everything went off smoothly and well. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged the Yorkshire and Norwich greens, and Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens) the remainder.

Mr. J. C. Barnes' Classes.

YORKS. SELF YELL. (16): 1, vhc, spl, Gill and Pickup, rare length, straight as a rush, delightful depth of colour, of correct shade, smooth as glass, an eye opener; 2, Clayton, another gem, close on heels of winner, good enough to win at most shows easily; 3, Vernon, capital colour and feather, nice length and stand; hc, Tempest; c, Deacon. BUFF (12): 1, hc, Benson, fine long drawn bird, excelling in colour, stands finely, A1 wing carriage, a beauty; 2, c, Rowlands, slim, upstanding, good in quality and colour; 3, Carswell, similar to second, very little separates them; vhc, Hellewell. FOUL YELL. (9): 1, Rowlands, foul tail, feathered to perfection, lovely colour, lengthy, grand position, well up on leg; 2, Clayton, foul right wing, full of colour and quality, very shapely, good length, not far behind; 3, Benson, foul tail, A1 quality, good colour and shape; vhc, Vernon; hc, Deacon; c, Carswell. BUFF (12): 1, Hellewell, foul tail, stands finely, beautiful colour and feather, good back, wings and tail; 2, Rowlands, foul tail, delightful type, possessing rich quality and colour, very close up; 3, Tempest, foul tail, straight as a pencil, smooth as a bottle, rare colour, sweet exhibit; vhc, Deacon; hc, Hughes; c, Benson. NOR. SELF YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Harrison, massive in frame, fine quality, lovely depth of colour, splendid type, well cut away; 2, Hales, capital colour and feather, finely shaped body, A1 wing carriage, very bonnie; 3, Deacon, good in feather and colour, nice size and carriage, well across perch, shapely, good third; hc, Hawkes; c, Walker. BUFF (11): 1, Ryno, bouncer, grand shape, A1 colour and quality, moves well, finely carried wings, clean under; 2, vhc, Walker, superior colour and quality, shapely, good carriage, one we liked; 3, hc, Deacon, similar to second, not much between them; c, Hawkes. FOUL YELL. (9): 1, 3, Deacon, couple of bonnie specimens, winner, large, excellent shape, capital colour and quality, third A1 type, superior feather, nice colour; 2, Davies, another beauty, very little separates this from first, Cobby, of superior colour and quality; vhc, Moss; hc, Hawkes; c, Harrison. BUFF (16): A rare class: 1, Hydes' vhc, Deacon, former a bouncer, rattling shape, colour and quality, well staged; vhc, typical and of good colour; 2, Cawley, all type, rare colour with feather shining like silk; 3, Harrison, shapely, nice size, well over perch, good in colour and feather, worth its place; hc, Jenkins; c, Stewart. YORKS. SELF YELL. (9): 1, spl, best novice, Gore, wonderful length, rattling tone of colour, stands delightfully, only catalogued at £3, exceptionally cheap; 2, Vernon, slim, standing like a guardsman, slashing colour and feather, gem; 3, Handley, similar to second, we much liked, well put down; vhc, Bell; hc, Brindle; c, Ryno. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Chivers, couple of lovely specimens, both possessing character of the highest description, either could have won, so near they were in merit; 3, Moss, fine colour and quality, straight as a rush, grand back and flights, good third; vhc, Martin; hc, Carlile; c, Brindle. FOUL YELL. (5): 1, Wilson, foul tail, fine, long-drawn speeimen, A1 position, lovely colour and quality; 2, Gregory, foul wing, good in colour and feather, nice stand, capital wings; 3, Tempest, foul wing, stylish, nice quality, good back and flights, not far away; vhc, Pythian; hc, Younger. BUFF (6): 1, Martin, foul tail, straight as a gun barrel, magnificent colour and quality, well up on leg, a gem; 2, Walker, foul tail, fine type and colour, good feather and style, close up; 3, Brindle, foul tail, lengthy, good position, nice colour; vhc, Roydon; hc, Wood; c, Bell. FOUL YELL. (2): 1, Jennings, good type, nice length, well up on leg, capital colour; 2, Hadwin, typical, good in quality, nice colour, close up. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Handley, winner of marvellous length, grand colour and position, third, A1 type, lengthy, good in feather and colour; 2, Wilson, good throughout, very close on heels of winner; vhc, Fielden; hc, Jennings. YELL. 1907 (18): A rare lot: 1, Robinson, teeming with quality, fine depth of colour, standing well up on a clever pair of legs, A1 wing carriage, most promising youngster; 2, Harding, another bonnie "baby," full of quality and colour, very stylish, good length, with luck will be heard of again; 3, Carlile, good in colour and feather, stands well, nice length, A1 back and carriage of flights, worth its place; vhc, Wilson; hc, Dixon; c, Handley. BUFF, 1907 (16): 1, Ryno, fine long, upstanding bird, possessing lovely quality and colour, capital back and flights, a gem; 2, Handley, good length and position, rich quality, well up on leg, very close up, most promising; 3, Robinson, full of colour and quality, nice length, good back, nicely carried flights, well worth its place; vhc, Carlile; hc, Dixon; c, Hadwin. SELF YELL. HEN (20): Grand class: 1, 2, hc, Deacon, both lovely damsels, first, fine long-drawn, slim bird, delightful position, magnificent colour and feather, runner up for the Toronto medal, the best hen we have seen for many a day; second another charming maid, full of true character, and very little removed from her stable companion; 3, Carswell, capital toue of colour, A1 feather and position, one of the best, good third; vhc, Stewart; c, Hughes. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Deacon, again with two fine specimens, both of magnificent colour and quality, standing like rushes, well up on leg, both look capable of breeding something worth looking at; 2, Handley, splendid colour and feather, A1 position, nice length, grand back and flights, very bonnie; vhc, Gill and Pickup; hc, Carswell; c, Hadwin. FOUL YELL. HEN (6): 1, Robinson, possessing capital feather, nice tone of colour, good stand, A1 wings and tail; 2, vhc, Gore, slim and of good position, A1 quality and colour, close up; 3, Gregory, nice type and colour; hc, Carswell; c, Hadwin. BUFF (4): 1, Stewart, good in colour and feather, stands finely, neatness itself; 2, Carlile, close on heels of above; 3, Hadwin, neat, good type, worth its place; vhc, Robinson. SELF YELL. NOR (3): 1, Lewis, well up in substance, A1 quality and colour, good head, neck and chest, nicely cut away; 2, Isaac, grand feather and colour, rare shaped body, A1 wing carriage; 3, Hadwin, good type and quality, nice colour, well staged. BUFF (2): 1, Isaac, good substance and shape, nice colour and feather; 2, Lewis, capital colour and quality, very shapely. FOUL YELL. (2): 1, Abbott and Barker, foul wing, good type and colour, nice quality and size, well cut up; 2, Lewis, very typical, nice tone of colour. BUFF (5): 1, Isaac, well up in substance, capital shape, colour and quality, good oue, nicely shown; 2, Nelson, shapely, good colour, A1 quality; 3, Barker and Abbott, neat type, rare feather, good colour; vhc, Davies; hc, Hadwin. FOUL BUFF (4): 1, Jenkins, a giant, fine shape, capital colour and quality, well carried wings and tail, a gem; 2, Barker and Abbott, good type, colour and feather; 3, Hales, similar to second, very neat exhibit; vhc, Moss. FOUL YELL. 1907 (3): 1, Barker and Abbott, capital tone of colour, rich quality, A1 shape, well put down; 2, Davies, good type and colour, hardly so close in feather, yet nice youngster; 3, Drinkwater, rattling feather, good colour, not over large, but neat. BUFF (5): 1, Isaac, very shapely, nice substance, possessing good colour and quality, should make up well; 2, Moss, typical, good colour and feather, nice wings and tail, well cut; 3, Drinkwater, A1 feather, neat shape, good colour; vhc, Baker and Abbott; hc, Davies. SELF YELL. HEN (3): 1, 3, Deacon, couple of very bonnie damsels, grand in colour, quality and type, and full of style; 2, Hawkes, grand feather and colour, neatly drawn, well over perch, a good one. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Deacon, both grand shaped damsels, capital colour and feather, evidently Mr. D. believes in good hens, for producing right stuff, if his winnings at this show, with the female side of the question has anything to do with it; 2, Hales, shapely, good quality, nice tone of colour, not far behind; vhc, Moss; hc, Bratherton. FOUL YELL. (6): 1, 2, Hales, both good type, A1 colour and feather, good in wing carriage; 3, Hawkes, capital colour and quality, nice shape, well cut away; vhc, Davies; he, Barker and Abbott; c, Hadwin. BUFF (8): 1, Jenkins, well up in substance, rich quality and colour, very shapely, well put down; 2, Bratherton, A1 colour, nice feather and shape, good one; 3, Davies, shapely, A1 quality, good colour, not far away; vhc, Barker and Abbott; hc, Lewis; c, Moss.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

Yorkshires came up fairly strong, and the members are to be congratulated upon possessing, besides Greens, Yorkshires of the clear, ticked, etc., persuasions, worthy of the name, some very high-class birds being shown. Norwich likewise contained some very smart birds, and though fewer in numbers, the quality was good. Borders were a very smart lot, and interest is growing in this proud little chappie. The winning buff green Border hen is a gem all over, and it was considered by many to be equal to being the best green Canary in the show. It won well in its own class here. The A.O.V. contained some good Belgian, Scotch Fancy, Cinnamon and crest-bred birds. Hybrids and British turned out very nice, which shows that the members are alive to grand species, as well as greens. The gift class was headed by a very smart yellow Yorkshire, which should have sold well. Mr. Deacon's foul buff green, Norwich type, won Hyde's special. A record show throughout—about 100 more than at any previous club show—it speaks volumes for the loyal enthusiasm of the members. There was a magnificent list of donations for special prizes, given practically by the members in addition to many article specials given by friends.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Gregory, ticked wing, very fine, small and slim, nice tight feather and condition; 2, Thompson, looking very soft at judging time, but later in the day pulled up immensely, and was, many thought, a better bird than 1st when in tight condition; 3, Cawley; grand, typical bird, when tightened up; vhc, Brennan; hc, c, Walker. BUFF (11): 1, c, Coffey, grand type and style, nice length, clean through, well filled, silky feather, rare carriage; 2, vhc, Walker, also fine, well drawn and clean through; 3, hc, Gregory, another fine bird. YELL. HENS (7): 1, c, Brennan, ticked eye and right wing, very pretty in shape and style, nice length, well up and clean through, in fine condition; 2, vhc, Harding, very good clear; vhc, grand type, somewhat soiled, a wash might have made it a winner; 3, hc, Bayley, clear, very clean and nice in condition, etc. BUFF (9): 1, Coffey, ticked on right wing, grand shape, style, quality and condition; 2, Gregory, ticked neck, full of colour, nice stand; 3, Carlile, very pretty hen, in fine order; vhc, Cawley, bit off condition at the moment; hc, Horne; c, Brennan. CINN. TK. CK. (2): 1, Thompson, var. A1 type, style, position and condition, upright, good carriage; 2, Coffey, buff, good all round. HENS (6): 1, hc, Thompson, yell. cinn. var., A1 shape, quality and carriage, neat and clean through; 2, Gregory, good buff, in fine feather and condition; 3, Walker, yell. var., nice condition; vhc, Cawley, bit down, or could have gone into the money; c, Horne. NON-FED YELL. (7): 1, Handley; 2, Phythian; 3, vhc, Brindle; hc, Thompson; c, White. BUFF (1): Nimmo; no competition. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Barker and Abbott; clear and ticked neck and wing birds respectively, first, very fine head, good body, rare colour and condition, latter very cobby shape for a yellow; 3, Walker, grand quality. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Barker and Abbott, clear, grand shape, rare bloom and condition, good size, fine head, etc., 2nd good body bird; 3, Walker, ticked nape and wing; vhc, Andrews; hc, Harrison, good bird, cage full of feathers like heavy moult; c, Cawley. YELL HENS: 1, 2, Barker and Abbott var., fine chest, rare substance throughout, fine colour and condition, 2 nice clear; 3, Cawley, feather gone from back, clear, hard to beat. BUFF: 1, 3, Barker and Abbott, clear and var., both grand type, in good form; 2, Hales, also a good var. grand shape, etc.; vhc, Cawley, very little behind. NON-FED BUFF: 1, Barker and Abbott; 2, 3, Hales. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Hadwin, very fine and compact clear, tight, in grand feather and condition; 2, 3, Bailey, nice condition and shape; vhc, Bushey; hc, c, Johnson. BUFF: 1, Gore, very grand condition, lovely shape; 2, hc, Johnson, broad tail, nice body, good feather; 3, Andrews, good shoulders, fine feather and condition; vhc, Hadwin. YELL. HENS (6): Gore, clear, in the best of condition, grand quality, good shape, nice compact size; 2, vhc, Bayley, lovely, neat Border; 3, hc, Johnson, soft condition, told against it; c, Andrews. BUFF: 1, Gore, again in grand condition, feather of the very best; 2, 3, Bushey, good style and finish, pretty pair; vhc, Bayley; hc, Johnson. VARIEG. (7): 1, 2, Bayley, yell. and buff respectively, both in tip top form, have shape, size, quality and condition of standard proportions; 3, Hadwin, eye and wing marked, A1 type, little behind first; vhc, Bushey, grizzle back buff; hc, Gore, cinn. var., nice, slim bird, full of quality. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Bayley, smart foul tail bird, grand condition; 2, Gore, foul tail, not much behind; 3, c, Walker, foul tail; vhc, Hadwin; hc, Drinkwater. BUFF: 1, Hadwin, perfect buff green Border hen, in every respect; 2, Gore, very good bird, nice condition. A.O.V. CAN. YELL.: 1, Hadwin, capital Belgian, rare shoulders and substance, good stand and drive, very reachy, big bird, in good feather and condition; 2, Fisher, very nice spangled Lizard, good cap, fine size, colour and condition; 3, Moss, nice Scotch Fancy, shown in cage too big; vhc, Hellewell, Belgian, nice size, substance and shoulder, fine drive, good reach, nice stand; hc, Walker. BUFF: 1, Fisher, good Lizard, well deserves place; 2, Walker, nice cushion head, clear, good body; 3, Hadwin, nice buff Cinnamon; vhc, Moss. SELL. PAIRS, 30/-: 1, Thompson, grand pair of Yorks.; 2, Coffey, also fine pair; 3, Handley, good pair Greens; vhc, Walker; hc, Hadwin; c, Bretherton. 15/-. SINGLE (14): 1, Brennan; 2, Andrews; 3, Thompson; vhc, Brindle; hc, Walker; c, Wilson. 12/6 (8): 1, Walker; 2, Coffey; 3, Thompson; vhc, Brennan; hc, Bretherton; c, Harding. A.V. HYBRID (7): 1, 2, Coffey, dark Linnet-Canary leading in superb condition, 2 dark yell. Gold-Canary, well-known bird; 3, Isaac, very fine buff, Gold-Canary, grand colour, etc.; vhc, Horne; hc, Thompson; c, Lewis, big, Siskin-Canary. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 3, Coffey, first grand young Finch, already done a good stroke of winning, and looks like a future Star, with luck; 2, Nimmo, grand colour, good all-round, will yet improve in size; vhc, c, Royden; hc, Brindle. LINNET (6): 1, Coffey, capitally-marked Linnet, rare rich colour, building out in substance nicely; 2, Fisher, good, big, bold hird; 3, Royden, A1 size, good condition; vhc, Thompson; hc, Brindle; c, Lewis. BULLFINCH: 1, Horne, best all-round, nice size, good shape, neat wings and tail; 2, Thompson, fine size, nice condition; 3, Royden. GREENFINCH: 1, Coffey, rich colour, good size, nice shape, in fine condition; 2, Royden, big, fine-conditioned buff, splendid shape; 3, Horne, another nice bird all through. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 2, Coffey, well-known Bramble leading, nice Chaffinch 2nd, both in fine form; 3, Moss, good Bramble, nice size; vhc, Nimmo. TWITE, ETC.: 1, 2, Coffey, Redpoll and Twite in order named, Redpoll in excellent feather and condition; 3, hc, Royden, nice Siskin; vhc, Horne; c, Thompson. GIFT (8): 1, Bretherton; 2, Isaac; 3, Walker; vhc, Chivers; hc, Moss; c, Thompson.

LEICESTER HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.

A table show was held at headquarters, White Swan Hotel, February 11. Mr. E. Noakes judged. OPEN NOR. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, J. Needham; 2 c, Sandars; 3, vhc, Jones. AMATEUR: 1, Hunt; 2, hc, Helsby; 3, vhc, Smith; c, Adcock. NOVICE: 1, Wood; 2, Colver; 3, Buck; vhc, Pole; hc, Gamble; c, Peherdy. Messrs. Needham, Smith, and Wood won point specials.—CHAS. DRAPER, Secretary.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

The Harrogate C.B.S. held their 4th monthly show on February 10th in the Lowther Chambers. Fifty-four birds were staged, many very fine birds being amongst them. Mr. J. W. Barrett judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CL. BUFF: 1, hc, Hewson; 2, 3, Head; 4, Fergusson; vhc, Walker; c, Duncan. TICK. BUFF: 1, 2, Hewson; 3, vhc, hc, c, Barnwell; 4, Fergusson. MKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, 3, Head; 2, Bennison. BUFF HEN: 1, Duncan; 2, 3, Fergusson; 4, c, Hewson; vhc, Bennison; hc, Head. NOR. BUFF: 1, 2, Gregg; 3, 4, hc, Ascough; vhc, c, Barnwell. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Lamb. BRIT.: 1, 2, Bousfield; 3, 4, vhc, Lamb.—GEO. HY. BARNWELL, Hon. Sec.

SALE OPEN O.S.

The second table show of the season (Yorkshires) was held at the Sale Hotel, Sale, on February 10th, Mr. Wm. Broughton, of Wilmslow, judging. YELL. YORKS. CKS.—1, Lindsay; 2, Cassin; 3 and 4, Harrop; vhc and hc, G. F. Hardcastle; c, McCormack. BUFF.—1 and hc, J. Lindsay; 2 and 3, E. Morgan; 4 and vhc, J. Harrop; c, Hardcastle. YELL. HENS.—1, Lindsay; 2, McCormack; 3, Cassin; 4 vhc, Morgan; hc and c, Hardcastle. BUFF.—1, and 4, Cassin; 2, Lindsay; 3, vhc, hc, and c, Hardcastle. Winner of gold centre medal, Lindsay, with 29 points; runner-up, A. Cassin, 22 points. Mr. Broughton gave every satisfaction with his awards, and afterwards read a paper to the novices on his experiences as a Yorks breeder. He answered a number of questions put to him by various members, and the proceedings terminated by the meeting passing him a hearty vote of thanks.—GEO. F. HARDCASTLE, Hon. Secretary.

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MIDDLESBRO' & TEESIDE C.B.S.

The society held their annual members' show of Canaries and British birds of matched pairs for breeding in the Crown Hotel, on Feb. 15. Mr. E. Brunskill, of Darlington, made the awards, and they met with every approval. There was a good entry, and also a good attendance.

YORKS. PAIRS: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Rev, B. Wilton; 3, vhc, B. Metcalfe; c, L. Foster. NORWICH PAIRS: 1, 2, Rev. B. Wilton; 3, 4, hc, Wake and Carr; vhc, T. Gardner. A.O.V.: 1, 3, 4, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, T. Gardner. MULES PAIRS: 1, 3, Wake and Carr; 2, vhc, Rev B. Wilton; 4, T. Gardner. HYBRID PAIRS: 1, 3, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, Wake and Carr; 4, vhc, Wilkinson. All points gained at this show to count for silver cup presented to the members. —A. WAKE, Sec.

RUGBY AND DIS. C.B.S.

This newly-formed society is making steady progress. Mr. T. Hunter, J.P., C.C., has consented to fill the post of president, Messrs. F. Merttens and C. J. Newman are vice-presidents, and there are now 30 members. The first table show was held on February 11th. Five classes were provided, and that for Norwich Plainheads filled remarkably well. Mr. H. Dickens, who came from Pailton to judge, had no light task in placing the cards owing to the mixed character of the exhibits. For the future it is intended to provide more classes in the Norwich section. In addition to acting as hon. judge, Mr. Dickens showed and described, for the benefit of novices, six pairs of Canaries matched for breeding. A special prize for the best British bird went to Mr. W. H. Bond.

NOR. PLAINHEAD (20): 1, vhc, Towers; 2, 3, Buswell; 4, c, Hands; r and hc (2), Savage. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Skipwith; 2, Westley; 3, Webb; r, vhc, Leng. BRIT. (12): 1, spl, Bond; 2, Tarn and Labraham; 3, Westley; 4, res, Skipwith; vhc, Clarke; hc, Ward; c, Brooks. MULES (2): 1, Goddard; 2, Skipwith. FOREIGN: 1, Tarn and Labraham.—C. F. SAVAGE.

WEMBLEY F.A.

The first members' show of this newly-formed Fanciers' Association was held in St. John's Hall, on February 16th. Messrs. C. Bourne and G. B. Gush are the hon. secretaries, with Mr. Percy D. Millen, hon. treasurer, and a capital committee, who helped to make the show a great success, amply justifying the boldness of the venture of a three-months'-old society.

NOR. YELL. TICK, ETC. (3): 1, Whigham, nice sized, good type, sound yellow; 2, Knight, typical ticked; 3, Fuller, yellow, nice substance. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Hart, good shape, nice clear-waisted, even colour, good head; 2, 3, F. Knight, large, fine colour, 3rd another large good-shaped bird, tighter waisted; r, Fuller, also a good one. HEN (4): 1, spl, Fuller, buff, rare type and size, neat waist, good head and colour; 2, r, Knight, yellow, typical, good bird; 3, Hart, good yellow. YORKS. (5): 1 spl, 2, 3, r, Hambridge, good yellow, 2 good, slim buff, 3, nice type yellow hen. A.O.V. (3): 1, Hart, nice Goldfinch mule; 2, 3, Harris, dark Goldfinch mule. BRIT. (6): 1, 3, Matthews, Greenfinch in rare condition; 2, Ellison, nice Thrush; r, Hart, good Linnet. SELL. (7): 1, 2, Hart, two nice-typed buff Norwich, good size; 3, r, Bambridge, pair buff and Cinnamon-Yorksbire, r, buff and green Yorkshire.

MARSKE.

The first open show of the Marske and District F.C. was held in the large club-room, Ship Inn, on February 8, when there was a large attendance of visitors. Cage birds, considering this was a first venture, came up very well, and the show was a great success. Mr. T. Kirby is the hon. secretary, and a very capable show manager he makes. Mr. Arthur Wake (Middlesbrough) judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (13): 1, W. Watmough, good type, colour, and feather; 2, Ware, large, good all round; 3, Rand, another fine bird; vhc, hc, Meaburn; c, W. Howe. BUFF (11): 1, Hodgson, grand type and feather, very stylish; 2, Rev. B. Wilton, very slim, fine exhibit; 3, vhc, Ware, nice Yorkie, but crosses wings; 4, Meaburn; hc, c, Howe. A.O.V. CAN. (19): 1, hc, Rev. B. Wilton, very fine Crest, good exhibit, worth its place; 2, vhc, Hall, Crestbred, plenty of feather and good head; 3, Metcalfe, cinn. mkd. Yorks., typical; 4, Clough; c, Rand. BRIT. (9): 1, 3, Clough, 1, Goldfinch, extra good quality, 3, nice Bramblefinch; 2, Featherstone, good Bullfinch, nice colour; 4, Clegg; vhc, Evans; hc, Harrison; c, Smith. LINNET (7): 1, Miliburn and Flintoff, an easy win, good all round; 2, Watson, nice bird, with good markings; 3, vhc, Canby; 4, Pinchin; hc, Kirby; c, Cox. GIFT (8): 1, Hodgson; 2, 3, hc, c, Bradley; 4, vhc, Pinchin.

OTLEY O.S.

This society held a 12-mile radius show on February 15th, in the large concert room at the Queen's Head Hotel, Otley. There was a very large entry, some noted birds being staged, including Palace winners and two white Blackbirds, the property of Mr. F. Myers (Ycadon). The secretary is Mr. Inman. Mr. Isaac Thomas, of British bird fame, judged.

YORKS. CL., ETC. YELL.: 1, J. Robinson, eyes and wing marked, good colour, grand type, Palace winner; 2, Galling, long, raking bird, true Yorkie winner of several firsts this year; 3, 4, Myers, former beautiful young bird; vhc, Bona; hc, Robinson; c, W. Dawson. BUFF: 1, Robinson, fine Salmon colour, grand quality and type; 2, Iveson, head ticked, sweet exhibit, should be heard of later; 3, Myers, grand type in lovely condition, a beauty; 4, Bona, natural colour, some thought should have been higher. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, Galling, stands like a soldier, full of nerve; 2, Long, grand, leggy hen, sweet head, wings and tail, should win next year; 3, vhc, Laughey, four-pointed beauty, should win in keenest company; 4, Robinson; hc, Thornton; c, Myers. BUFF: 1, Galling, thigh ticked, grand back, long flights and knows how to carry them, a little lady; 2, Long, clear, nice shapely hen; 3, Robinson, nice quality, nice to pair with a big, leggy cock; 4, Thornton; vhc, Myers. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Thornton, long raking bird, well over seven inches, would just suit the Southern fanciers; 2, Iveson, marked head and wings, stands on good legs, extra fine wing carriage, grand stock bird. HEN: 1, 3, Iveson, first buff, feathered like a Java, typical little lady and knows it too; third, foul marked yellow, another good shaped hen, well staged; 2, Galling, ticked on wing, grand head and tail, good type of a hen; 4, Myers, nice wings and tail, wants a good tubbing. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Laughey, Yorks. green, great credit to its owner, straight as a rush, real gem; 2, Galling, ticked Norwich, red hot colour, well-known winner; 3, W. Dawson, self cinn, lovely quality and type, good bird; 4, Robinson; vhc, Iveson. BRIT.: 1, Lamb, Siskin, grand cap and markings, good colour; 2, Bona, Linnet, nicely pencilled, good colour, some thought should have won; 3, Iveson, Greenfinch, of the first water, beautifully coloured Finch; 4, c, Myers, two white Blackbirds, have won at Palace, but must have been cleaner then than now; vhc, Holmes; hc, Lamb.

GT. HARWOOD AND DIS. C.B.S.

The annual meeting of the Great Harwood and Dist. C.B.S., was held on February 10th. The members' first feather show was fixed for June 27th, and the open show for October 9th and 10th. The judges for both shows will be chosen later. I was afterwards elected secretary. All correspondence in connection with the society must now therefore be addressed to me at 68, Edge End-road, Gt. Harwood, nr. Blackburn.—GEO. WADDINGTON, Sec.

LANCASHIRE CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Having been appointed scrutineer for the election of officers for season 1908-9 for the above society, I herewith submit to the members, through your kind permission, the gentlemen who have attained the highest votes for the respective officers:—President, J. Nadin (Rochdale); vice-presidents (6), R. Barrass (Rochdale), J. Garner (Hazel Grove), F. Steeple (Oldham), E. Lowe (Oldham), W. Mills (Oldham), and F. J. Green (Surrey); treasurer, W. Hardy; committee (9), H. F. Howarth, B. Lord, J. Butterworth, W. Mills, J. Oldham, E. Lowe, J. Law, J. Mills, J. Swalwell, and J. W. Crossley. Several of these received the same number of votes, and five tied for the last four positions. Auditors (2), R. R. Gaskell and F. Horsman. Judges (members) (6), R. Barrass, J. Garner, W. Hardy, J. Nadin, W. Mills and E. Lowe; (Open) (6), C. A. House, J. Robson, R. Barrass, J. Bexson, J. Garner, and T. Heath.—A. ACKROYD.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

There will be a special summoned meeting on Feb. 24th, at 8 p.m., when the proposed alterations of rules will be put forward for the members' approval, also to fix dates for lectures to be given by well-known fanciers, and night shows. It is also intended to have judging competitions for members, and a ramble in the country in the summer. Any fancier will be welcomed at the society's meetings, which are held in the Chapel-street Congregational Hall, opposite Salford Station, every 2nd and 4th Monday in each month. Entry fee 1s., subscription 4s. Below is a list of officers for 1908:—President, Councillor Hampson; Chairman, G. W. F. Lythgoe, Esq.; Committee, Messrs. Aspinall, McCann, Turner, Clayton, Fish, J. W. Ashton, Holland, Stocker, and Cleaver; Auditors, Messrs. Clayton and Stringer; Treasurer, Mr. Sam Cook; Assist. Secretary, Mr. G. Wilkinson; Hon. Secretary, W. Jackson, 11, Caton-street, Tamworth-street, Old Trafford. Dates for first feather and open shows, June 27th and December 11th and 12th, respectively.—W. JACKSON.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

A meeting was held on February 1st, Mr. John Farrer in the chair. After half an hour's discussion in respect to members' subscriptions, it was decided that they be 5/-, with 1/- entrance fee. The auditors, Messrs. W. F. Swan and J. Farrer, gave their report, which was carried, and the best thanks of the members was given to them for their services. We are left with a balance due to the treasurer of £3 6s. 5d. Messrs. G. Davidson, J. Bell, A. Walker, J. Taylor, J. Peacock and J. Jackson, were elected members. C. E. Thompson, Esq., J.P., was elected President, Messrs. C. Grimshaw, W. Hall, G. Bell, J. Cobb, and Dr. O'Neal, Vice-Presidents, Mr. John Farrer Chairman, and Mr. George Clark Vice-Chairman; Committee, Messrs. W. F. Swan, A. Elliott, H. Gordon, W. Reid, Dr. O'Neal, C. Waters, W. Maddison, H. Fenwick, and G. Davidson; Trustees, Messrs. W. Ogleby and R. Armstrong; Treasurer, Mr. J. Riseborough; Secretary, F. W. Gordon; Assistant Secretary, Mr. John Copeland.—F. GORDON, Sec., 17, Kayll-rd., Sunderland.

NEWTOWN ST. BOSWELLS O.S.

A meeting was held in the Baillie Memorial Hall on Feb. 14th, to hear from th esecretary the financial report for the year ending 31st Jan. The statement showed that the society had in hand the sum of £8 at this date. The work for the coming year was commenced, and November 7 was fixed as the date for the show this year.—ROE. ROBERTSON, Hon. Sec.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Adjourned general meeting was held on February 5th, when Mr. R. Todd presided over a large attendance of members. The new rules proposed at last meeting were adopted, and also the list of table shows, debates, etc. The Secretary presented the annual balance-sheet, showing a very satisfactory balance of £8 4s. 4d., the income being £76 2s. 4d. and the expenditure £67 18s. Officers for year:—Mr. R. Todd chairman; Mr. H. C. Carter treasurer; assistant secretary, Mr. P. M. Carter; secretary E. Brunskill; auditors, Messrs. J. G. Stephenson and W. Underwood. It was decided to hold a "smoker" and supper on February 14th, at 7 p.m. All fanciers invited. Several new members were accepted.—E. BRUNSKILL, Hon. Secretary.

WATFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

We held the annual general meeting on Feb. 12, when a record number of members attended. The election of officers took place as follows:—President, Lord Hyde; Chairman, Mr. R. J. Pretty; Vice-Chair., Mr. J. Goodall; Auditors, Messrs. Pickering and H. B. Withers; Committee, Messrs. Frost, Shirley, R. J. Withers, Field, Swain, Tucker, Bailey, Fern, Scott, Sear, Buckingham, and R. J. Watts. Delegate to C.B.U., Mr. R. J. Watts. A letter was read from Mr. R. J. Watts resigning his position as joint secretary with Mr. W. Quantrell, owing to business pressure. His resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. W. Quantrell was unanimously elected Hon. Secretary. The society has had a very successful season. A show of pairs matched for breeding will be held on Feb. 22, at the Friendly Societies' Hall, when Mr. C. A. House will judge. A vote of thanks to the chair closed the meeting.

TORBAY O.S. (PAIGNTON).

Messrs. T. H. Veale and E. Parnell gave a lesson in Canary washing before the members at Newman's Rooms on February 11th, Mr. J. Webber presiding. At the outset Mr. Veale read an article on the subject, after which he handled and tubbed his Canary with lightning dexterity. Mr. E. Parnell followed with a bird that needed a bath badly. Evidently Mr. Parnell had searched Paignton for a dirty specimen to thoroughly teach the members how to wash under adverse circumstances. Several members for the first time also tubbed some birds, common ones being provided for the occasion, and it was gratifying to see the way they did it, scarcely a feather being displaced. The drying process took a long time. Several questions were put to the performers, which were ably answered. An important part of the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a pair of pipes in case to the late hon. sec., Mr. C. Parnell. Mr. J. Webber, in a few well chosen words, handed the pipes to Mr. Parnell as a gift from the committee by way of expressing their appreciation of the harmonious manner in which all had worked together. In replying, Mr. Parnell expressed his surprise at receiving anything, at the same time he was pleased with the spirit that prompted the committee, and he should always remember the kindness shown to him that evening. Several new members were then elected, and a pleasant evening closed with votes of thanks to Messrs. Veale, Parnell, and the secretary, Mr. J. N. Jeffery, for having arranged such an enjoyable meeting.—J. N. JEFFERY, Sec.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The result of the voting for president of the above from those elected on the committee is as follows: Mr. R. L. Crisp, 7; Mr. R. Rhodes, 5; Mr. T. Heath, 4; and three others one each. As Mr. Crisp mentioned at the outset that in his opinion the best interests of the club would be served by frequent changes in that position, he on that ground did not offer himself for re-election. Mr. Rhodes therefore becomes President for 1908. Owing to resignations, Messrs. W. Bowyer and H. Horton are added to the committee, and Mr. Thomas to the list of judges.—JOHN TYSON, Hon. Sec.

GATESHEAD AND DIS. C.B.S.

The balance-sheet was read at annual meeting, and showed a balance of £26 10s. 11d., with assets (stands, etc.) valued at £5 12s., also challenge cup. It was agreed to pay members' prize money at 12s. per class—1st, 6s.; 2nd, 4s.; 3rd, 2s.—thus leaving a balance of £10 0s. 11d. to carry forward. This was considered very satisfactory, and proved an all-round record for the society. Messrs. J. Brown and A. Lister, auditors, gave their report, and said that everything had been audited and found correct, and in the best of order. Mr. Fenwick (Houghton-le-Spring), Mr. G. E. Robson (Gateshead), and Mr. Rule (Gateshead) were elected members. The following officials were elected: President, The Mayor, Alderman Gillies; vice-presidents (all re-elected), J. Brown, Esq., W. J. Taylor, Esq., Jas. Joicey, Esq., F. T. Lattimar, Esq., R. Brewis, Esq., W. Clark, Esq., J. Kirkpatrick, Esq., and J. D. Philipson, Esq.; chairman, Mr. T. Almond; vice-chairman, R. Lowery; secretary and treasurer, T. Taylor, 68, Edward-street; assist.-secretary, G. E. Robson; C.B.U. representative, A. Brown; committee, Messrs. Lister, Mather, Grieve, Johnson, Hayes, Buck, Longstaff, Hodgson, Kirkpatrick, E. Wright, Reed, J. Moore; auditors, Messrs. A. Lis-Wright, Reed, J. Moore; auditors, Messrs. Vardy, Heath, Bennett, and Parker Robinson were elected to officiate as judges at our next show. The show date was fixed for same date as last year, namely, December 11th and 12th. The next meeting will take place on February 26th, when fanciers wishing to become members will receive a hearty welcome into the ranks of "the Palace of the North."—THOS. TAYLOR, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

DULWICH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

At a special committee meeting, held on February 12th at headquarters, the following were elected members: Messrs. G. W. Saunders (Sutton), P. G. Sprules, Foster, Edwards, Butler, Taylor, Jenner, House (all of Dulwich), G. Warley (Tulse Hill), E. Lewis (Peckham), F. Bisley (Rotherhithe), bringing the total up to nearly 60 members. A strong hope was expressed that a century may be enrolled before the book of rules is printed, so that names and addresses might appear therein. It was decided to register the society. Mr. W. Goodwin, hon treasurer, proposed that a challenge cup be presented by the society at the annual show for most points gained by a member (to be won three times, not necessarily in succession). With his usual generosity Mr. Goodwin opened the list with the handsome sum of three guineas; Rogers and Mazzoni, two guineas; Messrs. Wall, Kent and Wilmot also promised to contribute. The fund is now open; if it exceeds 10 guineas the surplus will go to purchase a cup for the novice section. Mr. Rogers promised a cup, value two guineas, for best bird at young bird show; Mr. F. Gain, gold medal for best bird shown by a novice; and Mr. Wilmot, a cup (to be allotted). The above are in addition to many already promised. Messrs. Butler, Peacock, and Bussey promised specials, value one guinea each (for annual show), and Messrs. Gain, Pierson, Hodder, Sprules, etc., have also signified their intention of contributing. It was arranged to have a judging competition in pairs matched for breeding on February 27th at headquarters. Entrance fee, 6d. per cage, the whole being returned in prizes to successful pairs. Mr. Goodwin offers a gold medal for most entries, and a silver medal for best pair. Messrs. Rogers, Woolhouse, and Wall also offered medals for the various classes and competitors in judging. Taking all things into consideration this new society has made a most brilliant start, and it is receiving great encouragement on all sides. The club room is lent free for small shows, lectures, concerts, meetings, etc., and the list of specials for the various shows breaks all previous records. We again respectfully point out that no entrance fee is charged to those joining prior to 31st March. The subscription is only 3s. per annum. Mr. G. F. Woolhouse offers a gold medal to member making most new members before annual show. Any further particulars may be had on application.—ROGERS and MAZZONI, Hon. Secs.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

The annual meeting was held on February 10th, when there was a good attendance. The annual balance-sheet was read, and received hearty approval. Seeing the society has only been in existence a little over 12 months, and can boast of four silver cups, and a balance in hand of 50s., it goes to prove the society is receiving the support it rightly deserves. Mr. Brown, of Norwich fame, has kindly consented to give a lecture on our next meeting night (March 1st) upon pairing, and feeding of young; all fanciers are invited. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.: President, Major Gibbs, M.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. Teagle, Stinchcombe, Gale, Crocker, Stone and White; hon. solicitor, Mr. W. F. Cook; hon. auctioneer, Mr. W. E. Parker; chairman, Mr. J. Munro; vice-chairman, Mr. C. E. Brown; secretary, Mr. Manley, 2, Locklenze-road, Horfield; assist.-secretary, Mr. C. P. Telling; treasurer, Mr. J. Tristem; committee, Messrs. Brown, Bull, Buckland, Burgess, Fowler, Hoyle, Keegan, Martin, Parsons, Taylor, Tilley, and Newman. The annual exhibition will be held on October 28th and 29th.—W. H. MANLEY, Hon. Sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Seventh annual meeting held on February 5th at Palmer Hall, West-street, Reading, when there was a large attendance of members. The officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, The Right Hon. George William Palmer; vice-presidents, C. E. Keyser, Esq., M.A., J.P., Leonard Sutton, Esq., Albert Wheatley, Esq., M.R.C.V.S., W. J. Foster, Esq., F.R.C.S., Alfred Palmer, Esq., J.P., W. Howard Palmer, Esq., Rufus D. Isaacs, Esq., K.C., M.P., and S. B. Stevens, Esq.; hon. treasurer, Mr. Chas. J. Howlett; hon. auditors, Mr. G. H. Acton and Mr. W. H. Pyke; secretary, Mr. G. A. Charles, "Homeville," 4, Talfourd-avenue, Earley, Reading; managing committee, Mr. J. Brooker (chairman), Messrs. E. Fulbrook, Fraser, T. Yates, J. Lawrence, Hopgood, J. North, J. Mead, G. Packwood, and Wm. Vince. It was decided to hold a show on November 18th next, limiting entries to a 30-miles radius of Reading, as last year. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Show will again be held at Palmer Hall. Messrs. Vince (Caversham), Oliver (Basingstoke), Dearlove (Henley), and Lewin (Oxford) were elected new members. Arrangements were made to give a washing display in March for the benefit of new members.—G. A. CHARLES, Secretary.

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The Green Canary.

By J. W. METCALFE.

(Continued from page 146.)

ERRATUM.—In the last instalment the lines commencing at line 14 should read: Do the *clear* Yorkshire Fanciers go to the Cinnamon mark for their colour? I say No; they go to the Cinnamon for their quality of feather. Do the Norwich fanciers go to the Cinnamon for their colour? They introduce heavy green-marked Norwich.

Be sure and use an egg cabinet, else you will get your eggs mixed up, which will cause no end of trouble. I am a great believer in taking the eggs away until the third day. I then well dust the nest before putting the three eggs back. In the event of one's coming home late at night, I should advise him to put the eggs back on the morning on which the hen lays her fourth egg. It does not take much to make a hen forsake her nest, and if you disturb her at night you are encouraging her to do so. That is why I like the morning best. I found she hatched her young at the same time.

With reference to letting the cock stay with the hen and helping to feed, it has always been my method of running one cock with two hens, and letting the hens bring up their own young. I have been very successful in this way. I have had bad feeders, and when I have run the cock back it has been the same. They would not feed. I have then resorted to hand feeding.

There are several ways of hand feeding, but the best and cleanest I have found has been with an ordinary glass syringe and "Life-belt" food. I brought up nineteen last year by hand feeding, and was well repaid for my trouble.

When the hen is sitting I never clean the cage out, without the droppings are all in one place, and then I take it out when I put a bit of green stuff in. It takes very little to upset a hen, so molest her as little as possible. When the young are hatched, I give the hen the ordinary egg food and plenty of crushed hemp, and on the second day I commence giving green stuff, just a bit at first, increasing it every day.

When the young leave the nest, I put them in a Yorkshire or nursery cage in front, and give them bread and milk. The hen will feed them, and they will gradually come to the milk sop. They will spoil a lot of this at first, but when they commence to eat it, I take them from the mother and put them in an ordinary breeding cage and feed them practically on bread and milk until they are six weeks old, gradually bringing them on to weak egg-food and crushed hemp.

I think the loss of young birds after leaving the nest is mainly through egg-food being too strong. Good milk sop is just as nourishing as egg-food, and there is no danger of inflammation setting in from its use.

Ready for the Show Bench.

When these youngsters are about seven weeks old, no doubt you will think they are fit for the nest feather shows. Now, scores of good birds have caught a cold at these shows, and have never looked up after; so my advice is, never put them out until they have moulted. One first prize at an old show is worth twenty at a young show. One of the main points in a show bird is steadiness, so as soon as they leave the mother, hang a show cage in front of the stock cage. They will soon run in and out, and steady themselves while they are young. It is hard work steading them later on: a lesson when they are young saves hours of labour.

Should the youngsters commence plucking one another, watch for the principal offender, and put it in a cage by itself. The damage generally comes from one vicious bird. As the birds get older you will have an idea or two as to which look like becoming show specimens. Cage these off in twos to moult. You will want to look after them a bit more than the ordinary stock. Let the cages where the young are be absolutely clean, because they readily ferret in all corners, and dirt brings on all stomach complaints.

Presuming you have finished breeding and have had a fair season, I would not advise anyone breeding after the first of August, because in this month, which generally is very hot, the hens will commence to cast their feathers, which means death to any birds in the nest. It is advisable to break them up in August, so as to give all the stock birds a chance to recoup their strength.

Throw all the old birds together in the big flight I previously mentioned. Naturally, the cocks will chase the hens at first, but they will soon get tired and settle down. Give them a month in the flight, and then if there are any of the old birds you think are fit for exhibiting again, bring them out and cage off separately, to finish their moult.

The moulting is the most critical period of a bird's life. Never mind how good a bird may be in show properties, without a good moult it is useless. How many times have you heard the saying, "Where is the bird that was winning last year? At home; it's had a bad moult?"

You cannot pay too much attention to them. Give them a bath every morning if possible. I know nothing better than water for bringing them through. Give a good supply of linseed during the moult and should they not take to it, give some linseed meal in the egg-food. They will soon eat it then.

Some fanciers believe in covering the birds up during the moult; this is alright with birds that are on colour-food, but I do not advise it with Greens. When there is plenty of light, they will knock about and soon get rid of the old feathers, and when they are half moulted they are too weak to fly about much.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Further Preparations for Exhibiting.

After the moulting season, you want to look carefully over your stock and pick out the most likely birds to make show specimens. If possible, cage off single or two young birds together. It is not advisable to put two old cocks together, although two old hens will agree. Get the young birds perfectly steady. A good idea is to put up a small stage that will hold six show cages, and then you can go over them like the judge will do. This will teach them their business when they come in front of a judge at the first show. How many birds are put down, from what I call stage fright. A judge will not look twice at a wild exhibit.

For getting a bird into show condition, I should advise good mixed seeds without hemp or groats twice a week. As a soft food once a week, get a new-laid egg, hard boiled, well mix with bread-crumbs, and put on this two tablespoonfuls of cream. Add a little maw seed, mix thoroughly and give a teaspoonful heaped up to each bird. Once a week give some good tenpenny ale instead of water. This recipe I got from one of our most successful exhibitors of Yorkshires, and I have found it has good effects. Let each bird have a free supply of baths except on the day you give the ale. Water will tighten a bird up quicker than anything I know of.

When your birds are in good trim, and you think them fit to send out, I should advise you to call in one or two older fanciers who know this variety, and ask them their opinion of your show birds. Two heads are better than one, but be sure and get someone who knows his business.

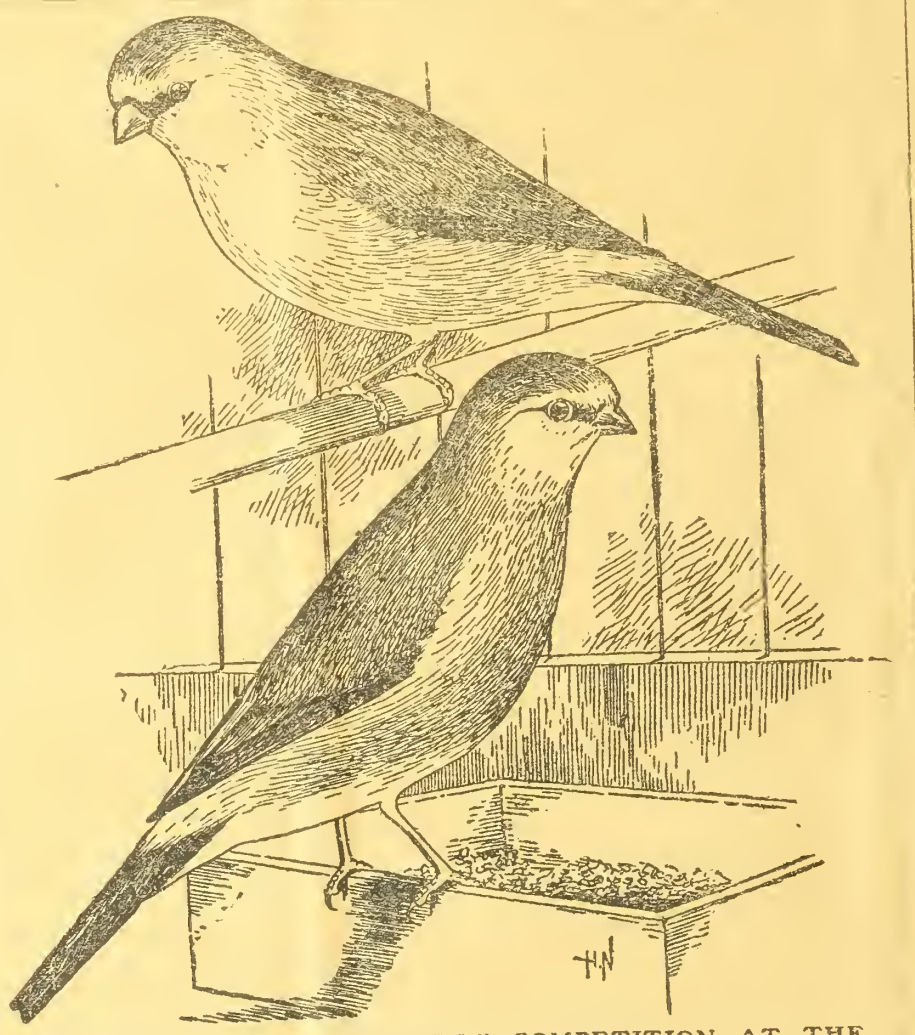
If you are not successful at your first attempt, don't be disheartened; look over the winners and see where your birds fail, and if you think there is not much difference, try again at the next show. Your birds might suit this judge.

Always see that you stage your birds properly. Let your cages be nice and bright, and perches scrupulously clean. This catches many a judge's eye, as nothing looks worse than a good specimen in a dirty cage.

When your birds come back from a show, never mind how well they look, give them some good egg-food, with a pinch of cayenne in it, and also some special mixed seed in the bottom of the cage. A bath is essential next morning, and just see how they enjoy it after being penned up two or three days. After the third show I should advise washing them. This should be done in the ordinary way; only, if possible, wash them eight days before the show. By then they will have got back all the green lustre which you may think you have washed off.

One point I should like every exhibitor to follow, and that is, try beforehand to find out what each judge goes in for as regards size, etc., by asking each exhibitor, especially the older ones. You will save a lot of trouble, and it will prevent you sending out for nothing.

This article I have written for the benefit of the novices, and should they derive any small benefit from it, it will more than repay me for the trouble I have taken over it.



WINNERS OF "CAGE BIRDS" COMPETITION AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

(See also last week's frontispiece.)

Upper Figure: Canary-Bullfinch, (Fourth Prize), Mr. G. LAWRENCE, Coventry.
Lower Figure: Linnet-Bullfinch, (Third Prize), Mr. C. J. WARD, Uttoxeter.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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*The Sheep Destroying Kea.

The Mountain Parrot or Kea is one of the worst of the New Zealand sheep farmers' small enemies. These birds which are nocturnal in their habits, appear to live entirely on flesh when circumstances allow. They are said to acquire the taste for meat by picking the sheeps' heads which are thrown aside, leaving the bones clean. Then, in default of such supplies, they proceed to kill a sheep for themselves. A number of them band together and attack the same one tearing the wool from about the loins. The sheep attacked in this manner will run away from the rest, and the Keas pursue it and resume the attack till the sheep drops exhausted. The Keas then begin to eat the flesh from the still living animal. (Copied from an old number of Household Words). Sent by James Shepherd, age 14, 11, Buckley Brook St., Rochdale.

*The Mischievous Magpie.

The Magpie is well known for its mischievous and often ill-natured tricks, as well as for its clever mimicry. One which had its home near a little country village in the Midlands was the terror of the neighbours. He was so bold that he showed no fear of human beings and would even attack them. None of the servants in the district would go near him without a broom or some such weapon to drive him off; and as for the schoolboys whose path to school lay past his home, they would go a long distance out of their way by another road to avoid him. Woe betide the unhappy boy whose legs came within the range of the bird's sharp beak. Close by was a toll-gate. One of the favourite pranks of the bird was to perch on the top of the gate and cry "Gate! gate!" as loudly as he could. But when the old keeper came hurrying out to collect the toll, all he saw was the Magpie, as it flew off with a hoarse mocking chuckle.—Taken from "Chatterbox." Sent by Master Walter Mullins, age 15, Alexandra Villa, Balby-road, Doncaster.

**A Saucy Jay.

My grandmother has a Jay, and its name is Jacob. He is a very saucy fellow, and is about 3 years old. He can say almost anything; he imitates dogs, cats, fowls and ferrets. He gets out of his cage into the yard, and hops about the yard and is not afraid of anyone. He talks to himself, and sometimes so fast that one cannot understand what he says. He mocks the children and calls them by their names. We feed him on kernels of nuts, on bread, cheese, acorns, and scraps from the table. One day my grandmother was greatly surprised by what she thought was the crying of some kittens; she searched and could not find any, but after a while to her great amusement she found it was Jacob mocking some kittens we had had. Another time she heard what she thought to be someone in the back yard saying "Coming to school, Jackie?" On going out to see who it was she found it was Jacob repeating the question quite distinctly. He must have heard the neighbour's children calling to each other. I have two uncles; when Jacob sees them come in the yard he will call them by their names. —Sent by Mary Tucker, Aldbourne, Wilts. Age 10 years.

The Spangled Starling.

The Starling is a very common British bird and can be seen almost everywhere, including our fields, gardens and lanes. It is one of those birds that visit our gardens after insects and worms, as it is an insectivorous bird. One day I saw a Starling on a sheep's back, and I at once saw that it was after the insects that infested the sheep. The nest of the Starling may be found in trees or in any old buildings. It is composed mainly of straw and contains from four to six eggs. A pair of Starlings are almost alike in appearance, but the male is much brighter than his mate.—ALBERT GILL (aged 14 years), 20, Drumgold-street, Douglas, Isle of Man.

The Novices' Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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A Hint About Cages.

We were recently asked for some remedy to prevent birds biting the wooden parts of their cages. Whether the birds in question were Canaries or British or foreign birds did not appear. It did, however, seem as though the querist wished he could have some kind of nauseous substance with which to paint the woodwork. Such a plan, even if it were feasible, is scarcely to be recommended. We have known Canaries to pick away quite a considerable portion of the woodwork of their cages. This, of course, is an unusual occurrence, and is generally found to occur with birds caged singly for singing, and during the spring months is the time when the birds are busiest at this destructive work.

The inference from this seems quite obvious. It is a healthy activity which prompts them to work off their superfluous energy in some way, and if the bird discovers that constant worrying at one particular spot will enable it to remove a minute particle of wood occasionally, it will do it, and constant picking wears a wooden cage just as surely as constant dripping wears a stone, as a certain proverb tells us.

If a cube of cuttlefish or a lump of sugar were stuck in the wires of such a bird's cage it would almost certainly form a greater attraction than the cage itself, and the bird would gradually consume these substances to its own benefit, and the material saving of its domicile. Most of the Finch tribe are also occasionally addicted to the habit, and can usually have their attention diverted in the same innocent way.

With foreign birds of the Parrot tribe it is different. To be eternally whittling away at something when not too deeply immersed in sober meditation seems to be their natural attribute. They should be kept supplied with soft deal chips to cut up whenever their energies are sufficiently excited. Yet another way to get over the difficulty, of which we have had practical experience, is to make wooden cages with an overlay of the metal punched bars, which almost every cage-maker supplies now, around the top of the wood bottom where the wires are inserted, and using punched bars around the middle in place of wooden crossbars. This is quite easily done, as there is no difficulty in punching an additional hole where required in the bars with a fine steel punch, and thus enabling the bar overlays to be nailed down flat on to the edge of the wooden sides. These, of course, must be nailed in position before the wood is bored for the wires, and then the wood is bored through the holes in the bar and ensures the boring being correct to match the bars.

A Word about Aviaries.

We often come across novices with a single year's experience in breeding, and also fanciers in a small way, but with rather more practical knowledge, who are desirous of fitting up a suitable place for breeding with a larger stock of birds. The scheme may either consist of converting some space at present in use into a kind of aviary, or of utilising some space that is as yet unoccupied. Very often this decision is the indirect means of confirming them in the Fancy, as it were, for the success they meet with in this method of breeding frequently affords just that encouragement, together with a fair amount of success, which is necessary to induce them to start in the more difficult line of bird-breeding, with a stronger determination than ever to surmount and overcome obstacles. For it is a fact that in this style of breeding it almost invariably happens that one meets with a maximum of success for a minimum of expense and trouble. It is true that one usually has to almost entirely forego the ordinary control over the colour, markings, and typical points of the birds bred, which it is at once the privilege and pleasure of the more advanced breeder to exercise over his stock. But at this period of a fancier's career that point is not of vital importance. The great consideration over all others at this time is to meet with success and to breed birds, and this, it must be admitted, is the well-nigh invariable result.

Some Control Possible.

We said one must be prepared to "almost" entirely forego control over the type of the birds bred, when starting with such an improvised aviary and breeding with the birds flying loose in small groups. In this we used the word "almost" advisedly, for even in this class of breeding one may still adhere to the main, general principles of control by restricting any particular point to the one sex. Thus, for example, one may make up a group of birds consisting of a clear yellow cock and a lightly ticked, or wing, or eye, marked yellow cock, but let the tick or mark be on the small side, and add five or six buff hens, for which the following would make a good selection, viz., one clear bird bred from double yellows, or with a fair amount of marked blood in her veins; two lightly ticked; one wing or eye marked, with small but good shaped mark, or marks, and not bearing the same marks as the cock. For instance, if you are using a cock marked on one wing, then this hen should have both wings clear, but may be marked on one or both eyes; and if the cock is marked on one or both eyes, the hen should be lightly marked on one or both wings, but the eyes, and head altogether including the beak must be clear. To complete the group of five a green marked may be added, and if six hens are required, the sixth should be either a self or a broken green. The group might also be formed in the same manner, but with the colour transposed, having the buff on the cocks' side and the yellow on the hens', the markings remaining the same. Quality should be neglected on neither side, but type and feather should figure as strongly as possible on the hens' side, which may with advantage be of a medium size. The cocks, if yellows, should be of the large size, and of good shape and typical throughout. Given these elementary conditions, it is quite possible to produce some really good birds in this way.

Dominant Dark Blood.

To the inexperienced novice who perhaps is captivated with the chaste charms of clear birds, such a group as the one just described may appear to possess an excessive and unnecessary amount of dark blood. But this is decidedly not the case. Of course, one must not expect such a group to produce nearly all clear young. But there should be a very fair proportion of clears—from a third to a fourth part of the whole product, probably—ticked and variegated will preponderate, with a few broken greens, and probably a small proportion of self greens, and the bare chance of a decent marked bird turning up occasionally.

What will be of much greater value to the breeder will be the fact that his stock is well charged with natural colour for future breeding. Where the inexperienced breeder frequently goes wrong in mating up his stock to produce clear birds is to get too far away from the green blood in a mistaken desire to breed the highest possible percentage of clears. In doing this he is forgetful of the fact that he cannot go on breeding from clear birds year after year without the serious loss of natural colour in his stock, neither can he ever hope to satisfactorily supply the want of natural colour by artificial agents. If colour is not bred in the birds naturally, it is not there to be fed up and intensified by any kind of food whatever, and consequently colour-feeding loses more than half its value when practised on birds bred in this way. The remedy should be obvious, and the moral patent to all. Even if your aim is to breed clear birds, always keep a fairly strong current of green blood running through your stock. This is the real fountain-head of natural colour, and the fancier who tries to eliminate it from his birds will have to remain content with a humble position in the Fancy, even though his skill in the use of colour foods is second to none. Of course, the nearer one gets to and stands by the green blood the larger the proportion of marked and variegated birds produced. But this should be no detriment at all, and in any case the richness and depth of colour which will be found in the clears so produced will more than compensate one for the presence of a goodly number of heavily marked birds among the stock. And, after all, a marked or variegated bird has a charm and a beauty which even the most enthusiastic advocate of the clears will not deny.

A Simple Breeding Room.

I have almost unconsciously drifted away from the improvising of bird-rooms. To hark back I may first describe one such room which I can still recall vividly before my mind's eye. It was my very first introduction to the breeding of fancy Canaries, as I then fondly thought them, just as my first introduction to cage-bird keeping is recalled by an incident when a poor misguided *passer domesticus* desecrated the holy Sabbath day by rising early and making a grimy descent of our kitchen chimney. He was forthwith consigned to durance vile after I had besought its life with many pleadings, and obtained the necessary permission to retain for my own property what I, in my blissful ignorance, deemed to be a "pearl of great price." What if it did leave a grimy, nauseous smear wherever it touched, face, or hands, or what-not? It mattered nothing. Ah, me! What little pleasures are apt to make the days bright, and leave a legacy of joyous recollections in the mind, in the spring of life, when the impressions are sunny and stored up as evergreens for future remembrance!

But again, this is not the primitive breeding-room. That is another story—another Sabbath story, too. It was on one bright spring Sunday that I was taken by relatives to visit a friend who had a craze for live stock hobbies, which was as varied as it was persistent. The latter it certainly was, for a hobby of some kind was never absent, but it was rarely that the same hobby lasted long.

He was but a poor working-man and occupied a humble little cottage wherein one would have thought it impossible to find space for a bird-room. But there were no little chicks of the genus *Homo* to take up the little space there was, and in a tiny little room upstairs, which might have been meant for a box-room, we found the birds. Such a galaxy of feathered beauties they appeared in my eyes, and the room seemed alive with them. As a matter of fact, there might not have been more than a dozen all told, but they were flying loose, and the small room appeared smaller still by having natural bushes nailed against the walls from which the leaves had long since departed. Now the only preparation this room had had was the whitewashing of the walls; a layer of shingly sand had been put down to a depth of at least an inch all over the floor; bushes had been nailed upon the walls here and there; a nest basket firmly fixed in the centre of each bush; the food had been put down in shallow pans, or boxes, on the floor, and water in the same rough and ready fashion; and the birds had been turned in. When you went into the room you had each one to put the door slightly ajar, to see that no bird was ready to escape, and then pop through, like a "jack" coming out of his box, to prevent the birds popping over your head. There was not so much as a slight covering of some material to hang over the outside of the door behind which one could have stood whilst dodging into the room—a simple contrivance which would have been a vast convenience. But everything in and about this room was of the most primitive description, and yet the result in breeding would have filled many an expert's heart with envy.

(*To be continued.*)

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE proposed amalgamated social and prize distribution of the four large societies of Bradford has now been definitely agreed upon, and will take place in the large room at their headquarters, the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, on Saturday, March 7th, to commence at 6 p.m. A strong committee, composed of four from each of the Societies interested has been formed, to proceed at once with the musical arrangements. The affair promises to be quite a "red-letter day" in the annals of Yorkshire birdy circles, and it is hoped that this event will be the forerunner of many similar functions.

ON Saturday next, at the headquarters of the Bradford West C. B. A., Mr. H. J. Chittenden will give a lecture on that practically new department, so far as Bradford and District is concerned, "British Birds," and the "Westers" extend a hearty invitation to all fanciers and friends to be present, and particularly those who are interested in this branch of the Fancy. Mr. Chittenden has a lifelong experience of British, Mules and Hybrids, and also possesses a fund of useful knowledge in regard to the wild seeds and plants that can be advantageously used for conditioning, etc., and will doubtless give an enjoyable and interesting lecture.

THE Yorkshire Union delegates met on Saturday last and put in a good evening's work, the principal items being nomination of officers, alterations in rules, new rules, etc., all of which are to go on to the voting papers which are to be sent to each individual member of the Union. According to rule, the vice-president of one year moves up to the position of president the following year; therefore the principal office to be voted upon is that of vice-president, and for this there are six nominations, viz., Messrs. Halliday, Johnson, Sunderland, Armstrong, Wellock, and Clarkson.

NEXT in importance, and, so far as work is concerned, probably *the* most important, is the position of secretary, for which post four nominations are put forward, the aspirants for "hard labour" being Messrs. O. Mitchell, H. Townend, H. Hill, and S. Dean. For trustees and auditors there are also four "runners," two of each being required.

ALL members should exercise their voting powers in this important election of officers, as upon their discretion rests the success or otherwise of that now important body, "The Yorkshire Union." The proposed alterations of rules, etc., open up most important questions, and should be voted upon very warily—weigh up the advantages and disadvantages of each amendment very carefully, and not only from a personal point of view, but from the standpoint of the societies and the Fancy in general.

"STRAIGHT UN."

OUR ESSAY COMPETITION.

The judges of the essays sent in for our recent competition are giving them their careful consideration, but so heavy and onerous is their task that we cannot promise to publish the full results for another week or two. Competitors can rest assured, however, that we will do this, and so relieve their anxiety, at the earliest possible moment.

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

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Chapter VII.: Diseases and their Treatment.

Of birds it may be said—Diseases many, cures few or none. Great as are undoubtedly the natural difficulties of bird-keeping, I know of nothing more deadly than the English climate. Nothing hinders an aviculturist half as much as dying—I mean, of course, the dying of his birds. You will always find lots of people ready to give advice on bird ailments, particularly on how to avoid them, and you will find the most dogmatic of these the people who have been singularly unlucky, or people who know nothing about the matter. Of nostrums offered to cure birds, I often feel inclined to say what an old farmer did anent phosphates. "A mahn as putts muck on his land," he pitifully observed, "knows what he be dealin' in; but what they guanies and phosphates be made of the Lord only knows."

Pneumonia; and avoiding it.

Take, for instance, pneumonia, that fatal scourge of all Foreign birds. They tell you that it is in the air, that you should avoid chills and draughts; but how the mischief are you going to do so in a big aviary? You can't wrap up each bird in flannel and put him on the hob! Some people say, "Warm the air of the bird-room." I tried to once with a lamp, and it made a smell that nothing could live in. I gave it up after the first hour. Others say, "Avoid the night air." But how can you? What are you going to do from 6.30 p.m. to 6.30 a.m. What other sort of air is there available?

I will defy anyone to avoid chills in this climate. With every care, how can you guard against the sudden fall in the temperature that occurs after a storm that comes on at the close of a stewing day? Still you must remember that, though it is impossible to fully carry out such orders, you can do a good deal towards it; and preventive measures are the great thing, for it is better to avoid pneumonia altogether, or to get off with a slight touch of it, than to make a sensational recovery. There is no doubt that a certain make of bird has the best chance of escaping this fell disorder—a strong, wiry, light-hearted bird, what Mrs. Poyser, if speaking of a boy, would have described as "stocky."

The best way to avoid pneumonia is to steer clear of draughts. Very tender birds can stand an amount of cold that would surprise a novice; but the strongest bird, even a Rosy Cockatoo, will succumb to draught. Of pneumonia itself, when it has once set in, I must say as King Solomon did of something else: "For this there is no cure." You may try all sorts of remedies—a heated greenhouse, a cage before the fire, or even placed on top of the oven, if the domestic powers that be are favourable, but the end will be the same. For a few hours the struggle will last, according to the strength of the patient, and you may be able to say to all tender enquiries what an old fellow once said to me anent his dying wife: "Thank you kindly, sir, she ebbs and flows." It will be the same with your poor little patient; he will ebb and flow for a few hours, but eventually, like the celebrated Barkis, "he will go out with the tide."

Having done all we can to avoid draughts, let us next see what we can do for water; for the drinking-water in some cages, especially "Import cages," is liable to contain entozoic organisms, and if a bird does not look out he will get some of them into his anatomy, and unpleasant consequences to himself will ensue. I have seen the eyes of poor little finches literally closed up with inflammation.

The disease is specially rife in newly-imported Pekin Robins. I have lost as many as eighteen out of twenty from this fell disease. The best—indeed, the only remedy I know of,—is to isolate the birds and to wash the eyes with mild carbolic or Condy's fluid, and to give the birds Proud's roup powder in their drinking-water. But in the majority of cases the remedy is very doubtful. If any sore-eyed birds were sent me, I would pack them back at once, no matter how cheap they were offered.

In acclimatising birds, you must remember that you often have a very risky task before you. There are, it is true, a few birds which, although they have been over for years, have never "ailed owt"; but you can count such on the fingers of one hand. There is another class, and that by far the largest—that is, birds which have a slight ailment once or twice and get over it, and some day, apparently for no extra reason, get a heavy dose and die of it. Another class is the third—those who die within a week or so of reaching their new home.

In Class 1 there is some unknown element at work. In the second the power of resistence is great, and can be renewed from time to time by judicious nursing. In the third class the state is that of complete and hopeless collapse. They are as good as dead when you get them. It is merely a question of time. Of many a purchase it might be truly said, as I once saw inscribed on the grave of a little child,

"I was so very quickly done for,
I wonder what I was begun for."

Next in danger to diseases come the remedies. Let a beginner remember in dealing with castor oil, carbonate of magnesia, spirit of menderus ergot, and the like, that they are not castor sugar, nor the bird a glass bottle; and therefore in using them (if at all), which I should hesitate to do, use "sweet reasonableness," and do not ladle them into a bird with a spoon. If you do, the saying of Mr. John Fisher, journeyman carpenter, anent the bust of Voltaire in the Cambridge Library, will be verified. He remarked, "Kinder sickly like, ain't he? Certainly looks kinder sickly like." So will your poor dicky after you have done with him.

The golden rule in doctoring birds is to begin at once. As soon as you notice anything wrong (and a trained eye will do it in a moment) catch up the patient and cage him. Brandy, pace the teetotalers, I believe to be one of the most effectual and safe remedies that can be employed, and I have saved many a bird's life by a judicious application of a "wee drap," and so, as the French say, when they wish to do honour to some special saint who has helped them, "je lui devais une fameuse chandelle."

"French Moult."

"French moult" comes, I take it, under the catalogue of diseases. It is a most annoying and disgusting thing, at any rate. I have found it generally, though not invariably, in Parrakeets. In a large aviary of Budgerigars there will usually in a season be hatched two or three youngsters that seem an unconscionable time in the nest. If you take them out, you will discover the reason: They can't fly, and they know it. The flights consist of nothing but little nest feathers, and the tails are likewise. Some dealers describe such birds euphemistically as "a bit rough." The poor beginner buys them because they are cheap, hoping that under his tender and fostering care matters will improve—but they won't. These birds never make anything, and remain cripples to the very end. It is better and kinder in every way to drown them at the start, and then they won't annoy you or be a misery to themselves. I fear I am preaching here what I do not always practise. I once bought some Bourkes Parrakeets so afflicted, and (but tell it not in Gath) I gave £6 for a pair, fondly hoping that they would moult out all right. The cock did, but the hen didn't, and she remained a miserable little cripple, like Wordsworth's Little Jim,

"Till death released her from her pain,
And then she went away."

What else could she do, by the way?

I believe in the case of my Bourkes, that they had been taken from the nest too young. They were evidently quite babies, in their nest feathers, so perhaps they did not get something they required to make feathers. It was a costly experiment for me, and I tell the tale so that others may take warning.

(To be continued.)

The Housing and Keeping of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

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Genus: Carpodacus

Of this fine *genus* I shall only mention one in passing, viz., the Common Rose Finch. The British Museum Catalogue gives twenty-six species, all of them very fine birds, but space compels me to pass them by; there must be some limit to the scope of this chapter—to deal even with a fourth of the Fringilliformes in this series is an utter impossibility.

The Common Rose Finch (*Carpodacus erythrinus.*)—Jerdon states that this fine species is a cold-weather visitant throughout the greater part of India, more rare towards the South, common in Central and Northern India, and in the Himalayas, chiefly at the foot of the hills and in the valleys; it extends into Assam and Arekan. "Habitat: Northern Europe and Siberia to Kamtschatka, wintering in the South of these localities, especially in India and the Burmese Peninsula. Accidental in Western Europe." (British Museum Catalogue, Vol. XII). It appears, according to various accounts, to frequent groves, gardens, and jungles, feeding on various seeds and grain, and also flower-buds and young leaves, and I should say, judging by their demeanour in captivity, on insects also.

The description of this beautiful species is altogether too lengthy to give in full. It must suffice to say that the upper surface is brown, mottled with darker, and with a more or less intense wash of crimson over the whole (varying according to locality, Indian specimens are usually the brightest); the under surface is rich crimson merging into rose-colour on the abdomen. It would be perfectly correct to describe some specimens as rose-colour, there being very little crimson about them. The above is the summer plumage.

The Red-Breasted Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula erythaca.*)—This species has the whole of the upper surface (except the rump, which is pure white), whole of the head and neck, ashy-grey; wings and tail, glossy black; the under surface, commencing with the breast, is orange-scarlet, merging into pale ashy-grey on the abdomen; ventral region, white; beak, black; leg and feet, greyish. Total length, 6 inches; tail, 2⅛ inches.

Habitat: Himalayas.

The Brown Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula nipalensis.*)—The male has upper surface mouse-brown, washed with purplish on the lower back, and a band of white across the rump, wings and tail, glossy back, a white band across the wings and the outer webs of the last tertiaries crimson; under surface, pale ashy-brown, merging into white on the ventral region; beak, horn-colour, with a greenish tinge of a black tip; legs and feet, brownish-flesh. Total, 6½ inches; tail 2⅞ inches.

The female is similar to the male, but is a trifle smaller and has the small tertiary yellow, which is red in the male.

Habitat: Himalayas.

The Orange Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula aurantiaca.*)—Adult male: With the exception of the face, wings, and tail, which are purplish-black, and the rump and upper and under tail coverts, white; the whole of the plumage of this handsome bird is ruddy orange; beak, black; legs and feet, brownish flesh-colour. Total length, 5½ inches; tail, 2⅜ inches.

Female: The whole of the upper surface ash-grey, tinged with orange on the back; the under surface similar to the male, but not so brilliant in hue. In the winter they are mostly brown mottled with darker, and merely tinged with crimson. Total length, 5½ inches; tail, 2¼ inches. The female differs from the male; she is olive-brown above, striated with darker brown; the wing and tail feathers are dark-brown, edged and tipped with high olive; the under surface is whitish, with the fore neck and breast buff, and sides and flanks dusky: the whole of the under surface is more or less striated with dusky. Total length, 5¼ inches; tail, 2 inches. Habitat: Himalayas. On more than one occasion I think Messrs. Finn, Harper, and others have liberated a number of these species in various parts of this country—some were shot, and others soon disappeared.

The Crossbills I shall pass without notice, and the only remaining *genus* I can note among the *Fringillinæ is Pyrrhula*, and this only very briefly.

The Red-Headed Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula erythrocephala.*)—This beautiful species is found throughout the Himalayas, it feeds on the ground, and also on berry-bearing bushes, and perches high on the tops of trees. In shape it is similar to the English Bullfinch, but the tail is slightly longer and more forked.

The male has the head dull crimson, a narrow band of black added with whitish passes round the mandibles; the upper surface is a ruddy grey, with the rump pure white, with the tail and most of the wing feathers glossy black; the under surface is dull crimson, lightly tinged with orange, merging into greyish fawn on the lower abdomen; ventral region, white; beak, black; legs and feet, brownish-flesh. Total length, 5½ inches; tail 2⅜ inches.

The female has the upper surface browner than the male, and her head and neck dull olive yellow, the under surface being pale brown.

There are three other species that may be mentioned in passing, which are found in Siberia and Japan, and which only differ from one another in the intensity of the blue, grey, or ashen body plumage, viz., *griseiventris*, *kurilensis*, and *rosacea*; these have the characteristic glossy black head, tail, and wings of our English species (and the sexes differ to the same extent as P.*pyrrhula*), all three have the ear-coverts, hinder cheeks and throat, palish scarlet; *rosacea*, however, has practically the whole of the under surface, pale rose-colour.

Diet for this *genus* in captivity is Canary, rape, hemp, oats, and sunflower seed, the quantity of hemp to be only a small proportion of the whole; also buds, young and blighty foliage and fresh green food *ad lib.* If they are hatched a fresh supply of tender green food, such as they favour, is a *sine qua non* in the rearing of the young.

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THE STANDARD LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

(Continued from page 136).

I am strongly in favour of the Standard Length, viz., 6¾in. being adhered to. In my opinion Judges should judge as near to the standard length as possible. Of course should there be a bird shown in any class which is over the standard length but which has corresponding points to the one which is standard length, then I say that the "Big Good Un" should take the premier honour, as such birds are far more difficult to get, with their smart, graceful attitude, than birds of the smaller size. I think it would be a very backward step in the fancy to alter the present standard.

Geo. Hy. Barnwell (Harrogate).

I am in favour of keeping as near the standard length as possible, without the birds being caught by the judges to be measured. In my humble opinion, if it is a hard and fast rule (length 6¾in.) it would mean that all the birds will have to be caught, and this would mean that some of the birds would return home minus flights and tail feathers, which would make it seven weeks before they could be shown again. But if I had some of these over-length birds, good in all other properties, I should not hesitate in putting them on the show bench. There is nothing to beat a "little-'un," only a good "big-'un." Get an over-length bird and an under-length bird (one has as much right in the class as the other), and ask a judge, or an exhibitor, or a pure novice, which is the better bird, and he will say, the former. If then we breed one of these birds to a 100 of the smaller ones, we don't want to envy another fancier because he has the thing we have all been trying for, and when he comes off with the highest honours, say his bird is over-length (I have heard the remark passed many a time). If the standard is made fast (6¾in.), our shows will suffer to a certain extent. If 15 birds are in a class, and are measured, how many of them are going to measure 6¾in? I say, let us go on the old way, keep to the standard as near as we can, and if a fancier puts one of these over-length birds down, good in all other essential properties, good luck to him. He has the best wishes of—

A. E. Patrick (Southend-on-Sea).

The Cage Bird Fancy in 1907.

Lecture before the members and friends of the City and Suburban A.C.B., on January 27th.

By GEORGE GARDNER.

"The Lessons of 1907, as they apply to the Cage Bird Fancy," was the title of a lecture delivered by Mr. Geo. Gardner before a large meeting of the members of the City and Suburban Association of Canary Breeders, held at their Headquarters on January 27th. Mr. A. C. Burn presided, and briefly introduced "G.G." as an old friend of the Association, an esteemed and respected judge of cage birds, and one who for many years had given freely of his practical experience for the benefit of the Fancy.

Cages: an Important Advance.

Mr. Gardner, in the course of an address lasting some three-quarters of an hour, said the lessons of 1907, as they occurred to him, were headed by what he considered to be a most important item of interest to the cage bird Fancy. He referred to the widespread increase of knowledge in the matter of suitable cages and how to make them. Mr. Gardner said he alluded to this point first, not only on account of its importance, but also because a respected member of the City and Suburban Association was now playing a prominent part in the task of disseminating information and instruction upon the matter. The importance of fanciers possessing suitable and comfortable cages in which to keep their birds, could not be over-estimated. There was a time when this matter did not receive one tithe of the attention which was now happily bestowed upon it. Any old, rough sugar box, with its crevices and its harbours for that enemy and tyrant of the birds, red mite, did duty at one time as a bird cage. All this was changed, and the idea now was to obtain cages with the most closely fitting joints and the least possible harbour for red-mite.

Cages were constructed now with a view to shielding birds from danger of draught. They were made cosy, easy for cleaning, cheerful, and healthy. At the beginning of the year Mr. Gardner had noticed a paper by a gentleman named Waterman, who gave some hints on the Canary cult. Mr. Waterman spoke of the bird-room in relation to its airiness, cosiness, and equitable temperature. He was opposed in the main to artificial heat, but recommended the selection of a room, if possible, where the conditions would practically ensure that the temperature should not go below 38 degrees.

How that was to be achieved, Mr. Gardner did not pretend to say, but it was a thoughtful idea, and this, together with the greatly increased interest in the provision of suitable cages, drove home to his mind the lesson that we in the cage bird Fancy were on the upward plane, and that there was a deeper and a more humane and refined spirit of interest awakening, which it was gratifying to observe and record.

The British Bird Fancy.

In the next place, he had noted the extraordinary increase in the number of fanciers of British birds, and consequently in the number of British birds kept in captivity.

There was a time when it was considered the most cruel of all practices to keep wild birds in cages. That might be true in reference to just a few varieties; but the idea generally was being dispelled. Look, he said, at the vast number and variety of hard-billed birds now kept in cages; so kept, indeed, as to enable them to retain health and lovely plumage. It had been said that the full beauty of the plumage of wild birds could only be attained in their wild state; but anybody who had visited the round of shows in 1907 must have been struck with the health, vivacity, and beautiful plumage of many of the Goldfinches, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, etc., that were shown.

The increase in the varieties of hard-bills seen on exhibition had been large; and also that of softbills. Then, could not they learn something from the care and thought bestowed upon British birds in reference to the artistic staging and caging of them? This was one of the great things in the cage bird Fancy. It was the study of effect in the matter of cages in which wild birds were exhibited. One would almost conclude, at times, that the exhibitors were either artists in oil or water colours, or adepts in upholstery. It was hinted by the more suspicious that in some cases this cage decoration was done for the purposes of identification, and of unduly influencing judges. Mr. Gardner said he did not believe it. Judges had too much grit to be caught either by chaff or paint. It was, he thought, a lesson to all, coming from the experiences of 1907, that there was a deepening regard —might he say love?—for the beautiful wild birds they kept and exhibited, and it betokened a desire to see that they were happy and were kept for something else besides gain. It was a lesson of much moment, and one which touched the highest moral fibres of the Fancy, and made play upon the most sensitive strings of humanity.

The Objective and the Subjective Sides.

Another lesson was the great increase in the number of ladies and gentlemen who were willing to make sacrifices for the sake of their hobby and the scientific lessons it could teach. Look, said the speaker, at the vast advances which Mule and Hybrid breeding had made during the past few years. It had been well sustained and accentuated in 1907. At one time of day, the whole Muling world seemed to rest on a sleep! Whether the light Goldy-Canary Mules of those days were bred by a sleep was another matter. But a Sleep was practically a Mule god in those old days which some of them could remember.

Time was when Mule breeders could almost be counted on the fingers of one hand, and the number of light Goldfinch-Canary Mules was correspondingly small. Now, the number of Mule breeders and the light Mules bred — he did not say clear Mules—were as plentiful as blackberries in autumn. Not only so, but they had some large and most magnificent Goldfinch-Canary Mules. They had light Linnet-Canary and Greenfinch-Canary Mules of great beauty and size.

Then there was the Canary-Bully,—not the Bully-Canary, if they pleased. It was a mistake, Mr. Gardner thought, to put together the cock Bullfinch and hen Canary; the reverse was the better plan. Men, however, seemed determined to go forward, and these was no knowing where they would get to.

Look, too, he continued, at the still growing increase in the number of Hybrids produced. The rage for hen Bullfinches was most noticeable. Mr. Gardner said this taught him that that branch of the cage bird Fancy which engaged in Mule and Hybrid breeding was possessed of patience and had before it a high ideal.

The Yorkshire Canary Down South.

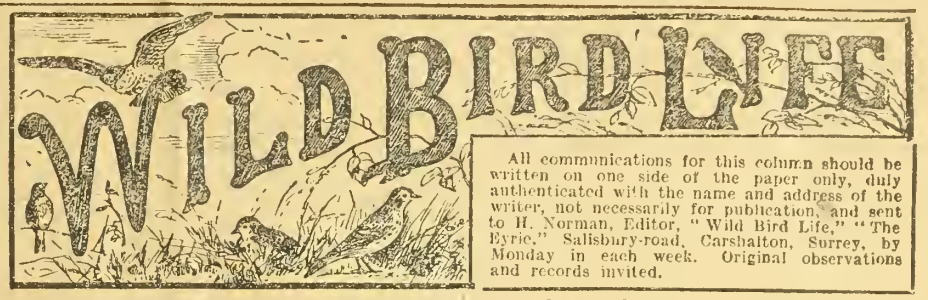
Mr. Gardner then drew attention to the great increase in the popularity of the Yorkshire Canary in the south of England. Interest had recently been awakened in its welfare. At this point of the address, two or three well-known fanciers showed themselves well on the alert, but the lecturer intimated that it would be outside his province that night to enter on the field of controversy. He proceeded therefore, as a well-known Fancier afterwards put it, to "walk amongst burning cinders and not scorch his feet." The speaker said there was much controversy about the rage for size in the Yorkshire Canary. One ardent spirit had said they had got them to 8 inches (laughter); he might have gone to a foot. But while he did not desire to enter on the field of controversy in that address, he might, in the light of what happened to the Norwich Canary advise "caution."

The Border Fancy Canary.

Next, he had noticed the great increase in the ranks of fanciers taking up the Border Fancy in the south. He was glad of this, for this beautiful little bird, with its jaunty carriage and lovely feathering, was well worth a prominent place in the Canary world. There had been a great growth of scientific interest in the study of cage bird life, in which the artist had played no inconsiderable part. They had been asked to pick off the correct head of a bird from an incorrect body, and stick it on a correct body that was "wrong in its head." They had been asked to show how they could substitute the good points on one sketch for the bad points on another, until they made a perfect bird. All this was evidence of a growth of interest and intelligence.

Mr. Gardner touched briefly on the founding of the Cage Bird Union and other interesting matters, and concluded by saying that the last lesson of 1907 which was impressed upon his mind was that of his own imperfections.

After a few questions had been put and answered, a vote of thanks to Mr. Gardner for his lecture was moved from the chair and carried unanimously.



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The Tuneful Skylark. Tits as Executioners.

Spring is coming. If we had no other sign, the singing of Thrushes alone would be sufficient to tell us that the members of the bird-world are fast approaching the season of love-making and song. At the very faintest streak of light in the east the speckled songsters commence to "hail the opening morn"; and more or less throughout the day until quite an hour after sundown, do these grand songsters "discourse sweet music." But they are not alone. The Blackbird has added his careless, fluty notes to the chorus, and the incessant singing of the Skylark is now of daily occurrence. This latter bird cannot remain long silent now, no matter what the weather is; he must be on the wing, and doing. How wonderfully his song has improved within the last few days! It is now a full-throated melody, with all the trills and shakes of the accomplished singer. His soarings are high, and the music well sustained. Nor does he choose his time, as he did a while ago; in sunshine, in rain, in wind, in frosty weather, he ascends, and with head to wind, always head to wind, excepting upon very calm days, when he makes wide sweeping circles, he sings to his lady love. But it is not all music and love making. Occasionally there are fierce fights between the cock birds, and very determined fights they are. There is no mutual cessation; one has to cry "enough," and be driven off before these battles are finished. Although soft-billed birds are so quiet when in captivity, so easily trained and so confiding, they are much more given to the fighting of serious battles than the Finches and Buntings. Possibly their mode of feeding makes them gross and more inclined to be quarrelsome than the seed-eating birds. Whatever it is, we see it in almost every species. Even the beautiful Nightingale is not exempt, but will wage dreadful war against a full-voiced rival. This is why one seldom hears more than one Nightingale in a copse or spinney. Look at the tiny Tit. What more murderous villain exists in bird-land? Not even the much-hated Hoodie can out-do him in deeds of blood. He is a murderer and a cannibal, and constitutes himself chief executioner to every ailing or wounded bird, no matter the size or species. I once had an extraordinary instance of this blood-thirstiness in a Tit. It was in this way. I caught one to make a picture of, keeping him for several days upon a liberal allowance of meal-worms, as he would not deign to look at other food. Deciding to let him go one morning, I found he looked seedy and unhappy. He had his liberty in the garden, where it was thought he would soon pick up. One of the visiting Tits soon found him, and made straight for the corner where he was. Interference alone saved him; but only for a time, for although he was placed under some wire netting, the healthy bird tried persistently to get at him, and eventually succeeded, although constantly driven away. Other Tits were in the garden at the time, and the doomed one belonged to the same flock; but the little murderer had noticed the ailing bird, and although repeatedly driven away, he returned, and patiently sat on the fence awaiting his opportunity. It is astonishing how quickly a Tit will brain a companion. I saw this occur once while a cage door was being opened to interfere. The bird placed his foot on the neck of his victim, and with two or three lightning like pecks, split the skull, devouring the brains before our eyes. These habits of the Tits are not confined to birds in captivity. The same methods are used in regard to ailing or wounded birds when at liberty. We have many an instance in Nature of the same kind, especially among animals, that is as far as the doing to death of the wounded one is concerned.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Gliding Flight.

In the art of "gliding" flight no bird can equal the Albatross. This is seen best in a strong wind. He will circle round and round, up and down wind, and ascend and descend, simply by inclining th body upwards or downwards. No wonder the bird can remain upon the wing for hours, and even days, for in such flight there can be no expenditure of force.

A Converted Sportsman.

In an article by Pattersen, the naturalist, we get a glimpse of the early efforts of a nature lover to follow his hobby. How he obtained his first gun is interesting reading. His parents objected, so the weapon had to be stored at a friend's. He says the finest bird he ever shot was an Avocet and he says he is sorry for it to this day. "The poor little thing had as much right to live as I have." Eventually the gun was thrown overboard altogether, "the sight of a poor maimed Thrush I had wounded, struggling to its nest with the blood dripping from its body, made me loathe the fowling piece." Many sportsmen are at least nature lovers, but few pause to think of the pain and destruction they are causing by indiscriminately shooting at every living creature.

A Bittern Caught near Leeds.

It is reported that a lad living at Bishop Monkton recently caught a fine specimen of the bittern—a bird rarely seen in England writes Mr. A. Hutchinson (Leeds). It is a bird which greatly resembles the Heron and is very handsome.

A Note on Albinism.

Albinism among birds is known all over the world, but it does not always mean that the bird will be pure white. In many cases plumage takes a yellow tint, and instance of which we had quite recently at the Crystal Palace Show in the first prize bird, which was a Bunting with white yellow plumage. One is inclined to think that the brown cinnamon coloured birds are closely akin to the albinos. The pink eyes and the clear legs and feet point that way, and it is more than possible that this peculiarity of plumage is transmitted from birds to young, or it may occasionally skip a generation or so, in proof of which, I know of a certain farm in a rather remote spot in Kent, where a race of pied or albino birds has existed for the last thirty years. A good specimen was obtained as recently as last season. Blackbirds appear to be most subject to albinism in this country, but in America rare feathered Robins are fairly plentiful and are the most numerous.

The Green Woodpecker.

A big Green Woodpecker in a cage, with his crimson crown, greenish plumage, and quick eye is an interesting object, although somewhat ungainly and cumbersome. But see him in the open, he is then as active as a Tit. It is astonishing to see his activity, how quickly he places the tree trunk between himself and the observer, he is up and down the tree, among the branches and round the other side in a flash. It is not often one gets a real good look at him. Once we were hidden by the brake and heather, upon a hot summer's day in a Surrey wood. We noticed the big green bird come hurtling by. He settled at the foot of a fine oak, and commenced to ascend, giving a tap with his strong beak here and there. At one place he stopped for some time hammering away lustily, evidently finding something to his liking. As is well known these birds collect insects by means of their long prehensile tongue with which they can easily reach any small insects hiding in the nooks and crevices of the bark.

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Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

FINE talking Indian Rock Parrot, sale or exchange for Rollers.—Bull, 40, Stafford-st., Dudley.

BARGAINS. Australian Parrot and massive cage, 15/-; pair Budgerigars, 6/6; exchange.—Parker, 37, Caldervale, Burnley.

WANTED, aviary bred hen Cockatiel, cash or Quaker, or three hen Canaries.—Lewis, 154, Hutton-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

RINGNECK Parrakeet, acclimatised, with cage; exchange pair Norwich Canaries, or sell 12/6.—Parker, Palm Villa, Gloucester-rd., Newbury, Berks.

FOR Sale, rose-breast Cockatoo and cage, 30/-; exchange Canaries, Goldfinches, or Pomeranian bitch; approval.—Lorimer, Paumurefield, Broughty Ferry.

GRAND Moustache Parrakeet and cage, house-moulted, 20/-; exchange small Foreign or offers; mutual approval.—Wilson, 80, Westgate, Guisborough, Yorks.

GREAT Lemon Crested Cockatoo, acclimatised, tame, speaks, 25/-; cock Woodlark, 3/-, or exchange approval, deposit.—R. Robertson, 10, Mansfield-avenue, Musselburgh.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE cage fronts, any size, for Canarics.—Baldwin, 60, Marroway st., Birmingham.

WHAT offers for bushel clean mixed wild seed; nearly half thistle.—Tucker, Aldbourne, Wilts.

FOR sale, 80 "hobbies" fretwork designs, 4/6, or exchange.—G. Hatton, Ramsbury-rd., St. Albans.

FIFTY yards wire netting, 4 feet high, 35/-; exchange.—Curtis, Industrial Dwellings, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GENT'S cycle, 24in., £2 10s.; exchange birds; stamp particulars.—Algar, Whickham-st., Sunderland.

WELL-BRED rough-haired Terrier bitch; exchange German Roller, or Bovril picture.—111, Albert-rd., Blackpool.

EXCHANGE, nice Sable Collie pup for good 1907 Norwich hen; bird first.—Reynolds, 35, Horton-hill Terrace, Epsom.

FOR sale, silver albert and seal; or exchange Yorkshire hens; stamp.—James Moore, Toft Hill, Bishop Auckland.

SPLENDID (O.E.G.) spangle cockerel, sale, or exchange cock Canaries, songsters.—104, Fisherton, Salisbury, Wilts.

A GRAND black retriever bitch, good guard, 15/-; exchange for good Canaries.—Tom Weedall, Greengrocer, Winsford.

SOLID silver centre, seconds chronograph stop-timekeepers; good profit.—Write Geo. Sunders, 171, Park-rd., Oldham.

GERMAN hollow-ground razors (warranted), 5/6; or exchange Canaries to value.—Henry, 5, Islandrd., Barry, Glam.

A good Foreign lever, sell 14/6, jewelled, good time-keeper; exchange pair Canaries.—Stenton, 62, Milton-st., Finsley.

GOOD air-gun, cost 25/-; exchange for two German cocks, or Goldfinches, singing.—Buckmaster, 5, Violet-rd., Leyton.

CHILD'S wheeling-out chair, cost 18/6 last year; exchange Canaries or anything useful.—Wood, 14, Ada-crescent, Leeds.

EXCHANGE three pair Pigeons, good, short distance for cock Canary, or two hens. — Wilds, 8, Chestnut-rd., Horley.

ON sale, Airedale pup, or exchange for good singing Canary, or anything useful.—Watkinson, 26, Sunny-rd., Southport.

WHAT offers in Crests and cages for carpenter's tools and tool chest.—J. W. Cherry, 11, Henbie-st., Stoneyholme, Burnley.

ENLARGEMENTS, 10/6, send photo only, pay 1/- weekly afterwards; exchange, offers, goods first.—27, Moy-rd., Taffs Well.

FORTY-SEVEN coloured art bird plates and 12 "Bird World" magazine, for Goldfinches.—J. Fraser, 3, Fraser-st., Aberdeen.

A few Norwich Canaries and British birds, breeding cages, loose fronts, fittings.—3, Myrtle-rd., Boundary-rd., Walthamstow.

NO OFFER in Yorkshire Canaries refused for £1 1s. Cricket bat, almost new.—Curtis, 144, Milton-st., Maidstone, Kent.

BARGAIN. Massive brass chandelier, three lights, cost £5; exchange Canaries, anything useful.—Fenton, 11, Chester-st., Leeds.

GRAND cottage aviary, 4 ft. wide, height 4 ft., length 5 ft., sell 20/-; exchange Canaries.—Talmage, 67, Guelph-st., Earlsfield.

LANCASTER'S International ½-plate camera, with stand complete, lens cost 21/-; what offers cash? — Wyn, Eirianfa, Conway.

A CHAMPION tricolour Collie bitch puppy, five months old, 35/-; or exchange for good Canaries.—Weedall, High-st., Winsford.

CROSS-BREED collie dog; exchange fowls; or anything useful; what offers, cash 10/-?—Hammoud, 59, Twilley-st., Wandsworth.

EXCHANGE 600 Travlee cigarettes for one pair typical Norwich Plainheads.—Sergt. J. Lewis, Tanypant, Llanberis, Carnarvon.

PERSIAN female kitten, four months old; exchange for good Buff Norwich cock Canary.—Adam Brown, Ettrick-rd., Selkirk.

EXCHANGE strong gent's cycle for two cock Yorkshire Canaries, or sell 15/-.—Godward, 5s, Princes-st., Southend, Essex.

TWO pair Archangels, four pair grand prize and prize-bred show Homers; 30/- lot, or exchange.—Lynch, 57, Cliffe-rd., Strood.

THREE pairs flying Homers, one young, 9/6; exchange pullets, anything useful.—Harbord, 68, St. Paul's-st., Islington, London.

PAIR of brass scales, with brass weights, complete, and tobacco jar; exchange birds.—W. Cooper, tailor, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

BREEDING cages, new, four single, 2/-; four double, 3/-, one treble, 3/-; loose fronts.—Dobson, Parker-st., Cornhill, Keighley.

COLLIE bitch (sable and white) 10/-; large kennel, 10/-; sell or exchange anything useful.—173, Westminster-rd., Gorton.

BELAH BRASS cornet, by Hawkes, in good order, 45/-, or exchange Yorkshire Canaries.—George Oven, Independent, Buxton.

EXCHANGE gent's gold-filled guard, for good singing Paler cock Canary; approval.—Mrs. Taylor, 3[illegible], Stockbridge, Cleckheaton.

[illegible] Norwich Variegated Agate hen (prize bird, 18[illegible] exchange Canaries, poultry, anything [illegible] Jersey.

EXCHANGE [illegible] Wordsworth's History of [illegible] for cock [illegible]; no chopper.—W. Rudd, 6, [illegible] Macclesfield, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE two large bronze metal figures, "Swordsmen," 30 inches high, for Canaries; sell £4.—M. Kerins, 220, Thistle-st., Glasgow.

TOOLS, useful Handyman's odd lot, for loose fronts, Canaries.—Evans, 28 Brackley-rd., Chiswick.

EXCHANGE joiner's tools of all kinds for Canaries; handy for cage-making, tradesmen, etc.—M. Kerins, 220, Thistle-st., Glasgow.

THREE Dutch Rabbits, four Bantams, two gent's cycles, nearly complete, lot 30/-; exchange Canaries.—Cutts, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields.

GLASS, thousand pieces, 8½ by 6½; what offers, for Lark; or exchange for Canaries or cock Goldfinches.—B, 29, Philip-rd., Peckham.

WILL exchange Flemish giant Does and new small garden lights for Canaries.—Knight, Grove-villas, Waterloo-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

STRONG gent's cycle, excellent condition, free-wheel, Bowden brake, cost £16; £4, or Yorkshires to £5.—Parker, Carr-st., Huddersfield.

GRAND, blue Bedlington dog, 16 months, grand hunter and killer, price, 21/-; or exchange.—Gardiner, Gates Court, Brook-st., Carlisle.

SPLENDID new trout fly-rod snake rings, wheel line, net, tackle, 17/6; exchange Canaries.—Charters, Hairdresser, Caldergate, Carlisle.

BEDLINGTON terrier dog, rough, good guard, 10 months, sell cheap; or exchange, anything.—Rawley, 50, Wycombe-rd., Tottenham.

BARGAIN. Gold lever watch, cost £15 15s.; pledged for £2 5s.; sell ticket £1; exchange Canaries.—Wood, 14, Ada-crescent, Leeds.

EXCHANGE rough-hair fox terrier, 10 months, been to earth to badgers, for Canaries, or sell.—Lobb, Glendower, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

GIVING up fancy, six pairs flying Homers, flown Newcastle; exchange Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Canaries.—Morffew, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

EXCHANGE good hen, March 1907, Black Leghorns, six pullets and Cockerel for high-class Norwich.—32, Second-avenue, Plaistow, Essex.

BLUE greyhound bitch, 2 years old, hare or rabbit; sell 40/-; exchange Yorkshire Canaries; offers.—James, Liverpool House, Aberyswyth.

FIFTY phonograph records, Edison Bell, etc., some good as new, 12/-; or exchange breeding Canaries.—Thomas, 10, Leigh-rd., East Ham.

FOUR Dutch rabbits, 3/- dozen; one buck; exchange Rollers or Yorkshires; offers anything.—Thos. Young, 6, High-st., Hemel Hempstead.

GENT'S morning coat, chest 40, waist 36, as new, sell 12/-; or exchange cock Canary.—Ceecroft, 14, O, Peabody-buildings, Hamfort-st., Lambeth.

WILL exchange an old violin, value 20/-, for good songster or pair of Norwich.—Address, Master R. Philpot.—The Garth, South Hill, Guildford.

EXCHANGE for good Canaries, magic lantern, telescope field glass, Bovril Pictures; also coupons.—Hoare, 16, Pattison-rd., Child's Hill, N.W.

STANDARD Rudge-Whitworth, worth £5; will exchange four pairs of Yorkshires and Norwich.—Bingham, 186, Conuty-rd., Walton, Liverpool.

HOT-WATER oil stove, converted into gas, with flue pipe, burner, etc., cost 30/-; exchange cycle tyres, sell 12/-.—Higgins, North-rd., Brighton.

MARLIN repeating rifle, fires 14 shots; exchange for talking Parrot or double breech loader; offers; sell, £3.—Cowan, 10, Alexandra-terrace, Tronn.

WANTED, new breeding cages; exchange splendid pen buff Orpingtons, six hens and cockerel, value 35/-.—W. Stokes, 52, Summerley-st., Earlsfield.

TWO pedigree rough haired fox terrier bitches and one smooth dog, five months, 10/- each, or exchange; Canaries preferred.—D. Chesney, Yarm.

VERY handsome young fawn Whippet dog, parents winners of handicaps, 25/-; or exchange Canarics.—Morrison, 26, Colebrooke, Cambuslang.

SPLENDID Thrush cage, enamelled inside and out, value 6/6; exchange for two 1907 hen Canaries, or bird pottery.—Gibbs, Wyndham-rd., Chatham.

WANTED Finch stock cages, will give double breeder or single dome Palace aviary, both nearly new, value 25/-.—A.P., 4, The Square, Carshalton, Surrey.

EXCHANGE English lever watch, cost £4, for Yorkshire terrier, must be good, or sell, 35/-; approval; deposit.—G. Kirkbride, Heathwaite, Windermere.

EXCHANGE 50 "Hobbies'" with patterns, 24 "Black and White" war books, for hen Canaries, or cock Goldfinches.—Hicks, 41, Prospect-place, Doncaster.

JACOBINS wanted, what offers in long-feathered Jacobin pairs, not blacks, for grand Yorkshire or Norwich.—Robertson, Tailor, St. Mary's-crescent, Portsmouth.

EXCHANGE grand young (white) Pom. dog puppy, four months, for pair good Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries.—Foster, Albion-avenue, Old Shildon, Co. Durham.

EXCHANGE Black Pom. dog pup, eight weeks, little white breast, sell 55/-; Canaries preferred; pedigree.—Luther Jebson, Wood, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

BULLFINCHES for Parrot cage, phonograph, records for Goldies, Crest or Plainhead hens.—Phillips, Taxonhurst, Westbury-avenue, Wood Green.

FIFTY-THREE CAGE BIRDS, 8 beautiful coloured plates, and good razor, for Yorkshire cock, or British cocks.—C. Groves, The Star, Belgrave Mews West, London.

HANDSOMELY marked fox terrier dog puppy, three months, 7/6; exchange Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Canaries; approval.—Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

AVIARY, two-compartment, 15/-; field glasses in sling case, 10/-; phonograph, and records; exchange for Norwich or Crests.—F.C.C., 3, Market-parade, Lordship-lane, N.

BLACK morning coat and vest, good condition too small for me, cost £4; fit 39 inch chest; exchange Canaries, anything, to 25/-.—Bownes, Grocer, Ashover.

TWO lovely jet black curly French poodle bitches, perfect toys, champion pedigree, 12/6 each; approval; or exchange Canaries.—J. C. Smeaton, Broad-st., Stirling.

PHOTOGRAPHY. Genuine Lerebour lens, whole plate, Taylor Hobson's view finder, four printing frames, 25/-; or pair clear Yorkshires.—Rink, 40, Altham-st., Blackburn.

OFFERS. Exchange top-boot irons, plated steel spurs, leather garters, stirrup leathers, good, for large 1907 Norwich or Crests.—Turner, Thomas-st., Rowbarton, Taunton.

EXCHANGE first-class fishing rod, with two tops and gun metal wheel, cost 32/-, new condition, for Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshire.—Holmes, 63, Aglionby-st., Carlisle.

LOOK! Will give dress length or suit length, any colour, for cock and three hen Canaries, or two cock, or six cock Bullfinches.—Cummings, 12, Cross Catherine-st., Leeds.

WANTED, Norwich; exchange 25-egg incubator, Reliance patent, splendid hatcher, 25/-; sell or exchange, what offers.—Field, 19, Newington-crescent, Kennington, London.

110 copies CAGE BIRDS, 24 blank Parrot Pictures, 15 book combined, dated 1900; book of Birds, dated 1895; exchange either for cock or two Canaries.—Jacobs, Tendring, Wecley, Essex.

EXCHANGE boy's violin, bow and case, sell 15/-; lady's silver watch, 12/6; new dining-room suite, seven pieces, leather or figured cloth, sell £8 10s.—Walker, 34, Hathaway-st., Mareyhill.

EXCHANGE four dozen large size Begonia bulbs, best strain, value, 12/-, for good Hartz Mountain Roller cock, in song, or good Yorkshire cocks.—Tipping, Sycamore Cottage, West Malvern.

COLLIE dog, three years, by Bostonian Sapphire, no time to see after it; exchange good singing Canaries, or good British birds, anything useful, or 40/-.—A. G. Camden, Beach-st., Swansea.

SIX-COMPARTMENT breeding or flight and four Norwich; also 110 CAGE BIRDS, 19 plates, four supplements; what offers; will separate; particulars.—Patterson, Oak-st., Southbank, Yorkshire

CHAMPION pedigree pair Airedales, dog 21 months, bitch, 3 years, £5 pair; would exchange half value, yellow variegated Norwich hens, 1907, and few Germans.—27, Camden-rd., Tunbridge Wells

QUARTER-PLATE camera, dishes, frames, brownie camera photographer's electric light set, 2 Leclanche cells, medical coil, brown anchor game; exchange offers.—Knight, Cottrell-st., Aberfan, Glam.

VARIEGATED Norwich hen, Bovril picture, "A Tempting Bait," 120 CAGE BIRDS, 18 plates to date, for clear Canaries, opera glasses; or sell cheap; London only.—Hobden, 34, Paternoster-row, E.C.

EXCHANGE gent's solid silver Waltham lever watch, 30/-; also gent's Inverness mackintosh, 20/-; what offers in Yorkshires or Norwich, or sell?—Haw, The Lodge, Park-avenue, Roundhay, Leeds.

FOR sale, as new, one Gamage's metal double breeding cage (proof against red mite), cost 13/6; sell 6/-; a bargain; or exchange phonograph, records.—A. Plevin, 21, Queen's-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

WILL exchange Russian Pug dog, two years old, good pedigree, grand lady's pet, and small, for Canaries, or sell 50/-; on approval; splendid companion.—Baker, 64, Madeley-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

WRITE us for table cutlery in all varieties; Pioneer silver forks, spoons, electro-plated teapots, cruets, etc., exchange Canaries, British birds, etc.; stamp for reply.—Cutlery Co., 24, Carnarvon-st., Sheffield.

WILL give 24/- dozen for Yorkshire or Norwich hen Canaries; 4/- each for Norwich cock; 1/- each for hen Mules; any quantity, or exchange; clap nets or ready cash.—John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

HYBRID breeder's collapsible wire flight, four feet long, three high, two wide, 5/-; five good show cages for British or Hybrids, 5/-; exchange tip-top Bramblefinch.—Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

PHONOGRAPH and 18 records, sell 12/6, or exchange cock and two hen Canaries, aviary 27 inches by 18, height 42; exchange small cages, cock Greenfinch, caged three months 1/-; offers.—Tyers, East Leake, Loughboro'.

EXCHANGE, three unflighted buff Norwich hens, one muling Goldfinch, 35 yards, 4-ft. netting, or gents' clothing; equal new, for two typical unflighted, variegated yellow Norwich cocks.—Coote, Rosary, Isleworth.

"TROUBADOUR" large musical box, inlaid, on top, nearly new; cost £2 2s.; 19 tunes cost 1/6 each; will exchange for matched pair of 1907; crests to value of £2 10s.—James E. Watson, 12, Northfield-place, Aberdeen.

EXHANGE Columbia graphophone, 25 records, reproducer, and recorder, large brass horn and stand, aluminium trumpet, for good Norwich or Yorkshires.—J. Saunders, 10, Kelvin-terrace, East Combe-avenue, Charlton, S.E.

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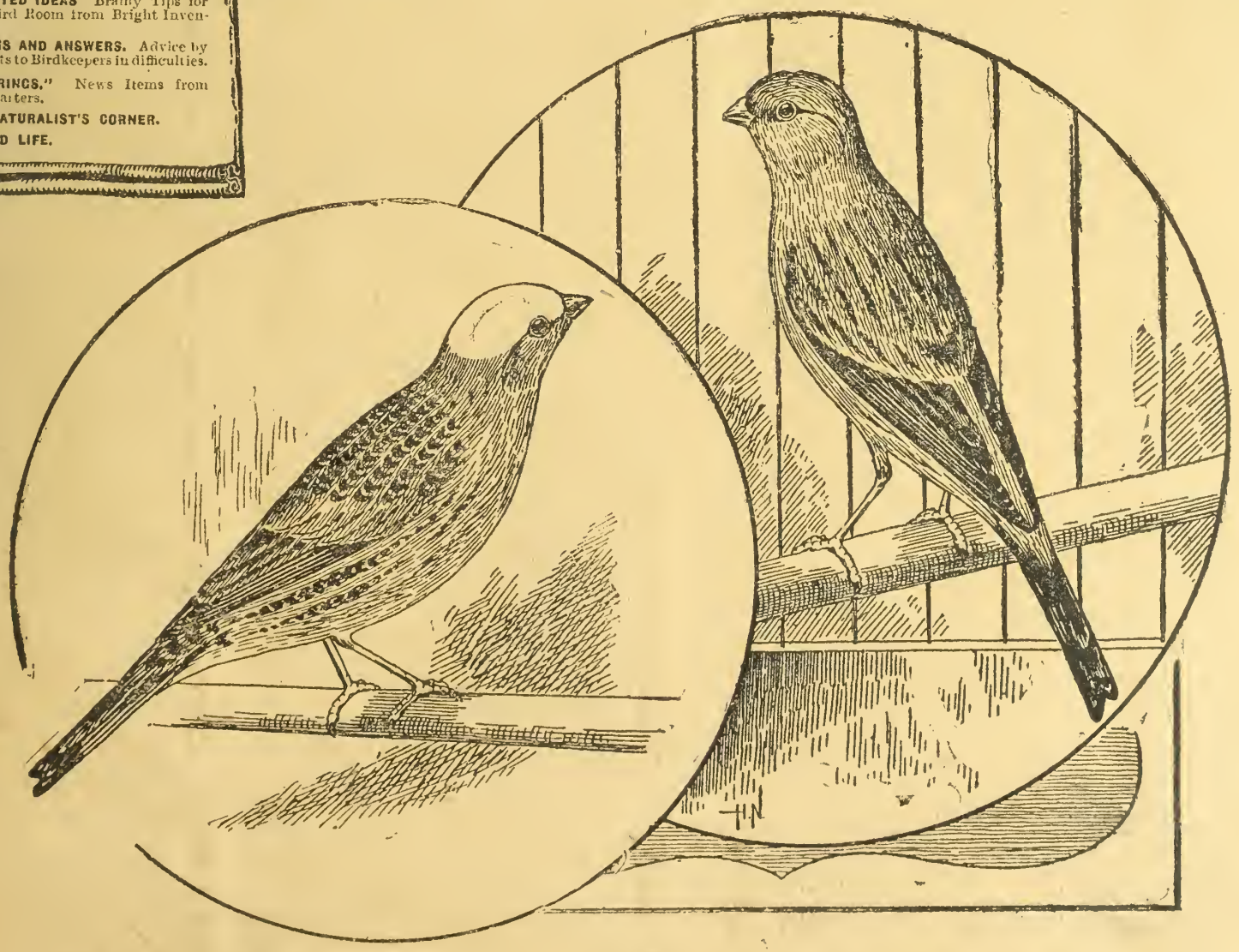

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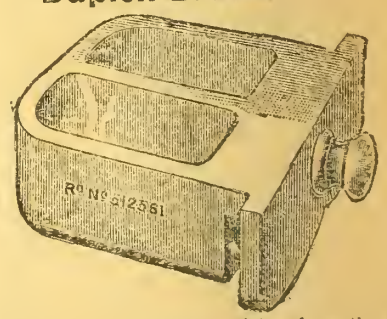

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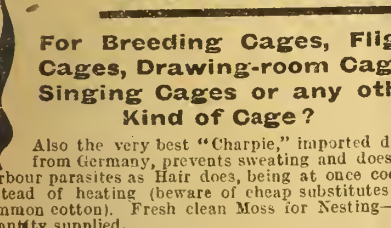

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SIX good Norwich cocks, full song, 30/-.—Cave, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

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NORWICH, seven good cocks, 1907, 5/- each.—J. Hardy, Gamekeeper, Longport, Wye, Kent.

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NORWICH hens, good, anxious for immediate breeding, 2/6 each.—W. Perkins, 1, Blewett-st., East-st., Walworth, London.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/6, 8/6; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

HENS, variegated, 2/6; cocks, 6/-; Goldfinch, house-moulted, 3/6; inspection invited.—Lowe, 212, Droop-st., Queen's Park, W.

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THIRTY young Norwich hens, all colours, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; week's approval; deposit.—Elliott, Hairdresser, Ashby-rd., Loughborough.

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HAVING selected my stock, can spare two grand pairs of Norwich, 25s.; 18s. each.—F. Till, Model Village, Creswell, Mansfield, Notts.

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NORWICH Plainheads, from my winners Mansfield, Grimsby, Nottingham; pairs from 15/-; few odd hens.—Barwise, Talbot-st., Mansfield.

GIVING up. Grand pairs from 12/6; cocks from 7/6; tight type and quality.—Brennand, Heywood-st., Great Harwood; approval anywhere.

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Ticked or Variegated Buff	7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6
Evenly-marked Yellow	21/0, 25/0, 30/0, 42/0
Evenly-marked Buff	18/6, 22/6, 27/6, 35/0

NORWICH PLAINHEAD HENS.

Clear Yellow	4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6
Ticked or Variegated Yellow	4/6, 5/6, 8/6, 10/6
Clear Buff	3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6
Ticked or Variegated Buff	3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6
Evenly-marked Yellow	10/6, 15/6, 21/0, 30/0
Evenly-marked Buff	9/6, 14/6, 20/0, 25/0

Norwich Crested-bred Plainhead Hens.

Clear Yellow	8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6
Ticked or Variegated Yellow	7/6, 9/6, 11/6, 15/6
Clear Buff	6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6
Ticked or Variegated Buff	5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6

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Hens—Yellow or Buff	8/6, 10/6, 15/6, 21/0

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Nos.	1	2	3	4.
Pairs Properly matched for Crested Breeding	12/6,	15/6,	21/0,	30/0

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Ticked or Variegated Yellow, with Dark Crest	12/6, 15/6, 21/0, 30/0
Grey Crested Yellow	10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 21/0
Buff with Dark Crest	12/6, 15/6, 21/0, 30/0
Ticked or Variegated Buff, with Dark Crest	8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6
Grey Crested Buff	8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6

NORWICH CRESTED HENS.

Ticked or Variegated Yellow, with Dark Crest	10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 21/0
Grey Crested Yellow	7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6
Buff, with Dark Crest	8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6
Ticked or Variegated Buff, with Dark Crest	6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6
Grey Crested Buff	6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6

Norwich Crested-bred Plainhead Cocks.

Clear Yellow	10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 21/0
Ticked or Variegated Yellow	9/6, 11/6, 14/6, 18/6
Clear Buff	8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6
Ticked or Variegated Buff	8/6 10/6, 12/6, 15/6

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BUFF Norwich cocks, full song, 7/6; 30 hens, ready to nest, Buff, 2/6, 3/-; Yellow, 4/6; approval; 1907 birds.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

NORWICH cocks from 5/6; hens from 2/6; selected pairs from 9/6; all birds in robust condition; satisfaction guaranteed.—Simmons, Well-st., Buckingham.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; pairs, 7/6, 8/6; grand typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

NORWICH cocks from 7/-; hens from 4/-; pairs from 10/-; few pairs Yorkshires; cash or deposit; postcard before birds.—W. Taylor, Station-rd., Hinckley.

TYPICAL Norwich, Sandiford's strain direct, buff cock, two yellow hens, 22/-; nearly even marked yellow cock, 12/6; approval.—E. G. Roberts, Roche, Cornwall.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD from my winners; Hinckley, Coventry, Leicester pairs from 10/6; few odd birds.—W. Growdridge and Son, Clarendon-road, Hinckley.

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1907 NORWICH cocks, clear or variegated, in full song, ready for breeding, 4/6 each; hens, 2/6; money returned if not satisfied.—J. Thompson, Three Gates, Belper.

GOOD Norwich cocks, full song, Buff and Yellow variegated, 7/6; clear and variegated hens, 3/-; pairs, 10/-.—Baker, 15, Rochester-avenue, Upton Park, London.

A FEW prize-bred Norwich to spare; cocks from 7/6; hens from 4/6; also some Yorkshire hens from 2/6; cold-room bred.—Thos. Harrison, 8, Nicholson-st., Warrington.

TYPICAL Norwich, few grand clear and variegated birds for sale, 10/- to 20/- each, bred off and related to winners; stamp; approval.—Lawson, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

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LARGE Norwich yellow cock Canaries, 6s.; buffs, 5s.; yellow hens, 3s. 6d.; buff, 2s. 6d.; cock Goldfinch Mules, 7s.; white-legged cock Goldfinch, 8s.; bred mules.—James Green, Tailor, Dereham.

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LARGE Norwich cocks 5/-; hens 2/9, English cock Goldfinches, house-moulted, 3/-; one pure white-legged, sure mule 4/6; piping cock Bullfinch 2/-; stamp; approval.—Head, 7, Webster Cottages, Dereham.

ONE large yellow Norwich hen, for sale; good head and neck; grand stock bird, 20s.; also large Buff cock, 20s.; also few Buff hens, good value, Palace strains, 8s. each.—J. Evans, 85, Kemble Street, Prescot.

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NORWICH Plainheads, best blood in the Fancy; matched, unrelated pairs, 9/6, 10/6, and 12/6 per pair; cocks, full song, 5/6, 7/6 upwards; Yellow or Buff hens, 3/6, 5/6 upwards; approval.—Geo. Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich.

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HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries, cocks in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; pairs, matched for breeding, 9/-, 10/6, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- pair; money returned if not approved; stamp reply.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich.

L. J. RICHARDSON, winner two teapots, challenge cup, over 50 cash prizes, has for sale Buff cock, Yellow hen, 20/-; ditto pair, 22/6; Yellow cock, Buff hen, 20/-; ditto pair, 25/-; Yellow cock, 17/6; another, 30/-; songsters, 8/6 and 10/6.—91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe, London.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries (cold-room bred), cocks in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; I have some large stock pairs, properly mated for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; no waiting; if not satisfied, money returned.—Fred Heathcote, 55, Havelock-st., Leicester.

NOTICE. Handsome Norwich-bred cocks, medium size, but really good songsters, 4/- each; cock and hen, real good pairs, 6/6; or two cocks, 7/6; single hens, 3/-; songsters, 4/- each; pairs, 6/6; two cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/-; all strong, healthy birds.—Mrs Jones, 46, Claybrook-rd., Walham Green.

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A few left; pairs, 8/6; or separate cock, 6/6; hens, 3/- each; in good condition.—Barret, Post Office, Stepney High-st., London.

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Selected stock for breeding. Can spare a few pairs, 15/- to 25/-; worth double; stamp reply.—69, Allen-rd., Northampton.

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2, St. Gile's-terrace, Norwich, breeder of high-class birds, has for disposal hens from 3/-; cocks from 5/6; state your wants; approval on deposit willingly.

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Large colour-bred or natural cocks in full song, 7s. 6d.; hens, 5s. 6d. each; 10s. 6d., 12s. 6d. per pair; nest at once. Cheap at 20s. Ten days' approval.—Enslfield House, Dewsbury.

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Having decided to reduce my breeding stock, I have some grand birds for sale; cold room, colour-fed all from my prize-winners; pairs from 20/-.—T. Boydon, Peckham House, Peckham, S.E.

High-class Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries.

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Having selected my breeding stock, I have some yellows and buff cocks to part with; all in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; Yorkshire cocks 6/6, 7/6 each.—Matt Hopkins, 38, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

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bred from Palace winners, **12/6, 15/-, 20/-**

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Large Bullfinch type, good heads, fine, silky-feather, best blood in the fancy; 30 years breeder, many winner sold by me, and I sell birds to breed winners; reasonable; approval.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-road, Nottingham.

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84, Heath-road, Norwich, for prize-bred Norwich Plainheads; winners at leading shows and have hundreds of testimonials; grand pairs to breed show birds, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards; cocks in full song 6/-, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens 3/6, 5/6, 7/6 upwards; all in good breeding condition; approval.

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Westfield Aviaries, offers grand collection Norwich Plainheads, all my own breeding, cold room, pink of health, excellent strains, pairs ready for immediate breeding, rare value, 8/6, 10/6; gems, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; fine bold cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; rattling good hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 upwards; last season I received extraordinary flattering testimonials; large number already this year; approval; cash or deposit.

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Having decided to reduce my breeding stock, I have still for disposal

Six yellow cocks, 20/- and 25/- each
Four buff cocks, 20/- and 25/- ,,
Six buff hens, 10/-, 15/- and 20/- ,,

3 Days' Approval. Address—

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offers bargains this week in typical Norwich; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; splendid hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4.6, 5/-, 6/-; pairs, correctly matched for breeding, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; upstanding Yorkshires same prices; travelling cages, 3d. extra. See advert. February 22nd for testimonials. One trial order will prove I give best possible value for money; cold-room kept, healthy, and tight-feathered; inspection invited; three days' approval; cash or deposit; illustrated list free.—R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

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offers grand Plainheaded Norwich cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6,, 12/6, 15/- upwards; ditto hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; ditto pairs, selected and matched for immediate breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, upwards; selected Norwich songsters 7/6 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, and 21/- each; sex in all cases guaranteed; all on approval; simply state wants; correspondence a pleasure; send to-day for current price list of birds and catalogue of all appliances post free; postal and telegraphic address, Wicks Bros., Norwich.

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Notice.—Write or call, and see my splendid stock of Norwich. These are grand, large, round, chubby Bullfinch type birds. I have a large stock of every colour. Every bird feather like silk and in splendid condition. Every cock warranted singing; all on six days' approval, on receipt of P.O., or deposit note. Yellow, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, Yellow hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6 5/-; buff hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6.—Note the address, Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N. Five doors from Cross-st., green cars pass the door.

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State requirements, with stamped Envelope for reply or send for extended Current Price List free. Note few following prices for this week, from the largest collection in the World to-day. **Cocks,** clear yellow, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-,** upwards. Clear Buff, **6/-, 6/6 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** upwards. Ticked or Variegated, **5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** upwards. **Hens,** clear yellow, **4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.** Clear Buff, **3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-.** Ticked or Variegated, **2/9, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-.** Pairs Norwich Plainheads, matched for Breeding, **7/6 8/6, 9/6.** But don't expect the best either in size, quality, &c., at the lowest fixed prices because that would be inconsistent. Travelling Cages, 3d. extra. Note—**I pay carriage back,** others do not, but that is one of the things they don't tell you.

W. RUDD, *THE Bird Specialist*,

NORWICH.

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Champion Norwich and Crests; one of the largest studs in the Eastern Counties; our latest success at Crystal Palace Show. Limit classes, five cash prizes, including silver medal; Plainheads from 8/6, 10/6 to 30/- per pair; songsters, 7/-; hens, Buff, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; Yellows, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6; extra good Yellow hens, 10/- to 20/-; Crests, cocks or hens, plenty of feather, strong and reliable, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- upwards; Crestbreds, cocks or hens, with good bold skull, and well lashed, 7/6, 10/6, 20/-; matched pairs, 15/-, 20/-, to £5; approval or deposit; satisfaction guaranteed.—Payne and Bennett, 73, Knowsley-rd.

BARGAINS IN CHAMPION PLAINHEADS

Have still to spare the following high-class show and stock birds at one-third their real value; sold two Plainheads recently that won two seconds at the last Palace Show, in keenest competition, 1906 bred; large, stout, clean Yellow cock, Bishop's strain, price 25/-, 1907 bred; Yellow cock, good size, type, full of quality, real topper, price 30/-; another nearly as good, price 25/-, 1907 bred; clear Buff cock, rare type, good head and wing carriage, a beauty, price 15/-; another, clear Buff cock, extra large, beautifully mealed all over, very stout, regular bouncer, can win easily, Bishop's strain, price only £2 2s., honestly worth double; large ticked Buff cock, Vardy's strain, 1907 bred, price 15/6; also one or two good Yellow and Buff cocks at 10/6 and 12/6 each; bred from great winners; monster clear Buff hen, 1906 bred, Baker's strain, price 15/-; 1907 bred ticked Buff hen, real charmer, Trengove's strain, price 12/6; other good Buff hens, of good size, type, and quality, at 5/6 and 7/6 each, wonderful value; 1906 bred Yellow hen, Baker's strain, red-hot colour, breeder of £16 worth of stock last season, rare size, head, and stout, lowest price 25/-; other good Yellows, 1906 and 1907 bred, prices 5/6, 7/6, and 10/6 each, all worth double; cold-room kept, and perfectly healthy; note, such leading exhibitors as Messrs. Irons, Davis, Davidson, Henderson, Baker, Hutchison, Towers, Kilby, Brown, and numerous others have had Norwich from me recently; many great winners sold; send your orders at once and state exactly your wants; only typical specimens sent out.—Address to George Cubley, Roman Villa, Long Sutton.

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I offer you typical Norwich bred from and related to birds that have won Prizes at leading Shows. (No Half bred or foreign rubbish here.) I Guarantee every Customer Satisfaction.

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Amongst my stock are many winners and Birds fit to win in Good Company. Every bird for sale at reasonable prices.

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More winners produced from this strain than any other. Birds sold by me have won at most of the all-England shows in keenest competition, and a great number were bred from stock pairs supplied by me. Some of the champion exhibitors owe their success on the show bench to this wonderful strain; procurable only from me. I can supply the champions and give satisfaction, and I will place the novice and amateur on the same footing by giving him exactly the same high-class Norwich at moderate prices. My pairs at 40/6 have no equal, and cannot be bought elsewhere at double; in fact, every bird I send out is double value. Why be disappointed with unreliable strains? Pairs properly matched by an expert and breeder. Special attention given to see that the cock and the hen have the necessary points to breed really high-class specimens. All orders have my personal attention, and fanciers can rely upon getting exactly what they require at moderate prices. Giant stock pairs, 20/6 to 40/6; Yellow cocks and hens, 12/6 to 25/6; ditto Buff, 10/6 to 22/6; approval to any part of the British Isles. A few choice Crests, Crestbreds and Yorkshires. Cream of the fancy reasonable.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

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Having selected my breeding stock,

20 Good Pairs at 20s. & 25s. Pair,

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SEIFERT'S cocks, 7/6; few grand hens, 2/6. Approval.—Hitch, Stafford-st., Walsall.

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SINGING Canaries, guaranteed cocks, and on full song, 7/- and 8/- each.—Renshaw, 164, Walmersley-rd., Bury.

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I have 12 warranted, pure Seifert Roller hens, 3/- each. I will give name and address of breeder to any purchaser.—Pimm, Icknield Port, Birmingham.

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Good English, cold room bred, trained cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; Seifert hens 4/-, 5/-, on 7 days' approval; cash or deposit.—G. Percival, 24, Wellington-rd., Wrexham.

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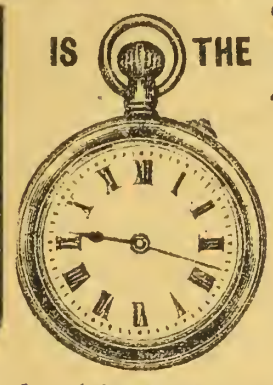

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A bona fide working man's opinion.

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Brownstoun, Curragh Camp, Ireland. Feb. 22, 1908.—Just a line to let you know the pair of Yorkshires are alright. They are a lovely pair and I must thank you for your prompt attention to my small order. It won't be the last. They are far beyond my expectations.—J. German to W. Rudd.

Can confidently recommend to all who want their money's worth.

Bennett's Buildings, Chickenley, Dewsbury. Feb. 11, 1908.—The two birds I ordered from you have arrived safely, and I am highly satisfied. I wish to thank you for promptness in which you have despatched them. I can confidently recommend you to anyone who wants their money's worth.—C. Barstow to W. Rudd.

How do you do it?

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Smart work.

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Your method of conducting business cannot be too widely known.

Police Station, Cowdenbeath. Feb. 11, 1908.—The Bullfinch arrived safe on the above date, and I have to thank you for prompt attention. I shall never lose an opportunity of commending you to other fanciers, as the specimen you have sent me is well worth the money. Your method of conducting business cannot be too widely known.—J. Mitchell to W. Rudd.

Would not believe until shown.

6, Jenkins Row, Deri, via Cardiff. Feb. 13, 1908. —I received box of articles for cage and bird keeping. Thanks for your straightforwardness. There was a person in my house one night showing me a few catalogues from some more specialists, and he had birds from them as well. I went and saw them. He thought there were no such birds worth the money to be had, but when I told him what I gave you for my birds and cage he was almost dumbfounded at the price and good quality. He would not believe me until I showed him your catalogue. I am so pleased with your dealing that I am giving you another order, and it won't be the last; I shall recommend your name for good stuff and quality to everybody as far as I possibly can. —D. Evans to W. Rudd.

The manner you deal with strangers.

18, Moon Street, South Shields. Feb. 12, 1908.— Just a line to let you know the Border Hen I received alright, and am very pleased with it, and the manner you deal with strangers. Will give you another order soon.—W. Davies to W. Rudd.

Worth a great deal of praise.

4, North Gardens, Brighton. Feb. 19, 1908.—I am pleased to say that the birds arrived quite safe this afternoon, and permit me to congratulate you on such a speedy delivery, as I think it is worth a great deal of praise. I am very pleased with the birds, and hope to meet with success with and I hope to get you a few customers by them.— R. Pearce to W. Rudd.

Statements you make no exaggeration whatever.

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Better Birds than I have ever before seen at the price.

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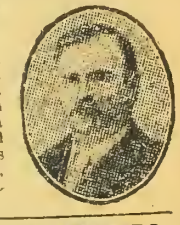

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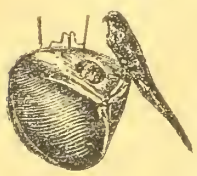

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BEAUTIFUL moulted cock Blackbird, grand songster, can win, with cage, 10/-; exchange Canaries, or offers.—46, Upton-rd., Newport, Mon.

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WILL exchange house-moulted cock Goldfinch, sure muler, for yellow Border cock, or sell 5s.—George Aitchison, Main Street, Fauldhouse.

COCK BULLIE, 2s. 6d.; Linnet, 2s. 6d.; Goldfinch Mule, 6s.; Cinnamon hen, 4s.; Greenfinch, 2s. 6d. Offers, Lawton, 10, Buxton Avenue, Crewe.

EXTRA large cock Linnets, for muling, 2/- each; giant Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, 1/-, 1/6; exchange.—James, 41, Henrietta-st., Blackburn.

FOUR cock Greenfinches, two cock Bullfinches, one Goldfinch-Canary, Mule cock; exchange offers.—L. Arnold, High Street, Raunds, Wellingboro'.

GREENFINCH hen Bullfinch, cock Redpoll, hen Goldfinch, cock Goldfinch, cock Linnet, exchange yellow Norwich hen.—R. Pinnell, Warminster.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch for good Norwich cock Canary, or sell, 6/-; approval.—Murphy, Broomknowe, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

SMALLEY, Kilworth. Cock Bullfinch, cock Chaffinch two Mules; good feeders; 3s. 6d.; exchange four cages, fronts 24 by 14, punch bars.

COLOUR-FED Blackbird, 1906, winner; show cage 10s.; exchange good singing Mule or Canary and cage. Approval both ways.—Fred Kivell, Bideford.

EXCHANGE two house-moulted Linnets and Goldfinch, very steady, for pair Yorkshire, or sell, 10s. 6d.—Knowles, 62, Springfield Street, Preston.

GRAND, hand-reared cock Bullfinch, 5s.; two Linnets, 3s.; exchange muling Hens; winner '07-8; splendid condition; offers.—Hillier, Mackenzie Street, Paisley.

SIX aviary-moulted large, stout, cock Linnets; well pencilled; grand singers; certain mulers; exchange hen Canaries.—F. Simonds, High Street, N., Dunstable.

TWO Siberian cock Goldfinches. Exchange singling Linnets, Linnet mules, pure Linnet notes; hen Canaries, or offers. Sell 15s.—Hutton, 118, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

FOUR Linnet Mules, cocks, cold-room bred; exchange for disc records, wood for cages, or fancy aquarium, or what offers.—G. Spencer, 91, Church Street, Middlesbro'.

COCK Siskin Mule, 6s. 6d.; Box two show cages, 6s. 6d. Exchange good pair Norwich, two cock Goldfinches.—W. Crisp, 5, Bradley's Yard, Wells Street, Grantham.

HAND-REARED, house-moulted cock Thrush, and Blackbird, both singing splendidly, 5/-, exchange small birds; fortnight's approval.—Harris, 118, Faringdon-rd., London.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Muling Goldfinch; very steady, 6s., or exchange for Siskin hen. First and two seconds only time shown.—Llewellyn, Llysnewydd, Henllan, Cardiganshire.

WILL exchange a very large Siberian Goldfinch, feed from finger, sure muler, for good Yellow Yorkshire cock. Approval Yorkshire first.—Fellowes, 43, North Terrace, Aberystwyth.

GRAND large white-legged cock Goldfinch; warranted muler, 8s. 6d.; bargain; approval. Eighty clean coloured plates, cash offers, exchange.—Frayne, Gaydon Street, Barnstaple.

TWO cocks, Linnets, one Bullfinch cock, one Greenfinch hen, all house-moulted; exchange for buff Norwich cock, to value 12s. 6d.—J. Taylor, Dunsdale, Gnisborough, Yorkshire.

COCK black-faced Weaver, cock Bramblefinch, a beauty, Robin and Canary, all out-door aviary moulted; exchange a pair of good Norwich, to value.—T. Southam, Honeybourne, S.O.

THREE nice cock Linnets, singing, 2s. each; steady Bullfinch hen, 3s.; all in grand condition; exchange wanted, good yellow Scotch Fancy hen.—John Middlemiss, confectioner, Duns, Berwickshire.

EXCHANGE cocks, four Bullfinches, one Redpoll, one Linnet-Mule, one Linnet, and two hen Linnet-Mules, for two large Yellow Norwich cocks, garden-aviary bred.—Bradly, 197, Magdalen-st., Colchester.

NICE variegated Greenfinch Canary Mule, cock, sell 15s., or exchange Pathe's disc records to suit Model F machine. Approval; records to be sent first.—Thos. Brisbane, 4, Sunnyside, St. Ninian's, Stirling.

COCK Bullfinch, house-moulted, with hen Canary, 8/6 the pair; cock Linnet, house-moulted, with hen Canary (bred Mules last season), 8/6 the pair; what offers in cock Goldfinches?—Bassett, 8, Queen-street, Gravesend.

THREE excellent dark Goldfinch Canary Mule cocks, grand songsters, 7s. 6d., or exchange for Siberian Goldfinch cocks or Siberian Bullfinch hens, or offers; approval.—R. Treharne, 41, Castle Street, Maesteg, Glam.

TWO cock Bullfinches, aviary moulted, 5/- each; cock Greenfinch (bred Mules), 4/-; two cock Larks, singing, 3/- each; yellow Yorkshire cock, 7in. long, 3/-; what offers in common Canaries.—Inkpen, Queen-street, Gravesend.

NEST HAND-REARED Bullfinches, three hens, two cocks, two Canary-reared cock Greenfinches. Sell £1. Approval, deposit; or exchange high-class Norwich or Yorkshires, cages, anything.—C. Downing, Raunds, Northants.

TWO hand-reared large Brown Linnets, two years old, in full song, bred Mules, 20/-; or exchange for pair Roller Canaries; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval both ways.—A. Frampton, Hinton Admiral Station, near Christchurch, Hants.

Mainly Canaries.

To be Sold or Exchanged

HENS, two large Norwich, 3/6 each; exchange offers.—15, Aldbridge-st., Walworth.

FOUR grand Norwich cock Canaries, in full song, 5/- each.—McNaughton, Alne, Yorks.

EXCHANGE good pair of Yorkshires, what offers.—Cooper, 196, Ballspond-rd., London.

SPLENDID pair Norwich, 9/6; offers fowls, anything.—Lenton, 17, Brightmore-st., Sheffield.

WILL exchange a good yellow Cinnamon cock for large yellow Cinnamon hen.—Tom Burton, Falmouth.

SPLENDID opera glasses in leather case; exchange cock Canary.—Smith, Orchardleigh, Highworth.

THREE hen Canaries, two Borders; exchange singing Mule or fishing rod.—Sharpe, Yetholm, Kelso.

EXCHANGE three Yorkshire cocks for African or Amazon Parrot, 20/- lot.—Parker, 37, Caldervale, Burnley.

EXCHANGE five common Canaries for good Roller or Yorkshire cock, sell 7/6.—Allum, 35, Beren's-rd., Kensal Rise.

DARK Yellow Linnet Mules, 12s. 6d.; exchange yellow Norwich hen or Siberian Goldie.—John Esplin, Bonnybridge.

EXCHANGE pair 1907 Crested Canaries for really good Goldfinch Mule.—Mouncher, Portland-st., Southampton.

TEN Norwich hens, 1907, from 3s. 6d.; exchange one for cock Goldfinch.—Doel, 39, Holberton Gardens, Willesden.

YORKSHIRE hen, small aviary, four Greenfinches; exchange Canaries, Bantams.—Daish, 8, Trafalgar Road, Horsham.

EXCHANGE Border cock and Bullfinch hen for yellow Yorkshire cock.—John Shaw, 97, Shore Street, Gourock.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, sell 21/-; would exchange Norwich or anything.—Turner, 13, Percival-st., Hightown, Manchester.

PAIR high-class Borders, 1907 bred, even-mark bred, 15/-, or exchange breeding cages.—Robert Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles.

WANTED, Norwich cock; exchange white Angora buck and doe, good breeder, value 10/-.—Foy, 111, Spa-rd., Bermondsey.

EXCHANGE, tick yellow Yorks. cock, smart bird 25/-, for Goldfinch, or other British.—Riding, 103, Cocker-st., Blackpool.

TWO unflighted yellow cocks (Norwich) bred from winners, 20/-; exchange breeding cages.—James, 81, Jersey-rd., Abergwynfi.

NORWICH Canaries, full song; new cage, 10s. 6d. Exchange for good Thrush and cage.—Mr. Forward, Victoria Bridge, Leeds.

THREE pairs Norwich Canaries; exchange Toy Terrier, offers anything useful, or sell 50s.—Watson, 15, John Street, Arbroath.

THREE pairs high-class Yorkshires, 10s. per pair, or exchange oilcloth, carpet, or offers.—J. Minikin, 4, Bronte Street, Keighley.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries sale; exchange anything useful, or wearing apparel; cock, 10/6.—Arden, 43, New-st., Bloxwich.

LARGE buff Cinnamon cock, good head; exchange for Crest or Crestbred cock or sell 20/-.—Nason, Forester's Arms, Nothampton.

GREEN crested hen, 1906, 30/-; exchange crested cock buff, Norwich cock; approval.—Heal, South Row, Sunniside, Fence Houses.

EXCHANGE box cage, with loose front, for hen Canaries; or best offers.—H. Roberts, joiner, Brooklyn Terrace, Bagill, Flintshire.

PLANED pine boards ¾in. by 12 in., all lengths; exchange cage fronts, or Canaries. — Ridge, 190, Robertson-st., Battersea, London.

OFFERS in Canaries for carpenters' plough and bits and glaziers' diamond, almost new.—Ward, Yard 93, Stricklandgate, Kendal.

BUFF variegated Norwich cock, winner two 3rds, 10/-; exchange buff hen, approval. — Lawrie and Welsh, Lawson Square, Brickhaven.

TWO smart Buff Yorkshire hens, 4s. 6d. each; or exchange good sound Spanish Canary Seed to value. Lees, 15, Oldham Road, Rochdale.

EXCHANGE typical pair Yorkshires for extra good large Green Crestbred hen; slate age, strain.—Watson, Ballycarry Station, Ireland.

TWO Lancashire and Norwich cross cocks, 1907; 12s. 6d. each; or exchange for good Goldfinches.—Dickinson, Cadman Cottage, Whitby.

GOOD 1907 heavy feathered buff Crestbred hen, 10/-, or exchange good Cinnamon hen; approval.—Kearl, Woodstock, Ringwood, Hants.

SEVERAL high-class hen Canaries and cock Linnet mules; ladies' dress goods and boots.—Address, R. T., 2, Carr Road, Lancaster.

SALE or Exchange, pair Hartz Mountain Rollers for foreign birds or hen Canaries to value 20s.—E. Sharp, 23, King Street, Wellingborough.

NOTICE, wanted good Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, good prices given for good birds.—M'Keand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas.

L. NIXON wishes to exchange singing Norwich cock Canary, beautiful bird, for a pair of cock Goldfinches.—Glenco House, Town-st., Pinxton.

MATCHED pairs, Borders, from 10/6; exchange matched pair, Yorkshires, or Norwich Yellow hens.—Robert Lambie, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

BORDER fancies, cock and two hens, £2; exchange toy pup, picture frame, would exchange two hens for cock.—11, Newington-rd., Edinburgh.

WANTED, Lathe Poppet accessories or Joiner's Tools. Give Yorkshire Canaries; sell 15s. pair.—Charles, 33, Radnor Street, Peckham, London.

FEW pairs Crest, good stock birds, giving up, sell very cheap; exchange offers small pom wanted or gun.—Mr. Clinnick, Alwyn-terrace, Torquay.

CHAMPION high-class Yorkshires, not rubbish (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper or brass.—M. Cooper, 25, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorks.

SPLENDID Buff Norwich cock, winner two seconds, 15s.; yellow cocks, 6s. 6d., 7s. 6d.; Norwich hens, 2s. 6d., 3s. 6d.—Burge, Whittington Moor.

ONE pair or high-class Yorkshire Canaries (Knight's strain) for disposal, or exchange for Germans.—Apply Haynes, New Street, Worcester.

WILL give three Yorkshire hens, or pair of good hollow-ground razors, and part cash with either, for good Roller.—Thwaites, 53, Pontefract-lane, Leeds.

TWO good Yorkshire hens, yellow and buff. Sell 6s., or exchange good muling Goldfinch; approval both ways.—H. Pitts, 147, West Street, Bedminster.

GRAND colour-fed Norwich, full song, 7s. 6d.; exchange two muling Norwich hens, or house-moulted cock Goldfinch.—Barnes, 36, Kendal Street, Carlisle.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires and Yellow Cinnamon Norwich hen for two Norwich cocks. Norwich first.—H. Challis, 9, East Parade, Skelton, Cleveland, Yorks.

NORWICH buff cock, two buffs, one yellow hen; exchanged for good unflighted yellow Norwich cock.—Dawson, 117, Primrose Street, Farnworth, Bolton.

VARIEGATED crestbred 1907 hen, feathered beak end, for yellow Cinnamon or Norwich hen, Siberian Goldfinch, Cinnamon Yorks. hen.—Reddall, Bunstable, Beds.

TWO Norwich hens, flight and box cages, appliances, sell or exchange. To value for good Greenhart fishing rod or trunks.—The Butler, The Knoll, Kingston Hill, Surrey.

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine-handled knives and 6 nickel silver forks and pair of sugar tongs for 2 cocks or 5 hen Canaries.—Robert Simpson, 10 Court, 4 house, Fawcett-st., Sheffield.

WHAT offers in Norwich Yorkshires or Crests for grand African Grey Parrot and cage, no rubbish wanted or offered, or sell for £4.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

SCOTCH Fancy Buff Green cock, good size and back, 30/-; or exchange two Yellow Cinnamon hens, Norwich type; mutual approval.—Hamilton, Oliverrow, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, 2 pairs bred from the best blood obtainable, £2 per pair; grand hen 15/-; exchange, talking Parrott, toy dog or bitch.—Ford, Tobacconist, Silverdale, Staff.

A GRAND crested cock and crestbred hen, 25/-; champion black Rosecomb Cockerel, 10/-; and black red Pullet, 10/-; or exchange for good Canaries.—Wordall, Greengrocer, Winsford.

EXCHANGE 1907 crest hen Canary for steady Goldfinch, loud songster, or exchange above hen and singing Canary for show Mule, Goldfinch notes.—Wollard, "The Links," Shrewsbury.

TICKED yellow Yorkshire cock, four buff hens, 1907 bred Bailey's Swanger's strain, 35s.; exchange Norwich. Approval both ways.—G. Swift, Ward's End, Stackholmes, near Matlock, Bath.

GOOD 1906 yellow Yorks. cock; won third same year; also yellow variegated Yorks. hen. Exchange two good Lizard hens. Lizards first.—Bancroft, Manor Villas, Victoria Road, Todmorden.

SALE or exchange two Buff cocks, one natural, 15/-; one fed, 25/-, winners 1sts and specials; exchange for two yellow cocks to value; approval willingly; no rubbish; Yellows first; also one pair Chaffinches for muling, twice house-moulted, 5/-.—G. J. F. Whyte, Hatton, Aberdeen.

THREE Roller hen Canaries, 1s. 9d. each; Dark Goldfinch Mule, Finch notes, 5s. 6d., 12s. 6d. parts after Pretoria, 7s. 6d., cock Greenfinch, cock Yellowhammer, 1s. each; caged October last. Vol. 2 "Practical Grocer," 6s.; lot 25s. Offers or exchange.—Gregory, Co-op., Stourport.

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NEW BILTON AND DIS. F.S.

A members' show was held at the Royal Oak, New Bilton, on Feb. 17th. Mr. W. Gilbert judged and his awards were: CAN. OR MULE: 1, Smith; 2, 3, 4, Wood. BRIT. BIRD A.S.: 1, 4, spl, best bird, Tysell: 2, Farn and Laburnham; 3, he, P. Tysell; vhc, Smith. FOR. BIRD A.S.: 1, Jones.—Jno. Greatrex, Sec.

LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.

A Table Show was held on Feb. 18 at headquarters, White Swan Hotel, when Mr. E. Noake judged. OPEN NOR. HEN. BUFF: 1, 3, he, Hales; 2 Needham; vhc, McCarter. DITTO AMATEUR: 1, 2, Kilsby; 3, vhc, Bent; he, Smith; c, Hunt. DITTO NOVICE: 1, Wood; 2, 3, Colver; vhc, Peberdy; he, Vole; c, Buck. Messrs. Hales, Kilsby and Colver won the point specials in each section.—C. Draper, secretary.

THE SHOWS.

BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

The following were the awards at the February monthly show, cage bird section:—YORKS. COCK: 1, Gibb, small typical Yorkie cl. Buff. HEN: 1, Gibb, nice cinn. tkd. hen, good style; 2, 3, Pearson, 2nd tkd. yell. hen; 3rd, tkd. buff. NOR. COCK: 1, Gibb, nice tkd. yell. HEN: 1, Gibb, nice small tkd. buff hen. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Gibb, dark Crested hen; 2, Danckidge, tkd. Crested hen. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Gibb, fine boy, cheeky. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Gibb, nice Bramble small; 2, Winchester, good Linnet. Mr. Gibb won special for best bird in show with his Bramblefinch.

SANDY LANE AND DIS. C.B.A.

The last members' show for the season was held on Feb. 15. There was a very good turn-up of birds. Mr. Lewis Bolton (Girlington) was the judge. CL. YELL.: 1, Bailey and Swanger; 2, J. Wilson; 3, Buckle. BUFF: 1, 3, Bailey and Swanger; 2, Wilson. CLASS 3: 1, 3, Bailey and Swanger; 2, Wilson. CLASS 4: 1, Bailey and Swanger. CLASS 5: 1, Buckle. CLASS 6: 1, Buckle. CLASS 7: 1, Coates. CLASS 8: 1, Bailey and Swanage; 2, Drake and Son; 3, Wilson. CLASS 9: 1, Bailey and Swanger; 2, 3, Wilson. The specials which were put up for competition for most points throughout the season were as follows:—First Section: 1, Bailey and Swanger; 2, Wilson; 3, Wood. Second Section: 1, Buckle; 2, Coates; 3, C. Kirby.—B. Buckle, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

The annual matched pair show was held at the Star Inn, Masbro, on Feb. 15th. There were some very good birds shown. Mr. Webster, of Rotherham, judged, and his awards were very well received, doing him great credit.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Brotherton, clear yellow, splendid Yorkie., stands on a good pair of legs, has even wings, a grand head and feathers like silk; 2, Oates, another grand bird, good back and wings, nice legs and head well up. BUFF: 1, Oates, good back and head; 2, Brotherton, real gem, close as wax, good all-round bird. PAIRS OF YORKS.: 1, Brotherton, long, yellow cock bird, close in feather and buff hen, good type, straight as a rush, well matched; 2, Bagnell, good buff cock, grand size, a good stock bird, yellow hen, very nice feather, good pair; 3, vhc, Oates, third very long, ticked yellow cock, the right sort for stock and a very good buff hen, well matched, pressing second very hard; vhc, another good pair; hc, Smith, good stock cock bird, fine length, well up on legs and a very good yellow hen. NOR. YELL.: 1, Bailey, good body and feather. BUFF: 1, Smith, good ticked hen, nice type and size, judge said was almost perfect. PAIRS: 1, 2, Bagnell, both good pairs; 3, Hayes, even size; vhc, Bailey, one of the best Norwich hens in show. MULE OR HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Bagnell, Goldfinch and Bullie; 2, Greenfinch and Bullie; 3, Canary and Greenfinch.—W. Brotherton, Sec.

W. OF SCOTLAND N.B.M.B. & F.A.

The annual show of pairs was held on February 22nd in Good Templars' Hall, Ingram-street, Glasgow. The entry, both for quality and quantity, was very good, and gave the judge, Mr. A. Miller (Acaster-Isaac) some trouble to pick out the winners, which he did, however, to the satisfaction of all.

CREST: 1, spl, Young, Crest cock, good radiation, C.B. hen, a clinker, plenty lashing and size, grand pair; 2, 3, Henderson, two very promising pairs; 4, Andersen, good Green Crest cock and a nice C.B. hen. PLAINHEADS: 1, spl, Muir, clinking clear buff cock and yellow ticked hen, all there for type and quality; 2, 4, Hutchison, former grand pair variegated; 4th, clear cock and var. hen; 3, Young, clear buff cock and yellow hen, best hen in class; some very likely pairs kept back. BORDERS: 1, spl, 2, Young, two ideal pairs, 2nd preferred by some; 3, 4, Lappin, the Rutherglen winners, but beaten here. MULING PAIRS: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Muir, a good stud, headed by a large Siberian Goldie and large yellow hen; 2nd, Brit. Goldie and Sib. yellow hen; 3rd, Linnet, and extra large yellow hen; 4th, Siskin, and yellow hen, all in the pink of condition. HYBRIDS: 1, spl, Muir, big Siberian Goldie and Bullie, an easy win here; 2, Laurie, Greenie and Bullie, very good Greenie; 3, 4, Andersen, Bramble and Chaffinch and Goldie Bullie, in good condition. After the judge had placed the cards a novice judging competition was entered into, the result of which will be made known at next meeting, March 7th.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

The members held a show of matched pairs on February 15th at their headquarters, "The Crown." The quality was excellent, nearly all the winners being first-class, and were staged in fine form. The birds themselves, and the manner in which they were staged, reflected great credit upon their owners. The special for best pair went to Mr. C. E. Brown for his ticked yellow cock bird, Palace 2nd, and a smart high quality buff hen, which matched him well. The special for second best pair went to Mrs. Roberts with a pair for Crest breeding. Mr. W. H. Manley, the new hon. sec., had everything in smooth working order, and, to judge from his initial effort, we should say he will make an ideal secretary. After the completion of the judging the members sat down to a substantial meat tea. This over, a very pleasing little ceremony took place. Mr. J. H. Payne, on behalf of the members of the society, presented the retiring secretary, Mr. J. Munro, and his wife with a handsome pair of bronze figures, nicely mounted on ebony plinths. Mr. Munro, in expressing his thanks to the members for their thoughtful kindness, a kindness which would always live in his and his wife's memories, said how sorry he was that he could not carry on the secretarial duties any longer. But they knew that with his extra duties this was impossible. They could rest assured his interest in the society was as keen and as hearty as ever, and he would do whatever laid in his power to further the success of the society. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

PAIRS FOR CREST BREEDING: 1, 2, Mrs. Roberts, 1st good skulled, well-feathered Crestbred cock, matched to a good frontal Crested hen of nice droop; 2nd nice-feathered Crestbred cock, not quite so wide in skull as winner, and the hen beaten only in length of frontal crest. NOR., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 4, vhc, c, C. E. Brown, thigh ticked cock, grand colour and quality, nice shape with a good head and neck, well matched to a good, short flighted, and tailed hen of good quality and shape, a useful pair; 4th, cock good in quality and feather, hen rich in undercolour and nice shape; 2, 3, vhc, Tristem, second, Palace fourth prize cock, a bird of wonderful colour, feather, and quality, his mate has a deep, nicely-rounded chest and full neck, good in colour and quality; 3rd, nice-coloured cock with good head, hen fine shape, wide shoulders, and full neck, well-matched pair; hc, Roberts. BUFF COCK, YELL. HEN: 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, C. E. Brown, grand team, all well matched put down in good order, well-known wing tick leading, matched to a nice, shapely, good quality hen. YORKS. YELL. COCK AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Keegan, well known head and shoulder marked cock leading, matched to a nice natural-coloured hen of good feather and style; 2nd, rare nice pair of natural colours; 3rd, Stonelake, slim built cock, hen good in length and position; vhc, Haynes. BUFF COCK AND YELL. HEN: 1, Stonelake, nice-positioned cock, good colour, well-packed flights and tail, hen good length, narrow shoulders and nice feather, useful pair; 2, A. C. Brown, cock hot colour, well up on leg, hen slim and leggy, with good whip tail; 3, Keegan, similar pair and close up; 4, Haynes. NOVICE NOR.: 1, 3, Quarman, deep-coloured and good-shaped yellow cock, matched to a nice natural coloured hen of good shape and feather; 2, Fowler, nice hen, good shape, rich undercolour, good feather. YORKS.: 1, spl, A. C. Brown, nicely-balanced and useful pair; 2, 3, Burgess, smart style and close in feather. PAIRS FOR MULE BREEDING: 1, Bussey. FOR HYBRID BREEDING: 1, Haynes, good cock Goldfinch and nice hen Green linch, both in good feather; 2, Barry, clinking Bramblefinch, nice colour and spangling, hen Chaffinch in good feather; 3, Clark, Greenfinch cock, and nice-feathered and shapely Bullfinch hen. SELL.: 1, 2, Tristem.

DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

The members held their annual show of matched pairs of birds for breeding purposes at the George Hotel on February 19th. Mr. T. Hill (Thornaby) placed the cards, which were well received. Owing to the stormy day some of our members did not put in an appearance with their birds as intended, and 21 pairs of birds faced the judge.

YORKS. PAIRS: 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Wilcock; 3, Metcalfe; vhc, Mrs. Cuthbertson; hc, c, Black. NOR PAIRS: 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Mrs. Cuthbertson; 3, vhc, Oliver; hc, c, O'Connor. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Wilcock; 2, Black. PAIRS FOR MULE BREEDING: 1, 2, Metcalfe.

WIBSEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

The Society held the second members' show of the year on February 15. Mr. J. Hodgson had 73 birds staged, and he placed the cards to the general satisfaction of all members.

YORKS. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Chapman and Bateman; 2, Ormondroyd; 4, Bastow; vhc, he, Crowther; c, Taylor Bros. BUFF: 1, Crowther; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Mann; 4, Bastow; vhc, Hardaker; he, Sutcliffe; c, Ketteringham. TICK., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Thornton; 2, Norton; 3, Johnson; 4, Beamont; vhc, Crowther; he, Chapman and Bateman; c, Sutcliffe. BUFF: 1, Chapman and Bateman; 2, 4, Stott; 3, Dilman; vhc, Taylor Bros.; hc, Mann; c, Thornton. FOUL MARKED CK.: 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, Ormondroyd. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Hardaker; 3, Taylor Bros.; 4, Bastow; vhc, Bairstow and Chapman; hc, Stott; c, Johnson. BUFF: 1, 3, Taylor Bros.; 2, Hardaker; 4, Bairstow and Chapman; vhc, Johnson; he, Bastow; c, Lawson. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN: 1, 4, vhc, Sutcliffe; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Norton; hc, Thornton; c, Wright. YORKS. STOCK BIRD: 1, Hardaker; 2, Ketteringham; 3, Crowther; 4, Thornton; vhc, Shaw; hc, Ormondroyd; c, Mann. Messrs. Bairstow and Chapman won box of cigars for best vhc bird with a yellow hen.—E. W. Johnson.

REIGATE F.A.

The members held a first and most successful show of pairs matched for breeding on February 17th at Mutton's Temperance Hotel, Redhill. The society is practically only in its infancy, but it has had an experience which bids fair to develop into a very substantial one. About 40 pairs were staged, and the quality generally bore every indication that the members are on the pathway to success at future shows elsewhere than in Redhill. A nicer collection of Plainhead Norwich pairs one could hardly wish to see. Yorkshires were fairly good, and there were some good Lancashires and a pair or two of Lizards. Muling and hybrid pairs were very good. The birds throughout were in rattling feather, and showed well in view of the rapidly-approaching breeding season. Mr. A. J. Kilby won the cup with a spanking pair of Norwich, well matched, and equally well shown. The hon. secretary, Mr. A. W. Bacon, had everything in readiness for the judge. Mr. Geo. Gardner, at the appointed time, and his earnestness and method would be hard to eclipse; the society possesses a first-rate secretary, and one and all seemed to appreciate his labours. At the close of the judging, Mr. Gardner gave a short address to a crowded assembly of members upon the exhibits, and what to aim at generally in breeding. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Gardner closed a very pleasant evening.

NOR. (8): , 3, r, vhc, he, c, spl and cup, Kilby; 2, Cosier and Crisp. YORKS. (9): 1, 3, vhc, spl, Tillett; 2, c, Green; r, Stamford; he, Weller. A.O.V. CAN (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Green. BRIT. AND CAN. FOR MULING (8): 1, 3, spl, Green; 2, Bacon; r, Hannant; vhc, he, Lawrence. BRIT. FOR BREEDING HYBRIDS (6): 1, spl, Gallard; 2, r, Mitchell; 3, vhc, Powell. SELL. (no limit) (6): 1, spl, 3, hc, Green; 2, r, Kilby; vhc, Stamford.

BOLTON AND DIS. O.S.

A very successful table show for matched pairs for breeding purposes was held at headquarters, the Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton, on Feb. 19th. In the four classes provided 35 grand pairs were staged. Crests were a level lot, whilst the Norwich and Yorkshire classes brought together some magnificent pairs, competition being keen in both classes. Some grand birds were left without cards. The Mule and Hybrid class contained some nice pairs, the birds being in grand condition. Mr. J. Stringer, the sec., had the arrangements well in hand and deserves every credit. Mr. Albert Grundy, one of the oldest members of the society, was the judge, and his awards were very favourably received.

CREST (7): 1, vhc, Stringer, leaders variegated Crest cock and yellow green Crestbred hen, crest, nice and round, good leggy feather, C.B. good skull and feather, nice substance, very fine pair; 2, vhc, Laidlow; second grey crested cock and variegated Crestbred hen, both good size and substance, fine feather; 3, J. Smith, Crestbred cock and variegated crested hen, a good pair C.B., fine head and feather, crest centre, well placed, nice radiation and droop; c, Simms. NOR. (15): 1, 2, 3, J. and J. Hopkins, first variegated yellow cock and clear buff hen; second clear buff cock and tick yellow hen; third variegated nat. col. yellow cock and clear buff nat. col. hen; vhc, J. Smith, buff cock, good size, grand head, neck and chest, and a fine quality yellow hen; hc, Cooper, grand coloured yellow cock and an extra light feathered, grand typed buff hen; c, Parkinson, yellow cock, grand colour and quality buff hen, good type and carriage. YORKS. (9): 1, 2, Brooks, two grand pairs, leaders yellow cock and buff hen, good length and quality, nice back, wings and tail; second buff cock and yellow hen, again grand length and quality; 3, Hollis, variegated, yellow cock, good length and colour, grand position and style and a smart buff hen, good quality and type; vhc, he, S. Smith; hc, J. Smith. MULE, ETC., PAIRS (4): 1, Gerrard, Goldfinch cock grand blaze, colour and condition, and a smart Bullfinch hen; 2, J. Smith, another Goldfinch cock and Bullfinch hen; 3, Stringer, Goldfinch cock and Crestbred hen.

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TWITTERINGS.

I am changing my address to 15, Castlewood Road, Stamford Hill, writes Mr. W. Morris (Stoke Newington).

The Dover open show has been fixed for October 27th and 28th, writes Mr. A. S. Horrex, the secretary.

Kindly insert my new address in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Robinson. It is 45, Orchard-street, Otley.

Kindly announce that my address after this week, writes Mr. Ambrose Baldry, will be "Pretoria," 50, Blackhorse-rd., Walthamstow.

Report of novice Yorkshire classes at Queen's Park Show, writes Mr. H. R. Lowe (Queen's Park) should read:—2, vhc, c, Lowe and not Rowe.

The schedule for the Vale of Conway and Dis. F.A.'s forthcoming members' show will be ready shortly, writes Mr. A. T. Johnson, the Secretary.

Price list and testimonials reach us from Mr. J. Broxup, of 8, Pendle Street, Burnley, and judging by the latter customers receive complete satisfaction.

I was elected Secretary at the annual meeting of the Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S. in place of Mr. Brown, who declined to stand, writes Mr. G. E. Spencer (Wilnecote).

The City and Suburban A.C.B.'s year book for 1908 reaches us from the secretary, Mr. Wynn, and we notice an excellent programme for the season has been arranged.

Will Mrs. B. Hills, of St. Albans-rd., Kensington, let me know the number of her road, writes Mr. John Martin (Castle Douglas), and I will send the reply requested.

Mr. Thomas Smith writes that he has removed from 446, Victoria-road, to 56, Minard-road, Crossmyloof, Glasgow, and asks fanciers to kindly note the new address.

Kindly state that I had so many replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. T. Johnson (Southport), I could only reply to those who enclosed a stamp.

Mr. H. Thomas (Middleton) informs us that he has taken over the secretarial duties of the Middleton O.S. from Mr. R. Cowherd, who has had to retire through pressure of other work.

The Wolverhampton and District C.B.S., writes Mr. F. Howes, the secretary, have altered their show date to October 29th and 30th, and have engaged Mr. J. Robson to judge.

My committee have fixed October 15th and 16th as the date of the next "Royal" Leamington F.A. annual show, writes Mr. F. T. Pritchard (Leamington Spa), and have re-elected me secretary.

We are holding our Pair Show on Feb. 29th, at the Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, writes Mr. H. Dewhurst, Secretary of the West London F.A. Also our smoking concert on March 5th.

In connection with the Hartlepool's prize drawing, owing to the books not being returned in time, writes Mr. E. Woodhead, the Sec., it is impossible to advertise the winning numbers until March 7th.

Kindly thank all those who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, re Norwich Hens, writes Mr. J. Dimes (Hanworth). I had so many offers, I could not reply to them all. I had letters from all over the kingdom.

The judges for the South Shields C.B.S. Show, to be held on October 30th and 31st, writes Mr. Wm. Duke, the Sec., are Messrs. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), E. Brunskill (Darlington), and J. Shepherd (Newcastle).

I have bought new and commodious premises at 112, Cape Hill, Smethwick, Birmingham, writes Mr. H. Morris, the well-known seed merchant and bird dealer, and all letters should be addressed there in future, instead of to No. 57.

Will the gentleman at Lowestoft who wrote me an enquiry re Norwich Plainheads on Feb. 14th last, kindly forward me his address again, writes Mr. J. Hodder (St. Luke's, E.C.), as unfortunately in the rush of business I have mislaid his address.

Owing to the death of my wife, I am compelled to remove from 157, Leonard-road, Birches Head, Hanley, writes Mr. J. Simcock, Sec. of the Potteries and Dis. C.B.A., and in future my address will be 63, Fenton-road, Hanley.

We are holding our Annual Pair Show writes Mr. J. A. Tyler, Sec. Leicester C.B.S., this Saturday (Feb. 29), at headquarters, the "Hare and Pheasant" Hotel, High Street, open at 4 p.m., and shall be pleased to welcome fanciers.

We hear from Messrs. Barker and Turner, joint secretaries of the Long Eaton and District C.B.S., that the first annual open show will be held on November 28th and 30th, under Cage Bird Union rules. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. H. Roe.

A table show of pairs matched for breeding will be held on March 3rd, at headquarters, the White Swan Hotel, writes Mr. Chas. Draper, Sec. of the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., when Mr. E. Noakes will judge.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advt. in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. Goodall (Leeds). I was surprised at the number who did so. I could not possibly reply to all. CAGE BIRDS affords very interesting reading even if one has no birds he cares to know about.

Our Pair Show, I am pleased to say, was a financial success, writes Mr. J. C. Birch, Sec. Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. With a large number of tickets not yet paid for, we still have a balance of a few shillings in hand, and the whole of the prize-money has been paid.

Will Secretaries of Specialist Clubs desirous of holding their Club shows on the date of the Northampton Good Intent's fixture, viz., October 21st and 22nd next, writes Mr. G. M. Larkman, the secretary, kindly communicate with me at 210, Wellingboro-road, Northampton?

I must express my admiration for your paper, writes Mr. W. North, of Shadwell, near Leeds. I have taken one or other of your contemporaries for twenty years, but have only just come across CAGE BIRDS, and am delighted with it. I intend to take it weekly for the future.

Many thanks for the beautiful plate along with your excellent Palace number, writes Mr. Thos. Robson (Newcastle-on-Tyne). Really we bird men have a lot to be thankful for since you took our hobby in hand. I consider the plate the best work of art you have given us up to date.

My last week's advt. is another to be added to the long list of successful adverts. in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. R. Phillips (Wood Green) and I would like you to convey to all who answered it the fact that I was unable to reply to all, as the goods advertised were disposed of on the same day.

A grand concert, promoted by the Civil Service Fanciers' Association, takes place this Saturday (February 29th) at the "Talbot" Restaurant, 64, London Wall, E.C., when a splendid programme has been arranged and an enjoyable evening assured. All fanciers and friends (ladies especially) are cordially invited.

A splendid lot of testimonials concerning the merits of "Avisine" reaches us from the proprietors. All are of recent date, and speak eloquently of the benefits the writers' birds have received from this medicine, which is fast making a name in birdy circles. The names of many well-known fanciers appear at foot of the letters.

OBITUARY.

MR. JAMES SAMUEL (Musselburgh).

It is with the deepest regret that I have to announce to your wide circle of readers the sudden death of Mr. James Samuel, of Musselburgh, on February 22nd, aged 62 years, writes Mr. A. M. Gardiner (Newton Grange). He was well known among the Fancy, and was an enthusiastic supporter of all the local clubs. I am sure all fanciers in the district will join me in sympathy with the widow.

MR. DAVID HALL (Brixton).

All southern Yorkshire fanciers will hear with deep regret of the death of Mr. David Hall, of 134, Branksome-road, Brixton, writes Mr. H. Hillier (Southgate), for no truer and more sportsman-like fancier ever lived. He was only in his glory when trying to tell or show a novice how to breed a Yorkie. A great many South Londoners especially will miss him, if only for his kindly advice on how to pair up their stock or to wash and get a bird ready for the show bench, which he was only too willing to give at all times. Although suffering from a sad affliction for the past 13 years (which prevented him doing more than he did do for the Yorkshire Fancy) he only took to his bed with an attack of influenza and bronchitis on February 20th. He passed away on 21st February in his 37th year. His many friends will join me in deeply sympathising with his family in their bereavement. I hope they will do their utmost to help his sister to dispose of his valuable stock of birds.

Mr. G. J. Warley (Brixton) also sends a sympathetic letter.

I have sold all my birds which were advertised for sale in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. M. Firth (Leeds) and our house has been like a fair, people coming as late as 10 o'clock on Sunday. If there are many more letters coming, I shall have spent no inconsiderable amount returning postal orders sent for the birds, not to mention other enquiries. Your paper, CAGE BIRDS, has a large circulation.

At the meeting of the London and Counties A.C.B., at "The Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W., on March 2nd, at 8.30 p.m., a lecture will be delivered by Mr. A. Silver, writes Mr. J. Pretty, the hon. sec. Fanciers and others are cordially invited. I would also like to remind those interested, of our British Bird Show this Saturday, also at the "Bay Malton."

If any exhibitor at our last show has not received his or her special prize, writes Mr. B. Kirke, secretary of the Tonbridge and District F.A., if they will communicate with me I will see the matter settled. I wish your paper every success, and am doing my best to introduce it to the Cage Bird Fancy of our Association. I have been a constant reader for the last four years.

The February issue of "Bird Notes" constitutes the completion of the 6th volume of this well-conducted journal. As usual it affords interesting reading. Mr. R. Suggitt has some notes on nesting experiences during 1907 and Capt. G. A. Perreau continues his reminiscences of bird collecting and a shopping visit to Calcutta dealers. Mr. Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., the Editor, concludes his series of articles on "Feeding and Acclimatising Foreign Birds." The frontispiece consists of a photograph of two Moustache Parrakeets and is accompanied by explanatory notes by Mr. Page. Other features include "Nesting Notes" by Mrs. H. Bromet, and some notes by the Editor on Golden-crowned Conures, a photograph of specimens of which forms an excellent full-page plate. The usual indices to the volume are also included with this issue.

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Thanks for sending me "The good old ANNUAL." This is now my sixth "Annual" and is splendid. The coloured plate of the Bramble Chaffinch Hybrid is lovely and any of your readers who is without a copy is not an up-to-date fancier.—J. Osborne (Sligo).

Permit me to thank you for my CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which I have just received, and which I think much better than ever before, and a book that ought to be in every bird lover's hands, young or old, male or female. I feel sure, with this ANNUAL and a copy of CAGE BIRDS weekly, one cannot go far wrong in the Fancy. Wishing your paper every success. —F. Wyse (Mayfair, W.).

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In our last Birthday Number it will be remembered that we published a plate entitled "Half-a-dozen Ordinary Yorkshires," and that among these six birds were hidden certain parts which, if cut out and pasted together, would make one good exhibition specimen. A prize of 10s. 6d. was offered to the reader who could solve this puzzle, and in the event of two or more being correct, the neatest attempt was to take the prize.

We have to announce that this competition proved a huge success, several thousand readers finding amusement, and no doubt food for thought, in attempting to build up this exhibition bird from out the "duffers." Scrutiny of the attempts sent in has thus been a lengthy and difficult task, and it is only with this issue that we are able to announce the winner. The competitor adjudged entitled to the half-guinea prize is—

MR. FRED HAMMOND,
70, St. Margaret's Road,
Bradford, Yorks.

It is certainly not a little curious (and not a little fitting, readers will doubtless agree) that the secretary of the Yorkshire Union of Ornithological Societies should prove the winner in this competition. His attempt was absolutely correct in every particular according to the "key" sent us after the date of the competition closing by our artist, Mr. Norman. Mr. Norman states that the exhibition bird (as shown on his key plan) was intended to be made up as follows :—

Beak from No. 2; Head and eye from No. 6; Back and wings from No. 4; Tail from No. 1; Throat to tail (i.e., the front of the bird) from No. 3; Legs from No. 5.

Two other competitors, viz., Mrs. W. Fisher, 9, Wood Street, Lancaster, and Mr. H. C. Brooks, 90, Station Road, Horsham, Sussex, also succeeded in unearthing, so to speak, the correct parts, but for neatness their pasted-up birds were beaten by that sent in by Mr. Hammond. These three correct attemps, we may say, lie at our office, and may be inspected by any interested person who cares to call to view them.

Other competitors who came very near the mark were Miss Nellie Watson (Ballycarry), Messrs. A. W. White (Farnham), C. Ogden (Stockton-on-Tees), George Laurence (Halstead), F. G. Joiner (Portsmouth), W. H. Uzzell (Birmingham), E. Baggaley (Mansfield), W. Golby (Birmingham), and H. Wood (Cambridge). Some selected the wrong beaks, others divided the legs, and so got one or the other wrong—all were very nearly accurate. The majority of the competitors seem to be lovers of a marked bird, for an enormous number made up a four-marked or a two-marked bird.

In conclusion, we would draw readers' attention to our two competitions on similar lines concerning the Norwich Plainhead Canary. See plate on page 145 of our issue for February 15, and the particulars on page 153 (also repeated on page 214 this week).

An astonishing batch of testimonials reaches us from that world-renowned bird specialist, Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich—astonishing because their number is enormous, and because all have been sent to him (as the post-marks bear witness) during the present month of February. We never saw anything like it before, and understand from Mr. Rudd that even this huge batch does not include the many testimonials published by him during the month in the advertisement columns of the Fancy Press.

The annual dinner and social in connection with the Green Canary Association is due to be held on Tuesday next, March 3, in the Milbourn Assembly Rooms, 15, St. Anne-st., Liverpool. A good programme, to be followed by a dance, has been arranged, and the presentation of prizes will take place also. Friends are invited. An enjoyable evening is always assured at this dinner, tickets for which, 2s 6d. each, may be had from the secretaries, Messrs. S. Hadwin (28, Pembroke Place), or A. Thompson (205, Smithdown Lane).

Perhaps, Perhaps Not.

The Cuckoo was heard on the morning of the 20th inst., at Bentley, near Brentwood, writes Mr. E. D. Hutchinson, of Bentley Mill, to a daily contemporary.

Combined Meet in Bradford.

Kindly announce, writes Mr. John Greaves, secretary of the Y.C.C., that the joint presentation of prizes for the Yorkshire C.C., the C.M.Y.C.C., the Yorkshire Union, and the Bradford British Bird and Mule Club will take place at the Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, on Saturday evening, March 7th, at 6 p.m. prompt. A grand concert will be arranged by an influential committee, the chair to be occupied by Mr. D. Sunderland. An hearty invitation to be present is given to all fanciers and friends. We hope an enjoyable evening will be passed, and it is expected that a record number will attend, as this is a unique meeting in respect to the Fancy. We beg all prize-winners to be in attendance personally as far as possible.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

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Oct. 7 and 8.—**Peterboro' C.B.A.**
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Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.**
Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. & C.B.S.**
Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** J.H.R., C.H.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.** J.W. M.N.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties Plymouth).** C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.**
Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.**
Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.**
Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.** T. McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.
Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.**
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** H.B., E.B., and J.S.
Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.**
Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.W.
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Preston O.S.**
Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and R.E.S.
Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.**
Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.**
Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.**
Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.D., and W.A.C.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.**
Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**
Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 18.—**Reading & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Leeds C.B.S.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven.**
Nov. 21.—**Perth.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.**
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 28 and 30. **Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**
Dec. 2 and 3.—**Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.**
Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.**

The first pair stock show in connection with the Lewisham and District C.B.S. will be held on March 3rd, writes Mr. H. Thos. Lucas, the hon. secretary, when Mr. J. Robson will judge.

I find that Newcastle are holding their show on the same date as we had finally selected, writes Mr. Ernest Woodhead, sec of the Hartlepools C.B.S., and as we have no desire to clash, we are compelled to fall back on our old date, viz., Dec. 4 and 5. The lethargic C.B.U. have given notice to the effect that there would be a meeting called to arrange fixtures for the several districts, but it has ended there so far as I know.

I would like to thank all fanciers who assisted me with the sale of tickets on behalf of the widow and family of the late John McKenzie (Stirling), writes Mr. Hugh Moreland (Falkirk); also the President of the Falkirk and District Cage Bird Society with the other members who so kindly assisted with the drawing. The tickets sold well, and we are able to hand over to the widow a tidy sum. I would also thank the Committee of the Bannockburn Show for remitting back the entry fees which he had paid for their show, but at which he did not live to exhibit; it was very generous of them.

North-West London, Note.

Fanciers in the Highgate, Hampstead, and neighbouring districts should not overlook the meeting being held this Friday evening (Feb. 28), in the Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., at 8 p.m., for the purpose of forming a new society for these districts. All will be welcomed.

Standard Show Cage for British Birds.

In our "Twittering" column last week we referred to the proposed adoption of a standard show cage for British Hardbills, by the N.B.B. and M.C., and mentioned that the Club was prepared to consider suitable cages sent in by any cage-maker. From the secretaries' report published in this issue we note that the last day for receiving the said cages is March 14th, and the address they should be sent to, The British Bird and Mule Club, "The Napier," 25, High Holborn, London, W.C.

Norwich Plainhead Club.

I am revising the names and addresses of the members of the Norwich Plainhead Club, writes Mr. J. Raynes, the Secretary, 9, Richmond-rd., Chorlton-cum-Hardy, and should be glad if all who wish to join would send on their names by return of post, and if any member has removed during the last year, will they please send on their address, so that all may be included in the new book? All members who have been written to for their subscriptions and have not paid, will be struck off according to rule, unless sent per return. The voting papers have been sent off.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ayr and Dist. C.B.C.—March 9th, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Rules, etc. All fanciers wishing to join please attend.—C. Irvine.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Members' Show, Feb. 29, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington. Birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. R. Carr (Girlington).—H. Clegg.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—March 3, New Inn, Station Street, 8. Balance sheet.—C. P. Smith.

Battersea Open C.B.A. — Mar. 4, Duchess of Devonshire, 8. Paying prize-money; question on pairing, and important business.—F. Easterling.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.—Mar. 3, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. Table Show of matched pairs Canaries; general business.—W. H. Riley.

Blackburn and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar 5, Meliora Restaurant. Election of judges.—J. W. Marsden.

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Co-op. Hall, Blaydon, 7.30. General business.—D. A. Ogilvie.

Bolton and Dist. O.S.—Mar. 2, Headquarters, 8. Business important; reviewing of the Cup and other important matters. Members and fanciers requested to attend.—J. Stringer.

Bradford (East) O.S.—Mar. 3, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Mr. R. Halliday, of Shipley, will give a lecture on "Hints to Yorkshire Canary Fanciers." Fanciers and friends invited.—H. Hill.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Round House Inn, 8. Business very important.—F. Mitchell.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Mar. 2, City Cafe, Methuen Street, 8. Report as to judges for club and Open Shows and other business.—J. Kerr.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Mar. 3, New Headquarters (The Burton Stores, Victoria Street), Monthly meeting, general business.—J. C. Heaton.

City of Dundee and Dist. N.M. and B.B.A.—Mar. 4, Doig's Rooms, 8.—Alex. Miller.

Civil Service F.A.—Feb. 29, Talbot Restaurant, 64, London Wall, E.C. Grand Bohemian Concert. Chair taken at 8 p.m. by Thos. Wiles, Esq., M.P. Admission by programme, to be had at door.—A. Watson.

Crook "Original" C.B.R. and P.S.—Mar. 4, at 7, usual place. Open Show. New members to enrol, etc.—A. Bowes.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb. 29, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Members' Show; arrangements for 1908; special night, Mar. 7 postponed until Mar. 28, owing to altered date of the Yorkshire Union Smoker.—F. Rhodes.

City of Wakefield.—Mar. 5, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. Final arrangements for Members' Show; please bring entry forms.—Parker and Atkinson.

Coventry O.S.—Mar. 4, Sydenham Palace Hotel, Lower Ford Street, 8.30. Arrangements for a Pair Show.—G. Peters.

Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Horse Shoe Inn, 2.30. Table Show Norwich, Yorkshire, Crest, or Crestbred, Cage Bird A.V., British, Canary A.V., Novice; during judging monthly meeting will be held.—Wm. Rutherford.

Cambridge C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Forester, Burleigh Street, 8. Table Show for British and Pairs for Hybrid breeding; points medals competition begins.—T. S. Moore.

Chester and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8. To arrange date of Pair Show, and other important business.—A. J. Red.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30. Monthly meeting. An invitation Smoking Concert will be held Mar. 11, at above address, at 8. Tickets can be had from the members.—H. C. Wilkins.

City of Hull C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Members' British Bird Show; judge, Mr. Geo. Harland.—F. F. Potter.

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.—Mar. 2, Headquarters, 8.15. Distribution of prizes, and general business. —S. H. W. Baker.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S—Mar. 4, Bull's Head Inn, 8. Monthly business.—F. W. Tomsett.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Thursday, Mar. 5, The Montpelier, Choumert Road, Peckham, 8. Discussion on "Yorkshires." All fanciers will receive a hearty welcome.—W. Hodson.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 29, Royal Hotel, 7 Delegate report and other business. Members' Show, birds staged 2.30 p.m.—B. Cook.

Darlington C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Half Moon, 8. Table Show, single birds, Yorks. cock; hens; Nor. do. Show, single birds, Yorks. cock; hens; Nor. do. A.O.V. Can. Do.—E. Brunskill.

Dalkeith and Dist. C.C.—Mar. 7, Ship Inn, Dalkeith, 7. Last available meeting for members joining our club. New members invited.—T. Briggs.

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Edinburgh Norwich C. and M. B. S. Mar. 4, a Hall, 142, High Street, at 8 p.m. Business and enrolment of new members.—J. Welsh.

Edinburgh Eastern Dist. O.S. Mar. 2, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount. Important business. Prospective members heartily invited.—G. R. Smith.

Exeter and Dist. C.B.S—Mar. 3, Oddfellows' Hall, 6.30. Pair Show, judge Mr. J. Johnson No entry fees, cards given; bring birds early.—R. H. Folley.

Glossop, Hadfield and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Howard Arms, 8. Washing exhibition.—Fred Greig.

Hetton-le-Hole and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 29, Crown Inn, at 7. Business important. Any fancier residing within five miles invited to join.—A. J. Notley.

Hyson Green and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 6. Annual general meeting, Cricket Players, Lindsay Street, Nottingham.—A. E. Garton.

Kent County C.B.A. — Mar. 11, Engineer Inn, Dover, 8.15. Alteration of rules, etc.—G. Sanderson.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 29, Annual Show of Pairs matched for breeding. Open 4.—J. A. Tyler.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. —Mar. 3, Headquarters, White Swan Hotel, 8. Table Show; pairs matched for breeding, Norwich. Class 1, open; class 2, amateur; class 3, novice. Judge, Mr. E. Noakes.—C. Draper.

L. and L.F.A.—Mar. 7, White Lion Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6. General meeting, balance sheet and report.—H. Oliver.

Larkhall C.B.C.—Mar. 7, Miners' Hall, 7. Business and entries close for Canary Singing Competition.—G. Kirk.

Longton and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Castle Inn, High Street, Longton, 8. Mr. E. Tams will read a Paper on "How I bred my Hybrids." All fanciers invited.—T. J. Siers.

Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Fox and Hounds, 7. Table Show, Norwich P.H. cocks; Champion and Novice Classes. H. Hart, judge; all heartily invited.—W. Nichols.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham, 8. Pair Stock Show. Fanciers and friends welcome.—H. T. Lucas.

Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.—Mar. 2, Headquarters, 8. British Bird Show. Judge, Mr. J. T. Clark. Fanciers invited.—B. J. Forse.

Musselburgh O.S.—Feb. 29, McDonald's Rooms, 7. General meeting; approval of rules, etc. All fanciers invited.—D. Kay.

M. and N.C.O.S.—Mar. 2, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Sharp practice debate.—E. H. Jones.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 7.30. A trip to the Scottish National, by Mr. Currah.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Newport, (Mon.) C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Plimsoll Arms, Corn Street, Newport, Mon. Pair Show. Judges, Messrs. Simmonds and Allen. Members' Birds only. —W. H. Barnes.

Otley and Dist. O.S.—Mar. 3, Queen's Head Hotel, 8. Fixing date for F. F. Show, and selection of judge for same. Fanciers welcomed.—W. Dawson.

Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Headquarters, 8. Annual meeting and Pair Show.—T. H. Tiffen.

Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Mar. 7, Danis Temperance Bar, Hannah Street, Porth, 7.30. Business of importance.—R. G. Challenger.

Pudsey, Stanningley and Dist. O.S.—Mar. 4, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Washing Competition. All fanciers invited.—J. Butler.

Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.—Mar. 7, Red Lion, Stoke-on-Trent, 8. Federation of shows in Potteries; very important.—J. Simcock.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Mar. 5, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House. Subject: "The Bird Room." Visitors cordially invited.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale O.C.—Mar. 4, Club Rooms, 7.30. Discussion, "Management of Canaries." — J. Butterworth.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Temperance Club, 8. Extempore speaking.—S. M. Calyton.

Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Lecture on Matched Pairs for Hybrid Breeding, by a friend.—Lindsay and Bingham.

Shipley O.S.—Mar. 3, Victoria Hotel, 8. Important business.—H. Dobson.

Shields C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Griggs' Cafe, Long Yale Lane, 7.30. Business important.—W. Duke.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Members' Pair Show, etc.—R. Bennett.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—Mar. 6. Station Hotel, 7 o'clock. Important meeting.—J. M. Nicholson.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Feb. 29, Rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 5.30. Financial statement, election of office bearers, etc.—J. Winter.

Scottish B.B. and M.C.—Mar. 7, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 4. Annual meeting; presentation of medals, etc.; new members invited.—R. Farmer.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Leeds Hotel, 8. Election of judges for Open Show.—J. W. Lowes.

Sunderland C.B.S.—Feb. 29th, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Voting for Hall and judges; do not forget Table Show, also advertisements for Papers, and bring friends.—F. W. Gordon.

Walthamstow F.A.—Mar. 12, Headquarters, 8. All members kindly pay subscriptions and ticket money if not already done so. Secretary is resigning and wishes to clear all up, and give new sec. a clean start.—C. W. Mead.

Widnes and Dist. O.S.—Mar. 5, Grosvenor Hotel, 7.30. Fixing dates and arranging schedule for Old Show, etc.—S. Andrews.

Wallasey and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 5, St. Mary's Schools, Liscard, 8. Discussion, "How to get Birds into Breeding Condition."—Wm. Mallinson.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A.—Mar. 1, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30. General business.—H. A. Watson.

Weston-super-Mare C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Star Coffee House, 8. Fixing date of Annual Show; appointment of judges, etc.—G. W. Read.

Wimbledon and Dist.—Mar. 2, 6, The Broadway, 8. Members' Pair Show. Remarks by Mr. J. Rouson.—H. Smith.

At a special meeting of the Bolton Ornithological Society, held last Monday, we hear it was decided that the "partnership" existing between this Society and the Bolton Roller Society should be dissolved, and that the Society should in future be called simply the "Bolton Ornithological Society." We understand that the Roller Fanciers will form a society of their own.

The second monthly table show of the Huddersfield O. S. was held at the White Hart Hotel, writes Mr. W. L. Brier, Assistant Sec., and resulted as follows: Cinnamons marked Yellow Yorkshire Hen, 1 Lawford and Son, 2 W. H. Waring, 3, W. Miller. Ditto Buff, 1 Miller, 2, F. Hepworth, 3, W. H. Waring. Ticked etc. Buff Norwich Hen, 1, Lawford, 2, W. Miller; Judge Mr. R. Clague.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

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THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.R.S., &c., Parks and Lake Aviculture **Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

We Three.

C.G.B.—1. If you are sure there are not draughts or red mites troubling this hen, its condition is due to over-feeding, and as your diet is far too generous the latter suspicion is probably correct. You say you have tried all sorts of remedies with no success. Very well; now try this for a month or so. Plain Canary only as a staple diet; plenty of green food daily; once a week a pinch of dry rape seed, and once a week half a teaspoonful of egg-food. Discontinue all the other items you have been giving entirely. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every third day, and at the end of each week give twenty drops of chemical food. After the first fortnight give the chemical food twice a week. Unless there are draughts, or your kitchen is very cold at night, there is no necessity to cover its cage over at night. 2. It all depends upon how the parents were bred as to whether it would be best to breed with a prize-winning bird bred off inferior parents or an inferior bird bred off prize-winning parents. It is a big question, which may be dealt with on our "Novices' Notebook" page all in good time. 3. No; I do not think you need defer commencing breeding until May, because you are moving in that month. If the birds are in good condition and ready to mate in a month or so, I should pair them. With ordinary care the removal can be effected without seriously interfering with the breeding operations.

Time to Move Birds.

Mrs. B.—The best time to move the birds from a warm kitchen to a cold room will be when the average temperature outside rises to somewhere about fifty-five degrees—probably towards the end of April or beginning of May.

Off Song.

Poor Joey.—You will help the bird to regain his song considerably if you give it a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry twice a week, and every second day for a week or so add twelve drops of glycerine and six of aromatic sulphuric acid to its drinking water. Give a spray of watercress or other green food each day, and occasionally a few grains of hemp seed instead of the maw you are giving. When it has got its voice fairly strong stop giving the sponge cake and substitute a small piece of bread dipped in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar.

Norwich in Poor Condition.

Goldfinch.—In addition to your present diet give the bird a small piece of bread and milk once a week, and upon this drop four or five drops of cod liver oil—the emulsionised oil preferably—also mix four drops of the oil with the egg food. Give a teaspoonful of scalded rape once a week also. In the drinking water give first, for one day, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards twenty drops of chemical food one day, and six of aromatic sulphuric acid the next, and continue to give these alternately for a week or fortnight according to the amount of improvement you find. This, if the bird seems fairly well after the first week discontinue the treatment then. The sample of canary seed, although it is a little unequal in size, is a very good sample.

Breeding in Outdoor Aviary.

E.P.—See reply to "Notts," in last issue for remarks as to number of nest-boxes to provide when breeding with groups flying loose. You should provide eight or ten nests for your five hens, and it would be most advisable to fix them up in the covered shed portion of your aviary, choosing a fairly well-lighted position for each nest, and not placing them close together. Also be careful that the places chosen are quite free from draughts at all times, and also dry. 2.—Neither of the plants you mention is likely to harm the birds, but the reverse will scarcely hold good, as the birds will probably make short work of them. The elder probably lasts longer than any other named, as the birds will not eat its greenery, but it is soon made very unsightly with their droppings, unless planted in pots so that it can be brought out at intervals and washed with a syringe. 3.—See also reply to "Notts," about removing the young. 4.—As regards placing the birds in the aviary, much depends upon whether they have previously been kept outdoors. If they have you may put out the hens at the beginning of April, and introduce the cocks two or three weeks later. But if they have not been out before, the end of April or beginning of May would be quite early enough for safety.

Deformed Toe: Seed Samples.

Crest.—You can do nothing to cure the deformed toe now. It should have been attended to immediately after it first became deformed. You might try gently rubbing it two or three times a week with a little olive oil as recommended to another querist this week. The Canary seed sent is of poor quality, and is small and thin. The rape also is not of the best. It looks fairly good, but has such an uncommonly strong flavour that I doubt the justice of its claims to the name.

Squeaky Norwich.

W. Andrews, Brockley.—Discontinue giving niga seed altogether and give instead a small piece of bread dipped in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar once a week. Give ten drops of glycerine and five each of oxymel of squills and paregoric in the drinking water every second day for a week, and then give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for another week. See that the bird is not exposed to chills, and if it is a vigorous bather make its bath slightly tepid until the weather is milder.

Crossing London Fancies.

"Spangles."—I am afraid you are mistaken in thinking you have seen crossed advised for improving the Fancies. The chief object of crossing with another breed is rather to obtain material to work with, which is all too scarce in a variety that has so long been verging upon extinction, or to avoid too long and close in-breeding. In your case I should pair the London Fancies together this year, and mate a silver Lizard, as much over-capped as you like, with the Norwich hen. The latter should be a clear yellow, and I should prefer it to come from a marked strain. The most promising hens from these cross-breds may be used to breed with the young pure-bred cocks, and the old cock should be mated to a young pure bred—that is, provided they are both perfectly sound and healthy, otherwise this close in-breeding is a trifle risky. Should the cross-breds produce a cock at all approaching the type of the London Fancy, it may be as well to take a brood of young from it paired to the old pure-bred hen, to mate back in the next year to the first-cross birds and keep up a supply of useful material to dip into occasionally, when necessary, to obtain fresh blood. But on the whole the cock of the first cross will be best disposed of for songsters, unless you had got a larger stock of Fancies, when some of them might be retained for mating back to the Norwich. One cross, however, should be enough to last you a few years.

Moulting Yorkshire.

Wilson.—The bird is probably exposed to draughts or to great fluctuations of temperature. Perhaps your kitchen is very warm by day and correspondingly cold at night. This would account for the hen's condition. If any of these causes are present they must be removed before you can expect a cure. Stop giving the mixed seed altogether and give a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry twice a week instead. For one week give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and five of paregoric in the water one day; next day six drops of tincture of steel; and pure water on the third day, then repeat it over again. The second week give twenty drops of chemical food every second day.

Roller Ceased Singing.

"Nancy."—It is difficult to account for your bird going off song quite suddenly and yet keeping apparently in the best health and condition. Are you quite sure it did not get a chill which has caused loss of voice? In that case it would have shown some indisposition for a day or two at least, and you would probably see it going through the motions of singing without making any sound. Or did it get a sudden fright about the time? I have known this stop a bird singing in this way. The introduction of a cat where one had not been kept before might occasion such a shock. Your feeding is not bad, but try dropping the mixed seed, and substituting a small piece of sponge cake moistened with sherry once a week, and in the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey and five each of oxymel of squills and sweet spirits of nitre every second day for a week. If this does not do good write again and say whether any of the suggested causes is likely to be correct. I surmise you looked after red mite at night. They are too cutely stowed away by day to be seen unless forced to quit their haunts.

Crossing Strains.

Yorkshire Cross.—Having bought a matched pair from a breeder you now want to know if you would do right by mating the cock with one of your own hens which you think will suit him, and then ask how long it will be before you saw the effect of crossing. In the first place this depends upon what you mean by a well-known breeder. If you mean a private breeder and exhibitor who has a good strain of his own, and you paid a fair price to have a properly-matched pair of birds, you would probably make a mistake in changing the hen for one of your own in spite of the fact that you think she will suit him, as the breeder has both the advantage of knowing how the birds are bred, how they throw young, and also the knowledge gained from experience. On the other hand, if you mean a dealer who advertises matched pairs, then it is doubtful whether the pair as sent are of the same strain, so there would be less inducement for adhering to the matched pair as bought than in the other case. The result when it is seen is the only sure test as to the soundness of your judgment in making the suggested change. You could not fully judge of the result until the young were matured next season. But why not run the cock alternately with both the hens. I would strongly advise you to do this, as you will then have a very practical object-lesson, and be able to see the result of your own judgment and the breeder's from whom you bought the matched pair side by side.

Aspect and Size of Cages.

New Beginner.—I should advise you to keep the bird on the side which has the benefit of the morning sun from the time it rises until getting towards midday. No, your cages are not too large for breeding a pair in each, if you have enough of them, and space to keep them in. Although they are quite as large as the usual double compartment breeding cage, the extra size is an advantage rather than otherwise. It is always best to have them a little larger than the regulation size wherever it can be managed, rather than smaller.

Constituents of Cereals.

Inquisitive.—After looking up several analytical lists I will not take the responsibility of saying what cereals are similar in constituents to Canary seed, by which you doubtless mean have similar proportions of the same constituents. All cereals must possess practically the same constituents. It is the proportions of each that vary. In the lists of different authorities even such an element as water which one would expect to show a constituent figure, the proportion varies as much as 3.3. Taken all round, wheat, barley and maize seem to come rather near it, but this must only be taken as a suggestion.

To Distinguish Buff.

"Bert."—This is getting an old friend, but in this case it is scarcely so easy to describe for you to understand how to tell a buff self green. I should advise you to visit a stud of greens, and get the owner, or a fancier friend, to show you the differences on given birds. This would be of far more value to you if you are about breeding greens than columns of print. The question about Redpoll will be answered by Mr. Weston next week. It should have been on a separate sheet.

Advice about Breeding.

J. Tarrant.—According to your description of the birds, they are far from being in a fit condition to breed with at present, even if it were time to begin breeding, which it is not. When a bird's tail beats time to its breathing as it sits on the perches it tells one of two things generally—either the bird is in an overfed condition, or it has contracted a cold which makes its breathing difficult. As you remark about your birds having good appetites it is probably the former in your case. Feed them as we are constantly advising for a general diet, give a spray of green food daily, adding a little Epsom salts to the drinking water three times a week for two or three weeks, and on the two first occasions add twenty drops of whiskey as well as the salts. See they are kept from draughts and chills, and are free from red mites. Then if they roost comfortably without wagging their tails all the time, and appear in good health, you may try your luck with breeding at the end of March. Do not be disappointed if they fail, however, as they are not the most promising material. But you will do well to stick to the commonest birds for this year, in order to gain a little experience. There is no means of telling the age of the birds, except that coarse scaly feet, and long over-grown claws are indications of age.

The Case of Inga.

F. O. Lermarchand.—The opinions of authorities differ diametrically upon the use of inga. In the two cases you draw attention to it may be said that both are right and both are wrong. In the first place to condemn it utterly is to be ignorant of its proper use, as it is most certainly of great service when properly used. It is very useful to give a pinch occasionally as a kind of pick-me-up stimulant and conditioner, and if a half-teaspoonful is given to the hens twice a week during the first three months of the year, egg-binding will be almost unknown. On the other hand, to advise indiscriminately anyone to "give plenty of inga" is equally mischievous, and likely to cause far more harm than good. It should not form part of the regular diet, and it should not be used plentifully. For occasional use in small quantities as mentioned above it is very useful. The seed mixture for Canaries about which you enquire, would be much better if the linseed was omitted altogether and its place taken by an extra quarter pint of rape. See Mr. Weston's column next week for advice about Finch mixture. See list of books published every week in this paper.

How to Breed.

"One In Doubt."—As you say you want to breed from the two Goldfinches, and have besides ten cock Canaries and only seven hens, you have about twice as many cocks as you need. As you are also short of cages I should advise you to mate the Finches with a hen each in cages after taking a nest of young from each with a cock Canary. The other five hens and two of the cocks I should let fly loose to breed in the room you mention, and then you could either dispose of the remaining eight cocks or procure extra hens for them, and put them up in the cages you have. The advantages of this kind of free breeding were dealt with on the "Novices' Notebook" page only last week. You would only need to give the usual egg food regularly after young began to appear. There is less need to vary it for different ages of young when breeding in this way, as the old birds having more liberty and flying exercise have active digestive powers, and are quite able to feed the young on seed, as many of them will do.

Good-looking Songsters.

"Silliw."—Yes, you would succeed in your theory in getting a better looking bird than the Roller, and a softer singer than the Norwich by crossing the two breeds. For a beginning I should certainly advise you to discard the Buff Norwich hens, and obtain a lightly-ticked yellow, with plenty of natural colour. If bred from double-y lines, or not far removed from green blood, so much the better. Pair this with the Roller cock. Then mate the Roller hen from a good singing strain with a variegated yellow cock. In this case also see that the cock has plenty of deep natural colour, not that which has been fed into it. Take away the Norwich cock as soon as breeding is over. Or, better still, if there are other birds in the room remove the young as soon as they get able to do for themselves, and keep them separately where the cocks will have the benefit of hearing only a good soft-singing Roller. Whilst they are under tuition keep the cages lightly covered over. Next season pair the young among themselves, except the one that is most full of colour, which you may pair to Roller cock for mating with the young cross-breds the following year. In this way you may gradually get together a stock of really good-looking birds, with about three-fourths of pure Roller blood in their veins, and which, if kept under tuition properly when young will be a very considerable improvement on the ear-piercing shrieking of a lusty Norwich.

Cinnamon Green Not Singing.

F.A.H.—With an entire lack of data to go upon I cannot even guess if anything is wrong with the bird. You may be feeding it incorrectly. Look up advice given to "Monarch, Manchester," in last week's issue, and see if you are feeding the bird on the lines given there. If not, do so for a fortnight or so, and if bird is not beginning to sing by that time, write again and give us some particulars as to how the bird has been fed, where it is kept, and so forth. Have you carefully examined its cage for red mite?

Yorkshire Canary.

G.H.H.—If you have been feeding for weeks past as you are now doing, it would partly account for the bird's dropping into moult, though I expect a chill is the chief cause. By the way, you do not mention whether it moulted properly last autumn or not. Keep the bird warm, and give tepid baths, instead of icy cold ones. See it is not exposed to draught. Continue staple diet you are now giving, and add a small piece of bread and milk twice a week, a spray of green food daily, or, as a substitute, a piece of sweet juicy fruit. Give a pinch of the mixed seed twice a week only. In making this mixed seed you should decrease the amount of linseed and maw by at least one-half of each. In the drinking water give first for one day, twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn, and afterwards give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight. The bird may be quite ready for breeding by the beginning of April. But do not try mating him until he has fully got over the moult and is in full song again. As regards the seeds you send, the Canary, though bright and sweet, is extremely small and rather thin, and can only be classed as poor quality. The rape, also, is poor stuff, being very unequal in size and colour, and having a large number of shrunken grains. In the mixture the hemp and maw appear to be good, the others just fair. It contains a lot of dirt.

Crippled Foot.

"Jalla."—There is no reason at all why you should not try to breed with the Yorkshire cock which had a slipped hind toe when young, and which lost the power of gripping the perch with that foot some time after the toe had been cured. If it is in good health and song the worst to be anticipated from the foot is in its indirectly being responsible for some infertile eggs. This you can prevent to a great extent by providing it with good sized perches of a flattened oval shape so as to give the bird more security of footing. Also give a nest box or pan with a fairly broad rim, and see that the perches are placed in convenient positions. You might try the effect of gently rubbing the bird's foot for a minute or two twice a week with a little olive oil.

All the Particulars.

Nathaniel Pollin, Island Magee.—"Whew! It's a mighty job I have foreinst me, begorra." You ask me for "all the particulars about breeding Canaries," blissfully unconscious probably of the awkward fact that several complete issues of CAGE BIRDS would be insufficient to contain them. Under the circumstances I should advise you to get one or two of the handbooks published at this office. "House's Manual," and "Canary Breeding for Beginners," are the best from a general standpoint, and you will see several others on the published list which deal with special breeds. You should begin to give the cocks a little extra food at once, and begin with the hens in about a fortnight. Pair up about a month hence as the birds become fit.

Hen Eating Feathers.

Novice II.—I suspect this hen has some disease of the ovary and will not do much more good. You should not have mated her, as that will not improve matters. Give her tepid baths daily in which a few crystals of permanganate of potash have been dissolved, give a little sweet juicy fruit, such as grape or orange, daily, a pinch of linseed every second day, and, if you have them, two mealworms each day; otherwise give a small cube of fat boiled bacon in the wires. In the drinking water give as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and smear the bare places slightly with carbolised vaseline.

To tell the Sex.

H.S.—If your young birds have not yet sung I am afraid you will be disappointed in thinking they must be cocks. Healthy young cocks should be singing long before this. In general appearance the cocks are bolder, and more defiant and swaggering when you go near the cage, and the "tweet" is more shrill and metallic. If you catch them now and blow aside the feathers of the abdomen you will find the vent of the cock is more prominent and pointed, and with a slight curve inwards; whilst that of the hen is flatter, more expansive, and almost level with the abdomen. The "tweet" of the hen is more harsh and croaky.

Going in Consumption.

R. W. Tittler, West Ham.—No fear on that score, R. W. Canaries enjoy the blessed privilege of being able to snap their fingers, to use a simile, at that dread disease. It is being fed to the condition of a *foie gras*, that's all. Give him six drops of syrup of buckthorn in the drinking water every second day for a week, and afterwards give a dose twice a week, and alternate it with a dose of twenty drops of chemical food, which give twice a week also. Give plenty of green food. You must also wean it of the habit of subsisting almost entirely upon egg food. Give plain canary seed as a staple diet, a pinch of rape twice a week, a small teaspoonful of egg food once a week only, and a small piece of bread and milk once a week. Stop the maw, niga, and all other extras entirely. If the bird refuses to eat seed at first give just a morsel of egg or bread and milk to keep it going on starvation diet, as it were, and it will soon take to seed and green food.

More Seed Samples.

W.A.W.—No. 1 Canary is rather small and thin, and unevenly coloured, as though two samples were mixed together. It is, however, very sweet, and bright and clean, so that there is only its small size against it. No. 2 canary is very small indeed; otherwise it is practically the same as No. 1. No. 3 niga, is also thin and rusty coloured, and was probably badly ripened—a poor sample. No. 4 maw, is very fair quality, though not quite the best. It contains a good number of grains of dark grey seed.

Better Fed than is Good.

Winton.—I think this is what troubles the bird. See reply "C.G.B." in this issue and treat your bird as there advised in first part of query.

That Troublesome Egg-food.

W. J. Pring.—Of course you could, if you wished, give your birds a morning meal of fresh egg food before you left home for business, and leave instructions for your girl to give the other meals of a prepared food. But the question is whether the birds would take kindly to this arrangement. There would be no harm in trying it. At the same time would it not be just as easy for you to teach the girl how to prepare the egg food properly, and get her to make it up fresh at the appointed time and serve it, instead of falling back upon prepared foods. It would be very little more trouble and one object-lesson would suffice for any girl. They have deft fingers for the work and form invaluable deputy-feeders

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by C. E. Weston.

A Mixture.

J P.A. (Llansamlet).—1: You don't say what the bird is whose song you are afraid of spoiling by breeding with him at the age of only 12 months. Assuming it to be a Canary, I can assure you that mating him for breeding will not affect his voice. He may sing all the harder at the beginning of the breeding season, then drop off when the youngsters appear. But that is all; he will sing just as much afterwards. 2: Many cock Linnets (probably the majority, in fact) will not accept two wives in one season. If your own bird, however, fills the eggs of two hens all right, there is no reason for not letting him do so. 3: If by "acrobatic tricks" you mean "twirling over" backwards until he falls off the perch, then there is no cure. 4: Parcgoric elixir is good for colds.

Another Mixture.

H.W.—Budgerigars might agree with the Finches you name, but sometimes they are found to turn aggressive and attack and mutilate weaker birds. You might try two pairs, certainly, keeping your eye on them. Shell gravel, or proper sand, is sold by all bird shops, and you can buy it in quantity from many firms advertising in our columns; look over the latter carefully. Builders' sharp sand (not the very fine sand) is very good as a bottom dressing for aviary floors, giving a top dressing of a good gritty shell gravel. There is nothing in your letter to afford me the slightest clue as to the cause of the death of your birds. Are you sure they are not molested in the night? The only other explanation is that some infectious complaint is rife amongst the birds; but only a post-mortem examination could determine this with certainty. Why not send a body along to our Mr. North? Jack daws, Jays, and Magpies will agree together providing you give them plenty of elbow room. Don't, of course, try keeping them with smaller species.

Feeding Linnet—Canary Couples.

Newcastle.—If you want to keep the two birds together, the best stock mixture you can use is: Canary and teazle, one and a half pints each; summer rape and charlock, half a pint each. Then make up three mixtures as follows:—(a) Hemp, two parts; niger, one part; linseed, half a part by measure; (b) maw, thistle, dandelion, gold of pleasure, and lettuce equal parts of each, likewise by measure; (c) a good wild seed mixture. A heaping teaspoonful of one of these three mixtures should be given the birds every day (in a separate vessel; not with the stock mixture), taking them in turn. This treatment will bring them into the best possible condition, providing the birds are in good health, and are being kept under proper conditions. Egg bread should not be given yet awhile (unless your Linnet is very near breeding condition, which you can tell by his song and the colour of his beak), as it will only bring your hen to nest before the Linnet is fit. All the early, young, tender dandelion leaves you can find should be gathered (likewise shepherd's purse and chickweed), and a good feed be given the birds daily. If they don't breed under this treatment, they will never breed at all. I expect "Annual" has reached you, ere this.

Goldfinch Ailing.

Wall Golde.—It is a critical period of the year to have a Goldfinch turn "queer," and you may have difficulty in pulling him round. Give him maw, niger, teazle, and lightly-cracked hemp freely every day (prepare the latter fresh daily). Also try him with thistle and dandelion seeds. For medicine get an ounce of sulphate of soda from a chemist, and dissolve as much as will lie on a shilling in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Leave this in cage six hours, then replace with plain water. Next day give another dose of sulphate of soda, but only use as much as will lie on a sixpence. Repeat this twice, after day intervals on plain water. This will most likely restore him to health. As soon as you see any young dandelion leaves, gather him a feed daily.

Bullfinch Eggs Already.

J. E. C.—It certainly is very early for Bullfinch hens to be laying eggs the second week in February. If they are fertile they certainly ought to be successfully hatched by the Border hen which commenced to sit on February 13. I have had hens sit a week or more over the usual time; they seem to know when the eggs under them contain chicks. But I must point out that you are very wrong indeed in assuming that because you many times saw the act of copulation take place between the cock Linnet and hen Bullie the eggs of the latter are certain to be fertile. If that said act ensured full eggs, then Hybrids would be very, very common. If young should hatch, offer, in addition to the usual seeds, plenty of lightly cracked hemp seeds, and plenty of well-made egg-food. Also provide a liberal daily supply of rape seedlings, grown as detailed in another reply this week. When chickweed and shepherd's purse are available, these should be freely given. By-the-bye, the cracked egg you speak of is practically certain not to hatch, even though fertilised.

About a Thrush.

S.B.E.—1: Is a cock Song Thrush worth keeping? Well, you must decide that for yourself. Personally, I think a Thrush well-fed and properly caged and attended to a most delightful pet, and a charming free singer. Why you should imagine Thrushes were "scarce" I don't know. They are plentiful all over the country—many gardeners would like, they say, to see them thinned out a bit. 2: The cage should be box pattern (wired at front only), not less than 28 or 30 inches long, 18 high, and 12 from back to front. Have the food and water vessels outside, and two perches, one low down at one end of the cage, the other high up at the other end. The bird will go on the bottom of the cage to feed. The sand-tray must be kept clean, and the bird should be allowed daily opportunity for bathing in suitable weather. 3: The feeding was dealt with at length by me in our issue for February 1st last. Briefly, a suitable good insectivorous mixture (make your own, or buy through our advertisement columns), moistened with cold boiled potato, chopped green food, etc., fruit, and berries according to season, mealworms and other live insects, also according to season. Note also, article appearing in this week's issue. 4: Keep indoors (in a cold room) during stormy inclement weather, but hang in a safe spot outdoors during genial weather. Have the cage well protected both from the sun and from showers.

Loss of Feathers.

E. Hendrie.—Either you have the birds infested with red-mite (a condition of things many people fail to discover), or else you have been feeding the birds too exclusively on dry, stimulating seeds, probably at the same time keeping them in a heated atmosphere. You can discover the former by noting whether the birds are restless at night, and continually picking, more or less violently, amongst their plumage; also if you throw a folded white cloth over their cages in the evening, removal and examination next morning will reveal some of the very tiny red pests secreted amongst its folds. For treatment see the lengthy paragraph on "Parasites" in Cage Birds Annual. If you are keeping the birds in an over-heated room, and giving only dry seed, the remedy is obvious. But the feathers will quite likely not be renewed until the next moult comes round. The week before last I dealt at length with the proper feeding of Linnets. Suitable green-food for winter use can always be grown indoors. A little summer rape sown in wet sand (kept well damp) will very quickly produce a crop of tender shoots, and these are relished by most birds. Cut them off with a pair of scissors, like the well-known "mustard and cress."

Encyclopædic.

Ruby.—A nice name, so I'll forgive you the brain-rackers propounded for my benefit (1) Plasmon powder may be broadly called "concentrated milk." It is the nutritive elements of milk in powder form—the water, of which milk is very largely composed, has been taken away, and the nutritive properties only remain behind. Hence, Plasmon is concentrated food. This powder, added to articles of diet, increases their "feeding" value. It is, too, easily digestible. Of course, it must only be used in certain quantities; (2) Yes; arrowroot biscuits can be used for softbills. I know a fancier who does use them for the smaller insectivorous birds. Have myself given them to young Canaries and young Mules, but never regularly used them for insectivorous birds, so can't speak from personal experience; (3) I have several times quite recently had occasion to eulogise German hen Canaries (Roller hens) as excellent foster-mothers for young Hybrids; (4) Bullfinch Hybrids, like all others, need to be colour-fed for present-day competition; (5) I have no real knowledge as to the reason a class for Foreign-Hybrids did not appear in the schedule of the last Crystal Palace Show (taking your word for it there was not such a one). I should say the class has proved a loss in the past (I hope the show manager will not be too hard on me if I am wrong.)

Half-a-dozen about Muling.

Novelist.—Most Goldfinches will live mainly on hemp, niger, and teazle, when they can get them, some taking a little linseed and canary as well. If a bird chooses to live and thrive on even one kind of seed, there is no call to worry. With my own Goldies, I simply sieve the contents of their seed-troughs periodically, and make up any deficiency of whatever seed or seeds they have consumed most of. Coming to your half-a-dozen questions: (1) Seeing you have a pink-eyed Yorkshire hen already, you could not do better than get a young yellow Lancashire Plainhead hen for the Goldie's second wife. Really good ones are somewhat expensive, however. I use one Finch with 4 or 5 hens if I so please. Three-compartment cages are splendid for Muling, if their bulkiness is no obstacle: (2), Don't let the birds run together until the middle of March, then give them the usual Goldfinch mixture. No niger in it, however; give separately in small quantities only; (3) Answered partly in No. 2. It is usual for the hen Canary to be ready before the Finches, hence most Mule breeders have a round of Canaries before trying the latter. You should try to keep the hens backward by feeding plainly, and not mating up until a late date; (4), This seems a never-failing source of anxiety to beginners. I can assure you that when once paired up, no "high diet" will affect the hen Canary. The sweat and labour of building a home, laying eggs, and rearing a family, afford all-sufficient counteracting agents to the "high living." Don't worry on this score; (5) Taboo open cages. Three-compartment, wired at front only, and with both solid and wired dividing slides, will suit you admirably; (6), The point beginners generally go wrong over is in fussing and "messing about" their birds too much. Take the famous advice: "Don't." Pleased to answer any questions; but as a busy man I implore you to cut 'em short.

Recipe for Making Birdlime.

T. C. M. Hockiby.—I have never made bird-lime myself, having always bought what I wanted for use. I don't like it, however, and should now never use bird-lime except under special circumstances. The following recipe was given some time back by one of our correspondents—still, like him, I prefer netting birds to liming them. Take one pint of best raw linseed oil, put into an old quart saucepan, put on the fire and simmer gently for three or four hours. On no account let it boil; stir every few minutes. No change will be noticed until after the second hour, then it will show froth on top, this being a sign of thickening. It must be given every attention or it will boil over. When it gets about as thick as treacle take it off the fire and pour into a pan of cold water; stand till cool, then work it up with the hands till it shows no signs of having water in it. This will be found to work on twigs quite easily. It can be taken off when not in use, and used over and over again. If too stiff, mix with it a little of the so-called "treacle." Boiling will thicken it if needed. Made properly this will hold anything from a Wren to a Blackbird. An outhouse is more suitable for the boiling purpose than the kitchen, as the preparation has a very sickly odour.

Goldfinches and a Linnet.

Scotland. — Many hen Linnets show very good "whites" in wing and tail. Is your bird a nice warm brown colour on back and wing butts (shoulders)? If so, it is a cock. Feed as advised "Newcastle" this week, and if a male it should soon sing. Stoutly built (Norwich type) yellow hen Canaries cannot be improved upon for breeding good-shaped, fine-coloured Mules, either Linnet or Goldfinch. For dark Mules, get marked hens. The moulted Goldie which is now singing hard would be best to breed from. Give the other two a small teaspoonful daily of this mixture: Equal parts maw, niger, thistle, dandelion and sesame seeds. If cocks, and steady, this will soon bring them into high condition and song.

Brevities.

Wild Seeds (F. J. W.).—I think the sample of "special" mixture for British Finches that you send is excellent. I could not say anything about its value per pound, however, as I buy my own seed by measure, and not by weight.

Sex of Redpoll (Rob).—Your friend who states that all Redpolls with bibs are hens, tells me something I never knew before. I should like to show him one with a bib that has fertilized eggs, also several more with bibs that I'll wager are cocks. It is very difficult to sex house-moulted Redpolls; if your bird sings freely you can be certain it is a male. In wild plumage (adult) the males have the breast suffused with crimson, whereas the hens have not.

Linnets for Muling (J. L. Horsforth).—Concerning the feeding of Linnets for Muling, note reply to "Newcastle" this week. As you don't tell me what seeds you give the Canaries, I really can't tell you whether they are suitable for the Linnets—can I? A timely dose of sulphate of soda will often pull a "queer" bird round.

"Uses" for Mules (W.W.).—The only "use" a cock Mule can boast—if not an exhibition bird—is that he is a fine free songster and hardy cage pet. The hens have no "use" at all (except, breathe it low, to be sold as cocks to the unwary by the unscrupulous). True, they can be utilised as "foster-mothers"; but neither cock nor hen Mules will themselves breed, i.e., produce fertile eggs.

Place on the head (C. Melhuish).—Take a little Zambuk on the tip of a finger and gently rub it on the place twice daily—night and morning. I don't think for one moment the trouble will affect the general health of the Thrush.

Removing cock Bullfinches (Novice).—Certainly; you will find it far the best plan to remove the cock Bullfinches out of sight and hearing of the hen Bullies you pair up for Hybrid breeding. If you do not, you are likely to have trouble—as I found to my own cost one year. Your cages are a fine size, yet they might be higher, seeing how lengthy they are.

Thrush Unwell (G. S. N.).—Hempseed and bread crumbs are no food for a Thrush, as I only too frequently have to tell querists, and until you feed the bird more correctly and generously you cannot look for improvement in its condition. See reply to "S. B. E." this week. Give it mealworms more frequently, and get it a few "blackbeetles" in addition. After you have got the bird a fresh stock food, buy a small bottle of Parrish's chemical food from the chemist, and mix four or five spots of this amongst it daily, gradually increasing the quantity to 10 drops. Keep this up for a fortnight or three weeks, and vast improvement should ensue.

Goldfinch Mule, and a Chaffinch (Perplexed).—(1) If you bought the Mule from a bird dealer, you can be practically certain it is a hen. They would very seldom be guilty of selling a cock as a hen. Hen Mules will certainly sing when well fed, and so in high condition, but they do not sing with the volume and freedom of a genuine male, nor by any means. If a twice house-moulted Chaffinch still remains very unsteady, then I am afraid you will never get it steady. Still, as you have but just bought it, there is some hope, for he may not previously have been treated kindly. For food, see another reply this week.

Wild Seeds (J. G. M.).—I am trying to get the wild seeds correctly named for you, not being sure of them personally.

Linnets from Russia (no nom-de-plume).—Yes; most certainly Linnets are imported into this country from Russia and Germany, but not very often. I have not seen any this season, and when they do come, it is, I believe, only in limited numbers. Their value, you see, is very small. "Siberian Linnets" is the usual trade description of them. As far as I have seen they are not a scrap larger than our native Linnets, and generally very light in ground colour.

Bramblefinch and Goldie (Kyle Lad).—Keep the Goldie in an even, warm temperature, and every other day stir a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into its drinking water (two tablespoonfuls). Give daily the special seed mixture advised "Scotland" in this issue. He should be ready, then, for a nest or two late in the season. It is quite possible to breed a Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrid in an aviary from parents that have not been moulted in captivity.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Budgerigars not Breeding.

"Burton Pidsen."—The tide of luck ebbs and flows. In 1906 I was overrun with young Budgerigars; in 1907 results were almost nil. Of course, an outdoor aviary is better than the fluctuating temperature of a glasshouse, but the difficulties ought not to be insuperable. Put a cover to their aviary, underneath the glass, with a space for circulation of air between the two; it would also be better if the end of the enclosure were boarded up, and only the front open-wirework, as then you could arrange a free circulation of air in your greenhouse without subjecting the birds to draughts. Budgerigars are very precocious, and will often breed before they are a full year old. Let your birds have Canary, millet, spray millet, a few oats, greenfood (leaf of tender lettuce), and keep several pieces of cuttlefish hanging about their enclosure; also crush some cuttlefish to about the size of millet, and mingle some with the sand. There is only one thing to do, if your hens won't settle down in March or April, get rid of them, and procure others from a different source to that from which your present stock came. By the way, as a rule, two or three pairs of these birds breed together with greater freedom than do single pairs. For the next month lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food.

"Too Old at—"

A. L.—There are very few Blue-fronts but what will talk a little, and as yours is such an excellent mimic, there is little doubt but that it will sooner or later delight you with speech. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and patiently teach it by constant repetition of words and short sentences as well. Feed in the manner advised in this column regularly, and the bird should do well. It certainly is not an aged one, and if you pet it a great deal and talk to it, etc., it should ultimately turn out a talented specimen.

A Slender-billed Cockatoo.

H. C. G.—It appears to me you have a slender-billed Cockatoo. If so, it is neither a very interesting or talkative species, though Dr. Greene, in "Parrots in Captivity," gives an account of a fairly-accomplished bird. Its value is usually from 15s. to 21s., but of course a talented talker would command a higher figure. It is a help at times to put a moulting bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, one teaspoonful of the food to two tablespoonfuls of the drinking-water. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish within its reach. I should say from the details you supply that the bird is fully about fully mature. Keep it out of draughts, but do not coddle, neither give any tablescraps, or tea-slops, etc., which some poor birds are dosed with.

Treatment of Green Cardinal.

P. J. R.—Your letter was a mystery to me, till I turned up the number. It is those printers again. My "copy" (perhaps badly written) most certainly said Green Cardinal, and I must ask you to read it as such. The treatment there is fully given, but I may qualify it, perhaps, to this extent, that in some few instances they have bred without any trouble at all; certainly they are very ready to nest, and if you have let them have an enclosure almost to themselves, you will most probably meet with success in breeding the species. They certainly are most handsome when in condition, and when the male is displaying or making play to the female, he is almost gorgeous, as he brings into view the partially obscured and brilliant yellow of the tail and wing feathers.

Blue Front not Talking.

George Mustey.—It is really extraordinary that this bird, after being in such social surroundings for so long, neither mimics nor talks. I can only now suggest the constant repetition method; talk to it, repeat words to it over and over again; whistle to it, whistle at it (that is, if it will not be too great an infliction on the other members of the household), and let your little boy do the same, but, of course, not to annoy or tease the bird. If you have any other bird which is a continuous whistler, keep this in the room with it (out of its reach, though) for a time. At the same time it is not advisable to let a Parrot observe you petting anything else. They are very jealous creatures, with long memories, and will often wreak their vengeance on the object of your caresses if opportunity offers. Hope your bird will yet break through its reserve.

Grey Parrot not Talking.

C. S. A.—As soon as the bird has got accustomed to you, see that there is ordinary conversation going on within its hearing. Talk to it gently and softly, and be very careful not to in any way scare it. There is a great deal of variableness with these birds, and some individuals are not nearly so responsive at first when in a new home; in fact, I have known authentic instances of known talkers becoming practically dumb for months, merely owing to a change of home. I should continue to try it with ripe fruit. I find Parrots generally most fond of orange, apple, and sweet-water grapes, fasten a bit between the wires of its cage; it will end with the bird playing with it and acquiring a taste for it. Read other replies; there are several in this issue which you should find helpful.

Yellow Budgerigar Panting.

"Budgie."—I should certainly cage this bird up. Give it, direct to the beak from the quill, about six drops Dinneford's Magnesia, and in four or five hours repeat the dose. Get from your chemist the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts; dilute a little with an equal bulk of water, and give the bird six or eight drops from a quill two or three times a day. When the wheezing yields, discontinue the mixture, and give it a Parrish's Chemical Food diluted with an equal bulk of water, also from a quill. In addition to its seeds, give it a little sponge cake, on which you have dropped three or four drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep the bird out of draught.

Roseate Cockatoo and Food.

F. Davies.—Your details are so meagre, that advising you at all is a matter of much difficulty. It is evident that by some means the bird has got hold of something of a very unwholesome nature, and I fear this reply will arrive too late. However, it's a hardy species, and it may possibly be still in the "land of the living." If so, give it three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in its drinking water) with a day's interval between each dose, follow this by making its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this for some time. Diet: A mixture of oats, wheat, dari, Canary, hemp, small maize and sunflower seeds, as a staple diet, varied with plain biscuit, ripe fruit, nuts, and a little boiled potato or raw carrot. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Keep out of draught and quiet.

What Cockatoo?

(1.) I fear you have given me rather a difficult task in such a brief description. It appears to be the slender-billed Cockatoo, but I could give you a definite reply if you would inform me if it has a crest and the colour of same. (2.) Their value is but small, for one such as yours (providing it is a slender-bill) being in fine condition, say, one guinea. Of course, your bird may be some other species, then its value would be higher—let me have a fuller description. (3.) I do not remember to have heard a talking Slender-bill, but Dr. Greene, in "Parrots in Captivity," gives an account of one which was a fair talker and a good mimic, so yours may do so. (4.) I should most certainly advise the removal of the brass chain—get a steel one. (5.) Diet is correct, but I presume you are giving the items advised in this column—plain biscuits, ripe fruit, etc. (6.) I always put on a stout pair of garden gloves when handling a Parrot or Cockatoo, and to place the hands as far out of reach of the bird as possible; but as you are in the habit of feeding it, etc., there should be no risk in your handling it. I find that these birds and similar species not only do not object to, but apparently rather like being fondled and handled.

Amazon with Sore Tongue.

Polly, North Shields.—Get from your chemist the following mixture: 30 grains of Chlorate of Potassium and 3 drachms of Glycerine, wipe out the bird's mouth two or three times a day, using a small camel hair brush for the purpose; use a fresh portion of the mixture and well cleanse the brush on each occasion. Give the bird one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia for one day only, soak it into a piece of sponge cake, crust of bread or piece of biscuit. Keep the cage strictly clean, and you must not give any tea, coffee or milk slops. You will find the correct diet both in this and previous week's issues. Your bird appears to be the Yellow-fronted Amazon, and from your description of what it can do already should make quite a talented talker. I had better perhaps repeat diet. Seed mixture: Canary, wheat, oats, maize, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds, one part each of the others with two latter, and two parts each of the others with ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, green food, etc. See other replies re teaching to talk.

Grenadier Weaver.

It is the Oryx or Grenadier Weaver. In full colour and fine condition it should stand a good chance of catching the judge's eye; of course when out of colour, being a plainish brown bird and not rare, its chances on the show bench would be very small. These Weavers are the better for a few live insects during the period of moult or when changing colour. In fact, a few regularly are rather beneficial than otherwise. During summer let them have grass in flower ad. lib.

Wild Canaries.

"Constant Reader."—The Ultramarine Finch is the Combason. The others are all Canaries. Captain Shelley in his "Birds of Africa" gives all the genus Serinus, the English designation of Canary. In recent issues, under the title "Housing and Keeping of Foreign Birds," I have reviewed this genus and you would doubtless find it of much interest to look up your back numbers. Captain Shelley gives the following list of Canaries:—Abyssinian Black-headed, Angola, Black-faced Blandford's, Brimstone, Burton's, Cape, Cape White-throated, Common Yellow-fronted, Damara White-throated, Decken's, Donaldson's, Fischer's Streaky-backed Huilla, Jackson's Brown, Madarasz's, Marshall's, Mountain, Reichenow's, Ruppell's Masked, Ruppell's Yellow-rumped, Senegal Yellow-fronted Shoa, Socrota Golden-winged, Somali Golden-winged, Streaky Brown, Sundevall's, Swainson's White-rumped, White-throated Brown and Whyte's.

Species of Parrakeet.

E. G., Skipton.—(1.) It is an Indian Ring-necked Parrakeet, of which there are several local races. It would be almost impossible to say which without seeing the bird. (2.) The proper seed mixture is two parts each Canary seed and oats, and one part each wheat, dari, hemp, small maize and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a continuous supply in the cage. Also give as extras and for variety, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts and a little green food. Cuttlefish should be given regularly. (3.) If there is no running at the nostrils, a few chillies added to its seed mixture should soon correct this. If, however, this should develop, use diluted glyco-thymoline to keep the nostrils clear. Further than this, treatment must largely depend on the individual case.

Rosella with Distended Crop.

W. J. W.—It appears to me there is some obstruction in the crop, and that the best course would be to let a "vet" see it. He would operate and give speedy relief. Your other course is to give it half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, direct to the mouth and repeat the dose on the two following days. Well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. A teaspoonful of chilled water, containing 3 or 4 drops of brandy twice a day would act as a stimulent while it is in such a weak condition. I am much afraid you have applied to me too late, the bird being too far gone to treat in the ordinary way. An operation, however, by your local "Vet." would probably save its life. At the same time I have had birds under somewhat similar conditions which have yielded to the treatment and recovered after being apparently at the last gasp. Hope it will be so with your bird. Report progress in a week's time.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary Hen (Ruan).—This bird had a large ulcerous wound under the skin, behind the right breast and under the shoulder. It was not of recent formation, and absorbed a great deal of blood from the system, the liver being pale and shrunken. The large blood vessels running into this wound became ruptured, leading to the sudden collapse.

Goldfinch (Maytree).—Enlargement of liver, bilious feverishness, and pneumonia.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Vale of Conway and Dist. F.A. (A. T. Johnson).—The notification you send us has already been inserted in our columns, and we can only print it again in full at our rate for advertisements. One notice for each event has always been our rule.

"Tenpenny Ale" (E. P.).—We have communicated with Mr. Metcalfe, who informs us that by "tenpenny ale" he means strong ale (not bitter), such as Bass' No. 1, or Allsopp's Old English Ale, he himself using the latter.

Friendly Help (T. Ogden).—We are indebted to you for your kindly help, which we much appreciate, and shall be pleased to reciprocate in any way we may legitimately do so.

Tame Linnet "Picked up" by Another Person (W. J. Alcock).—If you can back up your own identification of the Linnet with the testimony of other persons, then your best plan is to state the facts at the local police station, when we think the matter will be put right for you. Your offer to pay over a "reward" is certainly generous.

Canary Rings and Their Fitting (Canary Ring).—In the "Stock Book," post free 7d., you will find full particulars of closed and open rings, their uses and manner of fitting.

Sketches (A. G. Baker).—Thanks for the sketches. At least two of them, however, have previously appeared in our "Illustrated Ideas" column.

Softbill Stock Cage (W. H. Turner).—In CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1906 (post free 7d.) you will find illustrations and particulars of stock cages for both large and small insectivorous birds, and suitable for the majority of species.

Report (A. H. C. L.).—Accept our best thanks. We appreciate to the full your kindly remarks concerning ourselves, and "smoled" more than once at your humorous description of the difficulty you experienced in addressing a certain person in strictly proper form.

"Useful Sketches" (F. W. Thornley).—Probably in the near future we shall be able to do as you suggest. It has been our intention from the first.

An Advertisement (S. Tait).—You omitted to enclose the advertisement to which you say you wish our attention drawn. Always adopt the deposit system is what we have ever urged upon buyers.

"Catalogue of Breeding Canaries" (D. J. Rees).—What do you mean by "catalogue of breeding Canaries"? We do not sell birds; but there are plenty of people using our advertisement columns who do, and who can fit you out to a nicety.

Warrington and Dist. C.B.S. (Jas. Emmett).—You are under a misapprehension. We did not get hold of an old club notice. On the contrary, the one published is in your handwriting, postmark Feb. 17, '08, and the date of meeting appears on the same as "Nov. 27." This postcard is not signed; and that is how the names of the late secretaries got attached to it, as they were turned up in our last year's ANNUAL, that for 1908 not being then published.

Rule 8 (H. C. Hoyle).—There need have been no question of throwing "good money after bad," as you put it. If readers choose to risk the loss of the whole of their money rather than pay a small deposit fee, they can hardly blame us when that risk materialises. They make it impossible for us to render them that help we are always desirous of giving in cases where they have legitimate cause to consider themselves badly treated.

A PUZZLE PICTURE.

Two Competitions for Readers.

Competition No. 1.

On p. 145 of issue for Feb. 15 appeared a full-page drawing of six Norwich Plainhead Canaries, all more or less faulty specimens. Yet amongst this faulty half-dozen are hidden a number of "parts" which, if the whole of the birds could be dissected, and the said "parts" successfully joined, would produce one high-class exhibition specimen.

This is a puzzle we ask readers to solve, and we offer a

Cash Prize of Half-a-Guinea

for the correct solution. The "key" to the mystery, we may say, will remain in our artist's keeping until the date of the competition closing.

To make the matter quite clear, we will say by way of fuller explanation, that what our readers have to do is to take a pair of scissors and a pot of paste (or gum), and cut out certain parts from each of the six birds depicted, so that these parts, when pasted on a clean sheet of paper, will make a picture of a Norwich Canary fit for "keen competition." The exact parts to be used—a leg from here, a beak from there, and so on—are at present known only to our artist. And it is for exercising their powers of discrimination in solving this puzzle that we offer readers the half-guinea prize. In the event of a tie, the neatest picture will take the prize. The Editor's decision will be final

Write your Name and Address clearly on the back of each attempt sent in, and post them to reach us NOT later than TUESDAY, MARCH 10th next, on which day the competition will close.

Mark your envelope COMPETITION in top left-hand corner, and do not enclose any other communication in the same.

Competition No. 2.

On the occasion of our last competition on the above lines, we received several letters asking us to provide another similar skill competition, but with an entrance fee attached to it, the whole of the entrance fees received to be pooled and make the prize, or prizes. On consideration we have decided to hold such a competition in connection with this Norwich Canary puzzle picture, in addition to the usual competition detailed above. The same conditions and stipulations will apply to it, except where hereafter modified.

What You Have to Do.

To compete in Competition No. 2, you have to send along the exhibition bird, cut out and pasted up as described in Competition No. 1, but accompanied by a

POSTAL ORDER FOR SIXPENCE,

made payable to "F. Carl, London," and crossed "and Co.," for safety. All the postal orders received will be pooled, and the total value, less five per cent., will be distributed in prizes according to the amount received. That is to say, if the entry is a large one, the amount will be divided into first, second, and third prizes; but if a small one, then only one prize will be given, the option to rest with the Editor.

Closing Date Tuesday, March 10th.

NOTE: Any Reader may enter both Competitions, but NOT with the same bird. One bird must be sent with each entry.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held on February 22nd, when 26 birds sang at King's Head, Shannon-street, Leeds. 1st prize, T. Stead; 2nd, T. Johnson; 3rd, T. Summers; judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle and E. Worth. Also on February 23rd, when 30 birds sang. Some very good singing was heard. 1st prize, P. Foley; 2nd, J. Nicholls; 3rd, C. Biss; 4th, T. Stead; judges, Messrs. T. Summers and C. Cooper.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

A week-end contest was held at Skinner's Arms, Bushmthope-lane, when 24 birds sang. First, Draper (Woodhouse); second, J. Ridgewell (Sheepcar); third, B. Smith (Armley); Judges, Messrs. J. Clark and G. Towers

LOWTON (Lancs.)

An important contest was held at the Shepherd's Inn Linnet Club, on Feb. 22, when upwards of 50 birds competed. The following winnings were recorded. 1, Hy. Hayes; 2, Wm. Howard; 3, J. Statham; 4, P. O. Neild; 5, J. Hatton; 6, J. W. Jones. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, various members contributing choice selections in songs, ably accompanied by Mr. F. Boydell. The contest was concluded by a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Boydell, for the efficient manner in which the whole of the proceedings were carried out.—W. E. WILCOCK, Sec.

(Please write on one side of the paper only.—Ed.).

WARRINGTON.

A Linnet singing contest was held at the Alexandra Inn, on 15th Feb., when some capital singing was heard. 1st and 3rd, T. Statham; 2nd, G. Tryner; 4th, T. Armitage. Judges, Messrs. P. Oneil and T. Crawford; time keeper, Mr. J. Ball.—J. MATHER, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

The usual weekly contest was held at the Crown Inn, North-st., when 22 birds competed. The following are the principal prize-winners: 1, T. Lambert; 2, G. Horwell; 3, J. Moore; 4, A. Watson; 5, G. Horwell. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Mason.—J. W. SMITH, Sec.

Usual weekly contest was held at the Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, on Feb. 22nd, when 28 birds faced the judge, whose awards gave every satisfaction. The singing was excellent. The following are the principal prize-winners: 1, A. Chaplin; 2, H. Allan; 3, Joe Whitehead; 4, Oldroyd; 5, G. Key; 6, Shoddy Foster. Judge, Mr. Jno. Paver. Timekeeper, Mr. Jim Limbert.—WM. EMPSON, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn L.S.A. held a contest for quality singing on Feb. 22nd, at the club headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, Blackburn. There was a great muster of birds and the singing was extra good. The prize-winners are:—1st, P. Blackshaw; 2nd, G. Rostron; 3rd, G. James. Judge, Mr. A. Catterall. Timekeeper, Mr. R. Gopping. An open All-England Linnet singing contest for quality will take place on March 7th at the Club House, singing to commence at 1 o'clock prompt. 1st prize value 10/-, and a number of other prizes; entrance fee 1/- per bird.—R. HAYHURST, Sec.

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CLUB REPORTS.

MIDDLETON O.S.

On February 17th, at the Coffee Palace, Middleton, Mr. J. Hampshire, of Oldham, gave a very interesting lecture on cage-making. There was a good attendance of members and friends. Mr. Hampshire was asked a good number of questions, which he answered very promptly. It was moved by Mr. R. Cowherd, and seconded by Mr. R. Taylor, that the best thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. Hampshire for his very interesting paper. We are changing our meeting place to the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Long-street, Middleton.—H. THOMAS.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

The following gentlemen have been elected members of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.:—Messrs. J. W. Ramsden (manager of the Great National Show), A. C. Burn (chairman of the City and Suburban), A. W. Curtis, W. Norris (secretary of the Roller Club), J. Hodder, A. S. Rouse, Young, C. Brown, and Smales. It is a very great satisfaction to the committee when such well-known gentlemen as the above join our ranks, and spurs them on to further and greater efforts to make our Society second to none.—W. BODSON, Hon. Secretary.

LONG EATON & DISTRICT C.B.S.

The monthly meeting was held on February 15th at the co-operative class-room, Station-street, when a good number of members were present, Mr. H. Hay in the chair. It was decided not to have a First Feather show this year, but a date was fixed for an open show, which is to be held on November 28th and 30th under Cage Bird Union rules. We have secured the People's Hall for the show, and without a doubt it is one of the best halls in the country. The judges selected are: Messrs. J. Robson (London), and J. H. Roe (Derby). The society has only been going for nine months, and we are pleased to say it is doing well. It has a cash balance of £10 18s. on last year, which is most encouraging. Four new members were added to the list: Messrs. S. Day (College-street, Long Eaton), S. R. Turner (New Sawley), W. Wilcox (Long Eaton), and J. B. Caunt (Dagmar Grove, Beeston). After the business a discussion ensued on all kinds of birdy matters, Mr. W. Turner making some remarks which were most interesting to all.—E. BARKER (joint sec.).

ACCRINGTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting was held on February 13th, at headquarters, Central Conservative Club. The report of the year's working was read and proved very satisfactory to all concerned. There was a slight loss on the open show but this was accounted for through the show being held a month earlier than was first decided on. But we had no other option as the C.B.U. would not accept us, as our first date clashed with another society which was already affiliated, so we had to change our date. Hence the loss which we hope will not occur again. Next item on the agenda was the election of officers for the ensuing year; Councillor John Smith, J.P., a genial whole-hearted fancier of many varieties, was again elected president and chairman. Mr. W. Dormer of cinnamon fame and Mr. W. Wade were elected vice-chairmen; secretary, Mr. Jas. W. Philpott; treasurer, Mr. A. Taylor; auditor, Mr. R. Haydock; Mr. John Trengove, the well-known Norwich Plainhead fancier and judge, was elected C.B.U. representative on behalf of our society. A vote of thanks was then given to the retiring officers for their services during the past year. They are Mr. J. O'Brien, treasurer, and Mr. D. Harwood, secretary. The monthly business was then taken, the most important being the confirming of the date for the open show which will be held on October 23rd and 24th. We have now about 20 members, which is not bad for one year's working, and we hope to increase our numbers. We have no distance limit. We shall be glad to hear from and will accept any fancier wishing to become a member. Subscription 5/-, per annum payable half before young show, remaining half before open show. There will be a series of lectures, etc., during the year, notice of which will appear in the club notice column of CAGE BIRDS. There will be an interesting lecture at our next meeting at headquarters. Fanciers are cordially invited as we wish to make these lectures popular and also a means of giving the novices a chance of picking up some hints on the management of all cage birds. Fanciers please note my address.—JAMES PHILPOTT, Hon. Sec., 28, Jubilee-street, Oswaldtwistle.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

The annual meeting was held in Dover on February 12, Mr. Nelson Campany in the chair. The hon. secretary's report followed, in which he stated that the year 1907, which was the second year of their existence, had produced good results generally although there were one or two items which might cause regret. They had had a very expensive year in several respects. They had purchased four rose bowls and one challenge cup, which, together with a cup and shield possessed at the commencement of 1907, they had in hand for future competition. In addition, their vice-president had given a silver cup for Borders, which, had, however, been won outright this year and which they hoped to replace shortly. Mr. Broad, in addition to a gift of 21s. to the Cup Fund, had also given a six-bottled cruet value 30s. The Cup Fund realised £6 17s., which was contributed to by thirty members, all of whom had duly paid up. Patronage had been given to the following shows:—Rochester, Gillingham, Folkestone, Dover F. and F., Margate and Canterbury. They had also held an Association show in Dover on October 30 and 31, which, although not the success expected, was not by any means a failure. Of the sixty members remaining on the books fifty-four were included in the balance-sheet, four others having since paid up. The secretary thought that the Society might look forward to a successful year, and with a greatly reduced expenditure. It might also be mentioned that owing to a malicious report circulated in order to injure the Association and annual show, to the effect that the latter would be a great failure and a dead loss, Mr. Jno. Broad had written saying that in that event he was good for an additional contribution, and another gentleman, who wished to remain anonymous, offered to make good any loss, even if it cost him £5. The Society did not require to avail themselves of either offer. In conclusion Mr. Ward moved, and Mr. Eade seconded, that the balance-sheet and report be passed as read and adopted; which was carried unanimously. Mr. Heritage moved, and Mr. Abbott seconded, a vote of thanks to the secretary for his services during the year, Mr. Birch expressing his regret that their finances would not admit of an honorarium being voted that official. The following elections took place:—Chairman and vice-chairman, Messrs. Campany and E. C. Rayner; committee (headquarters), Messrs. (Johnson., Leaver, Eade, Lockett, Langley, Rowe, Ross and Stokes; (county), Messrs. Acland, Brett, Broad, Casemore, Gibbs, Jones, Jenner, McCreath, Patterson, Taylor, Wickham, and Dr. T. A. Bowers. The winners of the various cups and bowls are:—Crests and Crestbreds, Mr. Jno. Broad; Norwich P.H., Mr. Gibbs; Yorkshires, Mr. Gibbs; Borders, Dr. T. A. Bowes; Lizards, Mr. W. J. Abbott; British, Mr. L. A. Brett; and in Mules, Messrs. Ward and H. E. Taylor tied with 32 points each (the former having only exhibited at three shows out of seven available). Mr. Ward, however, waived his claim in favour of so enthusiastic a young fancier as Mr. Taylor. Mr. Ward's action was favourably commented upon by those present. But what cares he for a dozen bowls or cups, despite insinuations to the contrary which have lately appeared in the Fancy Press, where the interests of the Fancy generally and the K.C.C.B.A. particularly, are concerned? The challenge shield was again won by Mr. Gibbs, and the cruet went to Mr. Jenner. A cordial vote of thanks to Messrs. Abbott and Auden, who declined to take office this year, brought a protracted and successful meeting to a close.—GEO. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD (West) C.B.A.

Mr. H. J. Chittenden gave a lecture to the members and friends of the Association on "British Birds and Mule Breeding," at the Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, on February 22. He gave some very profitable hints on the breeding of Finches and their habits. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by the Chairman (Mr. W. A. Cowgill), seconded by Mr. J. Greaves, and supported by Messrs. D. Sunderland and Brotherton.—H. CLEGG, Secretary.

GRIMSBY C.B.S.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances in Grimsby several of the leading fanciers have decided to carry on their society under the above name. We have arranged to hold our monthly meetings in Forester's Hall on the first Saturday evening in each month at 7.30, when all fanciers are welcome to join. The following officers have been chosen:—Chairman, Mr. W. Clews; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Townsend; treasurer, Mr. A. Clapham; committee, Messrs. Beels, Peplow, F. Emerson, and Nightingale; secretary, Hy. Emerson, 2, West-parade, Grimsby. Next month, on March 7th, we are to have a discussion on pairing, breeding, and rearing.—HY. EMERSON, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

At our meeting on Feb. 19th, we held a grand table show of British Hardbills, no less than 26 being staged, including some very promising ones for next year's shows. The result was as follows: 1, 2, spl, Maddison, Goldfinch-Greenfinch; 3, spl, Slack, Mealy Redpoll; 4, spl, Bailey, Bullfinch; 5, Maddison, Twite; 6, Irving, Chaffinch. The entrance money 6d. per cage was divided into six prizes with two spls given by Messrs. Harris and Sheppard, Naturalists. There was a good attendance of visitors and six new members were enrolled. The next meeting will be the general meeting on 21st March, when all medals won by members will be paid and balance sheet read. We shall also arrange for table shows for the coming season.—J. R. SLACK, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

The committee met on February 20th in the Douglas Hotel, Eden Quay, Dublin, Mr. Devitt in the chair. Also present, Messrs. Duignan, Sheridan, Fry, Farrell, Giller, Huggard, and Sholedice. A letter was received from Mr. Barclay, Dublin, enclosing £1 towards the expenses of the club. This was not the first time for Mr. Barclay to act so generously, and it is hoped some others will follow suit before the year ends. Messrs. Murtagh and Hyland, of Dublin, and Tighe, of Sligo, were admitted members of the club. The points won at the various shows were next taken up, and the following is the result:—For Y.C.C. challenge cup: Messrs. Sheridan and Fry, 114; C. A. O'Reilly, 86; J. J. Cloke, 59; A. South, 49; W. C. Sholedice, 48; W. Hawkins, 27; C. J. Mulligan, 26; J. Huggard, 23; R. F. Duignan, 14; J. Devins, 13; W. Fortune, 4; F. O'Neill, 1. It would be well to say that Messrs. Duignan, Huggard, Hawkins, Fortune, and O'Neill did not nominate their three birds at the last few shows to compete for cup. For novice cup: J. Devins, 103; J. Huggard, 71; P. Gillen, 55; A. McIlveen, 45; M. Fleming, 31; N. Thompson, 24; C. McKenzie, 16; T. Farrell, 12; J. Dowling, 10; J. McKittrick, 0. The following resolution, proposed by Mr. Devitt, and seconded by Mr. Duignan, was lost: "That in the three highest numbers for challenge and novice cups the points be separated for colour-feds and non-feds." But the secretary promised Mr. Devitt that he would let him have the figures for his own personal information. The committee refused to allow Mr. Devins his additional points for challenge cup, as they were secured in novice classes. If Mr. Devins in future wished to compete for challenge and novice cups, he should come out into the open classes for challenge cup. The treasurer was instructed to refund Mr. McCaldin (Banbridge) 1s. 10d., carriage paid on his birds from the show, and to take credit for the amount in his show account. An application was received from Mr. Devins asking to have his medal for novice cup, the same as a drawing which he enclosed, but as the medal far exceeded the price which the committee were in the habit of paying, they regretted that they could not accede to Mr. Devin's wishes, and they could not allow him to pay anything towards the medal. They were of the opinion that if they did, in reality the medal would not be presented by the club. The meeting then closed.—W. C. SHOLEDICE, Hon. Sec.

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TAMWORTH AND DIS. C.B.S.

An interesting washing exhibition took place at College Lane Schools on February 22, Mr. Hatton washing two birds. The first one was to show the members how to wash their birds, and the second how little time it could be done in. It took about three minutes to wash. A hearty vote of thanks from the members to Mr. Hatton brought a pleasant meeting to a close. Mr. Wells is giving a lecture on "Pairing and Canary Breeding" on March 7.—G. E. SPENCER, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY O.S.

The 27th annual meeting was held at the Sydenham Palace Hotel, Lower Ford-st., on Feb. 19th, Mr. F. W. Harris in the chair. The balance sheet was read and passed. Although there is a slight loss on the annual show caused mainly by the boys' bird drawing competition, there is still a balance in hand of £3 2s. 6d. This was considered satisfactory. The following were elected to office for the year:—President, Mr. T. Gilbert; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. W. Harris and G. Turrell; treas., Mr. Geo. Clarke; auditors, Messrs J. Hadley and T. E. Waring; committee, Messrs. J. Corrall, H. Davis, J. A. Lucas, J. Atkins, G. Lawrance, T. Chillingsworth and A. J. Barratt. Hon. Sec., Geo. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon-rd., Coventry.—G. PETERS.

LEITH O.S.

The monthly meeting was held in the Liberal Club Hall, Hope-street, on February 17th, Mr. Jas. Lumsden, president, in the chair. There was a capital attendance of members and friends, the occasion being a lecture by Mr. Alex. Cochrane, his subject being "Cage Birds as a Hobby." Mr. Cochrane treated his audience to an interesting description of all the different varieties of the Canary family and British birds, which anyone might think of taking up with as a hobby. He also gave the members a few practical hints on the management of the bird-room. Several questions were asked by the members, including ex-treasurer Graham Good, who, in a few humorous remarks, spoke of his experiences in the keeping of cage birds. Bailie Lindsay, who is one of the society's patrons, said he had listened with great interest to the lecture, and in a few remarks spoke of the desirability of having a hobby to take up one's spare hours, and said he would do everything in his power to help the society. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer and the chairman. We have enrolled ten new members this year, but are hoping to see a good many more; fanciers will be made welcome.—GEORGE BROWN, Secretary.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

A well-attended meeting took place on February 17th. Mrs. Pile, Messrs. J. Warwick, and H. P. Morgan were elected members. Nominated candidates were: Miss S. Brooke, Mytchet-place, Frimley, Surrey, Mrs. Morrison, 85, New Cavendish-st., W., and Mr. Hopkins, 16, Wakefield-st., West Ham. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Dr. Rountree, and expressions of sympathy to Messrs. B. Stevenson, and S. Monger, on the loss of their birds by smoke and gas fumes. The schedule of the Finch show taking place on March 21st, consisting of Finch, Insectivorous, and Foreign classes, was adopted and Messrs. C. Prior, G. E. Weston and F. Turnber were nominated to judge. The following were nominated for the Young Bird Show:—Messrs. J. S. Clarke, C. A. House, J. Robson, G. Gardner and G. E. Weston; upon a vote being taken, C. A. House and J. Robson were elected to be submitted to a final vote. The secretary's motion for investigating into the cause of 50 members abstaining from voting at the annual election failed to reveal any defect. Special prizes for the Finch show were promised by Messrs. F. Easter ling and A. C. Burn, and a guinea cup by an anonymous donor. The secretary proposed, seconded by the chairman, that the expenses of the delegate to the C.B.U. Mr. A.W. Curtis, be paid from the funds to enable him to be present at the annual meeting at Manchester, which was carried, the chairman remarking that they (the executive) had departed from precedent by not holding it at the Palace, and in consequence handicapped those delegates living in the South and West of England.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD AND M.C.

The adjourned annual general meeting of the above club was held at headquarters, 25, High Holborn, on February 17th. Present: Messrs. Robson, Fulljames, Maxwell, Trower, Goodchild, Cooper, Dewhurst, Wyse, Weston, Hathaway, Rouse, Plumbridge, and Carr. The following were elected officers for the year: London Committee, Messrs. Chas. Cooper, J. Dewhurst, E. Hathaway, A. Silver, G. E. Weston, N. Barker, G. W. Fawkes, F. Wyse, A. C. Rouse, J. Dobson, W. Cook, G. Crabb, W. Gladwin, and J. Best; Provincial committee, Messrs. J. F. Hills, W. Swaysland, W. T. Plumbridge, D. Bentley, J. Walsh, and P. F. M. Galloway; chairman, Mr. J. Robson; vice-chairman, Mr. H. J. Fulljames; auditors, Messrs. Chas Cooper and Allen Silver; hon. solicitor, P. Nicholls, Esq.; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. R. Trower; hon. secs., Messrs. A. Plumbridge and J. P. Carr. This closed the business of the annual general meeting. A committee meeting was held, Mr. Robson in the chair. Letters were read from Messrs. Hurst, Best, and Francis. Mr. Wesley Page very kindly offered a gold medal, to be presented to the member that proposes the highest number of new members during the year. Mr. Trower very kindly offered a silver medal for runner-up. It was proposed by Mr. Cooper, and seconded by Mr. Hathaway, that six be the minimum to win the gold and three to win the silver medal. It was the unanimous feeling of the committee that the club should encourage the exhibiting of Albino and rare-feathered birds, and it was thought that if more of the principal shows would give a class for such specimens they would fill and be a great attraction. With this object in view Mr. Hathaway proposed, seconded by Mr. Weston, that this club offer a gold medal for most points gained by a member throughout the year, providing not less than six shows held under the club's patronage give a class for Albino and rare-feathered specimens. Mr. Trower offered a silver medal for 2nd most points, and Mr. Weston offered a silver for 3rd most points under same conditions. Proposed by Mr. Cooper, and seconded by Mr. Maxwell, that the following be added to rule 18: "Albino and rare-feathered specimens cannot compete for the club's ordinary cups and medals, and may only compete in classes provided for such birds. The question of uniform show cages was discussed at some length, and it was decided to invite cage-makers to send a sample Finch cage. The pattern most in favour is one slightly bowed at top with seed receptable one end, the water-tin outside at same end, and perfectly plain perches. Note: Cage-makers desirous of sending samples should address them to "The Napier," 25, High Holborn, W.C., not later than March 14th. Mr. Goodchild promised to give a lantern lecture, providing arrangements could be made for the apparatus. The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. Quantrell, Watford; H. J. Chittenden, Bradford; D. Duncan, jun., Harlowgate; R. Carter, East Dulwich; E. Fullbrook, Reading; and F. Vincent, Borough High Street.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secretaries.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION ANNUAL MEETING.

(*Concluded from page 217*).

"That on all future balance-sheets the expenses incurred by the Council and delegates be shown separately."—This was agreed to. The remaining suggestions were rejected.—Mr. Bradshaw asked if Mr. Curtis meant that his Society had not confidence in its delegates? Societies sent what they considered their best man, and they ought to be satisfied with what he did; if he did what they considered wrong, they must pull him up.—Mr. Curtis said it was possible under the present system for a minority to elect a representative over a majority.—Mr. Bradshaw insisted that it was still quite possible for a small Society to have the best man.—Mr. Wilson said that the idea was for one Society to have only one vote. A Society secured its vote by electing a delegate. If the proposed alteration took place a big Society would be able to out-vote a little one.—Mr. Hadwin proposed that the matter be left as at present.—Mr. Wilson seconded, and this was carried, only one opposing.

Rule 17.

Many suggestions respecting Rule 17 came from one Society or another, and on these coming up for discussion, Mr. Bradshaw proposed that Rule 17 be abolished altogether.—Mr. Raynes thought the present wording of the rule needed to be altered in some way, because members of the different Societies were not allowed to show anywhere, and the people who were not members of the C.B.U. could show where they liked. He thought they were handicapping the affiliated member. It was also known, he said, that members of affiliated Societies were showing at non-affiliated and non-licensed shows. He did not think it fair that these people should be showing up and down the country, and no apparent attempt being made to deal with them. He (Mr. Raynes) thought this important rule was the backbone of the Union, and considering the number of letters that had gone through the Press at various times, something ought to be done.—Mr. Heaton (Crewe) said that it was discussed at the last meeting of his Society, and they thought it was the means of keeping men away from Societies. He met men who told him that they were allowed to show where he was not, simply because they did not belong to the Union.—Mr. Bradshaw said he did not believe in interfering with the individual. They had pretended to stop members from showing, but two of the delegates had stated that members were not loyal. He said it had affected his Club very much.—Mr. Curtis said it was the Yorkshiremen who were feared in this connection. He thought some terms ought to be come to with the Yorkshire Union. He would like to suggest that they combine in the matter of accepting each other's exhibits, as they could not expect the Yorkshire Union, being the older body, to come into the C.B.U.

A Difference of Opinion.

The Secretary stated that he had written to Mr. Hammond, who replied that the only trouble was that the Yorkshire Union would not abide by the C.B.U. rules; and the Executive Council had decided that if they would not abide by the rules they could not be admitted. There was nothing to prevent their giving a licence to Halifax when they were asked to do so. But the difficulty lay in their wanting a licence from the C.B.U., but at the same time wanting to hold the show under their own rules, which the Council of the C.B.U. could not agree to. He thought some friendly arrangement might be made, by means of which members of the two Unions could exhibit at each other's shows through licences. He should be very pleased if they could be approached again, as it would do away with the hardship of Rule 17. We feel it far more in this part, continued Mr. Lythgoe, than they do in the South, because so many want to show in Yorkshire and cannot. The Yorkshire Union say their rules must be paramount, and the Council of the C.B.U. say that theirs must be. He further stated that where cases of members exhibiting at non-affiliated shows had been reported to him, the offenders had been duly warned, and in cases of a second offence had been suspended. He told the delegates that if they knew of any cases of infringement, it was their duty to report them, so that they might be dealt with. Offences left unreported they could not be expected to know of.

Messrs. Wilson, Colman, and many others contended that if Rule 17 were deleted, the downfall of the Union would be certain.—In the end, the delegates decided, by a considerable majority, that Rule 17 must remain unaltered.

Out of Rule 17 arose a suggestion to amend it by restricting the compulsory affiliation clause to Canary men alone, or in the alternative to Canary and British bird men, leaving Foreign bird exhibitors free to become affiliated or not, as best pleased them. But the meeting would have none of it; in fact, Rule 17 in its old form had already been determined upon.

GRANTING OF LICENSES: Mr. Colman proposed that no Cage Bird Society pure and simple should be granted a licence, but only mixed shows. — Mr. Wilson (Leeds) seconded, and this was carried unanimously.—Mr. Colman said he had an instance in mind where a Society had had a licence for two years, and yet was a Cage Bird Society pure and simple, and as such ought to be paying about 15s. or 20s. to the Union.

THE BALANCE-SHEET: Mr. Steeple proposed that every delegate be supplied beforehand with a copy of the balance-sheet, so that he could consider it before attending the meeting, and be prepared to criticise it.—Mr. Colman seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

PLACE OF ANNUAL MEETING: Mr. Curtis moved that it be left with the delegates to decide by vote where the next annual meeting should be held.—Mr. Nadin seconded.—It was carried unanimously.

An interesting point came up for discussion, viz., if two partners show together, and pay two subscriptions, and do not live in the same house, how should their points count? The general opinion was they should be equally divided.

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The Cage Bird Union: Annual Meeting of Delegates.

Report of the Proceedings at Manchester, Feb. 22nd.

The annual meeting of the delegates to the Cage Bird Union was held in the Deansgate Hotel, Manchester, on Saturday last, February 22nd. The weather, as usual, was once again of that particular brand which serves to endear Cottonopolis to the stranger within her gates. This is the third occasion on which it has fallen to our lot to write an account of the doings of the C.B.U. in the great Lancashire city, and the elements have given us a warmer welcome every time. It was bad enough on the first occasion, worse at the second, but surely this, the third time, "paid for all," as it is popularly reputed to do. Heavens! what weather. The wind blew a X X X hurricane; its violence brought us to a standstill one moment, bowled us along at 50 miles an hour the next, and then deposited us in a heap on the floor. At times the rain came down in such torrents as to make us think a water-spout had burst overhead, and when the Clerk of the Weather got weary of this, hail-stones like huge marbles crashed into our face with more force than ceremony, and threatened to demolish for ever the last remnants of our youthful beauty. And all the time the chimney-pots and the tiles from off the houses, and showers of broken glass from blown-in windows, scattered themselves over us in generous profusion. When we made a last mad dash for the shelter of the friendly Deansgate Hotel, our heart was in our mouth, and it took a whole glass of milk to wash it down again. Should there be a portent in the warring of the elements, thought we, what a lively meeting we are in for! But we were dis—— well, no, we won't admit that, but truthfully record the fact that the proceedings passed off with conspicuous quiet, without noticeable jar or hitch, and with a success that once again bears striking testimony to the talent for organisation possessed by Mr. Lythgoe and his Manchester confreres.

In the room we found assembled 28 delegates from different parts of the country, with the President, Mr. W. A. Bladon, in the chair, supported by the secretary, Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe. The meeting was by no means "packed with Manchester people," as someone recently told the writer would be sure to be the case, seeing that in Manchester the meeting had been fixed to be held. It was a meeting which could be said to be representative of all England, seeing that only the West Country had no delegate there.

The Attendance Book.

The Delegates present were:—Messrs. R. Rhodes (Nottingham); W. W. Freestone (Norwich); A. Brown (Gateshead); J. Wilson (Leeds); S. Hadwin (English and Welsh Border Fancy Club); R. J. Pretty (Cinnamon Club); O. Stringer (Salford); C. C. Blackshaw (Altrincham); Jno. Nadin (Rochdale O.C.); J. Garner (Stockport); A. Bradshaw (Sheffield); W. P. Turton (Bury); J. Raynes (Norwich Plainhead Club); John Trengove (Accrington); J. C. Heaton (Crewe); David Bentley (Great Harwood); James Law (Rochdale Good Intent); Fred Steeple (Oldham); Henry Smith (Littleborough); C. Roberts Junr. (Blackpool); H. Parkinson (Bolton); W. Roslin (Mansfield); John Bennett (Wigan); W. H. Colman (L.C.B.A. and Wimbledon); A. W. Curtis (City and Suburban, London); J. Balshaw (North Manchester); A. Crew (Bramley, near Leeds); and Parker Robinson (Barrow-in-Furness).

Business of Importance.

The first business was of no little importance, viz., the adoption of the Executive Council's report for 1907, and the balance sheet for the like period, the latter subject to the auditor's confirmation, and being issued for criticism or comment to all affiliated societies. The cash side of the Union seemed to be in a healthy state. Here, however, is the report in detail.

Annual Report of the Executive Council.

The Council submit their report for the year 1907.2; 131 Societies have affiliated themselves to the Union, and 91 have been granted licences for their Shows—against 118 affiliated Societies and 57 licences last year—making a total of 222 Societies which have come under the control of the Union this year.

Three or four Societies have had to be refused licences, on account of their dates clashing with Shows already fixed. But it is hoped that this state of things will be remedied, and clashing done away as far as possible, by the making of a rule providing for the holding of District Committee meetings for the purpose of amicably fixing Show dates, due regard being had to old-established recurrent dates, and such dates as have been already fixed. It is proposed to invite all Societies having previously had licences to affiliate in time to join in the arrangement of these dates; any applications for affiliation or licence after these meetings not to be accepted unless the Show date does not clash with one already fixed.

As agreed at the last General Meeting, voting papers were sent out to all affiliated Societies on the question of retaining Rule 17. Out of 92 papers returned, 72 were in favour, 20 against. The Council believe this Rule to have worked very well as it stands, and do not suggest that it should be amended at present.

Voting also took place on the definition of a Novice or Amateur, and the following received the most votes:—

"A Novice is one who has never won a First prize in open competition or three First prizes in open novice classes."

This definition has been adopted by many of the Specialist Clubs and most Shows giving Open Novice Classes, but it can hardly be satisfactory until all Societies adopt the same definition. The Council recommend the addition of the words "up to the date of entry" at the end of the definition, so as to avoid any question on the legality of an exhibitor showing as a Novice, who, between the time of entering and exhibiting at a Show, handicaps himself by winning the required prizes.

The Council decided that when reprinting the Show Rules, suitable advertisements should be put on, to reduce the cost and to further the funds of the Union. Tenders were advertised for, and letters written to several likely firms, including the Fancy papers. The offer of the Editor of Cage Birds to print 100,000 free of cost, and pay a lump sum for the privilege of his advertisement, was the best, and was accepted by the Council. A further batch of 50,000 was printed on the same terms.

Several amendments to the General Rules are recommended to be passed at this meeting. Particulars have been given in the notices calling the meeting sent to the delegates. A number of suggestions have also been received from various bodies, for discussion at this meeting, which, if agreed to, will require to be submitted to and voted upon by all the delegates.

Two suspensions have been made, one of which (Mr. J. T. Dore, of Newcastle, for the remainder of the show season), has now expired, and another (Mr. J. W. Nicholson, of Newcastle) who, already suspended by the Union, has been further suspended permanently. The Council have also had to censure one Society (The L.C.B.A.), for breach of faith in mutilating the leaflets containing the Union's Show Rules before sending same out in their Schedules.

The funds of the Union show a healthy increase. £44 12s. 10d. has been received in subscriptions, £22 10s. in license fees, and the sale of show rules and the amount paid for the advertisement thereon have brought in £16 4s. 1d. The total receipts amount to £87, and the expenditure to date £43 8s. 9d. The balance in hand at the present time is £56 12s. 7d.

The Council desire to express their appreciation of the valuable assistance and suggestions made by Mr. H. R. B. Tweed, and regret that he is unable through pressure of business to continue the office of hon. solicitor to the Union.

One member of the Council, the Rev. W. Rickaby, has resigned office, Mr. A. Brown, of Newcastle, being elected by the District Committee in his place.

After some discussion (detailed below) on the question of delegates' expenses, the report and balance sheet were adopted as read, practically unanimously—we say "practically" because there looked to be one or two non-voters.

Filling the High Offices.

On the question of the nominations for the posts of President and Secretary for 1908 coming up, it transpired that only Mr. Bladon had been nominated for the former position, and so he was declared re-elected. The question of the secretaryship, however, was quite of the secretaryship, however, was quite another sort of problem, and Mr. Lythgoe's very definite refusal of the position, backed up by reasons that could not be ignored, cast a sort of gloom over the meeting—until, that is, ways and means were happily found out of the impasse.

Mr. Rhodes was the only nominee for the post apart from Mr. Lythgoe, and when the latter gentleman's continuance in office seemed remote, one of the delegates said, with despair in his voice: "May we take it that Mr. Rhodes' refusal of the secretaryship is definite?" "You may," quietly replied Mr. R., but with such a world of meaning in his voice that the meeting indulged in a hearty laugh.

Much merriment also arose when Mr. Lythgoe, in mentioning the "overtime" the Union's work involved him in, said that he remarked long ago to the President: "Mr. Bladon, if you were only my father you would be the first to say, 'You won't do it a day longer.'" Mr. Bladon, with a sly twinkle in his eye, interjected: "Ah! my lad, but I am not." Whereat we all chortled.

And all ended happily. It would have needed a harder-hearted man than Mr. Lythgoe to resist the kindly persuasion put upon him. So with a solatium of fifteen guineas, a typewriter, and *carte blanche* as regards the calling in of necessary clerical assistance, the Cage Bird Union sets out on another year under his able guidance.

The Delegates Legislate.

We next found ourselves faced with the serious business of considering alterations of rules and procedure. From our appended detailed report it will be seen that the close of the Union's year was brought forward one month, and with it, of course, the date on which the annual meeting is to be held. The latter, by-the-bye, it is proposed to move about the country, Nottingham being mooted as the next likely centre, but the exact place will be decided annually by vote of all the delegates. Five shillings, at least, of the annual subscription payable by each affiliated society must in future be paid by the 1st of February, and societies with this unpaid cannot send a delegate to the meeting of the District Committee when sitting to discuss and arrange, where possible, the show dates in their district to avoid clashing of fixtures in the same.

The need for dealing with "clashing" was emphasised by Mr. Brown (District No. 1), who said that on the same day last season one affiliated and two licensed shows were being held in his district, within a radius of 30 miles. It may be fitting to mention here that the meeting also decided that in future licences shall not be granted to any society devoted solely to cage-birds, but only to "mixed" societies; all cage-bird societies must affiliate therefore, or remain without the Union's support. Further, affiliated societies will always be given preference in the matter of dates over merely licensed shows.

A Lancashire Breeze.

Things got a little lively and personal when the suggested arranging of show dates was under discussion, but on the interposition of the chairman the breeze died down at once. Lancashire shows would seem to have some little difficulty in avoiding clashing. Accrington, Blackburn and Rochdale O.C. all seem to have been involved last season (two of them, we believe, threaten to clash this), while Preston were described as "bobbing about" first in this month, then in that. The Accrington representative, whose society got badly squeezed last year, declared that the Rochdale men were a society of "homers," for they exhibited only at their own show, not supporting other fixtures as they should, and on this ground he held they did not deserve consideration on the matter of their show date. His views stirred up one or two other fanciers present, but the atmosphere quickly cleared when Mr. Bladon promptly ruled this aspect of the matter "out of order."

District Committee's Added Powers.

The meeting then proceeded to discuss and adopt a new rule giving District Committees power to investigate complaints of fraudulent or discreditable conduct, and administer such punishment as they think fits the case, but subject to certain conditions, right of appeal to the Executive Council being one. The deposit was fixed at £1. It seemed the general opinion of the meeting that the committee on the spot was the best qualified to deal with such matters as this rule had been framed to cover.

Further Additions.

An addition to Rule 7, whereby a special general meeting of the delegates may be called at any time, providing a requisition is signed by not less than five district committees, was agreed to without discussion.

A clause empowering the Executive Council to appoint a secretary pro. tem., through the illness, death, or refusal to act of the elected secretary, was also accepted without comment.

The Suggestions Sent in for Discussion.

The "law-making" having ended for the nonce, the list of suggestions sent in by various district committees and affiliated societies came up for discussion. The Secretary (Mr. Lythgoe) pointed out that these suggestions could be discussed, and adopted or rejected, but could not be "made law" by that meeting, it being necessary for any which might be adopted to be sent out and voted upon by the whole body of delegates. It is our purpose to mention here only the more important of the said suggestions, and tell briefly the fate that befell them. Many of the suggestions, too, as will be seen on perusal of the full list printed on page 157 of our issue of February 15th last, covered identical ground, and therefore the disposal of one often served to dispose of several others.

Railway Rates.

The question of possible reduction of charges for carriage of exhibits to and from the shows, and of getting reduced fares for fanciers travelling to shows, came first, and was probably the most important on the whole list. But the statement of the Secretary, who had been in communication with the officials of other powerful bodies such as the Homing Union, the Pigeon Club, and the Kennel Club, quickly served to dispel any hope of advantages being gained in this direction. Mr. J. W. Ramsden also wrote pointing out that as the High Court in a recent decision had held that the charges made by railway companies for the conveyance of livestock were "reasonable," it could hardly be expected that the companies would reduce them. Mr. Lythgoe detailed the great efforts made by the above-mentioned bodies to secure for their members the advantages they themselves would like to obtain, saying that the companies' superintendents were waited upon by an influential deputation in the Railway Clearing House, but after consideration reported that they were unable to grant the concessions asked. Where the others had failed, he did not see that they could hope to succeed. One delegate spoke of "boycotting" the railway companies; but did not suggest how we were to get along without them supposing the threat of boycott failed to take effect. With his sentiment that "we ought to tackle 'em," the meeting seemed agreed, and everyone hoped, with him, that they would eventually "snuff 'em." It was decided to co-operate heartily with any other Fanciers' Association or Club to this end. It was also suggested to try and get the companies to book birds "return," so that they might return home by the route sent, and not, as sometimes happened when another company "collared" the hamper at the shows, by a longer, more devious, route.

Late Entries and Advertisements on Rules

A suggestion was down to restrain show officials from accepting entries after the advertised date of closing. The mover instanced a serious muddle at a show in the south last season as proof of the necessity of adopting it, saying that the manager there got into a hopeless mess through taking entries to within two days of the show being held. But the delegates were unsympathetic, and the motion was quickly and emphatically "cold shouldered."

The question of having advertisements on the rules issued by the Union was discussed, and the general feeling seemed to be that the Union was not so well off as to be able to afford to neglect such a source of revenue. The suggestion "that no advertisement appear on the rules or any other printed matter," was thrown out with only two dissentients.

The "Hated" Rule 17.

The "Hated Rule 17," as it has been termed, promises to become a "hardy annual" so far as discussion on it is concerned. It reared its unblushing head this day and some strangely differing views were expressed respecting it. Some delegates said: "Do away with Rule 17, and you strengthen the Union"; others said: "Strike out Rule 17, and the downfall of the Union is certain." And we will leave it there, only staying a moment to record the fact that on a vote the delegates by a considerable majority were in favour of Rule 17 standing exactly as it does at present.

Who's Who?

When the question of establishing the bona-fides of delegates attending the annual meeting was under discussion, Mr. Curtis was able to give a practical illustration of the point involved, being the bearer of a letter from his society setting forth that he was the "duly accredited, fit and proper person," as it were, to represent the same. It was the opinion generally that the bona-fides of everyone voting ought to be established. Mr. Bladon pointed out that an attendance book was being sent round for all present to put their names in, and he raised a laugh by saying: "I am afraid we are too credulous round here; in Manchester we believe everybody straight-forward."

"Nabbed."

The question of C.B.U. representatives at the shows wearing a distinguishing badge was also discussed, but it was felt that the possible advantages accruing from doing so, were likely to be outweighted by disadvantages, and it was decided to leave matters as before. It was pointed out that the secretary of the show (and probably any of the officials) would at once point out the C.B.U. representative to those who wanted him. Mr. Steeple raised a hearty laugh by relating how at one show a "man in blue" took him in hand as a "suspicious character," and as he had no official card to produce, the secretary of the show had to be fetched before the policeman would release him!

The Verdict.

The meeting sat from half-past three to close upon eight o'clock without a break (to say nothing of the previous meeting, at 2.30, of the Executive Council), and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Bladon for presiding with such affability and success, and to Mr. Lythgoe for his strenuous and able work in the arduous role of secretary during the past year. Then to a splendid "high tea," which disappeared in record time, and served to bring to an enjoyable close what seemed by everyone present to be considered a thoroughly successful meeting, and one well calculated to launch the C.B.U. in the happiest possible manner into another season of good work for the benefit of the Fancy.

The Proceedings in Detail.

Balance Sheet and Delegates' Expenses.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting held at the Crystal Palace were read and passed. After the balance-sheet had been read, Mr. Curtis (City and Suburban) referring to a sum of £15 5s. 10d. given as travelling expenses, asked how much of that sum had been spent on the expenses of the delegates.—The Secretary stated that the delegates' portion amounted to £9 3s. 11d., and the railway expenses of the Council to £6 5s. 11.—Mr. Curtis considered it rather a heavy amount. In getting delegates about in London they came to the decision that no delegates' expenses should be paid unless they travelled over five miles. Probably some of the delegates might have to travel much further than the London people. If that was the amount of the delegates' expenses independent of the Council, the Council must have been very economical.—Mr. Wilson (Leeds) said that, judging from his own experience of district committees, the amount was a small one. In his district they had to send a man from Hull to Scarborough, from Scarborough to Sheffield, and they always arranged, as far as possible, to minimise expense. There was always a difficulty in finding men for mid-week shows. Men could not be got to take mid-week shows, because in most cases they were not in a position to spare the time from business. Mr. Wilson pointed out that in his own district there was only one man who could be relied upon to take them. He considered that the item was a very satisfactory one.—Mr. Freestone (Norwich) considered the expense was a small one, and pointed out that many had worked for nothing, paying their own expenses.—The Chairman at this juncture pointed out that all items would be inspected by the auditors before the balance-sheet was printed and sent out.—Mr. Colman (L.C.B.A.) thought it was premature for them to pass the report before the delegates had had a chance of reading it. It seemed to him a little bit quick. He said there were several items they might like to look into

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The Chairman stated that the balance-sheet would be sent out to the Societies.—Mr. Rhodes interposed: "We only want the report to be adopted, and it is for this meeting to adopt it or reject it.—Mr. Bradshaw (Sheffield) moved the adoption of the balance-sheet as read.—Mr. Garner (Stockport) seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

Election of President and Secretary.

Mr. W. A. Bladon was again unanimously elected President.—Mr. Lythgoe had intimated to the Council that he was not available for election to the secretaryship, and at the meeting he pointed out that he had considered it very seriously, and in view of the fact that he was no longer in business for himself and that the duties of office necessitated much work at late hours of the night, he thought that in the interests of his own health it would be better to resign office.—Mr. Bradshaw said that Mr. Lythgoe's resignation would place them in a very awkward position, as they did not know each other sufficiently well to nominate one of themselves. Mr. Lythgoe would know best himself whether or not he ought to continue office. He (Mr. Bradshaw) for one would press him to do so, but did not feel like compelling him, although he did not know anyone else to take the job.—Mr. Rhodes said he was satisfied that it would be a great misfortune if Mr. Lythgoe absolutely refused to hold office any longer. The Union had had its birth in Manchester, and had been worked up by Mr. Bladon and Mr. Lythgoe, and it would take a considerable time for any stranger, whatever his ability, to get such a grip of the working of the system that Mr. Lythgoe had. He wished some means could be found by which Mr. Lythgoe might be rendered the necessary assistance. He thought it was too much to expect a man to undertake the arduous duties of secretary unless he were paid something like a fair salary.

Mr. Lythgoe said he had not been thinking of the money so much, though he would say plainly that the office was anything but a well paid one. It was their first working season, however, and they had given him what he had asked for. He was thinking more of his own health, which was not very robust, and scarcely equal to the present demands of office. This winter he had had to devote far too much night work to his duties, with the result that his health had been affected. He did not see how he could possibly undertake the work unless he were allowed a typewriter, and empowered to secured paid clerical assistance. In conclusion, he suggested sending out fresh nominations for the position.—Mr. Bentley (Great Harwood) pointed out that the Union had £53 in hand, and wanted to know why the amount should be hoarded up instead of being spent on the good and efficient working of the Union. If a typewriter and paid clerical assistance were needed, why not use some of the surplus in hand for that purpose? This would have to be done in any case, and why not do it now, and so retain Mr. Lythgoe's valuable organising abilities?—Mr. Raynes (Norwich Plainhead Club) also spoke to this effect, and suggested that the secretary could call in a shorthand writer, dictate the correspondence, and thus save himself a good deal of clerical work. He thought Mr. Lythgoe ought certainly to be persuaded to stay on at least another year.

Mr. Rhodes said he felt that this was the most critical time in the history of the Union. To have a change of secretaryship would probably cause the Union to go back. If they could by any possible means retain Mr. Lythgoe in that office, they ought to do so. If the diffiencity could be met by the purchase of a machine, and by empowering Mr. Lythgoe to obtain what assistance he considered necessary, he thought it would be doing the best thing to secure him on these terms. He suggested, also, that the secretary be paid something for his services. The amount voted to him (£5) was not sufficient. He thought very strongly that it ought to be increased, a typewriter purchased, and authority given to the secretary to secure a typist. If the secretary could be induced to continue office on these terms, he was inclined to support it heartily.—The Chairman invited a full and free expression of opinion on the matter, but all the delegates seemed inclined to agree with the previous speakers, and at last, on the motion of Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Garner, it was unanimously decided that a salary of £15 15s. per annum be paid to the secretary, that a typewriter be purchased, and that he should be empowered to procure clerical assistance whenever necessary. Under the great pressure brought to bear on him, Mr. Lythgoe agreed to continue office, and this decision was greeted with acclamation by the assembled delegates.

Revised Version of Rule 4.

Every affiliated society shall pay to the funds of the Union a subscription at the rate of 2d. for every member on the books of such society. Such subscription shall not be less than 5/-, nor more than £1 1s. The sum of 5/- shall be due and payable on account of such subscription on the 1st of February in each year, and the balance of such subscription shall be payable on or before the 1st of September in each year. The Secretary of every affiliated society shall furnish to the Secretary of the Union, for purposes of registration, a list showing the names and addresses of its members, on or before the 1st of September in each year. Such list may be added to after registration on payment of the increased amount of the subscription (if any) becoming payable by reason of such addition.

In connection with this Mr. Lythgoe suggested that the year be altered to end in January, and that district committee meetings should be held as early as possible in February. Some secretaries of Societies might raise an objection on account of the Union getting a year's subscription for only nine months, but he thought the year should expire in January. He said he had been repeatedly asked when the year started and ended. He pointed out that at present a Society might send a delegate to this meeting, pick a date, and afterwards back out of the Union, to the detriment of others. This accounted for the requiring of at least 5s. of the annual subscription being paid before any Society could send a delegate to the district committee meeting held for the consideration of show dates. The year was fixed to end in March because they wanted it to expire at the end of the show season. If it expired in December it would be right in the middle of the show season. January 31 was practically the end of the season, as only the Palace Show ran on into February.

Mr. Wilson proposed that the alteration be adopted.—Mr. Freestone (Norwich) seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

New Rule to be inserted between Rules 13 and 14.

Each affiliated society shall, not later than the month of January in each year, submit to the Secretary of the Union the date proposed for the holding of its open show or shows, and such date shall be subject to the sanction of the district committee governing such society, and shall, where possible, be altered or abandoned in accordance with the ruling of such district committee at a meeting specially called for the purpose. No affiliated society whose instalment of 5/- of its subscription to the C.B.U. is unpaid, shall be permitted to send a delegate or delegates to the meeting of the district committee at which the fixing of Show dates is to be considered. No society can become affiliated or receive a licence after the said month of January, unless the proposed date of its show does not clash with that fixed by the district committee for any other affiliated society's show.

The Secretary pointed out that it was not intended that there should be anything arbitrary about this rule; it was merely to help them to fix up dates that should not clash.—Mr. Bradshaw moved that it be not entertained, as, if the resolution were passed, they might be twitted with the remark that the Cage Bird Union was going to "boss the show." He considered that members of any individual Society knew best what dates would best suit their purposes for shows, and it was for them to decide when they should hold a show. If two clashed, the weaker would go to the wall, and would look out another time and find a date more suitable. Mr. Lythgoe said he did not think the weakest ought to go to the wall, and this could not happen if another date were offered them in the first place. In the case of Cockermouth and Carlisle there were only five shows in the district in the whole season, and yet these two shows picked on the same date. A district meeting would have done away with this altogether. He wrote to both Societies, and suggested that they should see each other and alter the date, but to no purpose. The alteration of this rule would have settled this difficulty in an amicable way.

To Clash or not to Clash?

Mr. Brown (Gateshead) said that last year they had in District No. 1 several shows clashing within a very short distance of each other, with the result that one went to the wall altogether. If such arrangements were made as suggested here, they would have fixed on a date offered to them, and he had no doubt that they would have gone on alright. In another case they had a show where the entries were such as made it not worth while to carry the thing on. Then they had affiliated and licensed shows (three in all) holding fixtures within a radius of thirty miles on the same day. The people in the districts were much better able to know and deal with this than the secretary, and he had no doubt it could be properly arranged. He had been asked specially by one Society to come and state their case. Last year the affiliated Society clashed with a licensed show, and both Societies had fixed on the same date for this year. If the Union did not interfere in these matters, what was the good of the Union? He therefore moved that the proposal be adopted.—Mr. Wilson seconded.

Mr. Bradshaw remarked that his Society had already fixed a date and engaged judges and hall. He supposed others would have done the same. How were they to go on when the halls were engaged, with the judges as well? He thought they could not tell a Society to fix its show on another date unless they could say that judges should be at liberty on that date; and it would not be fair to say they must hold their show and we shall pick your judges!—The Secretary pointed out that the words "where possible" left them able to settle such a matter amicably."—Mr. Brown said he did not think the Union intended to dictate to the Societies when they should hold a show. It was only intended that the district people should meet and settle the matter in a friendly way. Where an older Society had had a date for years, however, it would not be to their interest to let the younger Society take that date. If it was understood among the clubs, it would be an easy matter to have a meeting called and arrangements made to suit everybody. Dates would be sent to the secretary, and submitted by him to the district committees, who, by having all the dates before them, could easily pick another date which would not clash with one of the other Societies.—Mr. Bradshaw said that assuming No. 1 District met and fixed their dates—he would call it Lancashire instead for the sake of example—assuming Lancashire met and fixed up their dates, which were agreed to, and Cheshire also met, and they were also agreed. But supposing then that Manchester and Altrincham (about 7 or 8 miles apart) were found to have fixed on the same date, how was that going to be prevented? If either of these clubs' dates was going to be altered it would throw the whole thing wrong in both districts. Though this resolution may not be arbitrary, he continued, the district delegates have the power to make it so; they may not to start with, but later on they may.—Mr. Freestone said it would make it very difficult in the case of his Society (Norwich), because the hall was fully booked up except on the two days fixed upon. As they were 200 strong, they could depend the members would have their show, even if they went against the Union.—Mr. Curtis said that in London the halls had to be booked very far in advance, and it would be a very serious thing for some societies to have to forego their dates, and the arranging might not work. If the delegates could agree among themselves to arrange the show dates, it would be a good thing to do, but this year preference should be given to those Societies which had fixed their dates. He thought preference should always be given to the affiliated in preference to the merely licensed.—Mr. Rhodes said that one of the objects of the Cage Bird Union, as could be seen by referring to Rule No. 2, was to prevent clashing as far as possible; it seemed to him that something ought to be done in the direction indicated. There might be a little friction just at the present time, but he thought it would settle down and work smoothly afterwards. In his own district (No. 7) what had already been done was to communicate with the Societies and invite the secretaries of those different Societies to propose the date they which to hold their show upon. Following on the point mentioned by Mr. Curtis, if it did happen that they stuck and could not get on, it might be referred to the president and secretary of the Union. He thought he could not do better than suggest that; there might be a case rather hard, but they would have to deal with it as well as they could. He urged that it was not possible to frame a law that would not fall hard on somebody but they ought to look after the interests of the greatest number. They made a point of fixing the Nottingham Show on a certain date, and where another town in the district fixed on the same date he wrote to the secretary, and had always got him to alter the date without any trouble.—Messrs. Roslyn, Hadwin, and Colman commented briefly on this rule.—Mr. Trengove mentioned a case where Accrington had clashed with Rochdale, and much trouble and disappointment had been caused.—The proposal was eventually carried, only two voting against.

Rule for Insertion after Rule 8.

A district committee shall have power at any time to hear and investigate any complaint of fraudulent or discreditable conduct in regard to a bird, or any matter whatsoever connected with or arising out of a bird show, or any matter relating to the same, or to these rules, and may pass such resolution thereon as it may think fit, and it shall have power—subject to the right of appeal as hereinbefore mentioned, and subject also to the confirmation of the sentence by the executive council of the C.B.U.—(a). To suspend any person from taking part in, or having any connection with, any show held under C.B.U. rules, or attending the same. (b). To publish the fact of such suspension and the account of the proceedings in the Fancy Press. All complaints under this rule must be accompanied by a deposit of £1, which may be wholly or partly awarded to the person or persons complained of if the complaint be dismissed, or otherwise it shall be returned to the depositor. Any costs, charges, or expenses incurred by a district committee in enforcing this rule shall be borne and paid by the executive council of the C.B.U.

This created but little discussion, the general feeling seeming to be that it was a move in the right direction. What few remarks were made concerned chiefly the amount of the deposit, some thinking £1 was too high. It was eventually fixed at this sum, however, one reason for this being the desire to render the making of frivolous or groundless appeals and complaints as remote a contingency as possible. One delegate remarked: "If a man's honour is not worth staking £1 upon, then it can't be worth consideration at all." Mr. Freestone moved and Mr. Nadin seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Addition to Rule 7.

On a requisition signed by five district committees, a special general meeting of the delegates shall be called for the discussion of any matter connected with, or affecting the interests of the C.B.U. Notice of such Annual or Special meeting shall be sent by the secretary of the C.B.U. to all delegates entitled to vote, seven days before the meeting.

The above addition to Rule 7 gave rise to little or no comment, its purport being obvious, and on the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Garner, it was unanimously adopted.

Concerning the Secretaryship.

In the event of the death, retirement, or incapacity, or refusal to act of the secretary, the executive council shall have power to appoint an hon. secretary pro. tem., to perform the duties of secretary until the ensuing annual general meeting, by votes in writing signed by each member of the executive council and lodged with the President of the Cage Bird Union.

This resolution was recognised as a very necessary one to be on the books, and it was passed without discussion on the proposition of Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Suggestions made by various District Committees & Societies.

District No. 1.—The question of show dates and their clashing having been dealt with, the suggestion re railway charges and concessions was gone into.

The Secretary stated that he had seen the Editor of the "Homing Pigeon," who was good enough to tell him that a deputation from the "Homing Union" (the wealthiest of all Unions of this kind) and the "Poultry Club," had waited upon the railway clearing house officials, to ask that their members be allowed to travel with small consignments of Homing Pigeons, etc., as personal luggage, and to grant fanciers reduced rates of travel, but they were told that the matter had been carefully considered by the superintendents in Conference, who were unable to grant the concessions asked for. The sec. stated, however, that he had heard that the Kennel Club were doing something with the same object in view, but he did not know exactly what. He could not very well see how the railways could be induced to lower the rates.—They had the monopoly and the result of the deputation mentioned proved this difficulty of the position.—Mr. Rhodes suggested that the sec. be requested to write to these different clubs and tell them that the C.B.U. would be prepared to co-operate with them in the endeavour to secure privileges from the the railway companies. It was a puzzle to him why the railways could not at least grant fanciers the privilege of travelling to and from the shows at reduced fares, on the same lines as the concessions made to anglers. Why the latter should be singled out for favour, and no one else, he did not know. We should have to join fishing clubs and carry rods, he concluded!—Mr. Bradshaw told a little story in which an Angling Society to which he belonged got the better of a railway company by threatening to boycott the line, if the privileges and reduced fares at which the anglers had travelled were in any way curtailed. He urged the Union to take up a similar attitude.—Mr. Heaton (Crewe) asked if the railway companies could not be approached with a view to booking the birds "return" from the shows. He pointed out curious inconsistencies in higher charges being made for the return trip than on the outward journey. It was unanimously agreed that the sec. write the secretaries of the various Fanciers' governing bodies on the lines above suggested.

"Delegates attending shows to be supplied with a Union ticket by the district secretary, admitting to the show on all occasions, while open." This was not adopted, the letter from the district secretary being considered sufficient.

District No. 6.—The suggestion "That an exhibitor having exhibited 12 months at affiliated or licensed shows, shall then be compelled to become a member of the Union," was rejected.

District Committee No. 12.—"That societies and their show managers be not permitted to accept entries after the advertised date of closing."

Mr. Colman stated that at the beginning of last season there was a bit of a mess at one of the shows in the London district, and an enquiry into the matter showed that it was brought about by the acceptance of entries very late. The show manager said that he had accepted them up to two days before the show, and so many came in at the last that it threw the thing "upside down," and he "didn't know where he was."—

Mr. Stringer (Salford) did not see why a sec. should be stopped from sending out "whip-up" cards, supposing his entries to be bad. He instanced one year at his society's show, when the Yorkshire classes were very bad, so that on the Monday night he wrote to about a dozen Yorkshire fanciers to send more in. The result was that he was able to allow the section to stand. If one show manager had taken late entries, and so "muddled up" his show, he did not see why that should prevent others, who knew how to manage better than that, from taking late entries, which often made all the difference between paying and not.—These sentiments seemed generally endorsed, for on the vote the suggestion was rejected by a heavy majority.

Matters of Routine.

City and Suburban A.C.B.: Mr. Curtis, in support of the suggestions made by his Society, said they had gone to a lot of trouble, and spent hours over the suggestions put forward, and they thought they would be beneficial to all concerned in the Union. Too much work could be done by the delegates, and by the Council in particular. There seemed to be a general feeling that more voting should take place among the members themselves on important questions. With regard to the advertisements on the rules, he assured the delegates that this alteration was proposed long before tenders were sent out for the printing (at their last June meeting), so that he hoped no one present would think the suggestion arose from any ill-will. No reflection on anyone was meant in any shape or form. He could confirm this if Mr. Lythgoe could give him the date on which the tenders were sent out.—Mr. Lythgoe informed the meeting that the tenders for advertisements were sent out in August.—Mr. Curtis, continuing, said the Executive Council should be voted in by the members of the Union, and that it should not be left to the delegates to select members of the Council. He thought suggestions and propositions should be sent out in time to allow the delegates to place them before the Societies they represented, and so ascertain the views of all the members. At present it was possible for a member of the Council to be elected by a minority, but if members voted one would thus be elected by a majority of the whole of the district. He thought a vote should be as representative of the members as possible. It was for the delegates to accept or reject the suggestions. With regard to Rule 17, Mr. Curtis said that the majority of London Fanciers were not in favour of the rule, but he believed they were in favour of excluding non-affiliated members from showing. In his opinion, it was the Yorkshiremen they feared. If they could not do without the Yorkshiremen's exhibits, why could not some friendly arrangement be come to with them, providing, of course, that they would abide by the Union's rules? It all seemed to be the outcome of Rule 17, and one got tired of hearing about it.

"That the annual meeting be strictly representative of paid-up affiliated societies, whose credentials shall be examined."—Referring to this question of a means of identification of delegates at annual meeting, Mr. Rhodes considered it would be putting too much on the secretary to expect him to examine the cards of all delegates in order to ascertain if they came from paid-up affiliated Societies, especially those that came in after the meeting had started. It was quite right, however, that only those who had paid up should be represented. He thought the matter would be met if the secretary would satisfy himself that the persons attending the meeting were bona-fide delegates, entitled to vote, say, by the production at the door of the agenda paper sent to delegates. This would no doubt satisfy those who might be afraid that a particular district would run in a number of members in order to carry a motion.—Adopted.

"That all proposed alterations in the rules be sent to the general secretary two months prior to the annual meeting, and sent to all affiliated societies six weeks before the meeting."—Adopted.

"That rules can only be amended or added to at the annual meeting."—Adopted.

Cheap Money.

"That no advertisement appear on the rules or any other printed matter."—Mr. Hadwin proposed, and Mr. Wilson seconded, that the present system of printing be continued.—Mr. Rhodes said he would like to hear from the mover of the resolution what its object was. Why should not the Union save money by this means if possible?—Mr. Curtis stated that the present system created a little jealousy, and they thought that as the C.B.U. was supported by a number of Societies it was well-off enough to pay for the rules being printed without any advertisements on at all. There would then be no likelihood of any suggestion as to favouritism. This, he emphasised, was thought of long ago—as far back as June.—Mr. Lythgoe pointed out that with the new rules which had been passed that day, it would be necessary to have another set printed, and if they could get them printed without any cost to the Union he thought it a very good thing. By allowing some advertisements to be put on, they got the work done free, instead of at a cost of about £10.—Mr. Rhodes said he had only wanted to know the reason for any opposition, and he was now quite satisfied that the present arrangement was a good one, and he thought no attempt should be made to alter it as long as the right of advertising was open for competition, as it was in this case. He did not say it should be offered exclusively to one person, but the Union was right in taking the best price it could get.—Mr. Colman said that may be very well for the rules, but the show rules were also sent out in the same way. As secretary of his Society he tried to get as much as he could for advertisements, and they had a set price, and it was open for anyone to advertise. But these rules were going out with the advertisement on of a certain Fancy paper (which he was not against, any more than he was in favour of any of the others), but that paper had the advantage of advertising on the show rules, and his Society did not gain anything by it.—Mr. Wilson (Leeds) pointed out that by getting those rules at 1s. 4d. a thousand, so far as they were concerned, it saved them one leaf in their schedule, and was a gain to them of 2s8. The Union got the rules printed off for nothing, and by this means alone were enabled to sell them at 1s. 4d. per thousand to Societies. Perhaps the secretary could tell them what they cost the first year.—The Secretary stated that they were sold at cost price the first year, viz., 2s. 6d. per thousand. Now the Societies paid 1s. 4d., and the Union's funds gained £16 out of the show rules and the advertisments alone.—Mr. Freestone could not see any objection to having the advertisement matter on the rules. There was no diffiencity in the way, and the Union made a good profit out of it. How it could be argued that the advertiser got a "free advertisement" he could not understand.—Mr. Hadwin proposed that the matter remain as at present; Mr. Freestone seconded, and this was carried by a clear majority, only two opposing.

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OUR ESSAY COMPETITION.

The judges of the essays sent in for our recent competition are giving them their careful consideration, but so heavy and onerous is their task that we cannot promise to publish the full results for another week or two. Competitors can rest assured, however, that we will do this, and so relieve their anxiety, at the earliest possible moment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PREPARING LINNETS FOR SINGING CONTESTS.

SIR,—I am writing to ask if any reader of CAGE BIRDS would be kind enough to tell me how they train Linnets for contest singing. I have Linnets, and they are good songsters, but I cannot make them sing at any time. Perhaps some reader would only be too glad to say how to train them.

A NOVICE.

THE "DISQUALIFIED" CREST AT ST. ALBANS SHOW.

SIR,—Having noticed Mr. Tyson's letter in CAGE BIRDS, I can fully endorse his remarks, as I sold the bird to Mrs. Pearse, and it has a perfect crest and not a feather wrong. I think it very hard on Mr. Tyson that any accusations should be made against one who has done so much for the Fancy.

O. L. QUINTON.

Great Yarmouth.

A KNOTTY POINT ABOUT HYBRIDS

SIR,—I have to thank "Viola" for his appreciative letter in your issue of 22nd inst., which is very encouraging. I agree with him on the classification, and I am persuaded it would be an advantage if show executives were to provide separate classes for Hybrids, bred between Foreign birds, and for Hybrids bred between British birds. In 1907 many entries were lost, owing to the Foreign bred birds being allowed to compete with Hybrids bred from Britishers. Hybrid showing is in its infancy and ought to be encouraged. Every committee should have a practical Hybrid breeder amongst its members. The want of such even in our large societies is a serious defect, and should be remedied.

THOMAS SMITH.

THE STANDARD LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—In my letter printed in your issue of the 8th February, I stated that Mr. House had misread the rules of the Y.C.C. and S.Y.C.C., or that he was juggling with the truth; your note at the bottom of my letter refers to the Y.U.O.S. standards. While at the Palace Show I inquired what was the difference between the Y.C.C. and Y.U.O.S., and I was told that the Y.C.C. is a specialist club dealing solely with the Yorkshire Canary, and the Y.U.O.S. are a union of societies which have for their object the breeding, etc., of all varieties of cage birds. However, to make quite sure, I wrote to the secretary of the Y.U.O.S. for a copy of the rules, which he has kindly lent to me, and I find that Clause 2 reads that "the Yorkshire shall not exceed 6¾ inches in length." Therefore I desire to withdraw my statement against Mr. H., as he quoted from the Union book and not the Y.C.C. or S.Y.C.C. books. I shall be glad to learn if Clause 2 was ever voted upon by a body of the Yorkshire Canary Fanciers? If so, why is the clause not printed in the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., and S.Y.C.C. rule books? Is it to try to prevent judges pulling out the Yorkshires' tails when measuring? This is a thing that has been done! I should like to mention that I saw the bird (which Mr. H. stated was 7⅞ inches long) measured by a well-known Fancier from Bradford, and it did not go 7 inches from end of beak to tip of tail.

W. G. ELSMORE.

BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB AND ITS JUDGES.

SIR,—Now I am again downstairs, I crave a small space in your valuable columns re the above. I have been astonished each week since the general meeting of the club, held in Edinburgh on the 1st January where this unfair rule was passed, that none of my fellow members of the club have used your columns to protest against it, as I know from letters received that many of them see the injustice of it. I cannot for the life of me see one point, how it is going to advance the club's interest or that the club will be one penny the richer for it. I shall be happy to hear from some one who was at the meeting and heard the views expressed in its favour. Or perhaps the mover of the motion will favour your readers by telling them his idea and how it is going to work out to the interest of all concerned. To my mind it is a step entirely in the wrong direction, and will detract much from the club's honour of equality to all its members. They have enjoyed perfect freedom, which has been the life of our club. But by restricting members down to two shows in the season they are bound to cause friction in every sense of the word. I have heard from a few of my fellow judges and they state that they will take on as many shows as they think fit, and will either resign from membership or let the club expel them after they have judged the two shows. On the other hand, just think of the trouble and expense it will cause societies seeking the club's patronage. They may write to any of the prominent judges who they think will draw a good entry, and find he is engaged to his limit. They try another with like same result and so on, until they have either to take a novice and risk the chance of an entry, or engage one of the known judges and discard the patronage of the club. With regard to a few of our members who are quite qualified to come out as judges of any of them, I will extend the hand of friendship, and if societies give them the honour of selecting them of their own free will, so much the better; but on the other hand to restrict judges to the two shows, by the time the Scottish National and the Crystal Palace (two of our largest shows) came on, there would be nothing but perfect novices to place the awards. I wrote our secretary re the above, stating my views and telling him that this rule was very unpopular, and wished him to call a special meeting of the club or try some other means to hear every member's views. He replied that he does not think that over a dozen members would attend which may be true. However, I trust members will not be backward in expressing their views through your go-ahead paper, CAGE BIRDS.

J. PATTERSON.

Chirnside.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR POPLAR.

SIR,—Seeing in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, a couple of weeks back, letters about starting a Cage Bird Society for Poplar, I may say I should very much like to see one myself. If those who have written and others residing in or near, and who are willing to join, would send their names to me, we could come to some arrangements for calling a meeting. T. G. HUNT.

31, Cotton Street, Poplar, E.

THE BENJAMIN SPIERS FUND.

SIR,—Kindly print following list of subscribers to the Benjamin Spiers' Fund in your next issue. I should also like to thank CAGE BIRDS for the great assistance rendered towards this deserving case. Mr. Hadcocks, through seeing the appeal in CAGE BIRDS, collected 5s. This is my final appeal for 7s., so that I can make the sum up to £10. I thank all subscribers for their donations, and wish them a successful season.

F. EASTERLING.

5, St. Mark's Road, Fulham Road, S.W.

Messrs. Hadcocks, Trower, and Miller, 5s. each; D. Scott, Harris, H. N. and Dawson, 2s. 6d. each; Allnott, Brownlie, Lewis, and Silver, 2s. each; Mrs. Love, Mrs. Carson, Messrs. Maybank, Buswell, Woner, King, Scaife, Stevenson, Wright, Baker, Mason Birch, Lawrence, Churchard, Hodges, Thorpe, Curry, and Jordan, 1s. each; Hawes, Rogers, Bassett, and Roberts, 6d. each; total, £2 13s.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB OF SCOTLAND.

SIR,—A well-attended meeting to form the above club was held in the Co-operative Hall, Glasgow, on Wednesday, February 19, R. Eastman, Esq., in the chair. Amongst those present were Messrs. W. Fortune, vice-president, Y.C.C. of Ireland; G. McPhail, S.P.C., and R. B. Gibb, G. and W. of Scotland. It was unanimously agreed to call the Club the "Y.C.C. of Scotland," and that the Club be formed in the interest of the Yorkshire Canary in Scotland. Mr. Eastman was elected its first President, and the interest the genial President of the Glasgow and West takes in the Yorkie entitles him above any other Fancier in Scotland to that position. Two vice-presidents were elected, Messrs. R. B. Gibb and J. Lowe; also hon. secretary and treasurer (combined) Mr. F. Bowman, 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow. It was decided to form a committee of eleven, five to form a quorum, these being Messrs. D. Cooper, T. Penman, C. Martin, R. Mitchell, and G. McRobbie (Glasgow), W. Fortune (Edinburgh), W. H. McDougall (Fort William), J. B. Paterson (Ayr), J. Campbell (Lassodie), A. M. Baird (Paisley), and W. Shewan (Fraserburgh). Messrs. Gibb and Penman were elected auditors and scrutineers. It was decided to hold a first feather show, the President kindly offering a medal. Mr. Fortune also promised a special. A letter was read from Mr. Baird, hon. sec., Paisley O.A., expressing his regret at not being able to be present, and offering a special for first feather show, donor not competing. After a very successful and pleasant meeting, votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Eastman for his kindness in acting as chairman, and to Mr. Fortune, who came through from Edinburgh to attend the meeting. It speaks well for the future of the Club when we have such an enthusiastic number of members to start with. Any young Fancier intending taking up this variety can do so with every confidence, as with one or two exceptions the whole of the members are novices. I shall be pleased to send any information to Fanciers wishing to become members, or who send on 2s. 6d. annual subscription; they will then be in time for the specials at our first feather show.

F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

BEGINNERS: YOU MUST read the ANNUAL.

ROLLER CANARIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—My reply to Mr. Whittaker's letter in your last week's number is this—On the 7th inst. I was informed of your challenge by our secretary, and replied to it as follows: "I will not establish a precedent by accepting a money challenge from an exhibitor, nor would I think of staking my reputation on the chances of a Roller's vagaries." Now, after the appearance of your letter in the Press, I am anxious that others should have an opportunity of hearing the bird, and without myself gambling on what a Roller may sing or not sing at any future time I have handed a sum sufficient for expenses to our secretary, to be used for the sole purpose of bringing about a public hearing of the bird. It will be interesting and instructive. Before doing this, I wish to state that I have shown my judging notes to every person who asked for them.

A. RETTICH.

SIR,—In reply to the extraordinary letter of Mr. Whittaker in your issue of last week, I have been advised by my solicitor to take no notice of it for the present.

CHAS. ROEHL.

SIR,—It is a great pity that Mr. Whittaker was in such a great hurry to rush into print. £20 challenges are not as a rule accepted by return of post. I received his post-card containing the challenge on Saturday, and wrote as requested to Mr. Rettich, who would receive the letter on Monday morning. Assuming this allowed him to write by return of post, I should then get his letter when I arrived home on Monday night. And allowing that I sat down and wrote off to Mr. Whittaker, he (Mr. W.) would not receive the letter before Tuesday afternoon, and I presume that Mr. Whittaker wrote his letters to the Press on Monday, as he was in time for that week's issue. As it happens, the reply came on Tuesday night, and is as follows:—"I will not establish a precedent by accepting a money challenge from an exhibitor, nor would I think of staking my reputation on the chances of a Roller's vagaries." This I consider a very proper answer for the judge to make, and I am sure that if Mr. Whittaker will think the matter over again he will agree with it, as I do not think that, having himself judged several times during this past show season, he would care to have challenges in the Press from exhibitors who are dissatisfied with his judging. As I am always on the look-out for any ways and means of getting funds for the Club, if Mr. Whittaker really means business, I shall be pleased to arrange matches for him. We have a good many sporting members, and I have no doubt they would cover the money for the benefit of the Club's funds.

Hon. Sec., B.R.C.C. J. W. NORRIS.

A STANDARD SHOW CAGE FOR BRITISH HARDBILLS.

SIR,—I see in this week's CAGE BIRDS that the National British Bird and Mule Club have under consideration the adoption of a standard pattern cage for exhibiting British seed-eaters in. Though not a member of this club, I hope the members will forgive me for making a few suggestions. Now, I think the idea of having a partly wired top cage is one of the worst things that could be brought about. Firstly, every Fancier knows that the open-top cage has a great tendency to make Goldfinches, Linnets, etc., wild, and also to make them tumblers, which is a great drawback to an exhibition bird. Secondly, everyone who sends to a show knows that cages are very often—more often than not—stacked one on top of the other, and the cage with the wire top is bound to catch all the water and other waste from the cage above, to say nothing about the dust which settles on a cage. Why, only this year I sent my birds to a show where there was nothing staged in the room except cage birds, and when they came back the tops of the cages were thick with dust, which would no doubt have settled on the bird in a wire-top cage. Some might say—What about the Yorkshire show-cages? Well, I know this—you will see Norwich staged cleaner than Yorkshires as a rule, and if you happen to send a Yorkshire to a mixed show, where there is generally a dust, he will want washing before you can show him again. Thirdly, a great number of Fanciers make their own show-cages, and the bow-top pattern wired front is most difficult for a novice bird-cage builder to make. The price also would be more with the wire top than with a plain box pattern, and this is a great item to the working man Fancier. I think the British Bird and Mule Club should select a cage after the style of the Norwich Plainhead Canary Club's show-cage, with the drinking-hole in the middle and no food receptacle (Fanciers to put plenty of seed in bottom of cage), with one uniform kind of perch, and colour, say, of a nice shade of green, enamelled black outside and wires enamelled the same colour as the inside. Or there is a very handy cage made, I believe, in Scotland, with sliding front and perches screwed through back of cage. This sliding front is very useful for cleansing purposes. However, whichever cage the club selects, I hope the British bird Fanciers in general will adopt same, and let us have a uniform cage, both as regards colour and perches, and not, as now, some red outside, some black, and, as I have seen, some green. I think the National British Bird and Mule Club have taken a step in the right direction, but let us have a cage that would be used throughout the country, and one which shall be cheap and economical. I should like to hear what other British bird Fanciers have got to say on the matter, as I think this is a matter that should be considered by them.

BRITISH BIRD FANCIER.

THE FIRST PRIZE ALBINO AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I note in the CAGE BIRDS a letter respecting how my bird was caught and reared and what it resembled with its call note. Well, I myself got the bird when it was only very young, and also the parent birds and the rest of the young. They were got only about half mile away from my house. I took a great interest in the young bird and put it under the care of a hen Canary, which fed and reared it splendidly. As to its call note, I cannot tell you what it is like, but first thing in the morning it has a most lovely, low, sweet melody. But during the day-time you scarce hear it chirp. I must also tell you that its parents were Yellowhammers. I am at liberty to show where the bird was caught and can produce witnesses to verify my words. I hope this brief allusion will explain matters.

RALPH KELL.

MORPETH WAKES FROM SLUMBER.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space to reply to Mr. Dippie's letter in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS re the Morpeth Society. I was at the final meeting of the old society, and Mr. Dippie gave those present to understand that he notified all the members except one. I was also at the first meeting of the new society, and there learned that there were two other members, Messrs. Marshall and Grey, who were not notified. I think this is sufficient to justify my supporting Mr. Grey's remarks about the final meeting of the old society not being in order. Perhaps Mr. Dippie will explain why he did not notify those two members?

S. P. LACKEY.

SIR,—I read with much interest the letters which appeared in last week's CAGE BIRDS in reference to the new Morpeth Canary and Cage Bird Club—the one sent by "One Feather" and the other by Mr. Dippie (secretary of the late Society). As these letters are the outcome of the report I sent of our first meeting, I feel in duty bound to answer them. There is much of "One Feather's" remarks with which I can agree, and I judge from his letter that this fancier knows more about the old society than he cares to give out. "One Feather" cannot reside very far from Morpeth, I guess, and if he was not a member of the old society, I am sure he will find a welcome in the new one. He charges some of the members of the old club with roosting; so I judge he is not a rooster himself. Now, we do not want roosters in our club, so, Come along, "One Feather," and join us. Send word to our secretary, Mr. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth, and let us have your co-operation and help. Now, in reply to Mr. Dippie's remarks. In the first place, the heading, "Morpeth Wakes from Slumber," is not of my phrasing. I had hoped that the past was done with, but I cannot stand by and be charged with inaccuracy, and I assure your readers that my report of our first meeting was both true and correct. Now that Mr. Dippie has thrown down the gauntlet, I must explain that the old society, of which I was a member, was carried on with two meeting nights, namely, a Friday night meeting for town members, and a Saturday night meeting for district members. The final meeting of the old club was held on a Saturday night, consequently the town members were not notified. Then I learn that at that meeting, after it was proposed and seconded that the club be disbanded, Mr. Cowling suggested that the meeting should be adjourned and the town members summoned to a meeting, to have their views on the matter. His suggestion was not taken up, and consequently the Saturday night, or district members' meeting, broke up the club, as already reported. In conclusion, I would like to mention that our new society is progressing favourably. We have our new president, Alderman G. B. Grey, J.P., to finally elect, also a vice-president in the person of Mr. E. B. Atkinson, of Choppington, and a goodly number of new members.

A. G. MARSHALL.

Order your ANNUAL at once, or you will be too late for one.

THE NIGHTINGALE IN MID-DEVON.

SIR,—I am a constant reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, and I would like to know if any of your numerous readers can inform me as to whether or not a Nightingale has been heard to sing in Mid-Devon? I have lived in the Exe Valley, but I never remember hearing a Nightingale. SKYLARK.

A LINNET SINGING CHALLENGE.

SIR,—I have seen challenges in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, lately, on Linnet singing, and seeing the parties can't get on with a match, I am willing to sing any bird in Yorkshire for £5 and upwards, birds to be on the shelf 15 minutes, cleanest and best mouthful. Man and money ready by applying to—J. SCARFE, at R. Dearlove's, 156, Porter Street, Hull.

WHERE DOES THE COLOUR COME FROM?

SIR,—In last week's CAGE BIRDS Mr. Metcalfe says, "Do the clear Yorkshire Fanciers go to the Cinnamon Mark for their colour? I say No." Well, Mr. Metcalfe, where do they go? If they go to the Green Mark Yorkshire for colour, will you kindly explain where the Green Mark Yorkshire comes from? Also where the Heavy Green Mark Norwich comes from? Also, can Mr. Metcalfe explain where most of the Greens in Liverpool (I mean the best) come from, and how they were bred? I will give the novice a very easy way of breeding Norwich Greens—Foul Cinnamon hen, short and thick, good head, plenty of width across shoulders, very short tail, extra quality of feather, and a heavy-marked Green cock, plenty of size, good round head (without horns). A pair of this stamp will breed them all right. I notice type wins, and colour has to take a back seat when type comes along. If one or two of our leading Cinnamon breeders would just match up a few pairs for green breeding, things would hum in the Norwich Greens Liverpool way. JUST PAST THE NOVICE STAGE.

THE RARE REDPOLL-BULLFINCH HYBRID.

SIR,—Thanks very much for giving myself and readers the correct wording of the Mule classes in the Dudley schedule. I give it once more in case Mr. Ward, and whoever else is interested, did not notice its significance. "Class 17, Light Canary Mule or Hybrid, including Canary Bullie." "Class 18, Dark Canary Mule or Hybrid." Now, that is surely plain enough for anyone to interpret. And yet Mr. Robson, a judge whom Mr. Ward names as an expert, gives second prize to a Greenie-Bullie in Class 17. Perhaps he thought it a Canary-Bullie. The veriest tyro can see by the wording of the two classes that the Greenie-Bullie should have been entered in Class 18; and any judge but an expert would have wrong-classed it under the other heading. How it escaped the notice of the reporters and the committee is beyond me. What have the other exhibitors in Class 17 to say about it? Perhaps Mr. Ward will give us his opinion.

T. JOHNSON.

CAGE BIRDS report read: "1 and 2 Laurence, Canary-Bullfinch and Greenfinch Bullfinch," which should have been: "1, Laurence, his well-known Canary-Bullie; 2, Leigh, his equally noted Greenie-Bullie."

SIR,—It is not my intention to harrow my own (or anyone else's) feelings over the rarity or otherwise of certain Hybrids; oh, no! I had enough of that sort of thing years since over that controversy relative to the Canary-Bullie. But seeing what is being written just now, it occurs to me that instead of a solution of the difficulty we shall be drifting—ah! drifting as we often do. Now, Mr. Ward's first letter was innocent enough, I thought. I certainly saw nothing in it to call for some of what followed. A Mr. Jackson followed with what was not exactly correct, and was "pulled up" the following week, or pretty quickly; even his little error made no difference whatever, and things stood as before. As far as we are at present, I don't think it is really a question of rarity at all where Hybrids are concerned; for if so Goldie-Bullies could hardly ever get home first, however good they may be. Certainly we hear a good deal about rarity, but it has generally taken a seat away backward. I have not had the good fortune to see the very champion Goldie-Bullie which appears to trouble some, yet I know just as well what he is like as if I had been the lucky breeder of it myself, for the bird was minutely described to me by more than one immediately it was exhibited and came in for its—I believe—first and only second. I knew all about Mr. Jackson's getting it—how he got it, and how he didn't keep it. In fact, Sir, I have not had a bad "cough" since I read Mr. J.'s letter! But drifting again—that's another story. Rarity—ah! well, 'tis like this: a judge has to find the best bird in the class before him. Now, what is "Cist"? Why is a Goldie-Bullie better than a Redpoll-Twite? Is it better? Well, even a poor specimen of the former is certainly a larger and better-coloured bird than the latter; therefore it wins. All Hybrids are rare to a certain extent, and the rarity depends a good deal, in my opinion, on the number of those who try for certain crosses. Some succeed with one cross, some with another; some don't succeed in getting any for several years, then they feel how rare they are, all of them—as I did after trying for five or six years before I even got a full egg. Yet I have never once failed to breed Hybrids every season since. Rarity depends on the number of tryers for certain crosses more than anything else. This is my view of it now, as it was when the Canary-Bullie was so strongly objected to as a possible. I said, if as many tried to breed them as did for the Goldie-Bullie and other crosses, we should see more of them, and this has come true. Now, there may be good and moderate specimens of various crosses. I will not go into the Foreign element, whether such should compete with our true British crosses or not, but at present they do in many cases, or at any rate partly Foreign, and we cannot well prevent it. Then the judge, if he places the largest, best colour, and condition on top, cannot be blamed, and should not be grumbled at. "We want a class for each cross to do them full justice." As long as various crosses get facing each other, some very rare, though small-sized, cross is liable to get behind a bigger one of a more plentiful variety. The Goldie-Bullie is, in my opinion, the most beautiful bird we have yet produced in the Hybrid world, and is not likely to be easily put under by any other cross, however scarce. I write of first-class specimens only, of course. R. BROWNING.

SIR,—I have followed with interest the correspondence in connection with the above. In my opinion a good many of the judges appointed nowadays to adjudicate on these classes at ordinary shows have not had sufficient experience (and in some cases none at all) in the breeding of any of these rarer crosses, and very few good judges, with a thorough knowledge, officiate. What is the consequence, if one happens to put down a very rare cross? The same is either left out of the cards altogether, misjudged, or wrong-classed as a hen British bird. For instance, I can mention a show held this year where a certain Hybrid was judged as a different cross to what it really was, and got into the cards. It was certainly a very nice one, and would, in my opinion, have stood just as high if it had been placed according to the cross it represented. But I just give this as an instance of how judges differ. Then again, too much consideration is given to size in preference to rarity, quality, and the correct reproduction of both birds in one. To confirm this, I will give a little of my experience. I exhibited a Redpoll-Siskin (not very rare, I admit). This bird competed against eight others in the class, all of the larger crosses, but did not even get a card. By chance, I was examining this class, when the reporter for the Fancy Press was taking notes of them. On asking his opinion, he remarked that he was a "little champion," and should certainly have been amongst the first three. In conclusion, until experienced breeders of Hybrids act as judges at shows, we shall always find these difficulties arising. Therefore, I say, follow the judges who are capable. W. HORNBY.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. Johnson's letter last week, it appears that he is very much behind the times as regards Hybrid breeding. He admits he has never tried to breed the Hybrid in question, but says there were six Redpoll-Bullies bred last season, but does not tell us how many were reared, and how many proved to be male birds. Seeing that hundreds of Fanciers no doubt throughout the world were trying for this Hybrid last year, the fact of so few being seen on the show bench is proof that it is not a common Hybrid, but very difficult to obtain. He also says he wonders whether there were six of any other variety of Bullfinch Hybrids bred in one season. I might tell him I had seven young from one pair, Linnet and Bullfinch, in 1906, four of which I reared, the first two both in one nest, and the finest of the lot, turning out both hens. The same year I successfully reared five from Goldfinch and Redpoll. I have had about six pairs up for the Redpoll-Bullfinch for some years. Result: plenty of eggs, but only as yet reared one young, the majority being clear, or the germ going wrong during the first week of incubation. As regards St. Helen's Show, I might tell him I had my information not from the judge, but from a St. Helen's gentleman who visited the show. I never bark unless I can bite. I trust the discussion which has been going on for so many weeks may prove beneficial to Hybrid breeders. If "Tynesider" will publish his name, I shall, by your kind permission, Mr. Editor, be pleased to deal with him. A man working under cover of a nom-de-plume in a discussion like this is not worthy of the name of a Fancier.

CHAS. J. WARD.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR TONG STREET, DUDLEY HILL AND DIS. (Bradford.)

SIR,—Will all fanciers please attend a meeting at the Holme Lane Hotel, on March 3rd (Tuesday night), at 8 p.m. prompt, to discuss whether it is advisable or not to form a society for the above districts?

(Messrs. Ogden Bros.). F. OGDEN.

ROSY-BREASTED COCKATOO DESTROYING PERCHES.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Haines, I give the following remedy for Cockatoo destroying perches. Some time ago I sold a publican a good rosy Cockatoo, which was also a very good wood chewer. Now, this man's idea was the best I've seen. He took out the perch, had one made and covered with tin. This stopped his little game at once, and to-day he is as nice a bird as you would wish to see. If the bird still persists in destroying something, fix up an empty cotton-reel. It isn't the perches which make feather-pluckers—it's generally wrong feeding at some time or other. J. BROXUP.

IS IT CRUEL TO USE MEAL-WORMS?

SIR,—In your correspondence column last week Mr. F. C. Barnes tells us that mealworms have neither sex nor feeling. It would evidently have been interesting to some of your numerous readers had he given us a few facts in favour of the assumption. As all are well aware, mealworms are the larvæ of beetles, and, to a certain degree, like other animal life, are of a sensitive nature. Therefore, as a natural consequence, they must feel the painful agony when either pinned or nailed or pinched between a wire spring to the perch for a few hours before death takes place. With regard to sexual difference, does Mr. Barnes maintain that the separation of sex is influenced by external conditions? And does he ignore altogether the fact of an internal law of evolution which determines the constitution of the mealworm like other species when the egg is deposited, whether it shall be male or female? I hope all fellow fanciers will adopt the same method as Mr. Barnes, which he finds is more economical and certainly more humane than the modern implements of torture. LAPSUS CALAMI.

HAWFINCHES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—What is the normal type of Hawfinch on the show bench? The criticism of the Hawfinch class, Exhibit No. 1841, seems strange. Officials select judges to do their duty, and have no control over the awards they give. All honour is due to Mr. Hills as an adept in the Fancy, but at the same time I hope he will explain himself and give his idea of the above Hawfinch; or any other visitor at the Palace Show can give me his opinion about it. I don't know what he means; perhaps he knows more about the Hawfinches than I do myself, but it seems as if past reputation goes for nothing nowadays. I saw Mr. Axe's bird at the Scottish National Show, and I examined him fair and square, he then belonging to Mr. Chick. At that time I did not consider him a crack, by any means. His colour was poor, no shape or size to be compared with the winner at the National Show, yet the National winner was left cardless altogether at the Palace Show. He had topped the list of all Hardbill classes at Scottish shows this season, under a few well-known judges, such as Mr. McQuiston, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Pettigrew, and Mr. Stewart. It is strange that Mr. Axe wanted to purchase him at the National Show; I expect he wanted to exhibit him at the Palace Show. It seems to me that without you are in the "know" at the Palace, it is of no use fighting.

ROBERT GILMOUR.

LENDING BIRDS FOR SHOWS.

SIR,—It seems to me this is a practice which is far too common and is doing the Fancy a great deal of harm. The lender and the borrower are equally guilty, but I think the latter is the greater sinner because as a rule he gains more by the transaction. He may have various reasons for adopting such tactics, such as defeating a successful rival, but very often his main object is to dispose of a stock of inferior birds, and this is how he goes about it. He enters a lot of birds for a particular show, but instead of showing his own birds, he exhibits birds, known winners, borrowed from some other fancier, and of course lifts a few tickets. Then he advertises his own birds for sale and refers to them as off the same strain as his winners at such and such a show. There is, however, no more relationship between the winners and the birds advertised for sale than there is between Cock Robin and the Sparrow that killed him with his bow and arrow. But the trick succeeds. The novice is on the outlook for birds off a winning strain and is prepared to pay a good price for a good bird. He sees the advertisement and either calls or writes for what he wants, and is deliberately cajoled into purchasing birds at perhaps double their value in the belief that they are bred from winners. Not so with the experienced breeder. He knows a good bird when he sees it, but the bait is laid for the novice and he takes it. Now nothing will discourage a beginner quicker than to find that he has been duped, a fact he discovers sooner or later. I would, therefore, suggest that the clubs take up the matter in the interest of the Fancy, which depends to some extent at least for its success on the number of recruits it can enlist, and try what they can do to put an end to such questionable methods. They may not be able to stamp out the evil altogether, but they might have a rule and enforce it, whereby any member found guilty of lending his birds for another show should be liable to forfeit his birds, which might be sold for the benefit of the club, the member being expelled. I venture to think that few would run the risk of incurring the penalty. FAIR PLAY.

PROPOSED SOCIETY FOR BISHOP AUCKLAND AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to make an appeal to all fanciers and lovers of birds in and around the Bishop Auckland District to start a Cage Bird Society? All wishing to do so will please send their names and addresses to me, so that we can arrange a place suitable for a meeting, etc.

FRED MOSES,

11, Maude Terrace, St. Helens, Auckland, Co. Durham.

THE FUTURE OF THE BELGIAN CANARY.

SIR,—I must congratulate you on giving such a capital record of the late Palace Show, and I return the compliment of lifting my hat to you, and also to your artist for giving such a true picture of the Belgian Canary. As I have little time or opportunity for writing, perhaps you will excuse my mentioning a few matters concerning the Belgian Fancy Canary that are causing a lot of discontent, also injury to the variety and shows as well, in the hope that some of your able writers and correspondents may take the matter up and assist in averting the loss of this most interesting domesticated variety of the Canary. I wrote a well-known and respected breeder re entries for the late Palace Show, and give you his reply: "I do not intend showing again so long as the judges favour the Scotch Cross." Now, one can hardly find fault with a decision of this kind when it is common knowledge that a well-known exhibitor has taken first prizes in both Scotch Fancy and Belgian classes with the same bird; and at popular shows! One show I visited this season gave classes for Belgians, and with one exception I took all to be first crosses. But what has a judge to do in a case of this kind? In the case of a mismarked Britisher, or a ticked bird in a clear class, the birds would be disqualified, or passed. Perhaps a judge with backbone enough may undertake to do that at some future show, with our variety, and then we Belgian Fanciers would know where we were. As it is, we are "in the wood" and fairly lost.

JAMES ROBERTSON.

IS IT A DEFUNCT SOCIETY?

SIR,—Being a reader of your weekly journal, CAGE BIRDS, almost from its first issue, I noticed on reading a week ago a paragraph headed "Is it a Defunct Society?" I would like to ask "Presupposition" what he calls a defunct society? It would have been more straightforward an fancier-like had he signed his own name and not a nom-de-plume. It looks too much like the Yorkshire bit about it, and if he had read "Club Notices" in CAGE BIRDS properly he would have known whether there is such a society as the Leeds Cage Bird Society. Perhaps "Presupposition" is half-asleep, or his eyes want rubbing when he reads it. Now I, as secretary, invite "Presupposition" on behalf of the society to our next meeting on March 7th, to a table-show which we propose to hold. He will then see for himself if it is a defunct society. Perhaps he wants something from the society. If so, please apply to the late secretary. He may then get it. Now, I tell "Presupposition" there is as good a lot of Fanciers in the Leeds Cage Bird Society as ever there was, and I, being one of its oldest members, should know a little about them. As regards holding committee meetings, has he anything to do with them? How many societies do publish their committee meeting reports? May I tell "Presupposition" we have got a good syllabus drawn up for the current year, and a balance-sheet for the one that is past, although they are not published. Perhaps our society is not so strong in members as some for the size of the town, some of our members leaving it to join the Yorkshire Union. What is their gain I fail to see up to the present as regards prize winning.

A. WILKINS,

Hon. Secretary

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(*Continued from page* 126.)

The male birds require to be fed in order to bring them into breeding condition, and full song. The hens will follow, in my opinion. The end of March is soon enough to put the platforms and nests into the cages. If the birds are in suitable condition the probability is that eggs will be forthcoming by the middle of April, which is soon enough for a right set off.

There is more progress made in having a nest of fertile eggs then, than two unfertile clutches by the same time. Fanciers in their efforts to make haste by rushing on the pair, shipwreck their opportunity by having nest after nest of unfertile eggs until the hen is laid out, and she is spoiled not only for that season, but for the remainder of her life. To have young too early is attended with many risks, and patience, which is a rare virtue, should be exercised. The whole month of February should be devoted to preparation, i.e., to having the birds in the pink of condition, and everything clean and tidy.

To enter a clean bird-room is a real treat. It means work, but no fancier, who embarks upon the hobby of breeding and keeping birds should shrink from the labour involved.

The Washing of Birds.

Hand washing is resorted to with other sections of cage birds, and sometimes with Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries. But I think it is wise to leave the hand washing out of use with the Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, and leave them to take a natural bath, which should be early in the day. A bright morning should be chosen to ensure their feathers drying speedily, and being well pruned by the birds themselves. I introduce the bath here because it is associated with spring cleaning. The room, cages, etc. being thoroughly cleansed before the birds are run into spotless cages, the birds should have a bath, adding to the water an infusion of quassia chips to destroy any mites that may be about the birds. Generally speaking, the birds when young have had an opportunity to bathe themselves. And when young a bird will always be found fond of the water, and will plunge into it at once. But should any be shy of entering, they can be sprayed with the same mixture, namely quassia and water.

The birds should be run into a spare cage; a number can be put together, and placed in a part of the room where the sun shines in. This will stir them to dress their feathers and remove the damp. It is foolish to allow birds to wet themselves late in the day, because they have a tendency to settle down with damp feathers, and are apt to get a chill, which should be avoided, as one can never tell what may be the outcome.

It is comparatively easy to pick out birds that are free bathers. They have generally fine plumage, whereas the birds that never have a douche are dry and rough in feather, and never seem so healthy. In mild weather the bath should be taken full advantage of. The spray is useful, but with its use dirt often gathers at the root of the neck, and that tends to the feathers coming out, leaving the neck bare and unsightly.

To run birds, that have just washed themselves, into a soiled cage will make a terrible mess of them. They rub themselves against the perch, wires, and everywhere. Hence it is an absolute necessity that they should be put into a perfectly clean cage. It involves trouble, but it is worth it. A clean, nicely plumaged, Scotch Fancy Canary is a comely object.

Those who have an opportunity of watching wild birds will have noticed how they select a nice, clean spot, of suitable depth, and how they disport themselves in the water. They then betake themselves to a favourable twig and dress themselves. They enjoy it, and are bright and happy. Our confined pets should have every facility for rendering their lives bright, comfortable and happy. We can do a lot to assist them and the bath is one of the best means of adding to their joys.

Breeding cages are far from uniform, and as often as not are either too small or too large. Small cages are to be avoided, because they do not give room for the birds to romp about in, and large cages take up too much space in the room.

The Choice of Cages.

Of the two extremes the large is the more beneficial for the birds. I look upon the medium size as the more suitable all round, as the pair in such a cage will have plenty of room for moving about, and it can easily be accommodated in a fair-sized room.

As to the construction, wire sides, top, and ends are the best, and a capital idea is to have them so constructed that the top part can be detached and lifted off, leaving the bottom and seed-box to be cleaned. It is a really excellent idea, the birds being left on the perch, or in the nest, as the case may be. The top and bottom can be fastened by, say, three wire catches adapted to the galvanised rod to slip into them, and can be made secure by having a movable catch at either end and in the front, to keep the upper part firmly fastened to the under part.

This arrangement enables the cage to be kept perfectly clean, at the minimum risk of disturbing the pair, even while hatching. Wire is preferable to wood for crossbars or posts, giving very little "footing" for red mites. As the summer advances, even with wire only they congregate in the corners. A very good way to get rid of them is to run a lighted taper along their harbours and put an end to their existence.

The detachable under-part is an advantage; it can be washed occasionally, and can be done at night, putting the upper part (with the birds) on the shelf until the morning.

These cages give a minimum of work and a maximum of comfort in the bird-room. Perches should be firmly fixed in the cage, and on no account should a loose or shaky perch be kept in a breeding-cage. It is as important to have proper perches in the breeding-cage as in a show-cage.

The egg pans should be of earthenware, and the cage should be so constructed as to enable the pan to be put into its place without causing the birds to flutter. A small, uplifting door should pull down over the pan, and fit into the groove or niche of the egg pan.

A nice, medium size for a breeding-cage —in my opinion—would be the following dimensions: 22 inches long, 9 inches broad, and 14 inches full depth; bottom at sides all round, 2½ inches. It is an advantage to have a high covering for the seed-box, and it should be made to slip in and out. This facilitates cleaning out every nook.

A compact cage such as I have described will give ample moving space, and will suit the pair and a brood of four or five young, and with very little trouble the birds, cage, and fittings can be kept clean and tidy, which, in a proper aviary, is a matter of great importance. For Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries open cages have been found preferable to close box cages. Most fanciers like to have a view all round in the first few days of the existence of the young.

Keeping Records.

A full pedigree record should be kept of each bird. The fancier who thinks he can trust to his memory, even with a limited stock, will one day find himself at sea as to how his stock has been bred. Without a record, it is impossible to avoid or control inbreeding. The further a strain is built up the greater the necessity. The need increases as the stock develops, and one needs to be in a position to trace the history.

"Know thy stock" is a safe maxim.

In March.

The impatient fancier, as the day advances in length, becomes anxious to make a start, and very often puts the nests in and sets the pair off in the early part of March. It may be all right, if the weather should keep even and mild, but past experience teaches that the temperature fluctuates. A few days mildness may be followed by a very cold snap; it may be of frost and snow, or of severe east winds, and these play sad havoc, leading to unfertile eggs, or, where young have been hatched, to deaths.

Early breeding has advantages if other things are equal, but the disadvantages outweigh the advantages. For a successful season's breeding a good deal depends upon a satisfactory start. The parents should be in breeding condition, and are the better for having March to themselves before setting out upon the duties of the year. A fair start in the month of April will avoid wastage and heart-breakings.

(To be continued.)

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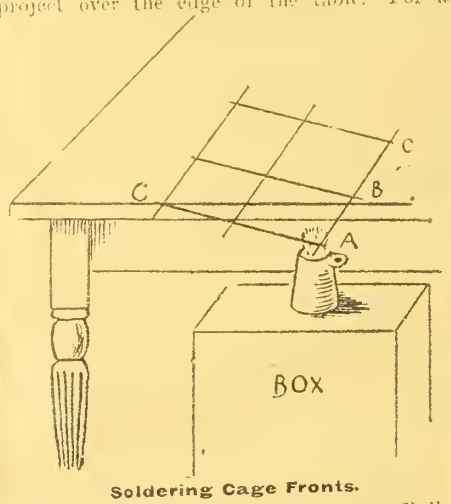
No. 183.

SOLDERING CAGE FRONTS.

Sent by F. Hayward, 1, Oak Grove, Urmston, near Manchester.

Some time ago I noticed in CAGE BIRDS several ideas for cage front making. I find the following the easiest way for a novice. I lay the bars flat on a table, put the wire A through the holes, and let end of front C—A project over the edge of the table. For a



Soldering Cage Fronts.

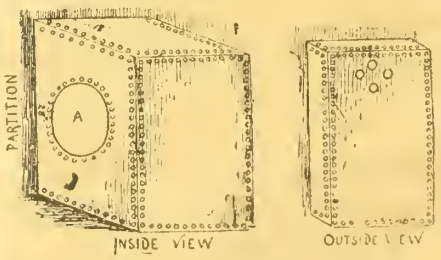
lamp I use a water-pot out of a Roller Canary travelling-cage, which I fill with cotton-wool, then pour a drop of methylated spirit over the wool. With a sharp chip drop a spot of salts of lemon (killed) on point A. Hold lighted lamp underneath and touch with strip of solder. This method is much less trouble than using blow-lamp or soldering iron.—F. HAYWARD.

No. 184.

HEATING A BIRDROOM.

Sent by G. Street, 29, Claremont Road, Highgate, N.

Enclosed is a rough sketch showing a good and practically safe way of heating a small outdoor bird-room. Procure hot water cistern



To Heat an Outdoor Birdroom.

and remove cap (A). Fit the cistern through the partition about two inches, to allow fumes to get away through the holes drilled. A lamp inside tank, upon an upturned flowerpot, keeps the room at a good regular heat, and if a square of glass is placed over (A) no fumes or smoke will penetrate into bird-room. Measurements are of the one I am using.—GEO. STREET.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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*A Friendly Robin.

One day as I was walking about on the hillside, I saw a little Robin hopping about from one branch to another. Next morning when I awoke and got out of bed I looked out through the window and saw the same little Robin that I had seen the day before. It was in the garden with my Blackbird and Thrush. It continued to come to the cages for a long time and the three birds became great friends. The Blackbird and Thrush used to feed the little Robin through the wires. Unfortunately pretty little Robin redbreast was caught by an old cat.—Sent by William John Gully, age 11 years, No. 21, Graig-street, Pontygwaith, Glam., South Wales.

*The Cobbler's Starling.

A cobbler in Paris was very poor, and did not know how to make both ends meet, but one day a boy gave him a Starling. He taught it to say several words, and at last put its cage outside his shop window. Soon the passers-by heard a voice cry, "Come in, come in—Jacque is an honest man; good fits made here. Cheap, cheap, cheap." And people came in when they found it was a Starling that spoke, that they might talk to it, and it thus brought customers. The cobbler, who did mend very well, soon became known, and did a paying trade.—Taken from "Animal Stories." Sent by Leslie Ford (age 11), "Blantyre," Perrymount-road, Hayward's Heath, Sussex.

*Jackdaw Reared by Thrush.

One day as I was going for a walk round the Church, I found an egg which had dropped from a nest. I took it home and asked my father what sort it was? He said he did not know, but told me to put it in a Thrush's nest in the garden. I did so, and it was hatched two days before the young Thrushes were. All went well for a week, and then it threw the young Thrushes out of the nest. The old birds fed it until it was able to fly. I caught it and put it in a cage and fed it on pieces of meat and bread crumbs, until it could feed itself. My father then said it was a young Jackdaw. We used to let it fly about in the garden and play with two small kittens. We had it four months, after which a dog killed it. We were all very sorry to lose our pet.—Sent by Alice Sutton, age 12, 2, Pleasant Cottages, High-street, Great Wakering, Essex.

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The Novices' Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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The Nesting Sites.

In this primitive room I have described, the nests, as mentioned, were composed of small wicker baskets, which at that time were the only kind to be seen in that part of the country. They were smaller than the modern nest pans, and deeper. One might take a newly-made Hedge Accentor's nest as being very similar in size and shape to these baskets, which were provided with two small loops on the rim. By these they could be easily fixed in almost any position in a cage by simply putting it on the wire in the desired position inside and pressing it against them so that the loops projected through the wires, and then threading a thin wicker or twig through the loops on the outside. In the room I spoke of, however, these baskets were placed in the bushes in any position where the twigs and branchlets allowed of their resting securely in the manner of a wild bird's nest, and were then secured firmly in any convenient way, such as tying with string to some point. I believe these baskets are still sold, but although they are airy and neat, they have some serious faults, so that I would hardly advise any new beginners starting with them.

Position of Nests.

In these bird-room aviaries, if one may so call them, the position of the nests, height from floor, and similar matters are often puzzling to beginners judging by queries we have heard asked from time to time. Now the Canary is eminently an adaptable creature in these respects, and it matters little whether the nests are high or low, exposed or secluded, or what not; when it desires to go to nest it will do so as readily upon the floor if a snug little corner is there, as it would do in a nest near the ceiling. Therefore in an indoor room where the birds are flying loose, one may make these arrangements to suit their own convenience. In the room described, the bushes nailed against the wall were placed at about the height of a man's hips, so that the thick, bushiest part was about on a level with the shoulder, and the baskets for nesting in were consequently at just about the right height for a man to peep into the nests without any difficulty. Some nests were a trifle lower, but none were lower than, even if there were any quite as low as the hips, and none higher than the head, so that it was the simplest thing in the world to walk quietly round the room and peep into every nest.

In one or two cases the bush consisted of holly, and the dead leaves still clinging to the twigs made quite a nice private sanctum, and it was necessary to brush aside the leaves before the nests could be seen—so like real wild birds' nests they seemed that, now looking backwards, I should feel inclined to utilise evergreen branches exclusively if it were possible. In other cases where the ordinary nest-boxes were used there would be no objection to hanging them a little above the level of the head in some instances, because these being hung loosely upon nails, can be so easily unhung to see what the nests contain, that a sitting bird need never be scared off during the process.

Another point concerning these boxes, which is also applicable to the modern type of nest-pan with a fairly substantial rim round the edge, is that the birds can alight on the edge of them and get a perfectly secure foothold in order to perform various duties about the nest, so that no kind of perch or platform is required to be attached to them, as a recent querist wanted to know. This is one of the drawbacks to that old-fashioned basket nest, which had no rim worth speaking of, and the birds had but a poor foothold on these nests. The importance of this apparently trivial detail is readily understood when it is remembered that copulation is almost invariably performed on the side of the nest, so that if the birds have an insecure footing there the danger of infertile eggs is enormously increased. But in the manner in which they were used in the room described above, this objection was quite overcome by the rims of the nest baskets being surrounded by the spreading twigs of the branches, which gave plenty of grip both for the feet and wings.

The Position Out-doors.

In out-door aviaries, however, the conditions are different, and it is always best to place the nests fairly high up near the roof. Cold winds and driving rains have to be avoided as far as foresight can do so, as well as the probable interference of birds that are not breeding themselves, and which are less apt to interfere with the nests of others if they are placed well up out of the way than they would if they were more prominently under their very eyes, so to speak. Here, however, ordinary nesting receptacles are rarely the best—that is, the ordinary boxes or pans which are used for breeding Canaries and Mules in cages. Something which gives more privacy is wanted, and a variety of receptacles in various positions is always advisable, and a number well in excess of the actual number that can be in use at the same time is one of the best preventive measures against squabbling over nesting sites. The common, wooden barred German travelling cage, with the roosts and water-pot taken out, and three or four of the short bars at the end where the seed box is placed removed, and, finally, the seed box broken out, makes one of the very best nesting sites for Canaries and a great number of the smaller foreign birds in out-door aviaries when thus prepared and hung up securely near the roof.

Other Nesting Sites.

The ordinary travelling cages used for Canaries by our English dealers are also most useful for this purpose. About half-a-dozen wires removed from one end, and a hole bored in the back to hang it on to a nail is all the preparation they need. In short, almost any small cage or box will make a serviceable site for a nest with a very little trouble indeed. What is usually known as a cigar-box nest is most easily described and will serve as an idea of what is wanted. To make one of these, all that is required is a cigar-box—one of the deep boxes—which has held a hundred cigars, as those made to hold fifty are too narrow when converted into nest-boxes to be of any use. Cut off a third part of the lid, and nail the other part down permanently, bore a hole in the bottom opposite the piece cut off the lid to hang it by, and you have your nesting site. Of course, any box something near the same size may be converted in the same manner, or boxes of a similar pattern may be made. In most cases they will be found to be more favoured than the orthodox husks by nearly all the small breeding foreign birds, except, perhaps, those of the Parrot tribe, which prefer something with a smaller opening and not quite so easy of access.

As regards the necessity for having a perch or platform before the entrance to the nests, as we were asked about recently, I should in all save quite exceptional cases, dispense with any such convenience, which in the vast majority of cases is just as likely to afford a vantage ground for pitched battles by the obstreperous members of the community as anything else, to the no small risk of damage to the contents of the boxes in question, whether it be eggs, young, or sitting hens.

A Case in Point.

Having thus dealt rather fully with nesting sites, which with a little management might be adapted to practically all sorts of conditions both in in-door and in out-door aviaries where the birds fly loose, I may revert again to aviaries and mention a case in point which may readily be applied to general needs. It turns upon a query from a certain "S.W. Aviary" for information respecting the conversion of a lean-to wooden shed in a corner of a yard. The exact measurements are of no importance to the general reader as it may be taken as a fair guide in all these cases that the number of birds kept should not for any great length of time exceed half the number of square feet of floor space. To commence breeding, a quarter of that number should be quite sufficient. Thus in a space, say six feet by six feet, one cock and three hens should be sufficient to start breeding, and the place should be considered as stocked to its full capacity when it has from twenty to twenty-five birds, or if no breeding was carried on about eighteen head of stock would be sufficient as a permanent population.

To describe the shed in question; it was a lean-to structure having a brick wall for the back and another brick wall higher than the highest part of the shed at the right-hand side. The door was at the front end of the left-hand side, and a ventilator was placed in this side at the highest part where the roof leaned to the house wall. In the front part of the shed was a large window which occupied nearly two-thirds of the depth, and nearly as much of the length of the frontage altogether. Immediately underneath this window was another ventilator, and under the corner of the window next the door was a sink or drain. The roof was of half-inch wood, but the nature of the existing floor was not mentioned. This was the rough material which one desired to convert into an aviary in which to breed birds flying at liberty. If we assume that the structure faced south-west, south-east, or some point between these two other than due south, or even if it faced due south, and had something to shield it from the sun for two or three hours at mid-day, we have an excellent beginning for a model aviary of this kind. And comparatively little trouble will be required to make the necessary alterations. To begin with the floor: if it consists of bare earth it is in the best possible condition to be dealt with. Just level the surface, get a few old glass bottles or waste pieces of glass, break them up into small fragments, and strew the ground all over with them, beat them flat with the back of a shovel, and then lay down a bed of concrete to a depth of an inch or thereabouts on top of the broken glass, and when this is dry you have a floor that neither mice nor rats will ever penetrate. Almost any builder will sell the concrete ready to spread about, by the barrow-load, or less.

Then in this particular case, whilst I had the concrete handy, I should consider carefully whether it was possible to construct a kind of tiny pond with concrete, on the left side of the window, about on a level with the window-sill, and provided with an outlet connected with the sink previously mentioned as being in that corner. This outlet might easily be made with a small piece of gas-pipe. In any case it should be a small tube of some kind, so that where it fits into the bottom of the concrete structure it is small enough to be stopped with a cork or wooden plug, which can be removed at will to allow the water to run off. With a little ingenuity anyone could make the necessary connection with a piece of elder twig from which all the pith had been removed. The object of this miniature pond is, of course, to form a bath. The necessity for opening the door may prevent its being made very large, but, after all, there is no real necessity for anything of huge dimensions. About nine or ten inches wide, and from twelve to eighteen inches long, will serve every useful purpose. The depth should be about one inch, and the sides should be shaped at an angle whilst the concrete is soft so as to make a gentle incline into the deepest part, the same as you see in an ordinary tea saucer. Care must be taken to make the outlet in the deepest part of the bath, or trouble will be met with in emptying and cleaning it. If properly made, nothing is necessary beyond simply drawing out the plug to empty it. Then it should be made a common practice to draw out the plug when the birds are attended to in the evening. Next morning, when feeding them, about breakfast time, finish up by washing out the bath and rinsing it, then put in the plug and fill it with water to stand until the plug is again removed in the evening.

A Badly Placed Ventilator.

The inlet for fresh air was placed, as stated, immediately beneath the window, and was practically situated about a third part of the distance from the ground to the eaves of the roof, so that the fresh air might easily rush in on to numerous points where the birds were sitting at ease or flying about. This is what must be carefully avoided at all times. Too much fresh, pure air cannot easily be obtained, except when it comes in a stream on to a resting bird; then a very little of it will prove too much. This ventilator, therefore, I should remove and place lower down against the floor. The egress for foul air is not badly placed, though if one were handy with tools it would be a decided improvement to add a small outlet at the highest point of the roof on the right-hand side, in the angle formed by the two walls. But this would require good workmanship in order to prevent the possibility of rain finding its way through.

(*To be continued.*)

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The Foreign Birds in my Conservatory.

By GEO. O. WOOD.

My hobby for the last few years has been bird-keeping, mostly that of Foreigners, but also a few Canaries. I have had invaluable help from reading CAGE BIRDS, although experience is the best schoolmaster, and I have great pleasure in supplying any information I may have gained. My little feathered friends cost me almost more than I can afford, yet for sentimental reasons I neither sell nor exhibit them.

A Lean-to Conservatory.

To begin with their place of abode; this is a lean-to conservatory facing south, is about 15 feet square and is very lofty. My first care was to get this made thoroughly water-tight, and after many stormy interviews with the painters, I got it accomplished to my satisfaction, and had the glass roof painted white outside. Next, I had every crevice and crack filled with putty to insure against draughts, also a width of fine wire netting placed all round the floor at a depth of 6 inches to keep out rodents. I then chose a variety of nesting places, amongst them being cocoanut husks, shells, Hartz travelling cages, ordinary wooden boxes, old hollow logs, and several hanging nests out of Canary breeding cages. These I fixed up high and low against the inside walls.

I next had a fairly large movable shelf fixed up for the food and also a lower shelf near by to hold the bathing vessels, and so avoid the food tray getting wet by the spray when bathing. I then had a wire netting door fixed outside the glass door leading into the garden, so that the inner glass door could be opened. In summer I have this open all day; in winter it is closed, and the French windows, which open into the conservatory from the sitting room, are left wide open. The warmth which enters from this room, where there is always a fire, is generally enough to keep the conservatory sufficiently warm, but should there be an unusually cold snap, I light a circular oil heating stove, which burns for 36 hours without attention, and incredible though it may seem neither smokes nor smells. This valuable article I was fortunate enough to pick up in an auction room for half-a-crown.

There is a vine in the conservatory, which I allow to grow wild in order to provide perches and shelter for my birds, and I only keep such plants there as are harmless and are likely to become infested with green-fly. At the same time I may say I have never seen one there at all.

About the Inmates.

In this conservatory I keep from 40 to 50 foreign birds flying loose. All these birds I have bought from dealers advertising in CAGE BIRDS. Experience alone will teach the novice which birds to buy. I am guided by the brightness of the eye, the general sprightliness of the bird, and the business-like interest which he takes in his food; I avoid the bird which eats in a careless, not-because-I-like-it-but-I-know-it's-good-for-me manner. Following these hints, I have frequently bought birds which were deplorable looking objects, and in a month's time have been rewarded by seeing them in perfect plumage. Such results are very gratifying to the genuine bird-lover.

I have a quarantine cage, in which I keep newcomers for a few days, until I am quite satisfied that they are safe company for the older residents. Here also I break them in very gradually to the more varied diet, grit and green food, which they have been deprived of since leaving their native lands. I am not in favour of tonics or physics of any kind for foreigners, but in the case of a weakly bird quiet, warmth, and a "wee drappie" of the "crater," diluted according to the size and condition of the bird, will work wonders.

Whilst speaking of food, I cannot too strongly urge bird keepers to buy nothing but the best; there is no greater mistake than to give birds second quality food. I believe in varying the food as much as possible, and I supply my little friends with white and brown millet, also spray millet, small Indian millet, Canary seed and Paddy rice. Three or four times a week I give a small saucer-full of Cecto, and daily I give a liberal bunch of flowering grass, which is most highly appreciated by all my birds. I also give small portions of chickweed, groundsel, shepherds purse, and plantain. Indeed, a third part of my garden is left waste ground, so that I can always have a supply of these necessaries for the birds. Occasionally I give a little egg food, if I have any left after supplying the Canaries.

Their seed and drinking water are given in long, narrow, glass dishes. These, I believe, were intended for flowers for table decoration, but I have appropriated them for the birds, as they have the double advantage of permitting several birds to eat or drink at once without quarrels ensuing; also, being so narrow, they are not easily fouled. I place these glass dishes on the moveable shelf before mentioned, which is first covered with sand and grit (as many varieties as I can get), also cuttlefish and ground egg-shells.

The bathing water I place on the lower shelf, in several shallow, round or oval jam dishes. Mine are of glass, and I would mention here the importance of always using the same kind of vessels, for though some birds are so bold and inquisitive, they will examine anything new, others again are so timid that they will refrain from bathing, or even from eating or drinking, if a different vessel is used. Water should be changed at least twice a day, and oftener in hot weather. Scrupulous cleanliness is of first and vital importance in successfully keeping birds. I am careful not to spill any water in the conservatory as that produces a sour, unpleasant smell. Now and again I carry in a bucketful of soil from garden, and empty it on the floor; this I spread out a little day by day, and it is much enjoyed by my little folk, who find something much to their liking there. Sometimes I throw on the floor hay, moss and grass, which are quickly carried off to the various nesting places.

I should give a hint here to the effect that it is wise to see that such material is loose enough to be easily pulled asunder. I lost one beautiful bird through its pulling apart some tight nesting stuff, and thereby dislocating its neck. Having given particulars as to how I manage my little flock, I will just mention the kinds that I keep, and their characteristics as they appear to me.

Some Beautiful Birds.

The most beautiful, I think, are the Pintail Nonpariels. I have never had any difficulty in keeping these; they quickly settle down and are most desirable birds to have. Very gorgeous too are the Madagascar Weavers, but I must confess I only keep these for their beautiful plumage, for I find them rather wild and unsociable with the smaller fry. Java Sparrows and tri-coloured Nuns are quiet and sociable members, and their note is rather musical. Green, red and brown Avadavats share the conservatory, and are charming and graceful little birds, and an ornament to any aviary. They are most affectionate and united little creatures, and the clear ringing song of the last mentioned two is most agreeable. Combassoos have a peculiar and rather pleasing song, and their black opalescent plumage is very handsome. But they might well take a lesson from the gentle Avadavats as to how to live peaceably and amicably together. My white and black-headed Nuns are rather serious little folk, and are chiefly remarkable for their devotion to each other.

Senegal Finches and St. Helena Waxbills are sprightly, active little birds, and make a pleasing variety. The Cordon Bleus I consider the most delicate of all my birds. After many losses I now possess three really fine specimens; they are very graceful and have a pleasant, twittering little song. Orange-cheek Waxbills are certainly my first favourites, such bright and active little birds are they, and very tame and confident. I have four which will come at my call and eat from my hands. They have built several nests which were marvels of perfection, but as yet they have never laid any eggs. My Zebra Finches are my second favourites. They are brave little fellows, and soon get tame and confident. The hens seem to suffer greatly from egg binding, but this generally yields to treatment. I am afraid mine are rather a depraved selection, for though they are indefatigable in building and laying, they have never yet reared me one chick. Paradise Whydahs are quiet birds and very interesting.

My Budgerigars and Cardinals I keep in cages as they are too destructive to have their freedom. The former I have tamed entirely with flowering grass which they will eat from my mouth or fingers. The Cardinals are not so tame, but their mellow song is very attractive. I give mine a piece of dry sponge cake very often, and they are wonderfully fond of it.

I think I have now mentioned every kind that I possess at present. It is a long time now since I first liberated my birds from cages, but it would be difficult to say whether the birds or I experienced the more pleasure. The interest in keeping them is certainly trebled when one can see them in a state of partial freedom. The birds themselves are happier, healthier, and more beautiful, and one feels an immense satisfaction in making these little captives, who are brought away in thousands from their own sunny lands, comfortable. I have several easy chairs and a table in the conservatory, all covered with holland. Needless to say my happiest hours are spent amongst my feathered friends, and there are few visitors who go away without first asking "May I see your birds?"

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

BRADFORD East and East Bowling Societies were running members' shows last Saturday, the first-named with Mr. W. A. Cowgill for judge, and the latter Mr. W. H. Shackleton. Both Societies are running competitions for the season, and generally have very good shows. Bradford West were favoured by a lecture on "British Birds and Mule Breeding," by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, who delivered a racy and interesting paper, in which he dealt with the Goldfinch, Linnet, Bullfinch, and the kind of hen Canary he prefers for muling, also giving valuable information on the wild seeds for conditioning. It was greatly appreciated by the fanciers present, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Greaves, seconded by Mr. D. Sunderland, supported by Mr. J. E. Brotherton, and carried unanimously by the company assembled.

QUEENSBURY were in for a "feed" at the Co-op., and as I have had one or two "bucks in" at the same place, I can vouch for it that the birdie men fared well. After the inner man had been attended to, the intellectual part of the programme came on, Mr. R. Halliday, of Shipley, giving a lecture on "Pairing and Rearing," and no doubt the members and friends would be able to gather a fund of information, as "Dick" knows a thing or two on the subject, which he gives in a lucid and easily understandable style.

THE proposed alterations, amendments, and additions to the rules of the Yorkshire Union are causing a lot of discussion at the present. Perhaps a survey of them will be opportune and interesting, may be even of assistance to fanciers generally. Rule 3 to read, "That all officers be elected by the delegates" (instead of being elected by the annual ballot). This is simply going back to the old methods, which were the cause of so much trouble and annoyance, and it was one of the first things to be vetoed by the A.Y.O.S. on its formation.

NEXT, "That the annual ballot be abolished," and "that an annual general meeting take its place." The annual general meeting was initiated by the A.Y.O.S., and as all the Societies were in Bradford and District it proved all that was required. However, upon the re-union taking place, it was not to be considered as just treatment to the members of those Societies whose attendance necessitated a railway journey and other expense. Therefore, for the special benefit of these the ballot was adopted, but the miserable response (about 25 per cent.) is not considered worth the great expense and work that the system entails. The Bradford Societies were very little better, but, of course, they were never much in favour of it, to them the annual general meeting being far the better way.

RULE 11 deals with the fact "that no judge shall judge above one of the Union Winter Shows." Therefore a Society requiring an assistant judge cannot engage one of those who are to officiate at any Union Show. It is proposed as one alteration that: "Any Society requiring an assistant judge may make its own selection. No person is eligible who is one of the appointed Union Judges *until he has judged the show to which he is appointed.*" No. 2 amendment for the same rule reads: "Any Society requiring an assistant judge shall make a selection from the list of persons voted upon by the members of the Union, who have not received an appointment." The first-named is considered hardly fair by many, as it gives the judges of the first few shows a preference over those that judge later in the season, and is simply evading the idea of only allowing one show to each judge during a season. The main difficulty in the second amendment is that, for the later shows more particularly, the judges' names who are left may not be qualified to officiate upon some of the classes provided, such as British, Mules, Hybrids, or perhaps even the Norwich. The point here is for the members to consider which is the lesser of the two evils.

RULE 12 deals with the selection of the Judges, and here a very good amendment is brought forward, which gives every society two chances of picking out the judges the members fancy, and this should be voted for by all fanciers. Rule 20 to read: "That it be open to anyone, during the time the show is open, to lodge a protest, etc.," instead of, as at present, that the time for lodging a protest expires at 5 o'clock on last day of show. The main point against the present rule is that at one day shows many exhibitors are not able to attend much before that time, and, should anything be wrong, the aggrieved exhibitor can only stand by and grin and bear it. Therefore, the new idea should appeal strongly to the Fancy.

THE next alterations, etc., all bear upon the Novice Section, and are many in number, medals being the predominant feature. Under the present regime a certain number of medals are given for the season (of course this will vary according to the financial state of the Union), and are won by the points gained at all the Union shows during the season. The principal feature of this system is that the Union officials know exactly where they are to land in matters of finance, whereas many of the new (? old-fashioned) ideas may very quickly land them in the bankruptcy court. No. 1 amendment reads: "That any novice gaining four First Prizes in one season in Yorkshire Novice Classes at Union Shows shall be considered a winner of one of the gold medals, and that two gold medals be given in Norwich Novice Section for 1st and 2nd most points throughout the season." No. 2 amendment reads similarly to above, with three first prizes and the addition of, "Price to be decided by the Council of the Union."

FROM a financial point of view both are absurdities, placing the Union in the undesirable position of not being able to estimate the probable liabilities for the year. Had the latter of the two amendments been in force during the past season it would have either spelt ruin financially to the Union, or an enormous levy on each Society, or such a reduction in the value of the novice medal that it would not be worth the wearing when won. To have supplied, on the proposed three firsts system, Novice Medals of same value as will be given this year for points, the Union would have had to "get their hands down" to the extent of £37 17s., which would have left them with a deficit on the year's working of anywhere between £10 and £20.

IN the first amendment no reason can be assigned as to why the Norwich are to be treated differently to the Yorkshire, and it is hardly fair to a "coming" variety to try and retard its progress. Surely the classes have filled well enough (for a first season) to entitle them to fair consideration. The four firsts system has the same disadvantages, in a slightly modified degree, as the three firsts system, and should be studied carefully. Another suggestion is, "That the Novice medals be divided according to number of entries in each Section, Yorkshires and Norwich." But this would make very little difference, as the proportions have been very similar by the way in which they are given this season.

MANY fanciers have been disappointed at the non-running of the Cinderella Show this past season, but nobody can blame the officials, as, after 18 shows, really nothing but failure could have fallen to their lot. However, next season it is proposed to make great efforts for this show, and a meeting to put things ship-shape will probably be held at the first of the young bird shows, to take place in June, when two of the principal items towards success, the date and the formation of a guarantee fund with which to run the show, will be discussed. May success attend the effort.

ON Saturday, March 7th, at 7.15 p.m., at the Manningham C.B.A. headquarters ("Mowbray Arms," Lily-street), a lecture will be given by Mr. Askew, entitled "Glimpses of Nature with the Camera." About 150 slides will be shown and explained. The pictures consist of British birds, their habits and methods of pairing, nesting, and rearing their young. I am informed that the photos. have been "snapped" around Bradford, and that they comprise some species which our British Bird fanciers would not credit dwelt among us. The Society extends a hearty invitation to all fanciers and friends to be present, and particularly those who are interested in this branch of the Fancy. Admission free.

"STRAIGHT UN."

The Song Thrush: How to Cage & Keep Him.

By G. G.

In all the long list of British wild birds the Song Thrush, or Mavis is one of the most charming. "The bird with speckled breast" has almost every characteristic to recommend him for the attachment of mankind, and to favour his being kept as a household pet.

There is, perhaps, one drawback which is to be found in his size, food and habits, and the consequently large cage required in which to keep him in cleanliness and comfort. This also militates against his presence in many households, as room is a very great item, the want of which is sometimes painfully apparent in respect to the human dwellers therein. Unlike the Linnet, the Goldfinch, or the Chaffinch, the Song Thrush cannot be kept in anything like comfort and condition in a narrowly circumscribed space. To attempt to do so would but be to court failure. The bird, to be kept successfully, must have plenty of cage room, light and air. The alternatives are freedom and death. A Song Thrush kept in a small cage soon becomes a picture of misery. If given plenty of light and air, ample room, proper food, and abundance of grit and water, he will keep sleek, vivacious, and be a delightful companion and pet.

A Magnificent Bird.

Few who know anything of the wild birds that dwell amongst the fields and copses of these islands, would fail to recognise the Song Thrush. His magnificently rich brown and black feathers, shimmering in their glossiness like dew drops, and tinted almost akin to the golden leaves of the autumn foliage, relieved in turn by his wondrously speckled breast, are features of the Song Thrush's dress unapproached by any other British song bird.

I love the Song Thrush as much almost for his beauty of plumage as for his song, and I must confess that of all the multitude of beautiful wild birds I have had and do yearly have before me, none delight me more from an outward point of view, while none appeal to me more by their song than the Mavis. Oh! those wild, glad notes! They must be heard when the Mavis is wild and free to be heard to the full. In early morn or at dewy eve they are the same, wild, glad, full of melody and of vivacity and hope. And much of this experience may be got from the bird in captivity, if the proper conditions of keeping are present, although the song will not be quite so fierce, or the notes so wild from behind cage bars as from one of the top-most branches of a tall tree by the village homestead, in the spring or early summer time, when his mate is incubating her eggs, or sheltering her young beneath her wings.

The Proper Food.

I have alluded above to the food of the Song Thrush. It may seem singular to lay so much stress on this point, but it is absolutely necessary in order to achieve success in keeping the bird in captivity. Many kinds of soft food mixtures are sold suitable for the general keep of the Song Thrush. It is not for me to advertise the wares of any specialists. The advertisement columns of this journal may always be scanned. But I am going to recommend a food which can be procured from the corn merchants and mixed at home. A full grown Thrush may be fed on a crumbly mixture of hard boiled egg and barley meal (the egg will provide sufficient moisture) to which may be added a little crushed hemp seed. You must always be careful that the egg is fresh, and the food must never be allowed to stand and get sour. Now and again, as a treat, you may procure a few ants' eggs; soak them, and add to the meal, etc. A splendid treat for the Song Thrush, in the way of food, will be found in a few meal worms or a fat slug or garden snail now and again. These the Thrush loves, and they are of great advantage to him. Another tit-bit is a little raw beef scraped fine. If you give the bird a snail in its shell and watch him, you will be surprised at the clever way in which he will extract the dainty morsel from its hiding place. He will pick up the shell in his beak, and hammer it time after time on the floor of his cage until the shell is cracked, and out he fetches the tit-bit. Worms are relished by the Song Thrush, and there are many berries he also enjoys. He prefers them ripe, and he is a demon on ripe cherries and such-like fruits.

Of the song of the Thrush, it only needs to be heard to be appreciated. Its soft, flute-like notes are a joy to the listener. Some consider its song less continuous than that of many other wild songsters, but for all that it is full of the most beautiful tones.

On Suitable Caging.

I should like to say a word upon a suitable cage in which to keep a Song Thrush, and upon the temperature in which a caged specimen is housed. I have as much objection to the round basket cages as I have to the bell-shaped cage for Canaries. They are an abomination. I favour a cage wired only at the front, save and except a portion of the top, which can be covered by letting down a wooden flap or putting it up at will. Cages that are open all round are very objectionable, as the bird is often hung out of doors, and being kept in one position cannot escape the cutting winds and draughts that may be present at various times. The bird is compelled to endure it, being a captive. If free he would fly to shelter. Neither should the bird be subjected to sudden changes of temperature, or taken out of the open into a hot room at night. Again, a Song Thrush kept in an open cage, is apt to get wild and untractable. A box about 3 ft. long, 18 inches high, and the same distance from front to back, nicely painted a French grey tint inside, and black out, with paint for the inside mixed minus white lead and with plenty of hardening and drying substance in it. There should be a sliding bottom drawer which can be removed, cleansed, and re-sanded at will. The cage must be cleaned out frequently, and the water and food vessels (which should be get-at-able from the outside) thoroughly washed out and disinfected.

The Song of the Mavis.

For bathing purposes, if you have it, soft water is best for the Song Thrush, but this is not always obtainable. The bird is very hardy and is easily kept if the conditions above referred to are observed. Of course there will sometimes be anxiety and there may even be loss at moulting time, but generally speaking, the Song Thrush is easily kept. And I am quite sure that his song will amply repay you for the care bestowed upon him. Only once, in my recollection, have I heard the song of the Mavis derided, and that was by an old maid who would persist in sitting up late at night and sleeping long after sunrise. In close proximity to her window, on a neighbour's wall, hung a Mavis; and he did sing! At the first glimpse of dawn, there came pouring forth his lovely music. None derided him save the old maid, and she came very near to petitioning the authorities for his removal, on the terms laid down for crowing Cockerels. But I think she fell in love in her old age, and Mavis sings still in his pretty prison house, delighting city toilers who live around and love nature's musicians.

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A Note on the Redwing.

If the eye is allowed to wander over the meadow land, or the short, thick, turf upon the hillsides, at almost anytime in the day, one will see small moving objects dotted here and there; their peculiar movements are sufficient to tell us that we are watching the feeding Thrushes. But if we take the glasses to more closely examine them, we shall soon find that among them are scattered several Redwings. While examining them side by side one cannot but notice the superiority of colouring of the Redwing over the Thrush, for the former is a most beautiful bird. Look at one in profile: he has the alert look of the Thrush, with a very pronounced pale yellow eyestripe, and when the fluffy feathers of the body partly cover the wings, he exposes a big splash of bright ruddy feathering. He is beautifully striped down the breast, and is altogether a handsome bird. And yet as a caged bird he is not nearly so popular as the Song Thrush; in fact, one can run through a whole season round the shows without seeing a single specimen. For one thing, the Song Thrush is a much commoner species. The Redwing, too, does not possess the grand musical abilities of the former bird. While spending the winter with us, the bird from the north is mostly seen upon the bare hillside, or out in the open fields. Neither the hedgerow nor the garden appears to attract; he is somewhat shy and wary, and prefers to keep well out of range. Or possibly, it is his mode of feeding in his native wilds, where the country is open and exposed. A wild creature cannot change his manner of living nor disregard the inborn instinct of watchfulness and suspicion, which he must naturally feel, when sojourning for a time in a more populated district. After watching birds from other countries, it is interesting to turn to one's books and see what well-known naturalists (who have had the opportunity of studying them in their native haunts) say about them. Mr. Seebohm says they are found as far north as latitude 68 degrees. "The Redwing frequents the birch region, and the upper zone of the pine region, occurring in unlimited numbers south of the Arctic circle in many places, where these trees are found, in south Norway and Sweden, and on the Russian shores of the Baltic. It is the most northerly in its range of any of the Thrushes, and occasionally wanders as far as Greenland." In wooded districts they appear to build in low bushes and shrubs, in much the same manner as our own Thrushes, but in the more open country they will nest upon a sloping bank or between stones. They build a plastered nest lined with fine grasses; the exterior is made of twigs, grass, and reindeer-moss; the eggs number from four to six, and somewhat resemble small specimens of some clutches of Blackbird's eggs. We searched the hedgerows and railway embankments recently for privet berries for our caged birds, but found they had all disappeared. We suspect the Fieldfares have had them, for large numbers of these birds are staying with us this winter. As the light fades in the afternoon, we can daily see flocks of them flying westward. They vary in size from some dozen to fifty birds. There is a continuous stream of them, every few minutes, until it is almost dark, so that some hundreds must pass by nightly. They evidently go eastward to feed and westward to roost. But why do this? Why cannot they roost where they feed? Wherever they feed it must be open country, and one would think they would be as safe there as upon the downs near Banstead.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Concerning the Snipe.

Small Finches, Thrushes and Buntings are not the only birds that suffer from the severe weather. Many of the waders and marsh birds have a trying time of it. But as the majority of them are strong on the wing and of a roving disposition, they move from place to place, as the weather compels. But even these birds have a rough time of it during a long spell, and snipe, for instance, will sometimes fall to the gun in wretched condition. After the frost has disappeared they will in a few days get quite plump and fat. The worms come to the surface again, and the Snipe feeds ravenously upon them, with the result that they are soon in prime condition.

A Bird Haunt Near London.

As the spring advances Londoners will be wanting a run into the suburbs, somewhere easily reached, and where they can listen to the music of the wild birds. For this purpose there is no spot to equal Wanstead Park. Here one may, in season, listen to almost every species which we get in the south of England. One can hear the Nightingale, Blackcap, Whitethroat, Chiffchaff, and Willow Wren, and all the commoner birds. There is also a colony of Herons and Rooks. Many half wild Water Fowl can be seen upon the water and overgrown banks of the islands. The writer has enjoyed many quiet hours in the more secluded parts, watching the gorgeous Kingfisher and the shyer birds disporting themselves in the summer time. It is easily reached either by tram to Leytonstone from Aldgate, or by train from Liverpool Street.

Falconry in Miniature.

The other day we had a fine opportunity of watching the hunting methods of the Sparrow Hawk. The bird came drifting with the wind over the village, to the open fields, where we stood; he did not notice us as we were sheltered by the hedge. As he passed some half dozen Skylarks took wing; selecting an outside bird, he hurled himself at it, but just missed his quarry which made a sudden twist at the nick of time. Again, and yet again, he repeated the performance but after the third attempt the Lark scuttled away among some cabbages, while the Hawk sailed majestically with the wind, as though nothing had happened. Although we were delighted to see the sport we were not sorry that the Lark escaped. Sparrows are numerous, and possibly the bold Hawk had Sparrow for breakfast instead of Lark; any way we hope so.

Thrush Winters Indoors.

For the last two months I have had a little wild Thrush in my house, writes Mr. E. R. Mill of Paignton, to a daily contemporary. It has become so tame that it perches on the table during dinner and waits until it sees the cover of the butter dish removed, whereupon it calmly walks over, pecks at the butter, and then looks around the table for crumbs. As the bird has lost one of its claws, I caught it and bathed the injury a few mornings ago. The bird showed no signs of fear. On occasion it flies out of the window, but always comes back at meal times and to roost at night.

Pugnacious Sparrows.

A well-known writer says the Sparrows around the Tower of London are the worst specimens of their class in London. Occasionally a Robin will settle in the grounds during the autumn and make himself at home, feeding upon the crumbs thrown out to him, but after a few days a band of Sparrows chase and either kill him or drive him away. These same little villains are always quarrelling with the Pigeons and Starlings, and would no doubt serve them the same if they were able to do so. Foreign birds occasionally escape from some of the ships close by and take refuge in the gardens, but immediately the Sparrows commence a systematic hunt, and drive the poor wretch from place to place, eventually finishing him in some corner where he has taken refuge.

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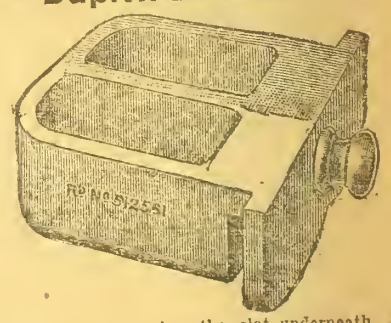

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CHEAP to clear; one Buff variegated Crested cock, 8/-; two clear Crested hens, 6/- each; two variegated Crestbred hens, 4/- each; all 1907; cold-room bred.—Robert Waldie, Rose Vale-st., Hawick.

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HAVING selected my breeding stock, must dispose of following to make room; must sell at half value to clear; all Barnett and Joyce's strain; monster clear body dark Crest cock, £1 1s., perfect crest; monster even-marked dark Crest cock, 16/-; massive heavy-feathered Green Crest cock, grand crest, 15/-; monster clear Crest hen, 15/-; massive variegated ditto, 10/-; monster clear Crestbred cock, 16/-; massive feathery Green ditto, 12/-; monster variegated ditto, 13/6; monster clear Crestbred hen, 13/6; massive variegated ditto, 10/-; sweeping reductions to clear; must sell; all in perfect condition; approval, willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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LARGE yellow and buff Cinnamon cocks; unflighted; approval.—W. Millburn, 96, Tulketh Street, Southport.

FEW good matched pairs, cold room bred, 8/6 per pair; approval; deposit.—Sawbridge, 81, Richmond-rd., Leicester.

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Ticked or Variegated Yellow, with Dark Crest	10/6,	12/6,	15/6,	21/0
Grey Crested Yellow	7/6,	10/6,	12/6,	15/6
Buff, with Dark Crest	8/6,	10/6,	12/6,	15/6
Ticked or Variegated Buff, with Dark Crest	6/6,	8/6,	10/6,	15/6
Grey Crested Buff	6/6,	8/6,	10/6,	15/6

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Ticked or Variegated Yellow ..	9/6,	11/6,	14/6,	18/6
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84, Heath-road, Norwich, for prize-bred Norwich Plainheads; winners at leading shows and have hundreds of testimonials; grand pairs to breed show birds, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards; cocks in full song 6/-, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens 3/6, 5/6, 7/6 upwards; all in good breeding condition; approval.

J. C. BARNES,

149, Duncombe-st., Walkley, Sheffield, challenge cup winner, 1905, 6, 7, having selected own breeders, can spare few graud birds, lovely quality, A1 type, full of colour, good substance and correct carriage; reasonable; approval; stamp; matched pairs a speciality; all my winners guaranteed own breeding.

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For sale, few grand birds, bred same as my winners at all leading shows; also foul Green Yorkshire cock, grand stock bird, clear Yellow Yorkshire hen, and variegated Buff hen, unflighted, pair of Lizards, Gold cock and Silver hen, bred winners; approval; stamp reply.—F. Coventry, 43, St. Stephen's-rd., Preston, Lancs.

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E. W. Sainter, BREEDER AND EXHIBITOR.

Having decided to reduce my breeding stock, I have still for disposal

Six large yellow cocks, 20/- and 25/- each
Four large buff cocks, 20/- and 25/- ,,
Six large buff hens, 10/-, 15/- and 20/- ,,

3 Days' Approval. Address—

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Mr. MARSH invites you to call any time and inspect his Norwich Canaries; over 300 high-class birds on show for your approval at working man's prices, in Yellow, Buff, variegated, and colour fed; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 10/6, 12/6; matched pairs, to breed winners, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; a trial order will prove type and quality; sent carriage paid on seven days' approval; cash or deposit; travelling cage 2d.—Freemason's Aviaries, Mercerou-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

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WICKS BROS., NORWICH,

offers grand Plainheaded Norwich cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards; ditto hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; ditto pairs, selected and matched for immediate breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, upwards; selected Norwich songsters 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, and 21/- each; sex in all cases guaranteed; all on approval; simply state wants; correspondence a pleasure; send to-day for current price list of birds and catalogue of all appliances post free; postal and telegraphic address, Wicks Bros., Norwich.

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Champion Norwich and Crests; one of the largest studs in the Eastern Counties; our latest success at Crystal Palace Show. Limit classes, five cash prizes, including silver medal; Plainheads from 8/6, 10/6 to 30/- per pair; songsters, 7/-; hens, Buff, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; Yellows, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6; extra good Yellow hens, 10/- to 20/-; Crests, cocks or hens, plenty of feather, strong and reliable, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- upwards; Crestbreds, cocks or hens, with good bold skull, and well lashed, 7/6, 10/6, 20/-; matched pairs, 15/-, 20/-, to £5; approval or deposit; satisfaction guaranteed.—Payne and Bennett, 73, Knowsley-rd.

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More winners produced from this strain than any other. Birds sold by me have won at most of the all-England shows in keenest competition, and a great number were bred from stock pairs supplied by me. Some of the champion exhibitors owe their success on the show bench to this wonderful strain; procurable only from me. I can supply the champions and give satisfaction, and I will place the novice and amateur on the same footing by giving him exactly the same high-class Norwich at moderate prices. My pairs at 40/6 have no equal, and cannot be bought elsewhere at double; in fact, every bird I send out is double value. Why be disappointed with unreliable strains? Pairs properly matched by an expert and breeder. Special attention given to see that the cock and the hen have the necessary points to breed really high-class specimens. All orders have my personal attention, and fanciers can rely upon getting exactly what they require at moderate prices. Giant stock pairs, 20/6 to 40/6; Yellow cocks and hens, 12/6 to 25/6; ditto Buff, 10/6 to 22/6; approval to any part of the British Isles. A few choice Crests, Crestbreds and Yorkshires. Cream of the fancy reasonable.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

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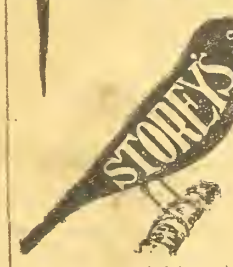

I offer you typical Norwich bred from and related to birds that have won Prizes at leading Shows. (No Half bred or foreign rubbish here.) I Guarantee every Customer Satisfaction.

Amongst my stock are many winners and Birds fit to win in Good Company. Every bird for sale at reasonable prices.

Just note the following dates, which can be seen with many thousands of genuine unsolicited testimonials from delighted customers.

144, Handcroft Road, West Croydon. February 29th, 1908.—Bird reached here quite safe, none the worse for its journey. A better match I could not find, and I am very pleased indeed with it. Thanking you for prompt attention.—W. Lester to Miss Storey.

70, Marlborough Road, Brynmell, Swansea. February 28th, 1908.—Bird arrived quite safe and well. I am perfectly satisfied, the bird being far beyond my expectation at the price. Will be sure to give you further orders.—C. H. Edwards to Miss Storey.

New Farm, Madingley. February 29th, 1908. The pair of Norwich arrived quite safe. They are a very nice pair. I am much more than satisfied with such value for money.—F. Saun to Miss Storey.

Cowdenbeath. February 28th, 1908.—Norwich cock arrived in perfect health and condition. I must say I am highly satisfied with it; also the prompt attention. I consider you a very honest and straightforward dealer.—T. Drylie to Miss Storey.

2, Colenso Terrace, Georgetown, February 29th, 1908.—I received the Norwich hen in splendid condition. I am extremely pleased with it and shall surely send you all my future orders.—D. Davies to Miss Storey.

I have a large stock of Good Typical Norwich in sound Healthy Breeding Condition. **Norwich Plainhead Cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each; **Norwich Hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6** each; Properly matched Breeding Pairs **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-**. Special Bargains in Show Specimens and Pairs to breed sure winners, **25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-** per pair including winners. **Crests and Crestbreds.** Cocks **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. **Hens 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. Properly matched breeding pairs **15/-, 18/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-**.

A trial order will prove to you I give the best possible value for money. Travelling cages for journey 2d. each. I send all Canaries carriage paid on 7 days' approval. Full illustrated price list of birds, cages, and accessories 1d. stamp; illustrated list of birds post free.

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State requirements, with stamped Envelope for reply or send for extended Current Price List free. Note few following prices for this week, from the largest collection in the World to-day. Cocks, clear yellow, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards. Clear Buff, 6/-, 6/6 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Ticked or Variegated, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards. Hens, clear yellow, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards. 30/-. Clear Buff, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 2/9, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs Norwich Plainheads, matched for Breeding 8/6, 9/6. But don't expect the best either in size, quality, &c., at the lowest fixed prices because that would be inconsistent. Travelling Cages, 3d. extra. Note—I pay carriage back, others do not, but that is one of the things they don't tell you. See my advertisement in last week's "Cage Birds," p. 205 and this week's, p. 234.

W. RUDD, *THE Bird Specialist,*
NORWICH.

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cage bird judge, has one of the finest collections of Norwich in the Fancy, but at present has not much time to exhibit. But can supply sure winners and stock birds at very reasonable prices. Those short, stout, deep-chested ones, with tail and wings to match, good size, with grand head, and well filled in neck. The kind that do win under a judge that knows his business; stamp; approval with pleasure.—The Cottage, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.

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1st, Two 2nds, Two 3rds, Two VHC's, etc., Crystal Palace.

Mr. C. Blackhurst won above with birds I sold him from our noted strain, which has won 40 firsts, etc., this season, which is more than any other two exhibitors put together in open competition.

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Having selected my breeding stock, 20 Good Pairs at 20s. & 25s. Pair, on approval, all guaranteed from my wonderful strain. Some grand odd cocks and hens,

All above to clear, too many to breed with, see last weeks advertisement for more proof. Breeders 27 years **J. SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston, Lancs.**

HIGH CLASS NORWICH AND YORKSHIRES.

Rare value. Typical Norwich Cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6. Splendid Hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-. Pairs, correctly matched for breeding, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Upstanding Yorkshires, same prices. Travelling Cages, 3d. extra. All ready to nest and honestly worth double. Just try one and see value. 3 days' approval, cash or deposit. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

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Rollers & Singing Canaries.

SEIFERTS, cocks, 7/6; few grand hens, 2/6; approval.—Hitch, Stafford-st., Walsall.

ST. ANDREASBERG Roller hens 2/-, 2/6 each; approval.—Webb, Hillary-st., Walsall.

FINE Seifert cock, full song, breeding condition, 10/6.—Watling, 33, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.

A FEW high-class Hartz Mountain Rollers, 7/6 each.—Smith, 5a, Chapel-st., Edgware-rd., London.

SEIFERT, eight hens and five cocks; what offer; approval.—Joseph Goode, Foley Park, Kidderminster.

THREE good Seifert Rollers; splendid birds, 12/6 each; approval. Fair, Forton House, Bibleton, Preston.

CELEBRATED Hartz Mountain cocks, in song, 4/-; matched pairs, 6/-.—Davis, 12, Cyprian-st., Tooting.

TWO fine pure Seiferts, contest birds, bargains at 30/-, 40/- each; approval willingly.—Willows, Draper, Wednesbury.

SEIFERT Roller hens, good breeders and feeders, 2/6 each; travelling cage, 5d. each.—R. Elliston, Cressy-rd., Hampstead.

HARTZ MOUNTAIN Rollers, without fancy names or prices, 5/6, 7/6; Schoolmasters, 10/-, 15/-.—De Von, 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

NOVICES, breed your own songsters; few genuine Hartz Roller cocks, 4/- each; hens, 2/-.—Hayman, 47, Metcroft-houses, Globe-rd., E.

FOR sale, few good Seifert Roller hens, all wearing B.R.C.C. closed ring, cold room bred, 4/- and 5/- each.—Austin, 13, Cedar-st., Bury, Lancs.

TWO St. Andreasberg Rollers, one good Norwich, with Roller song; grand bird, 10/6 each.—W. Heginbotham, Railway Station, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

TWO pairs cold room bred German Canaries, with breeding cage, 10/- and 12/-; also Yorkshire Terrier, bitch, sell, 5/-; or exchange.—111, Albert-rd., Blackpool.

BARLOW'S Aviaries, Greenwich, Kent, supply "The Perfection" Rollers at 8/6 each; our noted Schoolmasters are absolutely the finest procurable, 12/6 each; no bird sent unless singing when packed; one week's approval; special reduction for a quantity; livestock exchanges entertained.

HANDSOME young Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canaries, Yellow or variegated, grand songsters, 3/- each, two 5/6; if not satisfactory, money returned; cage included.—Veasey, 134, Tredegar-rd., Bow.

FEW good songsters left, Norwich and German cross; also few Norwich, natural colour; all on full song, 1907 birds; 6/- each; money returned if not satisfied, or deposit.—W. Postlewaite, 24, Canal Street, Macclesfield.

SEIFERT Roller Schoolmasters, 10/6, 8/6, 7/6; a few broken noted, 6/- each; hens, Seifert strain, 3/-; no common Rollers kept; sent on approval before payment to known fanciers.—W. Gardner, Seifert Roller Importer, Marchant-st., Preston.

PEARSON'S Aviaries, Greenwich Market, still supply the noted Cascade Roller, the best imported at 10/-; Schoolmasters, 15/-, including splendid British singing cage; hens, c rung, 2/6, 24/- dozen; trade terms on application; 7 days' approval; always open to exchange.

W. SMITH, 39, Tib-st., Manchester. Another large consignment Hartz Mountain Roller Canaries, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; Yorkshires, 8/6, 10/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; Budgerigars, 6/6 pair; Yellow, 10/6 pair; talking Parrots, Cockatoos, Macaws always in stock.

PURE SEIFERT ROLLERS.

Good English, cold room bred, trained cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; Seifert hens 4/-, 5/-, on 7 days' approval; cash or deposit.—G. Percival, 24, Wellington-rd., Wrexham.

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breeder and trainer. Finest strain of Rollers in the country; trained to perfection, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards; hens 2/6, two for 4/6; cash or deposit.—F. Cartwright, 15, Farfield, Kidderminster. Established 1888.

A GENUINE OFFER.

MR. MARSH offers his Hartz Mountain Rollers, in full song, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, full song, 5/6, 6/-, 7/- each, sent carriage paid on seven days' approval, cash or deposit with Editor; travelling cage 2d. see my advertisement in Norwich and Yorkshire —Freemason's Aviaries.

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Giving up the fancy. I offer for sale my entire stock of pure Seifert Rollers, composed wholly of Tweed's and Rhoel's cup winning strain. To clear quickly, marvellous singing cocks, 10/- to 25/-; hens, same strain, 5/- each; pairs, 15/- to 30/-, or cock and two hens, 20/- to 30/-; rare opportunity for beginners, approval.—Low, Moray-place, Elgin.

CONTEST SEIFERTS.

Purest Seiferts, last season I bred with cocks that won 1st prizes open contests, at Leeds, 1906, Llandilo, 1907, Gateshead 1906; these are the best birds, hollow roll, deep tone strain, young from the above, cocks 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards; hens, 5/- and 7/6; matched pairs from 20/- to 80/-; guaranteed to breed young for contests; these are bred by myself. I do not keep imported stuff; all birds wearing B.R.C.C. 1907 ring; 3 days' deposit system; approval.—Corkindale, breeder and trainer, Studley, R.S.O.

Hummel Rollers.

Finest Rollers imported. To speak well of the Hummel is to gild refined gold. Testimonials from customers who say the Hummel is still singing as sweetly as when purchased four, five, six, and seven years ago. All Hummels have delightful, deep, delicate bow roll, hollow roll, hollow bow roll, du pipe, hollow bell roll, grand round bass roll vibrating hollow roll, and charming water bubble roll; one price only, 12s. 6d.; no fancy prices; Hummel hens, 3s. each; a beautiful pair of Hummels for 15s. St. Andreasberg Rollers, 5s. and 7s. 6d. each. Hummel Schoolmasters, 20s. each, better than can be obtained elsewhere at treble the price. Thousands of testimonials have been published by me in CAGE BIRDS from satisfied customers. I guarantee strictly honourable trading and satisfaction to all.—Varney, sole proprietor and importer of this remarkable Roller Canary. Twenty years advertiser.—Varney, Stratford, London.—St. Mary Abbey, Mill Hill, December 1st, 1901. Received the Hummel; it sings beautifully indeed. It sings sweetly, and oh, so softly, all day, and I cannot imagine any bird with a more lovely voice; he begins, even these dark mornings, at 7.30, under his serge cover, and sings till 6 o'clock. Although his song is so lovely, it is beautifully sweet, he has no shrill notes, and I am able to read through it. Miss F. Blockett. December 1st., Southfelt, Poynton, Cheshire. Received the Hummel, and am more than delighted with such superior song. W. Glover, to Varney, the largest importer of Rollers in London. January 8th, 1908, Sumner-place, Billinghurst, Sussex. Please send 12 good Hummel Rollers. I have six of your Hummel Rollers; all perfect Rollers. J. Leyland. January 16th, Sumner-place, Billinghurst, Sussex. I enclose cheque for the 12 Hummel Rollers. Am very pleased with them.—Mr. J. Leyland. Oulton Lodge, Aylsham, Warwick, Sept. 20th, 1908.—Mr. Bapha wishes another Hummel Schoolmaster as supplied by Mr. Varney a few months ago. Feb. 24th.—Mr. Bapha has received the Hummel which is again quite satisfactory. Feb. 22, 1908. 20, Bailey Street, Barnsley. Hummel arrived safe. I am more than delighted with such superior song. 7, Brossington. Feb. 22, 1908. Snow Hill, Skelton, Staffordshire. The Rollers to hand all safe and satisfactory.—Geo. Gratton. Feb. 20, 1908., 20, Gladstone Street, Kilworth. Hummel to hand; what a beautiful song; so superior to all other Rollers imported in this district.—W. Pebury. Feb. 20, 1908.—5, Millfield Road, Blengome. I enclose 20/- for another Hummel. I am so delighted with the last one; it is one of the best birds ever heard in this district, and I have seen a few.—The Hon. A. Stevenson. Feb. 22, 1908.—Canaries to hand in pink of condition. I have had birds from all over the kingdom, but never received such value.—J. Smith. List free; sole importer and proprictor of these Rollers.—Varney, the Great Hummel Importer, Stratford, London. 23rd year of advertising.

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Roller cock Canaries, direct from Hartz, beautiful birds, only 3/9 each; 21/- a stick. Try one.—Varney, Stratford.—"The Elms, 18, Whitehouse Loan, Edinburgh. — Hummell arrived safely, and sings lovely; it is a pretty bird, and gives satisfaction. — N. Turnbull." — Birds arrived are singing well.—R. M. Lee, 79, Mill Street, Crewe."—"Broom, Newton Mears, Glasgow.—The birds arrived in good condition; I am very well pleased with such value.—J. Broom." 32, Basson Road, Darlington.—Bird to hand. I like the song wonderfully well, and thank you for your prompt delivery and attention to my instructions.—H. Hutchison."—Send all orders to Varney, Stratford, London.

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Direct importer. The finest Seiferts strain from Germany, with pure Nightingale, Woodlark, Titlark, Waterbubble, and bell notes; marvellous songsters; 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/- each; on approval. Now, hurry your orders up for first choice. Hens, same strain, best lot in England, 2/6, 3/-, and 3/6 each, pure bred. Hartz cocks, real beauties, like music boxes, 6/6 each, two 12/-; hens, 2/-. Wholesalers, write for terms. Proper enamelled Roller box cages, 2/-. See last week's adverts. for proof of quality and testimonials. Established 1879.—J. Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs. Tel., 440.

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£50 for YOU.

I offer you £50 if the following Testimonials are not Genuine and unsolicited. I have many thousands open for your inspection all bearing original Post Marks. Note they are dated February 1908, not some old ones that have been preserved for years and the dates altered or crossed out for convenience. I have hundreds bearing February 1908 Post Marks.

Another winner.

Union Street, Gt. Abersychan, Mon. February 27th, 1908.—I require another Roller for a friend. He has some good birds, but would exchange any two for the one you sent me. I won first and special, value £3 3s., with many points to spare, for best songster, and have had numerous inquiries for price of bird, and have referred them to you for the same quality of Rollers as mine at reasonable prices.—J. Jones to Miss Storey.

High Row, Fair Hill, Haltwhistle. February 28th, 1908.—Received H.M.R. on Thursday, and must thank you for same. It is an extra good bird for the money, commencing to sing as soon as unpacked. There is no need to wait for approval.—H. Pearson to Miss Storey.

55, Old Road, Ashton-in-Mansfield. February 26th, 1908.—The Roller is a little champion. I would not like to part with him for twice the price I paid you for him.—Mrs. Johnson to Miss Storey.

19, Newton Street, High Holborn. London, February 28, 1908.—Received Roller safely. I am very pleased with it. He commenced singing soon after arrival. Thanking you very much.—A. Merrurian to Miss Storey.

Old Bank House, Burnley. February 27th, 1908.—I thank you sincerely for prompt delivery of Roller Canary; it is a beautiful bird, and commenced a full song as soon as it entered the cage.—P. Shackleton to Miss Storey.

I undoubtedly supply the best birds it is possible to obtain at the prices.

Genuine Trained St. Andreasburg Roller Cocks in full song by day and artificial light, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Pure Roller Hens 3/6, 4/-, 4/6 each. **Hartz Cocks.**—The best loud free songsters where plenty of noise is required. Cocks in full lond free song by day and gas light 6/-, 6/6, 7/- each. Matched pairs for breeding songsters 8/6, 9/-, 9/6. Hens 3/- each.

Neat travelling cage 3d. each extra.

New Illustrated List of Birds and Cages, stamp for postage.

All Canaries carriage paid on 7 days' approval at my risk.

Miss E. L. Storey,
Bird Specialist,
CROWLE, DONCASTER.

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Pure Home-bred

ALSO

Pure Imported Seifert Rollers

(From Contest Winners.)

Cocks & Hens.

Nothing else palmed off for these, if such are required and the price paid.

You have not seen these before.

30, Hastings Avenue, Burnett Fields, Bradford.—Feb. 28, 1908.—The H.M. Roller arrived safely yesterday. It soon made itself at home and has already given us a selection from its musical repertoire.—F. Brown to W. Rudd.

Norton Nibley, Dursley. Feb. 28, 1908. — H.M. Roller safely to hand and gives every satisfaction. Thanking you for your prompt attention.—W. H. Button to W. Rudd.

Oldham. Feb. 26, 1908.—A few weeks ago I recommended a man to you for a Norwich cock. He says the bird is giving satisfaction and started singing as soon as he took the cover off. The Seifert cock you sent me in December last is singing nearly all day long. I will do the same with any more I know wanting birds. I think they cannot do better than send to you for them.—E. Bottomley to W. Rudd.

130, Church Street, Monkwearmouth. Feb. 26, 1908.—Received bird on the 25th in good condition. It commenced singing as soon as unpacked. Quite satisfied with it.—S. T. Herring to W. Rudd.

Great Longstone. Feb. 27, 1908.—Bird arrived quite safe, and was singing under the hour. Am quite satisfied.—C. Blagden to W. Rudd.

2, Fair View, Godstone Road, Kenley. Feb. 24, 1908.—I write to inform you that the Hartz cock arrived quite safe and I am very pleased with the same. He is going on beautifully and gives great satisfaction. Thanking you for same. I shall refer my friends to you should they be wanting a bird. —J. W. Evans to W. Rudd.

Wolverhampton. Feb. 26, 1908. — Bird arrived quite safe. Am very pleased with it. It has a nice soft roll.—H. Drinkwater to W. Rudd.

Glanhowy, Tredegar, Feb. 28, 1908.—Hartz to hand early this morning, quite lively and singing already. I greatly thank you for sending such. If I require a bird at any time shall most certainly send to you.—A. J. Crawford to W. Rudd.

65, London Road, Derby. Feb. 27, 1908.—Bird arrived safe with which I am highly pleased. He had not been in the house an hour before he began to sing. He is singing now from daybreak to dark. All my friends are surprised to hear him.—F. Beltou to W. Rudd.

Please note the following prices.

Cocks, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Hens, same strain, 3/6, 5/- & 7/6 each, Pairs, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Singing Hartz Cocks, 5/9 each, Selected, with better notes, 6/6, 7/6, 8/-. Hens, 2/- and 2/6 each, Pairs, 9/6, Matched for breeding good Songsters.

See my advt. in last week's "Cage Birds," page 205 and this week's, page 234.

W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist,
NORWICH.

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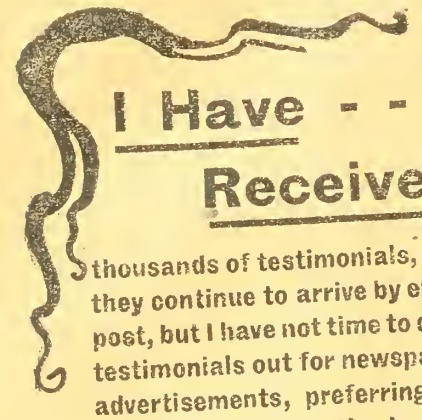

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CANARIES, crossed Yorkshire and Norwich cocks, 6/-; hens, 2/6 and 3/- each.—W. Miller, Jupp's Cottages, Upper Halling, Kent.

30 REAL good Norwich and Yorkshires, cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/-; breeding cages, 2/-; several winners.—Tyrer, 50, Bostock-st., Warrington.

CLEAR yellow Yorkshire hen, 5/-; ticked yellow Norwich hen, 5/-; 1906 birds; approval.—Moore, 9, Achilles-rd., West Hampstead, London.

CREST cock, Crestbred hen, 7/6 a pair; Plainhead cocks and hen, 7/6 a pair; cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-.—Long, 161, Broadfield-rd., Catford, S.E.

TWO large Crested cocks, 7/6 each; large Crested hen, 6/-; two long stylish Yorkshire hens, 4/- each.—W. Older, 64, Kingsland Road, Bristol.

YOUNG buff variegated Norwich cock, strong bird, 8/6; yellow variegated Border cock, 4/6; approval, deposit.—Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

CRESTED yellow cocks, 5/-; green hens, 1907 birds; Cinnamon-bred, young German-Yorkshire hens, Cinnamon marked, 3/-.—Miss Rylands, Massey Hall, Warrington.

CANARIES.—Canaries, Parrots, Cockatiels, Foreigners, etc. List and testimonials stamp. Parrots, etc., wanted.—Broxup, Bird Importer, Pendle Street, Burnley.

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CANARIES. Several Norwich and York hire cocks and hens; also flight and show cages for sale; call between 12 and 1, or after 2 o'clock, Thursday.—A. Gray, 27, Cumberland-st., Barnsbury, N.

CANARIES, Scotch Fancies, two cocks, one hen, bred 1907, 7/6 each; one cock three hens, 20/-; Norwich cocks, 4/6 each, cold-room bred.—Charles Mullins, 18, Palace green, Berwick-on-Tweed.

1907 YELLOW foul Green Norwich cock, 10/-; another, 7/6; 1906 large clear Buff Norwich cock, winner, 12/6; 1907 Green Crestbred cock, 10/-; approval, deposit.—Bairstow, 13, Tennyson-st., Lee Mount, Halifax.

WM. SHAKESPEARE, 233, Kentish Town-rd., London, N.W., has a few birds left cheap of the following varieties, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Lizards, and Border hens, plain Crests and C.B. Norwich, Greens, etc.; stamp reply.

ONLY

Specimens of a very few of the Complimentary letters received during the past week. But they are worth reading if you are

Interested in Such.

See Page 205 Last Week's "Cage Birds."

They are open for inspection, as are also the Birds, and their owner will be pleased to show you round himself, for not hiding his identity behind any fictitious name no subterfuge methods have to be resorted to, and this I consider cannot be too widely known.

Simcoe, Ontario, Canada. Feb. 17, 1908.—I must say I am more than pleased with the Norwich Canaries which you sent me out, and every person who has seen them thinks they are fine birds.—A. McGee to W. Rudd.

ALL ADVERTISEMENT SAYS.

64, Wheldrake Road, Pitsmoor. Feb. 26, 1908.—Received birds quite safe, and am highly satisfied with them. They are all the advertisement says, and again I say I am more than pleased with them.—W. Wilson to W. Rudd.

Laisterdyke, Bradford. Feb. 27, 1908.—I am very pleased with the crested birds you sent me, also the buff hen. The Asthmarine is very good. I had a bird suffering with asthma for 12 months. He is now singing.—E. Gayton to W. Rudd.

GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY.

Union Street, Bridgtown, near Cannock. Feb. 28, 1908.—I received birds safe this morning and I am very pleased with them. The buff cock is a beauty, and good value for money. If I want any more, I shall certainly send you my orders, and will recommend others.—E. Weals to W. Rudd.

ENTIRE SATISFACTION.

50, Orme Road, Bangor. Feb. 27, 1908.—I beg to acknowledge receipt of Yorkshire hen, which is to my entire satisfaction. Thanks for the prompt execution of my order.—J. Bartley to W. Rudd.

VERY PLEASED.

259, Green Street, Victoria Park, London, N.E.—Feb. 28, 1908.—The Yorkshire hen arrived safely this morning, and I am very pleased with it.—F. White to W. Rudd.

JUST THE THING WANTED.

Arbroath. Feb. 28, 1908.—I received Norwich hen all right, and in splendid condition, and I am very well pleased with it, for she is a nice bird, and just the thing I was wanting. It is my first order, but it won't be my last.—J. Thomson to W. Rudd.

ALWAYS CHARY OF HAVING FROM A DISTANCE.

Waverley Arms, Southsea. Feb. 29, 1908.—I received birds safe in good condition. I have always been chary of having birds sent from a distance, but after this I would rather deal with you than with the shops. E. Edge to W. Rudd.

JUST WHAT WANTED.

49, The Crescent, Slough, Bucks. Feb. 29, 1908.—I am pleased to say I received the clear buff York hen safely on Thursday morning. It is just the bird I wanted, and am very pleased with it. I can strongly recommend you to anyone that is in want of good birds. E. Baldwin to W. Rudd.

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See my advertisements under respective headings.

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THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Massive feathery Crested, typical Norwich Plainheads, Yorkshires, etc.; large Muling hens, house-moulted Goldfinches on easy payment. Terms stamp reply.—Ralfs, 71, Glebe Road, Norwich.

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DR. McMATH, winner of 16 firsts, 12 seconds, 14 thirds, 9 specials, including two challenge cups and one rose bowl at three shows this season, offers his entire stock of over 100 birds in Belgians, Scotch Fancies, Crests, Norwich, Yorkshires, Lizards, Borders, British, and Foreigners; also 50 show cages and cases and breeders; state wants; stamp reply.—Camden-place, Cork.

FOR sale, 200 Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, cocks and hens; Yorkshire Canaries, cocks, 7/-, 7/6 each; hens, 3/-, 3/6 each; Norwich cock Canaries, 5/6, 6/- each; hens, 3/-, 3/6 each; Norwich hen Canaries, 30/- dozen; warranted cock Goldfinch Mules, 6/6 each; warranted cock Linnet Mules, 6/6 each; 40 house-moulted Linnets, two-year-old birds and twelve months old birds, price 2/6 and 3/- each, or 15/- for six; all used to bird-catching; pair Siskin Mules, price 6/-; pair Greenfinch Mules, price 5/-; all in good plumage.—John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

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I claim to have finest strain in fancy, bar none, and have sold as many winners out of my birdrooms as anyone advertising, and I have winners I can supply. Few winners, given out of hundreds; winner of Challenge Cup, Newcastle-on-Tyne, five 1sts and gold medal Hull, nine 1sts two 2nds Cheshire, winners at London, Liverpool, Bradford, Northumberland, Stockton. I have thousands of unsolicited testimonials, names and addresses given on application. Cock in full song, Yorkshires, standard length, feather like silk, yellows, buff or licked, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- to 30/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, to 20/-; Norwich cock and hens Bullfinch type, plenty size and quality, same price as Yorkshire; Crest cocks, feather to end beak, crest-bred cocks, plenty size and feather, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- to 30/-; hens, Crest and crest-bred, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, to 20/-. Lancashire Coppys, grand quality cock and hen, all same prices as Crest and Crestbred. Border Fancies, cock and hens, same prices as Yorkshires. I can select you pairs to breed winners at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; also double breeding cage, and any pair Canaries you require, ready for immediate breeding, the lot 13/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-. Goldfinch Canary Mules, Linnet Canary Mules, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; English cock Goldfinches, proved mulers, 1907 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; Pink-eyed Sib. bred hen Canaries, for light muling, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, for dark muling, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; breeding cages, close wired fronts, 16 high, 19 long, 2/6, 3/6; double breeders, cages, 4/6, 5/6; song cage, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each. Guaranteed satisfaction to every customer; all birds week's approval with pleasure. Easy payments taken; stamp reply.—C. Baker, Herbert-st., Bedfordshire.

MULES—HYBRIDS.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, 5/6; approval.—Revell, Shotley Bridge.

PEARSON, Greenwich, wants Mules for cash, or exchange any live stock.

SIS hen, mother light mules, 5/-; same strain, 3/6.—E. Sims, Warminster.

LIGHTLY-VARIEGATED rock Goldfinch Mule, 1907 bird, 12/6.—17, Vernham Road, Hitchin.

GRAND Greenfinch Canary Mule, winner second, fourth, 20/-.—Harrington, Oxford-st., Cardiff.

TWENTY strong healthy hen Mules, 1/6 each, or 12/- dozen.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

BREEDING cock Goldfinch, white legs, full song, 7/6.—Joseph Exton, Westcotes Drive, Leicester.

HEN Bullfinch, two hen Mules, 4/6; or exchange with cash for pair Norwich.—Sampson, Pontardulais.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch; clear Buff Norwich hen, 7/6.—John French, Aldwinch, Thrapslouo.

H. CHITTENDEN can spare a few pairs of selected British for hybrid breeding at reasonable prices (see Yorkshires).

GRAND exhibition cock Greenfinch, very large, splendid colour, sure mules, 1/6.—Mrs. Bartholomew, Downs, Dunstable.

SISKIN Mule, winner numerous prizes, in show condition; also Muling Finches.—Wyse, 12, Pittshead Mews, Mayfair.

FOUR cock Goldfinch Mules, warranted full song, splendid birds, 7/6 each.—Sidney Edwards, Norwood Hill, Charlwood, Surrey.

BRILLIANT songster, Goldfinch mule, 7/6; reliable Sib. bred buff cocks and hens, 6/ each, approval. —Crossley, Mealbank, Kendal.

SPLENDID Goldfinch Mules, second only time shown, card included, parting through illness, 7/6. —W. William, Park-st., Ruabon.

LIGHT variegated Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 4th Twickenham, 7/6; card sent; bargain.—Gutteridge, Grocer, St. Margarets, Twickenham.

CHAMPION muling cock Linnets, bred three nests last year, 3/-; also champion singing Linnets, 1/6. —Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

LIGHT variegated Goldfinch Canary Mule, full song, 10/-; father above, 10/-; approval; exchange Canaries.—Tebay, Back-lane, Sedbergh.

SHOW Muling Finch, 15/-; house-moulted; full clear. Bred eleven Mules 1907. Rich, deep colours. Approval.—McQueen, carver, Dumfries.

EXTRAORDINARY handsome 1907 rock Siskin Canary Mule, 10/6; shown once, took 1st and special, cards sent.—Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

DARK buff 1907 Goldfinch Canary cock, 10/6; exchange buff Cinnamon hen, unflighted, Norwich type.—Hall, Forfield Place, Leamington.

BEAUTIFUL cock Goldfinch, selected for muling, genuine Sib.-bred hen, grand pair, cold-room, 7/6; approval, deposit.—Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

SIX cock Goldfinch-Mules, full song, 36/; six cock Siskin Mules, full song, with Goldfinch song, 33/- lot.—M. Cave, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

MATCHED pairs for Hybrid breeding, Greenfinch cock, Bullfinch hen, Bullfinch cock, what offers cash or exchange.—Skinner, Ironmonger, Kingskerwell, Devon.

TO Hybrid breeders, six large hen Greenfinches, and mixed wild seeds, 5/-; or exchange hen Canaries or cock Goldfinch.—Thompson, 11, Darland Terrace, Chatham.

TWICE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, hand-reared from nest, bred Mules last season, guarantee safe with eggs, approval, 10/-.—E. G. Roberts, Roche, Cornwall.

DUMFRIESSHIRE Greypate house-moulted, make champion, 10/6; large Buff Green hen mules, 7/6; Canary-reared Greenfinch hen, 3/6.—Dunbar, Whitesands, Dumfries.

TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, one cock Linnet Mule, singing, 10/- each; pure notes; exchange one for good 1907 Yellow Norwich cock.—Rottman, 53, Linden-grove, Nunhead.

TWO hen Goldfinch Canary Mules, 2 Green, 1907 Norwich hens, 10/6 the lot, or offers, wanted, 2 first class York hens, yellow and buff.—Mr. Grant, 13, North Bar, Banbury.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure light mule breeders, 5s. each, 7s. 6d.; cocks in full song, 7s. 6d. each. Ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WINNERS for sale; Linnet Mule, 30/-; Goldfinch Mule, 30/-; Greenfinch Mule, 30/-; Siskin Mule, 30/-; all have won in keen competition; approval.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

SISKIN hen Bullfinch, 5/-; Siskin hen Linnet, 3/6; Lesser Redpoll, yellow Norwich hen, 5/-. All house-moulted; Yellowhammer, 1/-; lot, 15/-.—Bracey, Troubridge, Salop.

TO clear, English cock Goldfinch and Sib.-bred hen Canary and large breeding cage 6/6 lot; 14 lots for sale.—Merrington, Mule Breder, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London, S.E.

GRAND cock Redpoll, cock Greenfinch, both house-moulted, 2/6 each; cock Goldfinch, paired with hen Canary, 5/6; cock Linnet and Canary, 3/-.—Blow, Blue-st., Boston.

LINNET mule cock, grand songster, new cage, complete, 6/6; twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, white legs, full song, with cage, 10/-.—Nelson, 163, Globe-rd., Victoria Park, E.

HYBRIDS, house-moulted cock Goldfinch, white legged, clear yellow pink-eyed Yorkshire hen, 10/-; Bullfinch, cock and hen; hand-reared, 7/6.—Seeney, 286, Padiham Road, Burnley.

MULING Goldfinch and two cock Mules from above, champion songsters, 7/6 each; twice house-moulted handsome cock Bullfinch, 3/6, or nearest offer.—Lester, Ironmonger, Thame.

TWO Canary-reared Greenfinches, 1/- each; pair Challinches, 1/-; house-moulted Bramblefinch, winner, 5/-; all in excellent condition; exchange Norwich hens.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

LIGHT variegated Buff cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, winner second, 16/-; ditto yellow, 14/-, in full song; both hatched June, 1907. Approval deposit.—Macnicol, 101, North Hanover Street, Glasgow.

COCK Goldfinch, hen Canary, bred nine Mules, 8/- pair; three Goldfinch Canary Mules, singing Goldfinch note, 5/6 each; hen, 1/6; cock Saffron Finch, 2/6.—Savage, Shakespeare-st., Stratford-on-Avon.

HYBRID pairs, two large cock Greenfinches, paired with two large hen Bullfinches, with double breeder, 10/-; another pair, single breeder, house front, 5/-.—29, Maydwell-st., Albany-rd., Camberwell, London.

CHOICE Sib-bred light muling hens, many winners bred from this strain, including clear Goldfinch, light Greenfinch, light Linnet Mules, reasonable prices; approval. Geo. Dale, Wemden, Saffron Walden.

NOTICE, house-moulted rock Greenfinches, hen Canary, 5/6, 7/6 pair; breeders, not rubbish; approval; exhibition cock Blackbirds, 2/-, 3/6 each; wanted small foreign.—Wilson, 89, Westgate, Guisborough, Yorks.

IMPORTANT TO MULE BREEDERS

These are not last week's:—

First prize Mule.

Londonderry, Ireland.—The light Mule I bought of you took first prize. It was entered by Jno. Stephenson; perhaps you have seen the notice in the paper.—J. Donnel to W. Rudd.

A Champion Mule.

Balmoral House, Balligatr. I am anxious to secure two large hens for dark mule breeding. I got two hens from you some years ago, and I bred a Champion dark Linnet Mule from one of them, a winner of many first prizes, including twice first at Edinburgh.—J. Waddell to W. Rudd.

Several very good lightly marked mules.

Westleigh Stables, Buckley, Kent. Feb. 21, 1908. Please send me price of good yellow Norwich hen. I want her for light muling. One I had from you some time ago turned out very satisfactory, breeding me several very good lightly marked mules. Hope you will be able to give same satisfaction this time. —S. S. Pilcher to W. Rudd.

Thirty mules from one Goldfinch.

Clift Terrace, Newtown, Carlisle.—Kindly send Whitelegged rock Goldfinch, for order enclosed. I am glad to tell you that I did well with the last Goldfinch, having got thirty mules last season from him. Have recommended you to several acquaintances.—J. Taylor to W. Rudd.

Scores similar to above relating to Muling Hens only, supplied by me, could be given. I now have a grand lot, including many pink-eyed and Cinnamon blood. Please note prices:—Clear Buff Hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6 each; Yellow Hens, for Light Mule breeding, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; Hens, for Dark Mule breeding, 3/6 and 5/- each; Yellow Cocks, Light Muling, 10/6, 12/6 each; Buff Cocks, for Light Muling, 8/6, 10/6 each, all on approval; travelling cages 3d. extra.

See my advertisement in last week's "Cage Birds," page 205, and this week, page 231.

W. RUDD, *THE Bird Specialist,* NORWICH.

BANDSOME variegated rock Goldfinch Mule, 6/-; large crested hen Canary, 3/-; wanted glazier's diamond; offers.—Ward, Hamels, Buntingford.

GOLDFINCH Mule, full song, Goldfinch notes, 5/-—Greenfinch-Canary Mule, 4/-; Greenfinch cock, house moulted, 2/-; two clear muling hens, 2/6 each; approval, deposit.—Chaplow, High Hesket, Southwaite, Carlisle.

FINDI can spare three more choice Sib. bred Lancashire hens, 6/- each; two grand cocks at 10/6, 12/6; cage moulted white-legged breeding Goldfinch, 7/6; one large square blaze, sure winner, 6/-.—Barnard, Back Lane, Barking.

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TWITTERINGS.

I had very satisfactory results from my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. H. Jordan (Oswestry).

The balance sheet of the City and Suburban A.C.B.'s recent Pair Show, to hand from the secretary, shows a profit of £1 9s. 6d.

We hear from Mr. G. H. Billett (Reading) that he has been elected to judge cage birds at the Totterdown, Bristol, show on July 24th.

I have moved from 10, Poulett Road, East Ham, writes Mr. H. Gravestock, to 102, New City Road, Barking Road, Plaistow. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

Kindly note that I have been engaged to judge at Morpeth and District C. and C.B.S. show, to be held on October 17th next, writes Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham).

Kindly announce in CAGE BIRDS that I have removed to Idahoe, Oakland Avenue, Prestbury, Cheltenham, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, secretary of the Cheltenham C.B.S.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. Geo. Woodbridge (Freckenham). I had so many offers I could not reply to them all. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

Kindly thank those who applied for the Crests I advertised in your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Dalgetty (Scarborough). They are all sold. I had very many letters and Postal Orders; about 50 in all.

Kindly state that all correspondence and enquiries relating to the Great Horton Good Intent O.S. should be addressed to me, writes Mr. Harry Schofield, hon. secretary, at 137, Baildon Road, Great Horton, Bradford.

Will all members of the Deptford and Greenwich C.B.S. make an effort to attend a special meeting to be held at headquarters, "Two Brewers," Church Street, Greenwich, on Feb. 12th, writes Mr. E. Meades, secretary.

Kindly thank those that replied to my advert. in your last week's issue, writes Mr. H. Pitts (Bedminster). I should want a private secretary to reply to them all. Advertising in CAGE BIRDS is better than answering limericks.

The Hastings United C.B.S. have decided to hold their annual show on November 10th and 11th, at the Parish Hall, Priory Street; writes Mr. A. E. Godden, the hon. secretary, and Messrs. J. Robson ad Geo. Gardner have been elected to judge.

Messrs. H. Lindsay and W. Bingham have been elected secretaries of Sheffield and Dis. Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. H. Lindsay (Sheffield), and all correspondence should be addressed to them at 202, King James Street, Walkley, Sheffield.

The Wandsworth and District Fanciers' Society is rather short of members interested in cage-bird keeping, writes the hon. secretary, Mr. W. Summers (829, Garratt Lane, S.W.), and I shall be pleased to hear from any desirous of joining.

The short advertisement you inserted for me two weeks ago writes Mr. W. Page (Wimbledon), brought so many replies that I could not answer them all. I am glad to say that a satisfactory exchange was speedily accomplished, thanks to the fine circulation of CAGE BIRDS.

Having sold all my Larks which were in full song, and which were advertised in CAGE BIRDS, kindly cancel my advertisement for the time being until I advise you to continue same, writes Mr. E. Cash (Birkenhead).

We hear that the Alnwick and District Cage Bird Society is making great headway, and looking forward to a very successful season, and the secretary, Mr. R. F. Rennison, of 3, Pottergate Place, will be glad to hear from fanciers in the neighbourhood who would like to become members.

We extend a very hearty invitation to all fanciers, writes Mr. G. Dowden, secretary Stoke Newington F.A., to a lantern lecture on "British Birds," on March 31st, at Devonshire Square Church, Stoke Newington Road, at 8 p.m. Illustrated by 150 beautiful lantern slides; admission free.

A Bittern has recently been shot near the mouth of the river Tivy, writes Mr. D. J. Thomas (Cardigan), within two miles of Cardigan. A Golden Eagle has also been brought down by the "man with the gun" near a village in North Pembrokeshire, within six miles of this town. What, may I ask, is the use of Protection?

An excellent series of members' shows has been arranged by the Bradford (East) O.S. The first of these was held on February 22nd. The second of the series will be held on June 13th, when Mr. R. Halliday will judge; another will be held on July 25th (judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden), a fourth on September 26th (judge, Mr. W. H. Shackleton), and a fifth on December 15th (judge, Mr. J. Bailey) Some good specials are on offer thereat.

OUR PUZZLE PICTURE COMPETITIONS.

Intending competitors must remember that our two competitions in connection with the puzzle picture of Norwich Plainhead Canaries which appeared in our issue of February 15th last, (the Crystal Palace Show Number) close

uesday Next, March 10.

Full particulars of these competitions appeared on page 214 last week.

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The Huddersfield O.S. has arranged a splendid series of lectures, members' shows, judging competitions, washing exhibitions, etc., for the 1908 season. The secretary is Mr. S. Lodge, 34, Jacob's Row, Lockwood.

The Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. seems to have made both ends meet nicely during the first year of its existence, judging from the balance sheet which reaches us from Messrs. Pawley and Newnham, the secretaries. This promises well for the future prosperity of this go-ahead metropolitan society.

The first annual distribution of prizes will take place in the Market Tavern on March 7th, at an amalgamated concert and smoker with the Y.C.C. Cinnamon Marked Canary Club and Yorkshire Union, writes Mr. W. R. Myers, hon. secretary of the Bradford and County B.B. and M.C. We hope members will be present from all parts of Yorkshire.

Bird-keepers in need of seeds should send a post-card for the price-list (post free on application of Mr. J. Keenlyside, Zetland Street, Sunderland, a merchant who has laid in large stocks of the choicest quality seeds specially for fanciers, and also of other requirements of the birdy-man. Real honest business, and the best possible value for money, is our motto, writes Mr. Keenlyside.

In the hurry of penning my report of the Kent County C.B.A., which appeared in your valuable columns last week, writes Mr. George Sanderson, the hon. secretary, I omitted stating that Mr. Ashby (the City Tailoring Co., Dover), also gave a handsome E.P. tankard for the best bird in the show, to be won twice before becoming the absolute property of the winner. This year's winner is Mr. L. A. Brett (Folkestone).

We have received a copy of the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C. syllabus and rules for the current year from the secretary, Mr. R. A. Brown, which includes three shows of British Birds on March 31, April 28, and May 26; a First Feather show on July 4; the open show on November 13 and 14; annual members' show on December 12; and a picnic on June 13. It is an excellent programme, and should add considerably to the success of the society.

The newest recruit to the ranks of London cage-bird societies, the Highgate, Hampstead and District C.B.S., was successfully floated last week, upwards of 40 members being enrolled. The subscription was fixed at 3s. per annum, and Mr. G. Gardner was elected chairman. The hon. secretary, Mr. W. Reynolds, 62, Langdon Road, Upper Holloway, N., will be pleased to hear from anyone in the district (or outside, as there is no radius limit) who would like to join. An attractive programme of events is being arranged.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. have fixed their Young Bird and British Bird Show for Thursday, July 2nd (judge, Mr. Robson), writes Mr. Hodson, the hon. secretary. The annual open show is fixed for Thursday and Friday, November 5th and 6th, and the judges are Messrs. G. E. Weston, J. Robson, and H. Broadley. Both shows will be held in the Peckham Public Hall.

The balance sheet of the City of Glasgow Ornithological Association for 1907 reaches us from the joint secretaries and treasurers, Messrs. A. Muir and A. Macdonald, and is one of the most satisfactory we have ever inspected. The total income was £362 15s. 6d., and at the end of the year there remained a cash balance in favour of the Association of no less a sum than £116 4s. 10d., as against £105 the previous year. Such a state of affairs speaks for itself, and reflects the highest credit on all concerned in the management.

I never expected to see my Scotch National winning Yellow Green Border Cock depicted on your front page, writes Mr. W. McMillan (Dumfries). I may say that it is bred from Greens that have stood the test of the show bench for the last 20 years. It has been five times shown. At the Glasgow and the West of Scotland it was placed fourth; at Sanquhar, first; at the Scottish National first. I have since sent it to the Crystal Palace, where it was v.h.c. I am quite satisfied with its performances for its first year. I thank you for the honour conferred on me.

The rather bold experiment which was made by the West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S. in holding an open show in the first year of its existence (a thing that probably no other Midland society has done) writes a local correspondent, was justified by the result, for the show realised a profit of £4, notwithstanding heavy expenses due to unavoidable causes. It is greatly due to the splendid work of the hon. sec., Mr. T. Duffield, and the assistant sec., Mr. J. H. Jennings, that the society has made such excellent progress, and to mark their appreciation of these officers' services, the members have presented to each a handsome silver mounted walking stick.

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The Scottish British Bird and Mule Club appears to have got through a good and interesting year's work with great success, as, after catering liberally for its members at the shows patronized, a balance of £2 18s. 3d. remains in hand. We note that the energetic secretary, Mr. R. Farmer, expresses a desire to retire from office, after three years' labour on behalf of the club.

The Northern Crest Club seems to have had a most successful season. Its balance sheet to hand, duly audited, from the hon. secretary, Mr. T. Robson, shows £5 16s. 4d. cash on the right side (a gratifying increase on the previous year), with two cups, value £5 5s. each, as additional assets. This result, and the good work done by the club, reflect credit on all concerned in its management.

From the balance sheet of the Hertford Fanciers' Association we gather that despite the fact of the gate being £8 down as compared with last year, the recent show has come out with a balance in hand of 4s. 2d. Our Hertford friends are a plucky and courageous lot, and are most admirably led by Mr. "Pat" Harrower and Mr. Fred Looker, whose efforts receive loyal support from a splendid committee. The good management of the show so commends itself to the leading lights of the neighbourhood that the subscriptions and specials received from patrons and vice-presidents total over £28.

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The committee of the Hartlepools C.B.S., writes Mr. E. Woodhead, the secretary, are desirous of thanking most sincerely all those who in any way contributed to the success of their Prize drawing. It is most gratifying to us (and it must also give a considerable amount of satisfaction to helpers) to be able to state that all our liabilities have been discharged, including a loan of £5 from one of our members, who advanced this sum in order that initial expenses and prize money could be paid. This spirit, I, as secretary, am most pleased to say, permeates the whole of the society's proceedings, as evidenced by the fact that when a prize drawing was suggested the whole of the prizes were immediately contributed by the members then present. Our thanks are also due to the Press, who have brought our object before our fellow fanciers. The piloting of a society's affairs in troublous times is a most anxious one, and were the inner workings made apparent to the exhibitor (who has little or no knowledge of such matters) I feel sure that he would at times exercise a little more forbearance. I am not writing as a result entirely of my own experience, but also from reading of cases that have been made public which for all concerned had far better have been settled in camera.

He should have said "Ducks."

The Rev. W. McPheters, of Tekonsha, Michigan, has had to resign, says a daily contemporary, because he referred to the young women of the congregation as "a flock of cackling Parrots."

What is a Grizzle Crest?

At the annual meeting of the Scottish Crest Club a discussion took place as to what constitutes a grizzle crest, and the verdict was that a bird with a crest composed of a mixture of light and green feathers did not constitute a "grizzle crest." Further, a resolution was passed that all birds with any dark green feathers in the crest must compete in the class for Dark Crests.

A Twenty-year-old Canary.

The history of a Canary that must have been at the very least well up in his 21st year, is sent to a weekly contemporary by Colonel Mitford, of Old Town, Woodburn:—"One morning, in London, the little fellow flew through an open window into my children's nursery, without our ever being able to trace his origin. He appeared to be fully grown, and we kept him for over 20 years afterwards. He sang up to the last evening before his death. I remember at the time asking a bird dealer as to the limit of the age of Canaries, and he said he had never known one over 17 years, nor one that sung as mine had."

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Yorkshire Union Ballot Papers.

Kindly announce that the ballot papers in connection with the election of officers and revision of rules for 1908 have been posted. Any members not receiving one should apply to me at once.—FRED HAMMOND, hon. secretary, Yorkshire Union of O.S.

Green Canary Association.

A mistake was made in the points previously published in connection with the "Novice Yorkshire Green Section" in the season's specials, writes Mr. S. Hadwin, the secretary. The corrected figures are:—Cup, Deacon, 76; Vernon, 51; Tempest, 31. Cash Specials: Deacon, 159; Carswell, 117; Vernon, 82; Tempest, 55; Moss, 12.

Rule 17 and Specialist Clubs.

At the C.B.U. annual meeting last week, the secretary of the Norwich Plainhead Club, Mr. Raynes, stated that Rule 17 had operated adversely to the interests of his Specialist Society, and he asked the secretary of the Cinnamon Club, Mr. R. J. Pretty, whether he had experienced any ill-effects upon the membership roll from the same cause. The reply of the latter, however, was in the negative. This is another instance of the diversity of opinion concerning the effect of the "much-discussed."

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA,

The Victorian Canary Society (Australia) and the L. & P.O.S.

Many of the readers of CAGE BIRDS will recollect the visit to this country of Mr. F. White, of Australia, who came over to England purposely to see the 1907 Great National Show, and who contributed his impressions of this fixture and the Fancy generally to the columns of this journal. As an outcome of his visit, the cage-bird lovers of the "Old Country" and those of "down under" have been brought in closer touch, as the following extract from the Australian "Poultry and Kennel World," dated Jan. 3, 1908, bears witness :—

"After the judging of Canaries at the Victorian Canary Society's Y.S.S. was over on 28th November, a very interesting and unique ceremony took place. Mr. A. B. Mason referred to Mr. F. White's recent visit to the Old Country, and informed the members of a very graceful and generous act performed by him—viz., the presentation of four trophies of 10s. 6d. each to be competed for at the Crystal Palace Show, under the auspices of the London and Provincial Ornithological Society, handing them over in the name of the Victorian Canary Society. The speaker said he considered they owed Mr. White a deep debt of gratitude for this second act of generosity. Mr. W. Elliott seconded the remarks. Mr. White (who was received with hearty and sincere applause) admitted it was one of the proudest moments of his life; it had always been his aim in life to try and do everything a little better than "the other fellow." When in England he saw and envied the beautiful gold medals given for competition by the L. and P. O. Society, and now he had the great honour and pleasure (and here his voice vibrated with emotion) in informing the Victorian Canary Society that he held in his hand two of the coveted gold medals, sent to them for competition by Mr. Ramsden (secretary of the English Society). It was something to be proud of, and he felt it as a great honour to have been considered worthy to have been the medium of thus joining the Victorian Canary Society and the London and Provincial Ornithological Society (the leading society in England) in a bond of fellowship; he had held out the hand of friendship and fraternity on behalf of his Society, and the grip had been returned, and now cemented in this splendid manner. (Loud applause.) Mr. A. B. Mason moved that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the London and P. O. Society, through the kind agency of Mr. Ramsden, for so kindly sending them the two gold medals to be competed for. Messrs. Elliott, Coleman, Verey, etc., supported the motion, which was carried with great enthusiasm.

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Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S.—March 12, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Table show of matched pairs and arrangements for concert.—W. Richinson.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—March 12, headquarters, 8. Washing exhibition will be given by Mr. W. Dormer (Rishton). Cage bird fanciers cordially invited.—D. Harwood.

Bradford and County B.B. and M.C.—March 7, Market Tavern. Annual distribution of prizes; amalgamated concert and smoker with Y.C.C., C.M.C.C., and Y.U.—W. R. Myers.

British Roller C.C.—March 10, King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street Without, S.E., 8. Important business.—J. W. Norris.

Bury and Dist. C.B.S.—March 10, Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30. Show for "pair birds." Judge, Rev. R. P. Hudson. Also other very important business.—F. E. Holden.

Bedlington Station and Dist. C.B.C.—March 14, Railway Hotel, 6. Election of officers and other important business.—J. Jobling.

Clitheroe and Dist. C.B.S.—March 7, Bennett's Tea Rooms, Moore Lane, 6.30. Lecture by T. Dent, on "Pairing and Breeding." Fanciers invited.—R. Lambert.

City of Wakefield O.S.—March 7, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. Members' show, Friday, Mar. 6, at 6 p.m. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Gillington).—Parker and Atkinson.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Mar. 9, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "Breeding and Exhibiting." Visitors especially welcome.—V. Wynn.

Dysart C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Normand Hall, 7.30. Selection of judges, enrolment of new members.—J. Logan.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 11, 8.30. Rules, members' cards, and secretary's paper on "Cage Making, Decorating, Staining, Varnishing, and French Polishing and Recipes."—J. J. Mullett.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Mar. 11, George Hotel, 8. Business, date for open show, etc.—R. S. Black.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Mar. 7, Fountain Inn, 8. Election of secretary and other important business.—W. Ashworth.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Mar. 14, Barley Mow, 7. Business important.—J. E. Hudson.

Eastfield Side C.B.C. Sutton-in-Ashfield.—Mar. 7, new members specially invited.—J. Carlin.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M., B., and F.B.C.—Mar. 10, 112, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 8. Lecture on "Mules and Hybrids," by Mr. J. L. Burnett; show of British birds, classes, Linnet, Siskin, Twite, Redpoll, Bullfinch hen, A.O.V. Brit. hen.—R. A. Brown.

Grimsby and Dist. O.S.—Mar. 10, new headquarters, Hall of Science, Freeman Street, Grimsby, 7.30. General business and table show for British birds and Hybrid pairs.—Moore and Crowston.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Mar. 12. Two Brewers, Church Street, Greenwich. Special business, 8; Committee, 7.30.

Great Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 9, headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30. Mr. D. Bentley, the well-known British bird judge, will give a lecture. Fanciers heartily invited.—G. Waddington.

Halifax O.S.—Mar. 7, Griffin Hotel, 8. Business important.—J. F. Thackray.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 9, St. George's School, 8. Business, table show, Brit., Mule or Hybrid. Judge, W. Booth. Paper by W. Shaw on "Norwich Plainhead."—T. Allsop.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street, 8. Annual general meeting; very important business.—E. Woodhead.

Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.—Mar. 7, Royal Hotel, 7.30. Business of much importance.—R. Gadsden.

Inverness O.A.—Mar. 11, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Appointment of judges and other important business.—A. Urquhart.

Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Mar. 11, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond Street, Jarrow, 7.30. All intending members are asked to attend. South Shields members please note date.—J. T. Carrick.

Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Co-operative Room, 6.30. Monthly meeting; important business. Fanciers residing within five miles invited to join.—E. Barker.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Mar. 7, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, (corner of Commercial Street), 7.30. Important business. Hearty invitation to all Roller fanciers.—C. Towes.

Leicester C.B.S.—Mar. 11, headquarters, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, 8.15. Table shows, Goldfinch and Bullfinch, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch and Chaffinch. Any variety part-seed eating British bird. Judge, Mr. Judd.—J. A. Tyler.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Railway Hotel, 7.30. To fix date and judge for Annual First Feather Show.—R. H. Davies.

Loanhead and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Volunteer Hall, Loanhead, 7. Enrolment of members. Booking hens, consideration of medals, etc. Fanciers inside 10 miles radius invited.—W. B. Smart.

Leith O.S.—Mar. 14, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7.30. Classifications, etc.—G. Brown.

Leeds C.B.S.—Mar 7, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Table show of Yorks, Nor. and Brit. Four open classes and six novice. Judges, Messrs. King and Chew. Election of judges for open show. Fanciers invited.—Wilkins and Ireland.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—J. Simon.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Mar. 12, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. Important business.—A. J. Head.

Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Crown Hotel, 7.30. General meeting, election of officers.—A. Wake.

Manningham C.B.A.—Mar. 7, Mowbray Arms, 7.15. Lantern lecture on "British Birds." A hearty invitation to all fanciers and friends.—F. Western.

Musselburgh O.S.—Mar. 14, McDonald's Rooms. Committee meeting, drafting rules, etc., 7 p.m.—D. Kay.

Nottingham P.O.S.—Mar. 14, Shoulder of Mutton, 8. Special meeting, business urgent.—H. Davis.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Christ Church Schools, 8. Table show for pairs, Yorks and Nor. Members please make entries. Entry fee 3d. per pair.—J. Davey.

Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Important business.—F. Steeple.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Mar. 9, Chapel Street, Congregational Hall, 8. Table show for York., and Nor. Silver medal for most points. Mr. Sam Cool will judge. Entry 6d., on the 6d. sliding scale.—W. Jackson.

Rochdale O.C.—Mar. 9, Club-rooms, Brook Street, 8. Special meeting; important to members.—J. Butterworth.

Stockport B.F.A.—Mar. 10, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Special business, C.B.U. and syllabus for current year.—W. Stafford.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Mar. 10, headquarters, 8. Payment of prize money won at match pair show.—G. Dowden.

St. Helen's O.S.—Mar. 9, George Inn, Water Street. Election of officers and other important business.—T. Vose.

Sale Open O.S.—March 9, Sale Hotel, 7.45. Table Show, Brit. Judge and lecturer Geo. Massey (Stockport).—G. F. Hardcastle.

South London Col. and F.A.—Mar. 12, Royal George, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8.30. Auditors' report and discussion as to club's affiliation.—G. A. Jefferys.

South West London C.B.S.—Plough Hotel, 8.30. Special meeting. Acceptance of balance sheet, and to settle protest as to eligibility of a certain exhibitor showing in the novice and amateur section.—Lilley.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—Mar. 12, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Election of judges for open show and other important business.—A. Hitchings.

Scottish B.B. and M.C. Mar. 7, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 4. Annual general meeting; presentation of medals, elections, etc.—R. Farmer.

Walkeley and Sheffield March 14, White Horse Inn, Creswick Street, Walkley. Table show; pairs matched for breeding, Canaries, Mule or Hyb. Judge, Mr. W. Oxley (Sheffield). Open 4 to 8. Fanciers invited.—C. W. Marshall.

Windhill, Shipley, and Dist. O.S.—Mar. 14, instead of Mar. 7, 8. Business important.—E. Broadley.

Wandsworth and Dist. F.S.—Mar. 12, headquarters, Ye Old Swan, High Street. Annual general meeting and presentation of balance-sheet.—W. Summers.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Prince Albert Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet, members' show, and other important business.—F. Howes.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Horse and Groom Inn, 7. Mr. F. Allen will give his lecture on the "Yorkshire Canary." Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—E. W. Johnson.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge.

Wombwell, Darfield and Dis. C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Royal Oak Hotel, Church Street, 6.30. Lecture on "Canary Breeding and Green Blood," by Mr. H. Taylor (Sheffield).—J. Bill.

York C.B.S.—Mar. 9, All Saints' Schoolroom, 8. Monthly meeting. Debate on breeding and rearing of cage birds, and other business.—A. Wand.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Feeding up Birds.

"Novice."—I have an idea this subject was dealt with on the Novices' page three or four weeks ago. Look up a few back numbers. You should commence at once to give the cocks a teaspoonful of egg food twice a week, and a small leaf of dandelion every second day. Twice a week will be often enough to give mixed seed. In a fortnight hence, if the cocks do not appear to be coming forward fast enough, give a leaf of dandelion daily. The hens should be given a pinch of inga twice a week, a teaspoonful of egg food once a week, and a spray of watercress every second day. In a fortnight, if you wish to hasten them on, you may begin giving them a leaf of dandelion also, the same as the cock.

Pulling out Feathers.

First Year.—My first thought was that your bird was troubled with insects, and this suspicion, on a second perusal of your letter, seems confirmed by the fact that the hen left off the habit for a time after you washed her. As you are able to do the washing, I would advise you to give this bird another wash, and add a teaspoonful of spirits of camphor to the first and second water, and then, whilst the bird is drying, give its cage and the place where it hangs, a thorough clean. Wash out the cage with a fairly strong solution of Izal, or some similar disinfectant; or paint it all over inside and out with the mite destroyer mentioned in reply to "Camphor" on February 22nd, and afterwards redistemper and varnish. Your feeding seems all right, but you should begin to give a spray of watercress instead of apple now. You might also give her a little Epsom salts, and five or six drops of lemon juice in the water for a day or two, and afterwards fifteen drops of chemical food twice a week for a fortnight.

Two Old Friends.

Constant Reader.—(1) It is interesting to learn that the former supposition as regards overfeeding is probably correct. Continue to feed and treat as already advised—limiting the quantity of seed given, but allowing green food and soft fruits ad. lib.—with this exception, that instead of giving sulphate of soda, give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of whisky in water one day, ten drops of syrup of buckthorn the next day, and pure water on the third day. Repeat this again and again for two or three weeks, or until the bird is sufficiently reduced in substance, and every seventh day give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. I would not advise you to mate the bird until it has got rid of all this superfluous fat. (2) It was undoubtedly the change to your room which caused the Cinnamon to start moulting. You cannot do much better than you say you have begun to do. Continue the chemical food every second day, and on intervening days give a crumb of sponge cake with three or four drops of sherry on it. Do not give egg food in addition. This should stop the feathers dropping quite soon enough to breed with it. Do not, however, mate the bird until a week or two after the moulting has ceased. Certainly you should not attempt to "sweat" the bird, as you term it.

Three Questions.

"Constant Reader."—(1) The sample of Canary seed is decidedly small, with a small proportion of fair sized grains, and as it is also uneven in colour, I should say it was mixed. Still, it is very sweet and good, and the only point on which one might wish for improvement is in size. The rape is a very nice sample. (2) It is impossible to say what the Roller cock died of, which was quite well and singing in the morning, and was found dead in cage at night. If any more similar deaths have occurred since, I should suspect septic fever, and strongly advise you to have a post mortem on one of the birds to ascertain the fact. By the way, the bird should not have been paired up yet. (3) You would probably get better results in breeding songsters by mating a Roller cock with a Yorkshire hen than vice versa. But whichever way you mate, the actual result will be influenced to some extent by the nature of the tuition the young birds get. To obtain the best results, they should not be allowed to hear anything but good Roller cocks singing.

Cocks or Hens?

Puzzled, Stourbridge.—The birds are in all probability both hens, and you have doubtless been feeding them too generously for the position in which they are kept to cause them to set up a common nest and lay. Even if they had been a true pair, you should not have kept them together in the same cage. The end of the present moult would have been quite early enough to put them together, and then only in case the cock had been in full song. If you wish to test the value of these eggs allow the birds to go on sitting on them until the fifteenth day, then if they still remain eggs, throw them out, take away all nesting material, and a fortnight later procure a genuine cock bird, in song, to mate with either one or both of them.

Not Singing.

M. Picton, Rhondda Valley.—The fact that the bird is not a young one is probably the explanation of its not yet singing. Many birds as they leave their youth behind them gradually defer their vocal efforts until finally they do not recommence singing until spring is no longer a "delusion and a snare." However, you will do no harm in trying the effect of giving twenty drops of chemical food and twenty drops of whisky in its drinking water every second day for a fortnight or so.

Over-feeding.

W.B.—I think this is all your bird suffers from, as your feeding is too generous for a caged Canary. Treat as follows for two or three weeks. For staple diet give plain Canary seed only; once a week give a small piece of bread, dipped in milk and pressed nearly dry, and once a week give just a small pinch of the mixed seed you mention. Give green food, or soft, juicy fruits—such as grape or orange—ad. lib., and every second day add five drops of syrup of buckthorn to its drinking water. At the end and in the middle of each week, give a dose of twenty drops of whisky and ten of glycerine in the water in addition to the above.

Ebb and Flow.

I.R.—Sorry to hear the sib-bred bird went ill again after discontinuing the treatment which did him so much good. You were right to begin the same treatment again. Go on with it until a week or two after the bird seems to be quite well, except that you may drop it off for a few days, in order to give the bird a rest, it you should have to continue treatment very long. Say you give treatment continuously for a fortnight, then stop it for three days, begin again and go on for a week; then stop for another three days, and continue in this way for at least a fortnight after the bird seems to be quite recovered. Glad to hear your friend's bird is also much better.

Won't Pair.

R.P.—He's a sensible bird R.P., is this Norwich-Yorks cock who refuses to pair up. Perhaps if you try him at the end of this month, which will be a much more reasonable time than the present, he may be more disposed to fall in with your way of thinking. Instead of trying to mate the bird now, begin to feed him up as advised to "Novice" in this issue, and you will succeed far better in your efforts at mating in three or four weeks hence. Perhaps he was not in the best of condition last year when he failed to fill eggs; or, maybe, he required a little trimming, as was described on the "Notebook" page a fortnight ago.

Mating with Two Hens.

Novice No. 2.—In mating one cock with two hens in a double-breeding cage, you should put in the solid partition, and allow the cock to run with one hen only until she has commenced to sit, and then remove him, and run him with the other hen. When the second hen has begun to sit, it would be best to remove the cock, and cage him by himself until the first hen is again ready to mate. In breeding Mules in the same way, you would find it more convenient to reserve a double breeder for each hen, as in this case it is advisable to shut off the Finch from the hen each night when she is about to lay, until the egg has been removed in the morning. Otherwise the egg may meet with an accident.

Feeding Roller in Song.

St. Andrew.—Assuming the Roller to be in good health to start with, the proper feeding, which you ask for as another question, is the key to keeping a Roller in good singing condition. Given a healthy bird, properly fed and treated, and a male, it must sing—it could scarcely help itself. As these birds are practically always kept in small cages, and mostly in comfortable living rooms, the simpler they are fed the better. As a staple diet a mixture of two parts Canary and one part summer rape should be given. All other oily and fattening seeds are best avoided, except on very special occasions, when a few grains of hemp might be given as a treat. A small piece of bread sopped in milk once in one week, and a small teaspoonful of egg food once in the following week, and a spray of either watercress, chickweed or groundsel daily, is all that need be added to complete a useful and wholesome dietary. Plenty of grit should be kept in cage, a comfortable, but not overheated, temperature should be maintained, chills and draughts strictly avoided, and a daily bath offered in mild weather. A tepid bath should be given twice a week when weather is cold. If the bird shows any sign of hoarseness or difficulty in getting through its song, at once give it twenty drops of whisky and ten of glycerine in its water for two days, before the voice is seriously affected. With this treatment a Roller should keep at its best for singing all through the year.

A Case of Asthma.

W.T.B.—This is what troubles your bird, and it has doubtless been exposed to a draught, or had a severe chill in some way. Keep it fairly warm, and strictly avoid draughts, also great variation in temperature. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, 10 of glycerine, and six of oxymel of squills every day for the first three days, and afterwards every second day until better. Give the bath only during bright weather, and not at all until there is some improvement. Give a spray of watercress daily instead of apple.

Cold and Moulting.

"Avis."—Removing the bird from a warm kitchen to a cold room has caused the trouble. Keep her now where you have moved her to, but do not keep her too warm; so long as the heat is regular that is all you want. See that she is not troubled with insects at night. You can discover this when she seems very restless after retiring to roost, and being covered over an hour or two by taking off the cover and examining perches, cage, and the inner surface of the cover carefully. For the cold and moulting give a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry every third day for a fortnight if necessary, and on each of the two intervening days give twenty drops of chemical food in the water.

Brevities.

Mating and Situation (Electric).—You must keep the wire division between the birds until you notice the cocks calling the hens to the wires and feeding them. 2. Between the window and the dresser, on the same wall as the window is in, would do for your cage to hang.

Still Husky (Phyllis Yaldwin).—It is, I should say, undoubtedly a hen, and the husky voice is the natural one. Stop the bread and milk, also the medicine, and give plenty of greed food, and once or twice a week for awhile give it as much Epsom Salts in the drinking water as will cover a sixpence.

Sawdust or Sand (Ut prosine).—It is much better to use sand for the bottom of cages during the breeding season. That sold in penny bags, if clean, and containing a fair proportion of gritty particles, is quite suitable. Some samples are very fine and dusty; avoid these. 2. The best sawdust, when using the material, is a coarse cut pine sawdust. Its odour helps to keep a room nice and sweet.

A Low Call (Smith).—Feed and treat the hen as advised to "W.B." for overfeeding in this issue, and instead of the mixed seed mentioned in that reply give her a small pinch of inga twice a week. 2. Give the hen whose droppings are very wet a pinch of hemp seed daily until better.

Wheezy and Husky (A.M.). — See reply to "W.T.B.," in this issue, and treat the birds as there advertised. Also give a small piece of sponge cake as advised to "Avis," twice a week, instead of egg food, for a fortnight. As soon as the colds are better, you may discontinue this, and give 15 drops of Chemical Food every second day for a week. You may be rather overfeeding the birds. See replies on this subject also.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Canary Partner for Bullie Hen.

A. W. Anderton.—Generally speaking, I am against the employment of crest-bred Canaries for mule breeding. But I make exceptions in favour of certain birds. I have used myself, for instance (and probably shall use again) short-feathered yellow Crest-bred hens. But I have seen some wretchedly loose feathered mules bred from Crest-bred hens—generally big, heavy-feathered buffs. It is all very well to get size of frame, but even that is useless when combined with slack plumage. If you got a large yellow Crest-bred cock, not over weighted with feather on head and at thighs, you might venture on mating him with one of your Siberian Bullfinch hens. A big-framed yellow Lancashire, or, better still, a big variegated yellow Norwich cock, would make a grand mate for the hen. The second hen I should most certainly pair to a jonque Cinnamon cock, the largest you can find. You will find it best to go on the "one cock, one hen" system, and leave the pair together through the season, "for better or for worse." I hope to put up a big Cinnamon with one of my own Siberian hens this spring.

Chaffinch-Canary Mules.

Lady Novice.—This is a question with which I have often been called upon to deal. 1. Any hen Canary would do, really, the main point being to get the cock Chaffinch attached to her. With your very tame bird this is not likely to be difficult, providing you do not thrust her upon him too suddenly. Let him inspect and get to know her well, before running them together. If you have to buy a hen, then a heavily marked yellow of Norwich type, would be as good as any other. 2. To say whether the "probability of getting youngsters is very remote," is rather too much for me. It is said young Chaffinch-Canary Mules have been hatched more than once (a Chaffinch-Greenfinch has even been recorded), but no accepted example of the cross has been seen on the show bench, so far as my own memory goes. Don't be discouraged, however; the greater the honour if you succeed. 3, An "ordinary" breeding cage is rarely large enough. One 36 by 20 by 14 inches is the smallest you should try. 4, It would depend entirely upon how the cock behaved, but you would be on the safe side in removing him while the hen was sitting and rearing the brood (if any), in the same way as with the cock Goldfinch. 5, The young Mules would most certainly be of value. A male example of the cross, which showed the parentage well, would be of very considerable value. Go ahead and produce it.

Getting Cock Greenfinch into Condition.

Reader of "C.B."—The cock Greenfinch is hardly likely to come into breeding condition until we have experienced a spell of sunny, spring-like weather. A house-moulted one kept in a warm room and fed on much stimulating seed might, of course, do so. The following is the stock mixture you should use: Canary and teazle three parts each, white sunflower and safflower one part each, summer rape, charlock and linseed half-part each, by measure. Also use the following, (1) hemp two parts, niger and maw one part each, (2) a good wild seed mixture, to which has been added a dash of thistle and dandelion. Give a small teaspoonful of these on alternate days. A very important point is that you should look out for the young dandelion leaves, and gather a daily feed; also for seeding chickweed (obtainable practically all the year round in suitable sheltered spots), shepherd's purse and groundsel. These spring "salads" are invaluable aids in bringing all the Finches into proper breeding trim—especially the flowering and seeding dandelion heads. The earlier you get the latter, the better your chances.

Breeding Britishers in Cages.

A Bird Lover.—I can quite believe you and your brother are novices in the art of bird breeding, otherwise you would hardly set out to breed British birds in a cage 17 by 16 by 9½ inches. It is very difficult indeed to breed British birds in cages of difficult indeed to breed British birds in cages of difficult indeed to breed British birds in a tiny cage (none too any kind; doubly difficult in a tiny cage (none too big for a single bird), like yours. No British birds are "good breeders" in cages, though several species (Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Siskins, and even Chaffinches) have been so bred. Your cage should be at least 36 by 20 by 16 inches, and in it you might try a steady couple of either of the five first-named species. You would need to give them the usual seeds advised to their kind (note other replies) and a liberal daily supply of all the wild seeding plants recommended, as in season; also a few soaked ants' eggs, or a little of a first-class insectivorous mixture if the birds will eat it. I may say that hen British birds will often lay eggs in a cage, and frequently build, but they do not often sit out the period of incubation, and, even when they do this, they rarely bring their young to maturity. Why not get a suitable cage, and a mating couple? From a steady Linnet and a young hen Canary you would be almost certain to breed something, and you can fly at higher game when you have had a little experience.

Several Matters.

Nimrod.—The mixture you send a sample of is "good enough," so far as that goes, and quite suitable for use. But you must find it wasteful, surely, as British birds don't care about millet at all, and Goldfinches very, very seldom touch a grain of rape. I am constantly recommending stock mixtures for Linnets and Goldies; note other replies in this and last week's issues. If your Goldfinch is of an "unkind" disposition, he may not get properly steady until after the moult. Hang him breast high, in a box-pattern stock cage, in a room where people are constantly on the move. Both birds ought to come into song as soon as they settle down to "domesticated" existence. Some birds will sing within a few days of capture; others take a long period. Everything depends on the disposition of the individual bird. Why you are dosing the birds alternately with taraxacum and saffron goodness only knows; healthy birds don't require swilling out with drugs every day.

Mule Breeding.

T.N.—You will most likely succeed with the Linnet-Canary couple in the 20-in. breeder. But this is not long enough; in my opinion. I am a stickler for roomy breeding cages, and know from experience they are far and away the best. It is the craze for cheapness that has brought the absurdly small "breeders" we read about; a cage which is only cheap because of its very small size, is in reality very dear indeed to any fancier, and the sooner the young fancier realises this, the better it will be for him. My minimum length for a single muling cage is 24 inches, and 30 inches is a much better size. The yellow Norwich hen, "twice highly commended," should be a grand mate for the twice house-moulted Linnet; you could not get a better kind. You must feed the couple on the lines laid down in the reply to "Newcastle" last week. When the Linuet is in stout song, and his beak has turned a distinct deep slate-blue colour, you will know he is quite fit for breeding purposes. The hen, when ready, will be noticed bouncing vigorously from perch to perch, flapping her wings, and frequently calling in a shrill voice. Give her a little wool, nesting moss, or even a little teazed-out string, and she will carry it about in her beak, and be looking all over the cage for something to pop it in so as to commence to nest. When you see these signs, you can start your hen off with confidence. You need not trouble to put the cock Linnet with the hen until she lets you know she is ready; but let him hang close by, within sight of her. Should he "sing at her," with wings down and heaving throat and chest, you can shake hands with yourself, and almost venture to ignore the old proverb about counting your chickens before they are hatched.

A Light Mule Problem.

Light Mule.—The breeding of light Mules is always something of a problem. The theory of mating cock Canary to hen Finch is by no means a new one. I tried it for several seasons many years ago, but am bound to admit that the results, so far as light feathers were concerned, were exceedingly disappointing. I gave it up, in fact. If, as you say, "the cock throws the light colour," what is the use of fanciers toiling to establish strains of sib-bred hens? It is an absolute and uncontrovertible fact that many grand light Mules, including clears, are bred by pure chance; no one could say why the hens produced them. To get back to your question, however, it is a fact (as perhaps you know) that a very light Siskin Mule (a great rarity) was bred last season by the mating of a cock Canary to a hen Siskin. And, curiously enough, two more were bred from a Border Fancy hen, I believe, by pure chance. I think you would be quite correct in using a sib-bred cock Canary, if you have a genuine sib-bred one. The hen Britishers likely to pay you best to experiment with, would be Greenfinch, Siskin, Linnet, Twite, or Redpoll—I think I should take them in order given. In any case, the eggs should be put under Canary foster-mothers.

Stock Mixture for Linnets.

J.T.S.—Your stock mixture is certainly not one I should myself use for Linnets (or any other British seedeaters). It contains far too great a percentage of canary seed, for which few British birds have any great liking; therefore it would only be wasted, following: t'anary six parts, teazle four parts, summer rape, charlock and linseed two parts each. In the summer, however, reduce the linseed to one part; and during the moult add two parts of hemp. At other times hemp should only be occasionally given. Thistle seed can be given now and again as a treat; likewise maw, niger, lettuce, gold of pleasure, wild seed mixture, etc. "Ketlock" is only another name for charlock, and this is advertised largely in our columns.

Linnets, Greenfinches, etc.

New Reader.—It is always very difficult to describe show birds briefly so that a novice may grasp the points required. You would be well advised to visit a good show (are there no societies holding Finch shows near you, or members British bird shows?). You would then have no difficulty in getting a good idea into your "mind's eye" of the points of the exhibition Linnet and Greenfinch. Size and shape are very important, and these points one cannot adequately convey in writing. Both birds need to be as large as possible, consistent with colour and quality. The Linuet should be a rich, warm, nutty-brown colour generally, show plenty of white in the outer wing and tail feathers, be well pencilled (streaked with dark lines) on the breast and flanks, and in a lesser degree on back and head, and be as sound in colour as possible all over (that is, show no white break down centre of breast or at throat). The Greenfinch should be pure, rich grass green in colour generally (if with a suspicion of yellow in it so much the better), and carry a wealth of rich gold in the outer wing and tail feathers. Its coat should shine like glass ("shimmer with bloom," as the reporters put it). Of course, a buff Greenfinch cannot carry the richness of colour found in a jonque; and this applies to the Linnet. If you took out the Chaffinches and Bramblefinches you might breed in your small aviary by turning in a few Bullie hens. There should be no other hens in it.

A Variety.

Itys.—1, Tender, cooked beetroot (mashed) is good to occasionally mix with the food of softbills. But I have found shy feeders look askance at it, no doubt on account of the colour. 2, I do not know whether it is possible to rear silkworms. They certainly would not be injurious; on the contrary, they are well liked. Occasionally they may be bought from advertisers in our columns. 3, The black mark usually disappears from the beak of all Goldfinches once full breeding condition is attained. It is quite wrong, however, to think a Goldfinch will not fertilise eggs so long as any black is to be seen. 4, You are quite right—the distinction of buff and yellow runs through all the Finch family. Jonquies, other things being equal, will always beat buffs on the show-bench. They carry feather of silkier quality, in addition to the better colour.

Brevities.

Sexing Goldfinch Mules (T. Morris).—The only way for any novice (as you say you are) to sex Goldfinch Mules is to hear them sing. Only experience with them can help you tell the cock from hen by their outward appearance; and even "experienced" hands find the sexing not easy at times. The cock is nearly always brighter in colour all over than the hen, has a more expansive and richer-coloured blaze (the colour round the "face"), has a longer, flatter head (viewed sideways), and is much sprightlier in action, and has a more ringing call-note.

Mule "Sucking His Feathers" (H.M.).—Am afraid I overlooked your query. The only explanation that occurs to me is that red-mite are present in the cage. Get the ANNUAL and read the information there on parasites. Spray him daily with water made bitter by allowing a few quassia chips to soak therein, keeping him out of draughts until dry. But the cage must be thoroughly cleansed.

Starlings Dying (H.D.).—You should get young Starlings, either just after they leave the nest, or, better still, just before they do so, finishing their rearing by hand-feeding. Many old birds "sulk" when caught, and die, or prove very difficult to get on food and steady. The latter should be given their liberty; they are not worth bothering with.

Identity of Birds, etc. (H.E.P.).—The bird you have is certainly not a Chaffinch—the yellow tinged beak proves that, while the lower back (or rump) of the latter is greenish, not white. It is a Bramble-finch, I feel absolutely certain. The only hybrid I know of with this bird is that with the Chaffinch as the other partner. If you are content to experiment between it and the Greenfinch, by all means do so. Feed both exactly as advised "Reader of C.B." this week.

Canary "Mad to Nest" (E.B.).—When a hen Canary gets so far as to pluck out her own feathers to build the nest with, it is worse than useless to try and keep her back from nesting. Let your bird go ahead. The eggs may be infertile, but let her sit out her time, and then the Linnet should be in trim ready for the second hatch. For method of feeding, see reply to "Newcastle" last week.

Cage for Linnet (Young Novice).—The best pattern for the stock cage of a Linnet (or any other Finch) is that now universally known as the Finch stock cage. Any up-to-date cage-maker will supply it. An illustration appeared in the ANNUAL for 1906. It is about 16 by 10 by 8 inches, wired in front only, with doors in front and at one end, seed-troughs running from front to back, two perches on a level with top of seed trough, water-hole in front, wired ½-inch.

Roller Hen (Silliw).—Yes, you can breed good singing Mules from a Roller hen and either cock Goldfinch or Linnet. I have often had a nest from the Roller hens I have been using as "foster-mothers."

Goldfinch-Canary Mule (Un Jeune Homme).—1: A Mule three years old is quite une jeune oiseau, and ought to be only at the beginning of its best as a show bird. Age (barring absolute decrepitude) tells but little against a good show Mule. 2: Colour-feeding should start about the middle of July; earlier if any sign of feathers being cast. 3: Consult advertising columns for suitable colour-food; against the rules to recommend any special brand. For method, you should read a good Canary manual (House's or Claude St. John's).

Linnet Mule Breeding (A.B.C.).—The cage you mention is fairly suitable, though an inch or so of extra length would be an advantage. The bedroom ought to be quite suitable to keep it in. For treatment, see reply to "Newcastle" last week (no doubt you noted this). Leave the cock Linnet with the hen by all means, if he behaves himself, right through the season.

Thrush always Moulting (W. W. G.). — I should think you must be keeping the bird in a draughty, unsuitable place; probably in an unsuitable cage, open both at sides as well as front. Your feeding is not good, either; see reply to 'S. B. E." last week. Keep the bird in an equable, warm atmosphere, and mix 7 or 8 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food (from the chemist), amongst its food every day for three weeks. Thrushes are very hardy when properly housed, kept and fed.

Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid (W. Jeffrey).—I note your remarks with pleasure. Now you mention it, I remember the note appearing concerning the hatching of Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid. I sincerely hope you may breed another, and rear it, too. I never "discourage" anyone from trying any cross (within reason, of course). Go ahead and experiment is always my advice.

Wild Seed Samples (J.G.M.).—As I thought, when I first looked at your specimens, No. 1 turns out to be radish seed, and No. 3, cress. No. 2 puzzled me, but the expert friend I submitted the trio to, tells me it appears to be either onion or leek seed. Nos. 1 and 2 I have never knowingly given to birds of mine, but No. 3 I have occasionally used in small quantity, though I attach no particular importance to it. A fancier friend recently told me he had heard of it as good for moulting Goldfinches.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Canaries and African Birds.

E.H.A.—I frankly confess that I do not know what a Cape Sascy is. Can you give any other name for it, as this is possibly some vernacular name for quite a common bird which I have failed to note? I may say that almost any of the African Serins would make a suitable cross for a Canary, and their progeny should prove very sweet singers, and possess about the same value as other crosses of this kind (*i.e.*, Canary crosses generally). Let the hen be the Canary, and use a double breeding cage for each pair. All the African Serins are charming cage or aviary birds, though rather quarrelsome if two species be kept together in a confined space.

A Needed Change of Diet.

E.W.—The diet you are giving the bird is simply awful; the marvel is that it still lives. Stop all the messes you have been giving, and diet strictly as follows: You had better give a little boiled maize at first, but as soon as it is eating heartily of its other food, gradually discontinue the maize (note, the maize only keeps fresh one day). Get one quart each of canary and oats, and one pint each of hemp, sunflower, wheat and dari, well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. Give, in addition, ripe fruit, plain biscuit (dry), nuts (shelled walnuts are best); keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage, and permit it to satisfy its thirst three times a day, with water that has been well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food. For one day only soak one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into a piece of biscuit, or bread, and see that the bird eats it; after an interval of three days repeat the dose. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Breeding Cordon Bleus.

W.H.K.—Keep them as they are till end of March, then put them into a double breeding cage, remove all the fittings, and at either end fix a nest box, screening same with twiggy branches (heather sprays answer excellently); put in each box half a Canary nest bag, and keep some hay or dried grass in one corner of cage. This is all you can do, and you must leave the rest to luck. It is really of no use trying to breed with more than one pair in a cage. Get a pound each of best ants' eggs and dried flies, and mix them together; these will keep indefinitely. To an equal bulk of these add crumbled sponge cake and slightly moisten same. The Canary, millet, spray millet, greenly, grass in flower, with the soft food named above will be ample. Note, you need not alter your diet till end of March, when you put them up for breeding. Keep them out of draught, and the temperature of any ordinary living-room will be ample. They should breed, if at all, during the summer, or early autumn.

Cockatoo with Cold?

Blackman.—You have either the Greater or Lesser Sulphur-crested Cockatoo. Soak one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into a piece of plain biscuit, stale crust of household bread, or anything similar that will absorb it, and that the bird will eat; repeat this three times with an interval of two days between each occasion. Get from your chemist the following mixture: Oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and glycerine in equal parts. For use take one teaspoonful of the mixture to two tablespoonsful of water, and let it have only this to drink till the cold yields, giving it, of course, a daily fresh supply. The seed mixture should consist of equal parts of oats, canary, wheat, dari, maize, hemp and sunflower seeds; to vary the diet give ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, a little boiled potato (dry), green-food, and cuttlefish. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops or any kind of animal food. Most individuals speak a few words; yours should do so if taught. See other replies in this issue.

Breeding Indian Rock Parrakeets.

J.B.—An outdoor aviary would be the best to attempt to breed them: it should consist of a shelter shed and flight. Of course, for such birds all woodwork should be covered with wire-netting, or they will eat their way out. For a minimum size, say 6 ft. flight and a 3 ft. shed. Or they would probably breed if you got a strong wood box, about 5 ft. by 1½, or 2 ft. by 2 ft. high. Put a nest box with concave bottom at one end; they require no nesting material. The front only should be covered with wire-netting, and the roof make water-tight. Seed mixture: Canary and oats, two parts each, and one part each wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds; this will be their staple diet. Supply the same extras as advised to "Blackman" in this issue. The hen bird should have one or two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—say, one teaspoonful in the drinking water (two tablespoonsful) every other day for a week. If this does not give relief repeat query with full details.

Breeding Budgerigars in Cage.

Glasgow.—Yes, you should succeed in breeding Budgerigars in your cage; hang up a husk at either end and put in several perches of natural wood with the bark on—say, about ¾ and ⅝ inch diameters. They require no nesting material. Of course, they breed with greater freedom in an aviary, but they will breed in the cage, though they may be a little longer in settling down to do so. It will be necessary for you to remove the young as soon as they can feed for themselves. It is no use with Finches or other birds attempting to breed with more than one pair in a cage. Your cage would accommodate about half a dozen, or perhaps nine, if kept very clean, that is of birds kept simply as a collection of pets. Breeding Foreigners, whether in cage or aviary, though probable, is never a certainty; one may succeed, and under almost similar condition another of the same species will not attempt to breed. Such as Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Silverbills, White Java Sparrow and Bengalese will, however, generally attempt to reproduce their kind.

King Amazons.

S.H.—I must confess to not knowing what a King Amazon is. I should imagine it is a fancy dealer's name, which I have omitted to note; unless it is the King Parrakeet, an Australian species. The Blue-fronted Amazon is the best talker, but several of the other species very seldom utter a word, though they should all be capable of speech if pains are only taken with them. *Re* the dark green birds, these I take to be Yellow-fronted or Double-fronted Amazons, and though they talk a little, they do not equal the Blue-fronted. Cockatoos are very variable as to talking ability. Some only speak a word or two, while others are quite talented. The Sulphur-crests I have found to be as good as any. A good Grey is the best talker. I do not know of any coloured plate of various species of Amazons. "Greene's Parrots in Captivity" depicts several species, but the work is out of print, and only procurable by advertising, or from a second-hand bookseller. If the above does not meet your need, please repeat query.

Grey Parrot not Talking.

E. Tracy.—I fear I cannot help you much, only counsel patience, and also perseverance with teaching it, both by constant repetition of a word or two, and keeping it where there is plenty of conversation. The first thing for it to do is to overcome its nervousness; be as quiet and still as possible when in its vicinity and attending to its wants. At the same time, the bird had better be kept in a room where some are continually about more or less. Children indulging in noisy play may easily badly scare the bird. Talk to it quietly, find out some article of its diet of which it is fond, and continually offer it some of such in your fingers, and by such means overcome for it its nervousness and fear. Of course, I can only advise you in the general; you must modify same to suit your individual birds, but you must tame it and overcome its fear before much progress can be made.

Crimson Tanager.

Jumbo.—I do not know of a Tanager which is known by the trivial name of Crimson Tanager, and judge from your description you have a male Maroon Tanager, which is much rarer than the Scarlet, its value being quite double. By the way, I am under the impression that the name Crimson was suggested for the Maroon when it first came over. Its scientific name is *Rhamphocelus jacapa*, and is a native of South America. Its name Maroon about signifies the difference of colouration between the two species, both of which are hardy when they have been a few months in this country, and may be kept out of doors all the year round.

Birds for C.P. Aviary.

A.E.S.—In a mixture such as you suggest I should certainly procure males, not but what these will call out for hens during the time the pairing fever in on them, but in the precincts of a C.P. aviary cage there is no scope for breeding with several pairs, and one pair breeding, as the Zebra Finches would be almost sure to attempt to do, would certainly cause jealousy and trouble. With Waxbills the case is different; you could have pairs of these as they seldom attempt to breed, even under the most favourable conditions in captivity. I think a dozen would be ample for your cage, and even then it must be kept strictly clean. If you are keeping the cage in an ordinary living-room they can be procured any time, but if in a cold room then you had better wait for warmer weather. You must be careful not to keep the cage in such a position that a draught can blow through it.

Amazon Parrot with Indigestion.

E.W.—There is not much the matter with your bird at present, but if the nuts do not appear to agree with the bird, I should certainly limit the supply, though I should have no hesitation in giving a bird two or three at a time, and at several times during the day. But I don't give them, as a rule, daily, or the advantage of them varying the diet is done away with. Is it the nuts that are responsible for the trouble? You don't say how you are feeding. If you supply me with this information, possibly I can give you more definite help. In the meantime, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water (two tablespoonsful) every other day for a week. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food.

Some Budgerigar Queries.

A.W.—(1) Remove the partitions and put in two pairs of Budgerigars. Hang up four husks each, one as far apart from the other as possible, but all near the top of cage. You will have to remove the young as they are able to fend for themselves. (2) I have known them to breed in one much smaller, but they frequently take a long time to settle down to nesting in such confined quarters. (3) No, and they are, of course, more profitable, as their progeny command a better price. (4) Yes, they are quite ready to mix up and interbreed; at least it often happens that if a pair each of Greens and Yellows are put in an aviary or cage they will more often than not cross mate. The progeny of Green and Yellow, or Yellow and Green cross, invariably come 95 per cent. of pure Greens. Unless you have space for three pairs—which should be two pairs Yellows and one Green—you had better confine yourself to either Yellows or Greens.

Birds for Drawing-room Cages.

L.T. 495.—(1) 12 at most, and cage must be cleaned daily. If you wish to breed you must confine yourself to a single pair—say, Zebra Finches. (2) 24, providing your selection consists equally of small Waxbills and Finches, subject to same conditions as in No. 1, though in this latter case you could try single pairs in each division. (3) Not if proper provision is made for the carrying off of fumes; of course, if the whole atmosphere of the room is permitted to become vitiated with gas fumes, then the result could not fail to be other than harmful, but providing proper ventilation is secured there should be no harmful effects. (4) Yes, but it would be better to let both pairs fly together, taking the precaution to keep them apart for some weeks to secure proper pairing of the respective pairs. See other replies in this issue as to the risks of cross-mating.

Feeding Baby Parrot.

M.S.—I don't like such a diet as egg and milk for a Parrot under any conditions, and I am not surprised at it looking mopey. Boil some maize, then pound it up, and mix with it some ground plain biscuit, and feed the bird with this, if it will not eat of its own accord; at the same time, keep some of the seed mixture advised in this column continually in the cage, and, when it is freely eating same, discontinue the soft food. If it will eat a little ripe fruit, so much the better. Give it a little water to drink several times a day, well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food. You must see that its bowels are kept freely moving, not loose, and if there should be any signs of constipation a little water that has been made just saline with Epsom salts will give relief. Hope there will be no ill effects from the unwholesome diet you have been giving.

Brevities.

G.M.—I cannot help you, as you give me no idea as to how the birds are kept, whether in cage or aviary, or what nesting accommodation. If you will supply details of the environment of your birds I shall have pleasure in endeavouring to help you out of your difficulty.

T. Pope.—It is the Red Rosella Parrakeet. In a small show, when in finest condition, it should stand a good chance of recognition, but I must frankly confess that where entries proved plentiful, beautiful as it is, its chances of catching the judge's eye are not great. It is so well known, and has been imported freely for so many years, that more uncommon species, if in condition, would take the precedence.

Min.—Yes, the diet is right, and so long as it keeps plump it will be all the better for dry food. Of course, as it is so young, if you find it losing flesh, give it a little boiled maize, which only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept clean. Try it with ripe fruit, and plain dry biscuit. Note other replies as to diet in this issue.

Baby Amazon.—Glad to note treatment has been so successful with your bird. I most certainly ascribe the fit to undue excitement. You took the best measures possible; if there should be any recurrence please send particulars at once. You would find a Tui Parrakeet meet the case, but Parrots are jealous creatures, and your Amazon will probably strongly object to your fondling another in its presence.

Budgerigars in Cage (Vernon Lee).—Yes, but two pairs would be more likely to succeed, as three pairs would fully occupy your space and leave no accommodation for the young. See several other replies in this issue for further treatment.

Budgerigar Ill (Novice).—Exposure never harmed these hardy creatures yet; they are better out of doors than in, providing they have a roof to shelter under at night, and husks for sleeping accommodation. As with humans occasionally one goes wrong, and it almost appears as if yours had contracted pneumonia, but it may be only a chill. Get a mixture of equal parts of ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine, dilute a small quantity with an equal bulk of water, and give it a little three times a day direct to the beak till the cold yields.

Class for Foreign Hybrids (Ruby).—Since replying to you last week, I have been able to look this matter up, and find that a class for Foreign bird Hybrids was provided in the schedule of the Crystal Palace Show, but presumably was cancelled by reason of insufficient entries.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Roller Canary (Bird-Lover).—Excessive enlargement, inflammation and haemorrhage of liver. This bird seems never to have developed properly; its plumage is exactly like that of a nestling, and I should think it had never come into song. The disease may be hereditary, or acquired; my impression favours the former. It may also be infectious, so let all cage floors, perches, etc., be washed with Boric acid solution of the strength one teaspoonful to one pint of hot water.

Goldfinch and Canary (Mrs. Stephens).—Both birds died of inflammation of liver and lungs, possibly they "took a chill" on their recent journey. It is always prudent to give some soft food after a journey, particularly during very cold weather.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Postage (A. H. Meadowcroft).—A penny stamp is necessary.

An Offer (W. Young).—You write: "I will give 5s. cash down," but do not explain what it is that you are ready to part with your crown for.

Reading C.B.S. (G. A. Charles).—Your club notice, posted Thursday, reached us too late for insertion last week (after we had gone to press, in fact). See note at head of the Club Notice column.

An Advertisement (Old Jack).—We know nothing to the detriment of the advertiser you refer to. If you like to conform with rule 8 we will write him on your behalf.

Railway Company and Birds (Ike).—Railway companies are notoriously "long-winded" in paying out claims made against them. Make a second application, and if payment does not result in due course, write again, and tell them you will take the matter into the County Court, through which (failing peaceful settlement) your remedy lies.

Wholesale Firms (Roller).—It is contrary to our rules to recommend any particular firm, or firms. You will find wholesale firms advertising in our columns, and we advise you to write them. Cages (wooden) you would, we think, need to get made in your own town, as the carriage would be a serious item, seeing that you want them to sell again. For wire cages (and all items, in fact) consult the "Directory to the Bird Trade" in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

Y.U. and C.B.U. (Non Animus).—As Mr. Hammond himself deals fully with the point you raise, we have not thought it necessary to print your enquiry.

Hawfinches at the Palace (Sunflower).—Your "poetry" is "all right," just as you say the Hawfinch was, but unfortunately we have such a pressure on space at the moment that we are afraid we cannot find room to print it.

The C.B.U. Annual Meeting (D. A. Ogilvie).—Owing to severe pressure on space, we have regretfully been compelled to hold over your letter until next week.

A Letter (T. Bowden).—If we printed such a letter as the one you send us, we should have an action for libel brought against us at once, a fact of which you seem unaware. Why did you not recover the value of the dead bird from the railway company? This you were quite entitled to do.

A Plate (A. Potter).—We cannot promise the plate you mention in the issue specified, but we have the subject under consideration for the near future. We have already issued one coloured plate of this species.

Cuckoo Eggs (John Craig).—We have to thank you for an interesting contribution, which we shall hope to print in the near future.

Foreign Hybrids (F. J. Day).—Thanks for kindness in writing us. We understand that Mr. Weston has since looked the matter up, and refers to it this week.

An Aged Canary.

Mr. F. G. Ord, writing to a daily paper, from East Kirkley Thorne, Ponteland, tells of the death of a neighbour's Canary after the bird had been in possession of its owner for 15 years and 3 months. Mr. Ord adds:—"The bird was in full song when my friend got it; so without doubt it must have been 16 years old, or more."

A Note on the Grebe.

The beautiful little Grebe appears to have quite settled down as a London and suburban bird, for he can now be found in most of the parks where there is water and suitable accommodation for it. It was never thought at one time that this shy species would ever make itself at home, as it is very short on the wing, and it was feared it would find a difficulty in negotiating the dangers of London. It is on record, however, that in 1870 there were a large number which visited the Round Pond at Kensington, but they only stayed for a time. The first pair remained to breed in St. James's Park some time afterwards, and it is just possible the birds in other spots are descendants of these pioneers. They are most interesting birds to watch, their mode of getting a living being so different to that of commoner birds. In addition to this, the raft-like nest of rushes and water weeds is a sight worth seeing to anyone interested in bird life who is fortunate enough to get a peep at it.

CLUB REPORTS.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Meeting held Feb. 24th, at Chapel-street Congregational Hall, Salford, when there was a good attendance. The proposed new rules were laid before the members, and met with their approval. It was proposed to hold a table show of Yorkshires and Norwich, to be followed by a judging competition at our next meeting on March 9th, when Mr. Sam Cook will judge. The society are giving a silver medal for most points in the show. Fanciers and friends are invited.—W. JACKSON, Hon. Sec.

KILMARNOCK C.B.F.C.

A judging competition was held on February 26th, the idea being to show novices and any other members how easy it was to differ from a judge's decision at a show. A four-class competition (two Norwich and two Border classes) was arranged. Norwich classes were judged by Mr. William Muir, and the Border classes by Mr. James Jones. The members were to try and come to the same decision. Although most of the members present availed themselves of the opportunity of being judges for the time being, not one of them came to the same decision. A few got the firsts birds all right, but could not follow the judge's decision. After all had satisfied themselves at judging their favourite birds, Messrs. Muir and Jones made a few remarks on their awards. After a good many questions had been asked and answered, a very good evening's entertainment closed with a vote of thanks to the members who provided the birds for competition, and also to Messrs. Muir and Jones for their judging and remarks. Next meeting will be a lecture by Mr. James Hutchieson on colour-feeding, on 11th March. Another judging competition will be held on March 25th for British birds of four classes. Judge, Mr. James Johnstone.—R. MCCAW, Secretary.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

The sixth annual general meeting was held at Newcastle, on Feb. 26th, when the following were present: Messrs. Currah, Riseborough, Swan, Farrar, Hands, Armstrong, Stanger, Brown, Hutchinson, Almond, Curry, Dobson, Lister, T. Taylor, Graham, and Robson. The balance sheet was passed. The hon. sec. read report for the year, and regretted he was unable to retain office as sec. for 1908. The following members were elected: Messrs. W. Curry and T. Heslop (Newcastle), and W. F. Hardy (Littleborough). Election of officers for 1908: President, W. J. Taylor, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, re-elected with the additions of Messrs. R. W. Dixon, Durham and T. Robson (Newcastle); Chairman, Mr. J. Currah; committee, re-elected with the addition of Messrs. Hands, Crawhall, T. Taylor, and R. Armstrong; auditors, Messrs. Brown and Crawhall; hon. sec. and treas., Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, 45, Hotspur-street, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to whom all subscriptions should be sent; last day for same, March 31st. The minute relating to shows being held alternately at Sunderland and Gateshead was rescinded. Blaydon and Gateshead were each proposed for the annual show, Blaydon receiving five votes and Gateshead seven votes. Show will therefore be in conjunction with Gateshead, where the two silver cups, gold and silver medals, and money prizes will be awarded the same as last year. Mr. J. Farrar (Sunderland) brought forward a proposal for patronage of other shows as follows: That from now all medals be withdrawn outside the club show, and instead a points special be given at the same shows, viz., Newcastle, South Shields, Sunderland, Gateshead, Wallsend, Blaydon, and Jarrow, all societies receiving patronage to judge to seven birds, points to count also at annual show for young birds only, bred and owned by the exhibitor, 1st 40/-, 2nd 20/-, 3rd 20/-, 4th 10/-. Points to count, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1. This was carried unanimously. —T. ROBSON, late hon. sec., 41, Shield-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

The annual general meeting was held in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on February 29. The minutes of previous general and all committee meetings during 1907 were read and passed as correct, on the motion of Mr. J. Young, seconded by Mr. G. McPhail. The balance-sheet was gone over, and the auditors reported that the books and vouchers were correct and left a balance in hand of £1 16s. 6d., a slight decrease on last year's balance, owing to the guaranteed classes at Kilmarnock not being filled. Mr. R. Adamson moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Wm. Griffiths, that the balance-sheet be accepted, which was carried unanimously. The distribution of medals then took place. The winners of gold medals were Messrs. John Noble, best young Crest, and John McLay, best young Crestbred; silver, best old Crest, Mr. Wm. Cairns; best old Crestbred, Mr. Jas. Reid. The offer to present a cup, sterling silver, valued £15 15s., by Mr. C. Roberts (Blackpool) to S.C.C. was next put to the meeting. On a vote being taken there were only three against its acceptance, and the secretary was instructed to thank the donor for his generous offer, and also for his compliments to S.C.C. A note from Mr. J. McNaughton (Larbert) asking the members to clearly define what constitutes a Grizzle Crest was read. A long discussion took place, and the finding was a bird with clear feathers mixed with green feathers did not constitute a Grizzle. Mr. Campbell moved, and it was seconded by Mr. G. McPhail, that a bird with any dark green feathers in its crest be exhibited in class for dark Crest. The names of the following five new members were proposed and accepted:—Messrs. T. B. Gray, Grayburn Couper, Angus; D. Clarke, Keppin Street, Airdrie; Wm. Cunningham, Coatdyke, Coatbridge; J. Cram, Dean Lane, Kilmarnock; and G. Henderson, Chester Street, Shettleston. Mr. G. McPhail moved that the cup competition should have at least four classes for Crests and Crestbreds. The first committee meeting will be called for April 25.—ALLAN CHALMERS, Hon. Sec.

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*In Time for the Legs.

Just near our house we have some friends who have a Magpie. One night the bird shouted out. "Fanny, come here quick." My friend who owned the Magpie ran downstairs quickly before he had time to dress, and saw a pair of legs just scuttle off the window. In the morning he found all the silver laid on the hearthrug. So the Magpie saved a robbery.—G. H. Mills (age 13), Denstone College, Denstone, N. Staffs.

*The Greedy Jackdaw.

A Jackdaw was observed to fly off with a piece of bread to the roof of a house, where he began to eat it. Presently two Sparrows, which had followed, perched close beside him. Whilst pecking the bread to pieces a few crumbs slid down the roof of the house, when a poor hungry Sparrow ventured to try to secure them. The Jackdaw immediately dashed at him, leaving the larger piece. Another Sparrow, who was watching his opportunity, pounced down on the bread, and flew away with it before the Jackdaw had recovered from his surprise at his boldness. So it was that greediness paid the penalty it well deserved.—Taken from "Chatterbox" by Alice Victoria King (age 10 years), 89, York-street, Cambridge.

**A Very Clever Canary.

Some birds are very clever indeed, although they cannot speak they can indicate by their actions. For instance, my Norwich Hen Canary is very sensible; when April comes round it flies about the cage with a feather in its beak, telling us the breeding season is at hand. The other day I had a piece of muslin tied around the cage as a temporary preventive against its throwing out seed-husks. Its water had been spilled and was very low, and after making several useless attempts to reach it, it dipped the end of the tape which held the muslin, into the water, soaked it through, drew it up with its beak and claws, and licked the end. It repeated this performance until its wants were satisfied.—W. J. Hosgood, (age 15), 14, Balgray Terrace, Springburn, Glasgow.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Contest on February 29th; three prizes for the best of 20 birds. 1st prize, T. Johnson; 2nd, C. Biss; 3rd, T. Stead. Judges, Messrs. Crane and Fisher. Also a contest on March 1st, when 20 birds faced judges. 1st and 3rd prizes, T. Stead; 2nd prize, T. Summers; 4th, C. Biss. Judges, T. Hineson and C. Cooper.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly contest took place at Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 25 birds sang. 1st, J. Simmons (Woodhouse); 2nd, J. Ridgewell (Sheepcar); 3rd, J. Granger (Meanwood). Judges, J. Clark and G. Towers.

SKINNINGROVE.

Usual week-end contest held on February 29, when the winners were:—1, Fox; 2, Leng; 3, Jackson. On February 22 the winners were:—1, Fox; 2, Burnett; 3, Whelford. On February 15:—1, Hodge; 2, Burnett; 3, Jackson. Judge, Mr. F. Deadon; timekeeper, Mr. J. C. Havelock.—M. DOBSON, Sec.

YORK.

Weekly contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, on February 29. Twenty-four birds faced judge. Result:—1, 2, Key; 3, Foster; 4, Chaplin; 5, Whitehead; 6, Evans. Judge, J. Paver; timekeeper, J. Limbert.—WM. EMPSON.

Linnet contest held at Crown Inn, North Street, when 24 birds sang for six good prizes. Result:—1, J. Firth; 2, 6, Bean; 3, Oxberry; 4, Grainger; 5, G. Horwell. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. J. Smith.

CROOK.

A Linnet singing contest was held at Mr. J. Anderson's Royal Oak, Crook, on February 29. Forty-five birds sang. Winners:—1, 3, Brady; 2, Holmes. Mr. Geo. Reed (Brandon) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Timekeeper, Wm. Rutherford; bookkeeper, Wm. Fairless.—WM. RUTHERFORD.

WARRINGTON.

Contest held at the club-house, the Alexandra Inn, Scotland Road, on February 29. The singing was excellent:—1, J. Lamtou; 2, W. Leah; 3, J. Bullock. Judges, Messrs. J. Ball and S. Leigh; timekeeper, Mr. H. Stanway. The usual fortnightly contest will be held at the Alexandra Inn on March 14. Birds hung at two o'clock.—J. MATHER, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

The second open singing contest of the season was held at Thorn Inn, on Feb. 29. There was a very good attendance and 19 birds competed for six prizes: 1st, "Owd Moy," 9 mins, 40 secs. (ten minutes hanging); 2nd, Jackson; 3rd, Halliday; 4th, S. Fletcher; 5th and 6th divided between Jackson and R. Sheffield. The first club and cup singing contest will take place on March 14th, at Good Samaritan Inn, Grimshaw Park. Anyone wishing to compete must become a member immediately.—JOHN SHEFFIELD, Sec.

ELSECAR.

Week-end contest held at Gate Inn, Hoyland, on February 22nd, when 12 birds competed. The prize-winners were: W. Lofthouse, 1st, 3 min. 51 sec.; A. Maples, 2nd, 3 min. 19 sec.; and S. Vaines, 3rd, 3 min. 15 sec. Each bird five minutes hang. Timekeeper, Mr. A. Watkin; Marker, Mr. J. Denton. Another contest February 29th at Turf Tavern, Hoyland, when 15 birds competed. The winning bird did 4½ minutes out of five minutes. The prize-winners were:—W. Nadine, 1st, 4½ min.; S. Vaines, 2nd, 3 min. 47 sec.; E. Charles, 3rd, 3 min. 18 sec. Timekeeper, Mr. A. Watkin; marker, Mr. J. Denton.—E. CHARLES Sec.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

FOLLOWING up last week's survey of the Yorkshire Union Rules, we come to No. 37: "A novice is one who has not won a first prize in open competition, or a Yorkshire Union Novice Medal," and it is proposed to add "This rule has no bearing on non-union or members' shows." The addition makes practically no difference whatever to the old rule, as shows not held under Y.U. rules would not be governed by this rule, but by the rules of their own society or union, and as regards members shows, it is for the societies holding them to make the definition as to what shall constitute a novice at such shows.

NEXT comes rule 41, which reads, "Novice Classes limit £4 4s., including cage." Here two amendments are put forward: Firstly, "That the price limit in Novice Classes be £5 5s.," and secondly, "That the price limit in Novice Classes be abolished." The reason is not far to seek. Under the present rule if a Novice should be fortunate enough as to have a "clipper," he is not long before he sees a claimed ticket up on the cage, and his dream of future wins and a Novice Medal "vanish like mist before the morning sun." But on the other hand we have the original idea of a limited price, and this was if possiblo to avoid the system of borrowing which was said to prevail at one time in the Novice Classes. The Novice must vote for which they think the lesser of two evils—run the risk of having their best birds claimed, or perhaps be showing against professionals under the cloak of a novice!

THEN we come to the proposed new Rules, of which there are five, two of which are upon the same subject. No. 1: "That the Council of the Union provide a minimum classification for all their shows." The probable object of this is to avoid the jumbling up of several classes into one. A very good idea, but much depends upon the number of classes this minimum is fixed at. If too large, some of the weaker societies will look askance, as forcing them to run greater risks than they would care to undertake. Nos. 2 and 3 both deal with the object of curtailing the number of shows. The former reads, "That in order to curtail the number of shows, the societies be bracketed in couples (in the order they stand for next season), and arrange which of the two shall hold a show. Those societies holding a show one year to give way the next. No. 3 reads, "That in order to curtail the number of winter shows the societies in the Union hold six First Feather Shows and 14 Winter Shows, or in same ratio (according to number of shows to be run) the first two winter shows one year to have the last two First Feather Shows the following year, and those holding the two first First Feather Shows one year, are to have the two last dates of winter shows the following year. The societies holding the last six dates at present shall hold First Feather shows next year. Competitions if possiblo to be arranged to run through all shows."

THE main point against the first suggestion is that the old established societies would not like to forego their show even for one season, much less than every alternate season, as they consider to do so would mean a great loss of prestige to their society. But on the other hand, new and prosperous societies also wish to hold shows, and should not be held back if it is at all possible to allow them to run shows. The principal fault of the other suggestion is the known antipathy of many exhibitors to showing young birds in their nest feather, thereby running, as they say, great risk of losing them. Otherwise the idea is good; the only other contentious point being the competitions, and perhaps it would be best simply to form some small competition for these shows only. The subject is a knotty one, and requires grave and deliberate consideration from all fanciers.

NO. 4 is also in a certain sense upon the same subject, viz: "That the Novice competitions be divided into two periods—covering the first and second half of the shows respectively, and the medals divided accordingly, half to each period." The hard work entailed (both upon the birds and exhibitor) in a run of eighteen shows is decidedly too much, and this rule will have to some extent be studied in conjunction with the two previous, as should either of the latter come into force, this one will not be required. No. 5: "That all exhibitors provide their own water tins, a uniform standard to be adopted." This is instead of being supplied to each show by the Union, the want of cleanliness being the objection to the tins as at present in use, and it will be a decided improvement, if (?) the uniform standard is strictly enforced.

FANCIERS must not forget that to-day (Saturday, March 7th) the great Amalgamated Smoking Concert and Prize Distribution takes place at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, and the grand array of talent will place the event on a plane far above anything that has ever taken place in Yorkshire. It will be a treat that should not be missed. Mr. D. Sunderland, Chairman of the Y.C.C., will take the chair at 6 o'clock, in which arduous duties he will be assisted by the respective Presidents of the various Societies interested, viz., Yorkshire Union, Mr. H. W. Battye; C.M.Y.C.C., Mr J Greaves, and Mr. W. A. Cowgill for the B. and C.B.B. and M.C., truly an array of officials worthy of this auspicious occasion. I hear, however, that the ladies are a little disappointed they are not specially invited to join this merry party. And maybe some of the gentlemen who arrive home in the early morn will be sorry this is so; those fortunate ones who have a little prize to carry home will come off best. Lucky men.

DURING the past week quite a number of the societies in Yorkshire have had either members' shows, lectures, or washing exhibitions, all of which are interesting and instructive to fanciers. Great Horton G.I.O.S. had a nice little show, at which the junior partner of Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son officiated as judge, this being the second time he has taken members' shows. These members' shows, beside being training grounds for future exhibitors, should also be the same in regard to judges, and societies will do well to select a good fancier with a view to "qualifying" him for an open show.

YORKSHIRE Union members were a little surprised to read in the report of the Cage Bird Union annual meeting that its secretary, Mr. Lythgoe, had been in communication with Mr. Hammond, the secretary of the Yorkshire Union, in reference to coming to some agreement as to showing at each other's shows, instead of, as at present, C.B.U. members not being eligible to exhibit except at C.B.U. shows. The cause of the surprise was in the fact that at the Y.U. meetings no such "business" had ever been brought forward, and many enquiries have been made of Mr. Hammond in respect to the statements. The true facts are that Mr. Lythgoe only wrote Mr. Hammond "privately" for his opinion upon the matter. The subject has often been discussed amongst the fanciers in the Yorkshire Union, and it is strongly felt in all quarters that amicable terms should be come to in regard to both exhibitors and disqualifications, etc. As far back as October 5th of last year I made the statement that such terms should be brought forward. I am still of the same opinion, and I think that if a meeting could be arranged between representatives of the two bodies that it would not take long to fix up the matter to the general satisfaction of the Fancy at large.

THE simplest way, and perhaps the best would be: "That all shows held under either the C.B.U. or Y.U. be open to all members of either Union;" and: "That all disqualifications (of either judges or exhibitors) are acknowledged by both Unions." These two simple yet effective rules are really all that are required for the smooth working of the two bodies. At present the cause of discord appears to be that the C.B.U. must have their rules above those of the Y.U., even at those shows held under the competitions, etc., of the Yorkshire Union. Surely the rules of the Y.U. are enough for any fair-minded fancier. In regard to the license of the C.B.U., why should the Yorkshire Union Societies have to pay 5s. to get the entries of members of the C.B.U., when on the other hand the societies of the C.B.U. can get the entries of the Y.U. without any fee whatever? And if amicable terms are not come to, the Y.U. should also put a license of 5s. on all shows who want the Y.U. members' entries. What's fair to one is fair to another. Mr. Curtis seems to be the only man on the C.B.U. who could really find it in his heart to come out, straight from the shoulder, and tell people who they were afraid of. In my opinion, if there were a few more broadminded fanciers on the C.B.U. it would not be long ere the two Unions would be working harmoniously together.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Brotton.—March 21st, Oddfellows' Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. Thomas. 13 classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 4, Mules 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 3. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., and specials. Fee, 1s. Entries close March 16th to WM. MAIN, 13, Railway-terrace, Brotton.

Ferndale.—April 21st, Assembly Hall, Ferndale.—Judge, Mr. Alf. Green. 3 open classes: Can. A.V. Brit., and For., one each. Prizes, 7s. 6d., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. Entries close April 15th to MORRIS and GREEN, 82, Duffryn-street, Ferndale.

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THE SHOWS.

HASTINGS UNITED C.B.S.

The Society held their annual show of pairs matched for breeding at their headquarters, the Royal Oak Hotel, on February 26. Mr. J. Stevens judged.

NOR.: 1, A. E. Godden; 2, 4, Ellis; 3, Pennells. YORKS.: 1, Coombs; 2, 3, Morris. SELL.: 1, Bellamy; 2, Coombs. HYBRID PAIRS: 1, 3, Cragg; 2, Barham. Mr. T. G. Coombs won the special for best pair in show, Mr. A. E. Godden for second best pair, Mr. J. H. Bellamy for third best pair, and Mr. R. Cragg for fourth best pair. After the show the prizes were presented by Mr. J. Booty.

A. E. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

The fortnightly meeting and table show was held on Feb. 29th. There was a good attendance of members and a splendid show of matched pairs. Mr. J. T. Clarke (Sunderland) officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction all-round. While the judging was going on we continued our meeting. It was agreed to take the Workman's Hall as usual for our annual show, the date fixed being Nov. 20th and 21st. The judging being finished, the awards were as follow:—

NOVICE CAN. OR BRIT. PAIRS: 1, c, Riseborough; 2, hc, Bell; 3, Smith; vhc, Cracknell. PAIRS FOR HYBRID AND MULE BREEDING: 1, Dr. O'Neal, Goldfinch and Greenfinch; 2, hc, Riseborough, Goldfinch and Canary, Greenfinch and Bullfinch; 3, Smith, Goldfinch and Canary; vhc, c, Waters, Linnet and Goldfinch and Goldfinch and Greenfinch. PAIRS CANARIES: 1, c, Riseborough; 2, vhc, Farrer; 3, Taylor; hc, Dr. O'Neal. Two specials were given by Mr. J. Keenlyside for Canary, Hybrid and Mule pairs, and a special was given by Mr. J. Farrer, chairman, for best pair in novice class. Prizes were won by Mr. F. Riseborough, novice class, Dr. O'Neal, and Mr. J. Farrer respectively. Another table show will be held at next meeting, March 14th. Mr. J. M. Walker will give special for best Yorks. Canary for novices. Will our novice members do their best and make this table show a bigger success than the previous ones. Mr. T. Jackson (Monkwearmouth), was proposed for membership by Mr. J. M. Walker and was elected. New members are invited.—John Copeland (Assistant Secretary), 23, Ross-street, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.

FELINFOEL (Llanelly).

The first annual show of this Society was held on February 29, at the Council School, a very good place. There were some fine specimens on view, especially as it was a nine miles' radius show. The schedule opened with the popular Norwich Plainhead, and some grand birds were staged by Messrs. W. P. Jones and D. R. Jones. Yorkshires turned up well, the winning Buff cock of Mr. T. Williams being a beauty, which we heard had taken special for best at the recent Morriston Show. British and Mules turned out grand, the Goldfinch and A.V. Mule classes containing 18 entries each. The arrangements of the show were in the hands of that enthusiastic Norwich fancier, Mr. W. P. Jones (secretary) and Mr. W. Bowen (chairman), and a very hard-working committee. Mr. S. J. Nicholas (Swansea) judged, and gave satisfaction.

NOR. COCK (9): 1, 2, W. P. Jones, 1st yellow very typical and a blaze of colour, 2nd clubby and big, good head; 3, hc, Evans, yellow, good type; 4, D. R. Jones; vhc, Rees; c, Jenkins. HENS (2): 1, W. P. Jones, Buff, very good bird all round; 2, D. R. Jones, Buff, non-colour fed, one of the best for type. YORKS. COCK (11): 1, 3, and runner-up for special best bird in show, Williams, clinker Buff, finely moulded, straight as a rush, takes good position when handled; 2, Jenkins, yellow; 4, vhc, Bennett; hc, Simon; c, Saunders. HENS (6): 1, Jenkins, good Yorkie, very stylish; 2, Saunders, another good one; 3, Morris, nice bird; 4, Jones; vhc, John; hc, Bennett, good hen, but had knocked tail about like a fan. A.V. CAN. (10): 1, 2, Simon, Crest and Crestored, two excellent birds, the Crest having the crest nearly over beak; 3, hc, Thomas, Border Fancy leading; vhc, Williams; c, Griffiths. GOLDFINCH (18): Very good class, and contained the best Goldies of the district: 1, Lewis, easy win, regular stormer, beautiful blaze and colour all round; 2, c, Evans, good blaze; 3, 4, Jones and Evans, former biggest in class, but has faulty wing carriage; vhc, Harry; hc, Thomas. MULES (18): 1, 3, Thomas, yellow Goldie and Buff respectively, 1st stormer for colour and of good size; 2, Jenkins, Linnet Mule, grand size; 4, Bowen; vhc, Jones and Evans; hc, Derrick; c, Thomas. LINNET (12): 1, Morris, a good bird, but some thought should give place to 2nd; vhc, Lewis, regular Nor. type, with an abundance of breast markings, should moult out a good bird with care; 3, Bowen and Jones, another good Linnet, very steady; 4, Reynolds; hc, Saunders. CAN. (confined to Felinfoel): 1, Saunders; 2, Derrick; 3, Walters; 4, Davies. BRIT. (10): 1, Wehrle, Thrush, steady bird, very tame, also nicely marked; 2, hc, Jones and Evans, two field-moulted Bullies, 2nd very large bird, with grand breast colour; 3, Jenkins, Titlark, nicely marked, and very steady; vhc, Thomas; c, Lewis. MEMBERS' CLASS (16): 1, Morris, yellow Yorks.; 2, Jones, Goldfinch; 3, Jones, Yorks.; 4, Morris; vhc, Rees; hc, Clement; c Jones.

PORTH AND DIS. C.B.F.S.

The Society held their first annual show of pairs for Canary and Hybrid breeding on February 22 at their headquarters, Danix Temperance Bar, Hannah Street, Porth (confined to members only). Yorkshires, Norwich, Lizards, and Muling pairs did not turn up as expected, but the pairs on view were undoubtedly very choice ones. The poor entry was not very encouraging to the new secretary, Mr. R. G. Challenger, but he has been trained very well by his brother (Mr. J. Challenger, late secretary), and everything was well in hand. The judge was Mr. T. Melhuish (Cardiff), who gave every satisfaction. Three 2s. 6d. specials were given for the three best pairs by Davies Bros. (vice-presidents of the Society), and were won by Messrs. J. Challenger, A. H. C. Legg, and E. Llewellyn.

YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, Challenger, 1, yellow cock, buff hen. Cock of good length, stands like a Guardsman, nice neat head, good wing carriage, fine pipe tail, feather of good quality; hen, buff of splendid length nice, neat head and wing carriage, good pipe tail in good condition; 2nd, another splendid pair; buff, var. cock, clear yellow hen, cock of good length and style, standing well up from perch, nice head, wings and tail; hen of splendid quality feather, good stand, nice head, wings, and tail, good stylish one; 3, 4, Thomas; 3, another nice pair, yellow cock and buff hen; cock good length, neat head, wings and tail, nice stand; hen, good one for stand and feather, fine wings; 4, good pair, yellow cock buff var. hen, former nice quality feather and good stand; hen grand length and nice feather. NOR.: 1, spl., A. Legg, clear buff cock, yellow cinnamon marked hen; cock of good substance, well filled in head, good wing and tail carriage, nice level colour; hen a real gem; beautiful head, magnificent wing carriage, and very short wings and tail, very judiciously matched; 2, R. Williams, buff cock, yellow hen; cock of good substance, full chest, nice head, good wing and tail carriage, fine level colour, good all round bird; hen yellow (a non-fed), fine size, nice wings and tail, good condition; 3, Llewellyn, buff cock, yellow hen; cock a good one, hen nice shaped head, splendid type. MULE, ETC., BREEDERS: 1, Llewellyn, large Siberian Goldfinch and yellow Norwich hen; cock splendid size, nice face, good bars and buttons, beautiful tanning; hen nice wings, splendid size; 2, R. Gilbert, British Goldfinch and yellow Nor. hen; cock of good size bars and buttons and fine tanning; hen good one, nice size, splendid colour; 3, Metcalfe, British Goldfinch, yellow Norwich hen; cock nice tanning, hen of good all-round qualities, sweet head, nice wing and tail carriage; best hen of the three. The curious thing about this class was that the three hens were sisters.—A MEMBER.

STOKE NEWINGTON F.A.

A matched pair show was held on February 18th. The entries came well up to the average and some good specimens were exhibited. Special silver spoons for best exhibits were won by Messrs. H. Pike and Tuckey. Mr. J. S. Clarke judged.

NOR. (NOVICE): 1, 2, spl, Tuckey; 3, Morris. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Langridge. YORKS. NOVICE (8): 1, Turner; 2, Lacey; 3, vhc, hc, Wells; c, Lacey. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, 3, Sweetman; vhc, hc, Penton. MULING: 1, 2, 3, spl, Pike; vhc, Penton.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

A pair show of Canaries was held in the Temperance Hall on February 18th. There was a fine display of birds, some well-known winners being staged. There was an entry of 66. Mr. J. Burns, of Birkenhead, judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CL. YORKS.: 1, spl, 3, vhc, c, Harding; 2, Gardner; hc, Richardson. GREEN YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, Moss; 3, vhc, Gardner; hc, c, Dyson. CL. NOR.: 1, spl, 3, Tweedle; 2, spl, vhc, Porter. MULING PAIR: 1, spl, Tweedle; 2, Potter; 3, Watson; vhc, Gardner.—J. RICHARDSON, Sec.

WARRINGTON AND DIST C.B.S.

A members' show was held on Feb. 22, and turned out a great success. Mr. Jas. Emmett, the capable sec., had everything nicely arranged, and deserves credit for his able management of affairs. Specials were won by the following: Mr. Knowles' 2/6 class: 1, W. P. Fetcher; 2, W. P. Fletcher; 3, A. Stout; Mr. Langley's medal, W. P. Fletcher; Mr. Leigh's medal for British, J. Hampson; Mr. Pierpoint's Canary seed, British, J. Hampson; Mr. Leigh's medal for most points in Norwich, J. Emmett; Mr. Walter's Norwich cock, J. Emmett.

YORKS YELL. CK. (11): 1, Dukes; 2, 3, 4, Fletcher; vhc, Langley; hc, c, Stout. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Fletcher; 2, hc, Dukes; 3, c, Stout; vhc, Langley. HEN (11): 1, 4, hc, Stout; 2, vhc, c, Dukes; 3, Fletcher. NOR. YELL CK. (3): 1, Houghton; 2, Emmett; 3, Billington. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Walters; 2, Houghton; 3, 4, Emmett; vhc, Huggett. HEN (5): 1, 4, Emmett; 2, Houghton; 3, Walter; vhc, Huggett. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Emmett; 2, Hampson. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Houghton. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, Houghton; 2, 3, Hampson. A.S. BRIT. SEEDEATERS (5): 1, 4, Hampson; 2, vhc, Houghton; 3, Billington. SELL. (12/6) (2): 1, Cowell; 2, Tyrer. 7/6 (1): 1, Cowell.

YORK C.B.S.

The first members' show was held on February 19 in the All Saints Church Rooms. Entries numbered 96 in twelve classes, which must be considered in every way satisfactory. The quality throughout was of great merit, and the members are to ne congratulated on the excellent turn out. Mr. A. Wand, secretary, and Mr. T. Wright, chairman, had everything in order, and were ably backed up by a most enthusiastic committee. The general arrangements were all that could be desired. Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Shorney; 2, Boyle; 3, Hunter; vhc, hc, Wright. BUFF: 1, Boyle; 2, 3, Wright; vhc, Whitehead; hc, Pickering; c, Alderson. HEN: 1, Sissens; 2, Wright; 3, hc, Shorney; vhc, Alderson; c, Pickering. YORKS. NOVICE: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Alderson; vhc, Pickering; hc, Thompson; c, Garnett. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Campling; 2, Simeson; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Bardy. BUFF: 1, Alderson; 2, vhc, Campling; 3, Chittenden; hc, Simeson; c, Bardy. HEN: 1, 2, Campling; 3, vhc, Simeson; hc, Bardy; c, Whitehead. YORKS. NOVICE: 1, Simeson; 2 and hc, Campling; 3 and vhc, Oxberry. A.O.V.: 1 and hc, Richardson; 2, Boyle; c, Wright; vhc, Hunter; c, Thompson. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Whitehead; 2, 3, Boyle; vhc, Simeson; hc, Shorney; c, Goodall. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Hunter; 3, Shorney; vhc, Sissons; hc, Nicholson; c, Goodall. MULE or HYB.: 1, Shorney; 2, Sissons; 3, Boyle; vhc, Dale; hc, Wand. The special for best bird shown by a novice went to Mr. Sissons.

BRADFORD (East) O.S.

The society held its first show of the year on February 22nd, at Park Chapel Schools, for the gold medals and other valuable prizes that are to be competed for at five shows to be held during 1908. The same keen competition which manifested itself throughout the shows of last year, again re-asserted itself, and provided Mr. W. A. Cowgill, of Girlington, who officiated as judge, with a stiff afternoon's work in selecting the winners. The entries totalled 101 in twelve classes and the birds staged were of extra good quality, many of them having carried off prizes for their owners in the Yorkshire Union shows during the past show season. The four highest birds of each competitor count towards the specials, and the following were the winners of most points at Saturday's show: Champion section, Messrs. Farrar, Stables, White, Rushworth, Hill, Gelder. Novice section, Messrs. Laycock, Priestley, Wilkinson Bros., Crowther, Northrop, Lowes and Whitehead.

CHAMPION SECTION: CL. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, Farrar; 3, White; 4, Gelder; vhc, Hill; hc, Rushworth. BUFF (8): 1, White; 2, Hill; 3, Gelder; 4, hc, Rushworth; vhc, Stables; c, Briggs. TICKED, ETC. YELL. (8): 1, c, Stables; 2, 3, Rushworth; 4, White; vhc, Gelder; hc, Briggs. BUFF (6): 1, Stables; 2, hc, Farrar; 3, 4, Gelder; vhc, Rushworth. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, Farrar; 3, Hill; 4, vhc, Stables; hc, White; c, Briggs. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Farrar; 3, 4, White; vhc, Rushworth; hc, Hill; c, Stables. NOVICE SECTION: CL. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, 3, Wilkinson Bros.; 2, hc, Priestley; 4, Crowther; vhc, Greenwood; c, Peacock. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Laycock; 2, Crowther; 3, Northrop; 4, Peacock; hc, Walker; c, Stobart. TICK, ETC. YELL. (5): 1, Lowes and Whitehead; 2, Dinsdale; 3, Greenwood; 4, vhc, Wilkinson Bros. BUFF (3): 1, Northrop; 2, Lightowler; 3, Dinsdale. YELL. HEN (16): 1, 2, Laycock; 3, Crowther; 4, Stobart; vhc, Peacock; hc, Northrop; c, Barker. BUFF (16): 1, Priestley; 2, 3, Laycock; 4, Northrop; vhc, c, Lowes and Whitehead; hc, Stobart. SELL. YORKS. (12/6) AND HEN (10/6): Cancelled.—H. HILL, Sec.

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Third annual Table Show was held on Feb. 22, in the club room of the Crown Hotel. The total number of entries was about the same as last year, with a slight increase in the number of birds. The effort was in every way successful, some capital specimens being shown in the different sections. The Society gives every promise of another successful season, already having enrolled and nominated about 20 new members, including three from Darlington. Fanciers are invited to join. Mr. J. Gill, Wolsingham, judged the Cage Bird section.

NOR. (7): 1, spl., 3, Siddle and Dawson; 2, hc, F. Brown; 4, Richardson; vhc, W. Brown. YORKS (14): 1, spl., vhc, c, Siddle and Dawson; 2, 4, F. Brown; 3, hc, Richardson. CREST (3): spl., 2, 3, Siddle and Dawson. MULES (6): 1, spl., vhc, Siddle and Dawson; 2, 4, W. Brown; 3, Richardson. NOVICE PAIRS (4): 1, spl., Rudkin; 2, Hardcastle. SINGLE (8): 1, spl., Richardson; 2, c, Siddle and Dawson; 3, F. Brown; 4, J. Wailes; vhc, W. Brown; hc, Wilkinson. SELL. (6): 1, spl., 3, F. Brown; 2, 4, hc, Siddle and Dawson; vhc, Wilkinson.

WATFORD.

In the Friendly Societies' Hall, on February 22nd, was held the annual pair show of the Watford and District Cage Bird Association. In numbers the entries were slightly in advance of last year, whilst the quality was splendid; in fact, a better all-round pair show we have never seen. This high excellence was attained by the superb display in the Mule and Hybrid section. Norwich were fairly good, as were the Crests, but the Yorkshires were the strongest of the Canary section so far as quality was concerned. The pick of the show was Mr. Quantrell's Goldfinch cock and Bullfinch hen, two charming birds for colour and quality. The veteran Goodall put down a very strong team, and his Linnet-Canary pair attracted much attention, as did his Greenfinch-Canary pair. The birds were very nicely staged, and all the arrangements carried out under the charge of the indefatigable secretary, Mr. Quantrell. Much progress is evidently being made by our friends at Watford, and they are to be heartily congratulated on the high quality of the stock in their possession. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. CHAMPION (2): 1, 2, spl, Goodall, two very typical pairs of grand colour and feather. AMATEUR (6): 1, 2, spl, Shirley, nice short bodies, neat wings and tails, rare feather; 3, c, Scott; vhc, Freeman; hc, Hedgeman. NOVICE (9): 1, spl, Fillyard, very cobby, tight-feathered pair, capital colour; 2, Scar, capital colour and quality, yellow variegated cock and buff hen, the latter a shade long; 3, Wright, nice shape and colour, hardly so tight in feather; vhc, Brandon; hc, Fern; c, Dawes. CRESTS, AMATEUR (4): 1, vhc, spl, best pair shown by lady members, Mrs. Hall, nice clear body, dark crest, and a yellow pair Plainhead; 2, 3, Scott, capital shape and feather, both variegated. NOVICE (2): 1, Brandon; 2, Frost. YORKS., AMATEUR (4): 1, vhc, Field, very nice, stylish, well-matched pair; 2, Shirley, nice quality, hardly so good in head points; 3, Swain. NOVICE (9): 1, spl, two spls, vhc, Buckingham, takes specials for best in four novice classes and 3rd best, buff cock and yellow cinnamon-marked hen, one of the best pairs in the show, and should breed something good; 2nd were very nice in feather and style, but not so slim; 3, Scar, compact-feathered, stylish, buff cock and yellow hen; hc, Field; c, Swain. A.O.V., AMATEUR: 1, 2, Pretty, both very decent cinnamons. GOLDFINCH AND CANARY (7): 1, spl, Pretty, large Siberian Finch of grand colour, and a fine big yellow Lancashire hen of splendid colour and quality, looks a likely hen for muling; 2, 3, Goodall, magnificent British Finch, and a rare quality Norwich hen; this was a tight race, and in size alone were they beaten, for a quality pair they were just immense; 3rd, smaller Goldie and a smart Yorkshire hen; vhc, Buckingham; hc, Tucker; c, Quantrell. LINNET-CAN. (5): 1, spl, Goodall, very handsome well-marked large Linnet of grand feather and grand Yorkshire hen; 2, Quantrell, very rich-coloured Linnet, and another good Yorkshire hen; 3, Brandon, neat shapely Linnet, and a buff Norwich hen of rare feather; vhc, Withers Bros.; hc, Shirley. GREENFINCH-CAN. (5): 1, spl, Goodall, large rare-coloured, tight-feathered Finch, and a beautiful Norwich hen; 2, Withers Bros., big buff Norwich hen of capital shape, and a large tight-feathered Finch of a darker hue; 3, Pretty; vhc, Quantrell; hc, Tucker. A.O.V. FINCH-CAN.: 1, spl, Buckingham, very smart Bullfinch and Norwich hen; 2, Goodall, bonny little Redpoll and a Yorkshire hen. A.V. FINCH AND BULLFINCH HEN (8): 1, spl, and spl best pair in Mule section; hc, Quantrell, very handsome, rich-coloured Goldfinch and Bullfinch, both in superb condition and colour; 2, Tucker, very deep-coloured, grand-feathered Greenfinch and a fine big Bullie hen; 3, Withers Bros., a topping Mealy Redpoll, and a shapely, good-coloured, well-marked Bullie; vhc, Goodall; c, Sear. A.O.V. BRITISH (5): 1, spl, Fern, very smart Goldfinch and Greenfinch, capital colour, shape, size, and feather, a most useful pair; 2, vhc, Quantrell, another good pair, mated same way as winners, and a clinking Siskin with a moderate Goldfinch; 3, hc, Withers Bros., really tip-top Chaffinch, with a Bramblefinch, a well-shown pair. FOREIGN (6): 1, spl, Cooper, well-known pair of Blue Bonnets; 2, Withers Bros., handsome pair of Pekins; 3, Frost, very sweet pair of Waxbills; vhc, Mrs. Quantrell; hc, Goodall. SELL. PAIRS, 30/- (4): 1, 3, Goodall; 2, Fillyard; vhc, Watts. SELL., 20/- (14): 1, spl, Withers Bros.; 2, Watts; 3, Shirley; vhc, Sear; hc, Darvill; c, Goodall.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

RULE 17 ONCE AGAIN.

SIR,—At the annual meeting of the C.B.U. it was considered that if this rule was done away with it would be the downfall of the Union. If that is so, by all means do away with the rule. A Union that cannot exist without coercion surely cannot be necessary. The very presence of the rule shows the weakness of the Union: in fact, it proves that the Union is unnecessary, because if societies will not join the Union unless they are compelled (and Rule 17 does compel societies to join or else hold members' shows only), they evidently are not in favour of the Union. If the Union is coming to an end if Rule 17 is done away with, then the majority of Societies are not in favour of the Union, and it ought never to have existed.

ROBERT HALL.

THE PINTAIL NONPARIEL IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—I quite agree with what Mr. Geo. O. Wood said in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS, that Pintail Nonpariels are the most beautiful of all the smaller foreign birds, and delightful in every way as pets. I have had mine over two years and a half, and he has never had an hour's illness. He is always happy, and incessantly uttering his soft little trill. He is, I believe, really fond of me. He moults thoroughly twice a year, in May and October, and gets through the process very quickly, for a few days looking exactly like a half-fledged bird, having no feathers visible, only dark quills all over him. This, I suppose, is the same with all Pintails. But what strikes me as peculiar is this. Directly he had finished his moult last May some of his cage companions pulled out his two long tail feathers. In a few weeks they grew again, but instead of being, as before, dark crimson with dark edges, they came almost white, just flushed with a rosy tint. Of course, I expected that in the October moult they would resume their natural colour. But not so: they again came a pale, pinky white. I should be glad to know if anyone else has had a similar experience. I think they are ideal cage birds if kept in a very large cage or small aviary. My bird is so extremely active, and so light and rapid in flight, that I think he would be neither healthy nor happy in a cage less than about four feet long.

"RADIUM."

THE HYBRID CLASSES AT DUDLEY SHOW.

SIR,—As your correspondent, Mr. T. Johnson, asks for the opinion of other exhibitors in Class 17 at Dudley Show, I certainly think that the Greenie-Bullie should have been wrong-classed; also No. 5, entered as Bullie-Goldie, and No. 6, entered as Siskin-Linnet. Both classes are worded exactly the same, except that one is "light" and the other "dark." Now, I do not think anyone can call either of the above-mentioned Hybrids "light." Perhaps the secretary or some member of the committee can enlighten us as to what the classes were intended to contain, as I think this is a matter that should be cleared up, or light Mules at Dudley will be conspicuous by their absence another year.

J. A. LEES.

SIR.—Mr. Johnson asks in your last issue my opinion of the Dudley Schedule: Class 17, Light Canary Mule or Hybrid. Class 18, Dark Canary Mule or Hybrid. My contention is that according to the reading of these two classes Hybrids could be entered in either, and the judge who wrong-classed a Hybrid in Class 17 would certainly be out of order. Mr. Leigh evidently read Class 17 as correct for his Greenfinch-Bullfinch. I might inform Mr. Johnson that when sending my entries to the secretary of the above show, I asked him to please insert class number on my entry-form, to avoid my entering in the wrong class. A Mule is not a Hybrid, nor a Hybrid a Mule. Where the Canary is one of the parents, it is a Mule; but between two birds of a different genera, say, Goldfinch one side and Bullfinch the other, it is a Hybrid. CHAS. J. WARD.

THE FUTURE OF THE BELGIAN CANARY.

SIR,—Noticing Mr. James Robertson's letter in your last issue on the above subject, one must confess he has opened a question that wants immediate attention, and that needs to be settled once and for all; that is, the question of a decided dividing line between the type of the Belgian and the Scotch Fancy Canaries. While Belgian fanciers are not getting the type of bird they think right to the fore, the Scotch Fancy fanciers have equally as much room for complaint. I am told of a certain judge who was fulfilling his duties at a large open show in 1906. On coming to the Scotch Fancy classes he expressed some strong remarks about the variety, and when he had done his best with these classes, if he had reversed the order of the whole of the awards, that is, had put the first and the first last, he would have been more the mark. We also have to show under judges appointed by committees with little consideration as to their knowledge of our section. Somewhat similar this is to a case of a good Scotch Fancy judge who placed the tickets at a small affair over the Border. After he had finished his Scotch Fancy classes he was about to leave, when the secretary told him he had not finished his duties; he had to judge the foreign class, and strongly protested against it, declaring he knew nothing about common ones. But being his duty he was expected to do it. The first bird in the foreign class was an old grey, a good talker, who exclaimed, on the judge approaching, "Good morning, No. 1." After looking over the class the old grey stuck to his speech, "Good morning, No. 1," to which the judge exclaimed, "You win No. 1." Afterwards some strong remarks were heard re this award, but the judge "liked the parrots." Strict to his views, he said, "It was for talking I judged, and No. 1 was the only bird who has said a word, and therefore won easily." I don't suggest that Belgian or Scotch Fancies talk, but I do feel that at some shows judges undertake the duties with little knowledge of these varieties, and this is where we as a specialist club, have been neglecting our duties of educating the judges, by not being able to clearly place our views as to type before them. This applies more to the Scotch Fancy Club, as at present they are like a ship without a rudder, having no standard at all. Personally, I have suggested to Mr. Cobb a joint meeting of the Scotch Fancy and Belgian Clubs might be held with advantage to both varieties, to discuss this question, as I personally believe this to be the best means to settle this question. Once a clear understanding is arrived at each club could work for its object. I am sure our members wherever possible would be pleased to attend such a meeting any Thursday evening, say in Leeds, as central for all, and at the same time I would be pleased to put the views of such meeting before members not able to attend. This is a right good opportunity, as the model and standard question is now under consideration. Now, Mr. Robertson, we don't want to be, as you suggest, lost in the wood, or like the lost Babes in the Wood, and I think this would be a means to an end.

J. HARRISON, Hon. Sec. S.F.C.C.

A STANDARD SHOW-CAGE FOR BRITISH HARDBILLS.

SIR,—I have read with interest the letter under the above heading, and I might say that I agree with all your correspondent says; but most particularly with the sentence that reads: "A great number of Fanciers make their own show-cages." I think he has hit the nail right on the top there. Can't he see—can't anyone see with half an eye—that that is where the boot hurts? I had a notion from the first that it was a trick of the trade. They (the trade) want to alter the pattern so as to have a monopoly, knowing that Fanciers can't make them with a bow top themselves. But I hope the National British Bird and Mule Club will stick to the original pattern, although I admit they ought to be uniform. They could be made all one pattern, but in different sizes: For instance, one size would do for Goldies, Linnets, Twites, Redpolls, and such; a bit larger for Greenies, Bullies, etc.: larger still for Brambles, Yellowhammers, etc.; and the largest for Hawfinches and Crossbills. But I hope the National British Bird and Mule Club will go further, and make the cages for Mules uniform at the same time.

ANOTHER BRITISH BIRD FANCIER.

SIR,—Seeing a notice in last week's CAGE BIRDS that the National British Bird and Mule Club will have under consideration at their next meeting a standard show-cage for exhibition Hardbills, and that cage makers are invited to send a specimen cage in the style of the bow front, and being a member of the club, I hope members and exhibitors will let me make a suggestion on the subject. The wire top, I think, is one of the worst; every exhibitor who visits most of the shows knows that nearly all of them stage the cages one on top the other, and that the seed, with dust and water, will drop on the exhibit below, and perhaps spoil it for good. For instance, when my birds came back from Plymouth, Bristol, etc., the cages on top were thick with dust and spotted with water, so that if we had the bow front the bird would get all this. Also, a good few of our exhibitors in Cornwall are working-men, and make their own cages, which is a credit to them. So I think if we keep to our box pattern it would be better for all Fanciers. For myself, I should like to see a standard club cage with the loose front, neat, fancy, round perches, screwed from the back, with the inside and wires enamelled a nice shade of green and the outside black. Then the fancier could get one and make them to match. However, I hope members will express their views, through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, which we look forward to every Friday.

F. COLLINS.

HAWFINCHES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Permit me to inform Mr. Gilmour that the gentlemen engaged as judges at the Palace Show are gentlemen whose principles and actions are above suspicion, and if his concluding paragraph is meant to imply that Mr. Hills did not judge the Hawfinch class honestly, I can assure him that he has made a most serious mistake, and owes Mr. Hills a full and ample apology. J. W. RAMSDEN.

We quite agree with Mr. Ramsden that if "dishonest judging" may be inferred, —or is intended to be inferred—from Mr. Gilmour' letter, then an apology is due to Mr. J. F. Hills. We say at once that had we thought any such construction might be placed upon Mr. Gilmour's letter, or any sentence therein, it would have found no place in our columns, for none respect Mr. Hills more than ourselves, or have greater confidence in his complete honesty of purpose.—EDITOR.

SIR,—I am sorry to see a Scottish exhibitor at the Palace, in the person of Mr. Gilmour, of Sinclairtown, writing such a letter as appears in CAGE BIRDS of February 29th. Mr. Gilmour asks for information regarding the show type of a Hawfinch, and then suggests that he knows all that is worth learning about one. He says: "Officials select judges to do their duty and have no control over the awards they give." A pity it would be, too, if they had. "Past reputation." What has this to do with the case? No good judge pays any attention to past reputation, but makes the awards as he thinks fit. Mr. Gilmour says he examined Mr. Axe's bird "fair and square," at the Scottish National Show, and did not consider him a crack. But then, no one has suggested, save Mr. Gilmour himself, that he is a judge whose opinion can be relied upon. He also complains that the National winning Hawfinch was left cardless at the Palace after having topped the list of all hardbill classes at Scottish shows this season. I suppose he forgets already about Bathgate show, where the bird was commended, I think, and another Hawfinch second and special for the best one in the class; or he may say that this was a variety, and not a hardbill class. Then, again, Mr. Gilmour says: "Mr. Axe wanted to purchase the winner at the National show." But I am quite sure many a fancier has more money than sense, and I have known fanciers of long standing, and who were conspicuously successful as exhibitors, who have rued their bargain after making a purchase. The reflection cast upon the judges by Mr. Gilmour is scarcely worthy of notice, unless it be to say that someone who was not "in the know" at the Palace may have been so at the Scottish shows. I would suggest that Mr. Gilmour takes his beating like a sportsman, and when he gets a "knockdown" let him come up again smiling and ready to try to do better in future.

SCOTTISH HAWFINCH.

SIR,—Your reporter in his notes on the class draws attention to the fact that the Scottish National winner failed to get even a ticket, but does not suggest it should have been in the money at the Palace. I hope he will now give his opinion on the bird, and also state whether he considers the winner in the class to be as Mr. Gilmour says—"poor colour, no shape, no size"? Mr. Gilmour, I am afraid, is suffering from same defect as his Hawfinch, "going light in the head," or he would not make such an unjust attack upon two gentlemen, both well known and respected in the Fancy, whose actions are above suspicion (except, perhaps, to a disappointed exhibitor like Mr. Gilmour).

A. K.

SIR,—I was very pleased to read Mr. Gilmour's letter re the above. When I received my catalogue from the Scottish National, I was rather surprised to see my Hawfinch standing second. I said to myself, I should like to see the winner, because I knew the bird that could beat mine would be worth seeing. A week or two after Mr. Gilmour's Hawfinch was depicted in CAGE BIRDS. When I saw the sketch, I was confident that if that were a true sketch of the winner (and Mr. Gilmour said it was), it could never beat my bird (unless it was down in condition), under a specialist British judge, one that could judge shape, condition, colour, and size; not a judge who, when he has two good birds before him, cannot decide which is the nearest to perfection. Mr. Gilmour says he examined my bird "fair and square," and at that time did not consider him a crack, by any means. Now, I should like to ask Mr. Gilmour what he considers a crack? He says my bird's colour was poor, and "no shape or size" to compare with his bird. I was at the Palace Show on the Monday, and had a good day among the British. I went through the Hawfinch class and examined each bird very minutely. I feel confident that after what Mr. Gilmour says about the Palace winner, he is no judge of shape, colour, or condition. I will take the word of many well known exhibitors (some who had Hawfinches in the same class) that the winner was far and away the best in the class. Never mind what the reporters said about him; I take no notice whatever of reports, unless I know the reporter is an authority on British. The first time I saw this Hawfinch was at Derby (shown by Mr. Hakes, of Burton-on-Trent). I compared it with the winner, and I came to the conclusion it was a far better bird than the winner, but it was thick and out of condition. In fact, several of us thought it was going to die. The next time I saw it was at Ilkeston. It stood second to my Chough (I wrote to Mr. Hakes to see if he would sell it). The next time I heard about it was at the Palace, 1907, when it stood first, beating the bird that beat it at Derby. One exhibitor was going to claim it, but his brother advised him not to, because he did not think it was acclimatised—and yet it was caught near Burton-on-Trent! So it went back to its owner. The next time I saw it was at the last Nottingham Show, taking first. I made up my mind at once that I should not let it go away from Nottingham. I claimed it, as everybody knows. I sent it out to ten shows under different judges, and it won eight firsts and specials, one second, at Derby, beaten by a yellow Bunting (under Mr. Robson), and second at the Scottish National, where it was claimed for £10 10s. by a Mr. ——, of Doncaster. But it soon came out in Mr. Axe's name. It has not been beaten by a Hawfinch during the show season 1907-1908, except by Mr. Gilmour's, so I think that is a good record. I wonder whether Mr. Gilmour's has gone through the season without being beaten by a Hawfinch? I will say this much, there was not a bird at the Palace in any of the classes that could beat it for shape or condition. It could not be better if an artist had modelled it in clay. It is perfect in shape. Now, I will throw out a challenge to Mr. Gilmour, to see if he can remember the points of the Palace winner, which he examined "fair and square." Will Mr. Gilmour tell me where his bird beat it, and I will tell him where the Palace winner beat his? I will back my ability to judge for shape, size, colour, and condition against Mr. Gilmour, and I will leave it to exhibitors (who know what an exhibition Hawfinch ought to be), those who saw it at the Palace and those who saw it at the Scottish National, to say who is the best judge. Before other exhibitors state their views, I trust if there is any discussion to follow it will be for the benefit of the Fancy, and that those who take part in it will sign their names in full; then we can take it for what it is worth. If Mr. Gilmour would like to test my ability further, I will be pleased to tell him the good points and the bad points of all the Hawfinches that were in the money, then he will see that when once I have seen a bird I do not forget it.

HERBERT J. CHICK.

PROPOSED PROVINCIAL ROLLER CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—A meeting will be held at the Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, on Saturday, March 7, at 5.30 p.m., for the purpose of forming a Provincial Roller Canary Club. All persons interested in these birds are heartily invited to attend.

ARTHUR FOULDS.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB OF IRELAND.

SIR,—The report of committee meeting furnished you by the secretary, and published in CAGE BIRDS, February 29th, is decidedly misleading to the absent committee members and the general body of members, who carefully watch your journal to see what takes place at the club meetings, as same is the only notification they can get. The secretary reports receipt of 20s. from Mr. Barclay, J.P., but carefully omits to mention that in the same letter Mr. Barclay requested to have his name withdrawn as vice-president, and remain on as an ordinary member. Mr. Barclay is a far-seeing man, and I make no further comment at this stage. With regard to my resolution to separate the challenge cup points from the colour and non-colour fed classes, instead of bulking them in the whole, this was to show where points were gained in such classes, where there was an ordinary amount of competition. The correct points are:—C. A. O'Reilly, 86; J. J. Cloke, 81; Sheridan and Fry, 23, for colour-fed classes. Messrs. Sheridan and Fry claim the cup by having nominated birds in the non-fed classes, and thus gained 86 points extra in classes where there was practically no competition. Members will see from this why there were so many non-colour-fed classes at the Irish shows for this season, some of the said classes having been guaranteed by the secretary personally, where the show secretaries could not see their way to grant non-colour-fed classes, and thus Messrs. Sheridan and Fry could keep up their points at these shows. Perhaps the cup next year will be gained for the third time in tail-fed classes.

RICHARD DEVITT, Chairman, Y.C.C. of I.

A LINNET SINGING CHALLENGE.

SIR,—Seeing that a Hull correspondent has sent a challenge through your most valuable paper, I must say that I sent my challenge to the fancier who represents himself the "Champion of all Champions," and I sent to Leeds alone, as they don't sing our way in Hull. They sing on the shelf; we sing in the window. If they will sing quality singing, I daresay they can get a match on to sing in the window, and sing the best bird of one hour's singing, not the best monthful, as that is no way of singing, as a bird could break with a good round spring singing, and then sing all bad singing for the remainder of the time.—T. Summers, hon. secretary, on behalf

C. BISS.

WHERE DOES THE COLOUR COME FROM?

SIR,—Re above, "Past Novice" asks where colour comes from? This question has been answered by about almost every well-known breeder of Canaries who breeds for colour. They all advocate green-marked birds. When "Past Novice" can tell me where the Cinnamon mark originated, I will tell him where the Green marks originated. Where do the best Greens come from? is a question which is in everyone's mouth—Liverpool, of course. There are a few good birds bred outside Liverpool, but ninety-five per cent. are bred in Liverpool. How they were bred I think I explained in my article on the Green Canary. It is very good advice "Past Novice" gives to the novice. I hope they will take the hints referred to. We in Liverpool have seen these Greens from the Cinnamon rooms. J. W. METCALFE.

AN ALLEGED MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENT.

SIR, I notice a George Cubley using my name, along with others, under heading of Norwich Canaries in your valuable paper. I wish to state that I have had no dealings with this man. I also wish to warn breeders not to buy birds from him expecting to get my strain, as his advertisement is most misleading. I also wish to warn the said George Cubley not to use my name in any future advertisements, or I shall take proceedings against him at once. JOHN TRENGOVE.

SIR,—My attention having been called to an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS by a "George Cubley," of Roman Villa, Long Sutton, stating that he had recently sold birds to several leading Fanciers, including Baker, permit me to say that never to my knowledge have I ever bought birds from or sold them to "George Cubley," so that the birds he sold to a Fancier by the name of "Baker" or those he advertises for sale have never been bought from or sold to me. As I consider this a most unfair way of making use of Fanciers' names, I shall not hesitate to make him prove any further statements he makes of selling birds from my noted strain.

Cowes, Isle of Wight. E. BAKER.

BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB AND ITS JUDGES.

SIR,—Will you kindly accept a reply to Mr. Paterson's letter, which appeared in your paper on 29th February? I am sorry he is against the rule passed at Edinburgh on 1st January—that of restricting members to judge two shows. I think this quite fair. Just look at the honour we will have if we can win under 12 judges or so, instead of according to common practice, one judge. This keeps many a person from showing, as they know so and so's birds will be present. In my opinion it will help entries greatly should all the popular judges be engaged. Mr. Jamieson, secretary of the B.F.C.C., is always willing to advise. I don't think societies need be at much expense if they only write to him. We have nearly 300 members. Surely we will find plenty of good judges in that number. I trust this rule will be given a fair trial, as the more judges the greater the honour. WM. TURNBULL.

SIR,—Having noticed Mr. Patterson's letter on the above subject in your last week's issue, will you kindly allow me space in your valuable paper for a few words? I, like Mr. Patterson, was not at the general meeting of the club on 1st January, but on hearing that this rule had been passed, and that almost unanimously, I was, and am still, of opinion that it is a step in the right direction. I have not yet met a single member in Edinburgh interested in the above club that had a word to say against the passing of this new rule; in fact, quite the opposite. Mr. Patterson says he has heard from a few of his fellow judges that they will judge as many shows as they think fit, and either resign membership or let the club expel them. That does not say much for any man after becoming a member of a club, when he cannot fall in with the majority and abide by their decision. In my opinion, such a man is not working for the interests of the club, but for his own. I don't think any serious difficulty will be found in getting good men to judge, as there are dozens of men in the B.F.C.C. who only want to be taken out, and who know as much as some of the most popular judges as to what a Border Fancy should be, and I have no hesitation in saying that it will be to the advantage of the society seeking the club's patronage to engage them. It is nonsense to say that the Scottish National would get nothing but novices to place the awards. As far as I know, the Scottish National members have their judges elected in good time, and have a better chance of getting men to suit them than many of the smaller societies. As the rule has been passed at a time when most Fanciers were on holiday, and a larger number of them could not be got together, I think the secretary is quite right in not calling a special meeting to suit half, or even a dozen members.

JOHN WELSH.

ROLLER CANARIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Reading Mr. Whittaker's letter reminded me very forcibly of an occurrence which came under my notice some time ago. Whilst listening to my birds, which were in full song, one of them suddenly brought out the "Gobble, gobble!" of the Turkey, and repeated it quite plainly many times. I never heard it again, although I kept the same bird for over two years after. If this tour, which had been bred out for several generations, should suddenly appear in the manner named, I would like to ask Mr. Whittaker and other Fanciers if it is not possible, in the excitement of the moment, Mr. W.'s birds brought out this Auf-zug and sharp whistle? and afterwards dropped them again. I can safely say that my birds, after being at the London Shows four and six days, came home very wild in their song, and are more faulty than when I sent them.

ANDREW PERCIVAL.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Rettich's letter in last week's number, I must ask why it does not read same as letter sent to me by post from our secretary, as in that letter it states that Mr. Rettich has handed him £1 1s. for expenses, presuming that I send the bird and pay a similar amount. My reply was: "It don't suit me." Now Mr. R. will not accept a money challenge, or "stake his reputation on a Roller's vagaries." Well, I think every Roller Fancier knows that once a bird begins to do an aufzng and a sharp whistle, he will never cease. So what could be nicer than seeing me pay 21s., with the risk and expense of sending the bird, and then when he did not do it, you would, by the use of the "Roller's vagaries," still maintain your reputation, and stick to it that he did it at the Palace. Not me, Mr. Rettich, thank you. We don't do things like this with our money in Lancashire. But the bird shall be heard in public on Saturday next, as a meeting has been arranged at the Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, for the purpose of forming a Provincial Roller Canary Club, at 5.30 p.m. The bird will be there, and after the meeting any person desirous of hearing him sing can do so with pleasure. Every Roller Fancier will be welcome. In reply to Mr. Norris, in the same issue, I don't see where the "pity me rushing into print" comes in. He must not think that no one knew I had written to your valuable paper until that became public on the following Friday; therefore they had a full week to accept my £20 challenge, as had it been taken up before that time it would have been accepted. Re my other challenge, I do mean business, and on Tuesday last I posted Mr. Norris a money-order for £5, but as yet it is not covered. I have no reason to alter what I have said, but the matches must be for no less than a side bet of £5, each to pay half the expenses, or the loser to pay the lot. W. WHITTAKER.

BELGIAN CANARIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I should like to explain my reason for protesting against Captain Philps' Belgians at the late Palace Show. My main object was to prevent such an occurrence in the future, as it appears to me that under the present rules of the L. and P. O. S. and those of the Cage Bird Union, an exhibitor who chooses to take an advantage of others may do so without any penalty falling on him. I think that all show secretaries and the Cage Bird Union should either make a rule to prevent a bird being shown in more than one class at one show, or they should state we may enter one bird in as many classes as it is eligible for, and so prevent such competition (in my opinion, unfair competition) as took place in the Belgians' class at the late Palace Show. Personally, I am strongly in favour of one bird one class, as I consider it will greatly injure the Cage Bird Fancy to allow one bird to be entered in more than one class at one show, as it does not give the best in the class its rights.

G. S. BAKER.

Have you given the notice respecting CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL for 1908 your attention?

THE YORKSHIRE UNION AND THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The Question of a Working Arrangement.

SIR,—Assuming that the report of the Cage Bird Union Annual Meeting, held in Manchester on February 22nd, is correct, I feel that the time has arrived when I am compelled by circumstances to enter a strong protest against what cannot be considered otherwise than shabby and ungentlemanly treatment of myself at the hands of Mr. Lythgoe, at the same time casting undeserved reflection upon the Council of the Yorkshire Union. I sincerely trust that such treatment has been unwittingly dealt out, and was simply the result of temporary forgetfulness of the true facts of the case. I wish, with your permission, to place before the members of both Unions, and, in fact, Fanciers generally, my reasons for feeling somewhat annoyed at the recent turn of events. I will only refer to that portion of the report which directly concerns myself and the Union I have the honour to serve, and which deals with the subject matter of this letter, as shown in the heading. A delegate, Mr. Curtis, asked—"Why cannot you approach the Yorkshire Union and work together—give an exchange of privileges to each other—that our members be allowed to show at their Union shows, and their members be allowed to show at ours?" Mr. Lythgoe replied: "I have tried to come to an understanding with the Yorkshire Union, and have been in communication with the Secretary, Mr. Hammond, but they have wanted their rules to supersede ours, so no arrangement under these conditions could possibly be come to."

To this reply I beg to offer an emphatic and unqualified denial. In the first place, neither Mr. Lythgoe nor his committee have ever, to my knowledge, officially approached the Yorkshire Union Council or its secretary on any matter bearing on this subject, neither has the Yorkshire Union required that its rules should be observed at any other than its own Union shows. If Mr. Lythgoe has in mind a letter he addressed to me privately last September, and has based his reply to Mr. Curtis on the answer I sent him, I beg of him to call to memory the circumstances under which he wrote that letter, and also the injunction that I should treat it as "private and confidential." Until now I have considered myself in honour bound to do so, and consequently it has never been brought to the notice of the Yorkshire Union Council. The situation is now changed, and, after Mr. Lythgoe's statement, nothing satisfactory can be explained without the publication of this letter and my reply to the same. I therefore beg to submit them herewith:—

(COPY OF MR. LYTHGOE'S LETTER.)

THE CAGE BIRD UNION,
25, Stamford Street,
Old Trafford,
Manchester,
Sept. 22, 1907.

Private and Confidential.

Mr. Fred Hammond.

Dear Sir,

I was pleased to see your announcement the other week as to Yorkshire Union shows being allowed a free hand in applying for the C.B. Union's patronage.

I have been intending for some considerable time writing you to ask if some arrangement could not be come to between the two Unions to each recognise the other's suspensions, etc.

I shall be glad if you would let me have the names and addresses of the secretaries of all the Y.U. Clubs, with a view to asking them to obtain license for their shows.

There is no doubt that it is a hardship on many Societies around Yorkshire that their members are debarred from exhibiting at the Yorkshire Union shows because not licensed, and also must have some effect on these shows' entries, and I think for the sake of the 5s. license fee, which would be repaid with three or four entries, they would be favourable to obtaining licenses.

The only point of difference would arise from the fact that your rules must prevail over all others at these shows, but in my private opinion I think your Union, being the older one, and exists only through the Societies forming it, the C.B.U. might give way on this point, and also recognise any suspensions the Y. Union may make, you doing the same by us.

I should be glad to have your views on this at your early convenience, so that, if possible, some arrangement may be come to between the two Unions before the show season opens.

I am not authorised by my council to make any suggestions, and trust you will treat this as confidential, but I hope I may be able to put some suggestions to the council on hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

(COPY OF REPLY.)

70, St. Margaret's Road,
Bradford, Sep. 23rd, 1907.

Dear Mr. Lythgoe,

Yours of the 22nd received this noon. So far as the Societies forming the Yorkshire Union are concerned their policy has ever been that of the "Open Door" as regards entries of exhibits at their winter shows. No one is debarred unless under suspension for some cause or other. Of course, they recognize the right of the C.B.U. to regulate their own affairs as seems to them best, and, whatever be their motive or object in prohibiting their members from exhibiting at unaffiliated or non-licensed shows, it is altogether outside the province of societies holding such shows to complain. Their right is to pay whatever fee you demand according to your rules if they desire the patronage of your members, and it was for the guidance of any such Yorkshire Union Society that the matter was brought forward at our last Council meeting. The resolution then passed, to which you refer, simply affirms the position the Yorkshire Union have invariably taken up. The societies forming the Union are at liberty to apply for any patronage they desire, providing same can be accepted without an infringement of the Rules of the Union. A comparison of these with those of the C.B.U. immediately reveals the fact that they seriously conflict with each other in the matter of which should be supreme in the case of a Yorkshire Union shows holding a C.B.U. Licence. I feel sure you will readily concede that the great humiliation and loss of self-respect which the Yorkshire Union Council would bring upon itself by allowing an affiliated society to place the Union rules in subjection to those of any other Union is more than any sane man would contemplate.

If (as in your private opinion you seem to think) the C.B.U. would give way on this point, and allow Yorkshire Union shows to be governed entirely and absolutely by the Yorkshire Union rules, the resolution of our last Council meeting gives me authority to state that the way is clear for any of our Societies to apply for the C.B.U. Licence. Given such an assurance from the C.B.U. I can see no reason why their licence to the Halifax Society should be cancelled, and would be pleased if you could re-assure your members on this point in this week's Press, seeing that entries for their show close on Tuesday of next week. But, I am afraid, it may be too late for you now to make the necessary arrangements in this case.

Regarding the two Unions recognizing each other's suspensions, I may say that, personally, I am in favour of such a step being taken, and am quite prepared to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council should other matters so mature as to call for serious consideration.

With kind regards and assurances of my deep respect, I am,

Yours very faithfully,
FRED. HAMMOND.

P.S.—It is quite an oversight on my part that you have not been furnished with a copy of our Year Book. I fully intended sending you one. You will find each secretary's name and address therein.

Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe,
Secretary, The Cage-Bird Union,
25, Stamford Street,
Old Trafford, Manchester.

A few of the points to which I wish to draw particular attention in Mr. Lythgoe's letter are as follows:—

(1) Its personal and private character, as evidenced by its heading and the last paragraph, thus effectively preventing me from replying in any other than a personal sense. How could I treat it privately and confidentially and at the same time divulge its contents to the Council of the Yorkshire Union?

(2) His request for information as to whether some arrangement could not be come to between the two Unions;

(3) That the only point of difference would arise from the fact that Yorkshire Union shows must be governed by Yorkshire Union rules, and

(4) That, in his private opinion, the Cage Bird Union might give way on this point.

To the last three points I would ask your readers to apply that portion of my reply which is printed in italics. What more can be desired or expected from me as a private individual in answer to a "private and confidential" communication? So far as I am concerned I have not altered my views one iota since September 23rd. I am just as anxious as Mr. Lythgoe seemed to be that the two Unions should work harmoniously together if possible. I infinitely prefer peace to discord—but it must be peace with honour. I am quite willing to-day, as then, to place before my Council any suggestions which the Cage Bird Union care to make officially, but I cannot stand aside and allow the blame for the present estrangement to be placed on the shoulders of those who have not deserved the punishment such a burden incurs. I quite frankly and honestly admit that since replying to Mr. Lythgoe I have daily been expecting a communication from the Cage Bird Union giving an outline of some suggested "working arrangement" between the two Unions. Seemingly, I have hoped in vain—at all events, up to the present; but my object in writing this letter is an attempt to show Mr. Curtis and gentlemen similarly minded that the Yorkshire Union and its secretary are not so blind and indifferent to the truest interests of the Fancy generally as Mr. Lythgoe's statement would imply.

FRED HAMMOND.
Hon. Secretary Yorkshire Union C.B.S.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR MANSFIELD AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—We are about to start a new society in Mansfield, to be held at the Greyhound Hotel, contributions 3s. per year. Will any one wishing to join send in their names to me at 12, Herbert street, Mansfield, or to Matt. Shachlock, Greyhound Hotel, Mansfield. JOSEPH SMITH.

STANDARD LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—In thanking Mr. Elsmore for the courteous and manly withdrawal contained in his letter of last week, I would like to say that Clause 2 was proposed, seconded, carried, and confirmed by Yorkshiremen at meetings held in Yorkshire. Further, that at the time when the standards were drawn up and adopted, birds were measured from the tip of the beak to the end of the tail.

C. A. HOUSE.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

The Novices' Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

(*Continued from page* 231.)

To Complete the Roof.

The roof of this structure being of only half-inch wood, there is a great risk of its getting warped by heat and wet. If another layer of half-inch wood could be superimposed over this at a distance of about three-quarters of an inch or one inch, it would make a vast improvement, and not only form a protection to the real roof, but will indirectly make a great improvement in the room itself by keeping it cooler in the hottest part of summer, and the temperature more equable at all times. By this, of course, is meant that the superstructure should be supported by strips of lath nailed down to the roof at each end, with an extra similar support at a distance of about eighteen inches across the full width of the roof. Thus there will exist an air-space of the thickness of the supports used between the two roofs, and the existence of this space, providing an egress is left at the top, as there should be, will cause a current of cool air to be always circulating between the two layers of wood when a hot sun beats fiercely upon the top, and the atmosphere in the house itself escapes being overheated.

Where this is not considered expedient, the existing roof of wood should be well tarred, and then covered with a layer of roofing felt. Two or three coats of tar should next be given the upper surface of the felt. Each coat should be allowed to become dry before another is applied. This will ensure the roof being waterproof for some months at least, and if care is taken to repeat the tarring once or twice a year, and a gutter made and kept in good order along the eaves, it will form a most useful roof permanently, and the tarring will do some little to keep the roof cool during the sultry weather. The plan of tarring and felting the top surface will also prove most advantageous in cases where a double roof is constructed. It costs comparatively little, and its advantages are so great that it is very advisable to carry it out in all cases.

To make the Window Secure.

The window would be the next item to consider. As the window in the shed in question is very large in proportion to the total area of the frontage, it calls for particular treatment; but in all cases, whether large or small, it is a wise policy to deal with windows in the same way. That is, to nail securely over the window-space on the outside a piece of half-inch mesh wire-netting, and to hang a similar piece over the window-space inside. If the window has a sash to slide up and down, it would be well to allow the inside cover of netting to hang loosely, or, at any rate, to arrange it in such a way that it may be easily removed or turned aside to allow access to the window to open and close it in warm summer weather. But the outer covering should be permanently secured. It may be considered rather unnecessary to use two wire covers. Both have their especial use, however. The outer one not only keeps prowling cats and other predacious animals and birds at bay, but is a great protection against stones which may now and again be hurled at the window by mischievous boys, and the inner wire will often prevent a bird stunning itself by dashing violently against the window-pane when alarmed. The two wires also form a fairly secure safeguard against cats if the window should happen to get broken when no one is at hand to repair the mischief, and whilst the sashes are open for free ventilation.

A Safe Door.

When the birds are going to fly loose, as was suggested in the case submitted (being fully exposed out-doors), the necessity for making the door perfectly safe for the ingress and egress of the owner is of the greatest importance; otherwise, if this item is neglected or improperly carried out, some day the owner will be chagrined to find a bird—as likely as anything the best in the room—deftly pop out over his head as he is making an entrance for himself, and although the chances of its recapture are fairly rosy if one keeps cool and avoids making a mad rush for it and scaring it beyond all sight and sound of the remaining inmates of the bird-room, there is as a set-off a great risk of the bird contracting a severe chill, particularly if the day chosen for the expedition should be a cold or wet one.

A kind of porch before the existing door may be made by fixing up a piece of half-inch mesh netting, eighteen inches or two feet wide—the actual width must depend chiefly upon the space available, and perhaps, let us whisper it, the cubical stature of the owner. Having fixed this on to a light frame of wooden strips, proceed to make a similarly light door of wire and hang on to the front of this improvised porch, and you will then have two entrance doors to the room, with a wire enclosed space between them of the same depth as the width of the wire used to surround the actual door. Then, when entering the room, you have only to be careful to close the first wire door behind you before the inner door is opened, and—well, there you are.

In a large room this second door might be built inside the room, but in small places where all the space inside the room is required for the birds, it would be better to make some sacrifice externally in order to make it on the outside. A simpler and more primitive plan where this suggestion cannot for some reason be carried out, is to fix a curtain of coarse canvas all over the door on the outside, and a couple of feet or thereabouts larger than the door. This should be hung loosely enough to allow the owner to stand behind whilst opening the door, and as it cuts off the daylight whilst the door is opening, the birds will never make a dash in that direction, as they will be found when alarmed to invariably make a rush for some point where daylight is seen. It is, of course, necessary to make the curtain secure top and bottom to prevent its blowing about in every breeze. A little ingenuity will enable anyone to make such a cover with a couple of old sacks, and also to rig up a contrivance to make the curtain run on cords at the top and bottom, after the manner in which the housewife suspends her curtains.

The Internal Arrangements.

The converted shed will now be ready to furnish as a bird-room, and will prove as useful for all ordinary purposes as the most complicated and costly structure. For general breeding purposes with the birds flying loose I should be greatly tempted to fit it up inside with natural bushes secured to the walls in the same way as was described in the primitive bird-room at the beginning of these notes. But the plan of the other arrangements I should modify—or perhaps I had better say elaborate—in this way. The floor I should cover with a few barrow-loads of builders' sharp sand, spreading it a depth of at least an inch all over, or otherwise with a mixture of equal parts of sand and coarse-cut pine sawdust. The latter has the advantage of making the room always smell sweet and wholesome, and removes the musty birdy smell which is apt to pervade small enclosed spaces wherein a number of birds are kept month after month. And its absorbent nature is always a useful aid in keeping the floor dry where there exists the least tendency to dampness. Indeed, if the locality had the slightest tendency to dampness, I should make a point of always keeping a good proportion of sawdust mixed with the covering on the floor.

A very shallow box or wooden tray filled with old mortar pounded up finely should be kept in one corner throughout the spring and summer. It would, in fact, form a useful adjunct the whole year, but is of far more importance at the time named. For perches a supply of spars may be placed across the room in various positions above the level of the head, so that one can walk about without butting them down continuously. For the remainder, the twigs of the bushes round the walls, and a few suitable small branches trimmed into the shape of miniature trees, and stuck in pots or small boxes of soil, or even nailed on to small blocks of wood, to form a base for them to stand upon, may be placed at intervals about the floor.

Here it may be remarked that if these manufactured "trees" are stuck in soil for support, the soil may be utilised serviceably in another direction, by occasionally raking a few pinches of mixed bird-seed into the surface and keeping it slightly moist. It will grow rapidly in such a situation, but not quick enough to make any headway against the attacks of the birds, who will clear it off as fast as its first green shoots put in their appearance.

The Refectory.

In the centre of the room a small table may be improvised with three deal boards about one yard long, neatly joined together edgewise, and nailed on to a cross-piece at each end; and the board will then be somewhere about thirty-six inches long by thirty inches wide, supported upon trestles at a convenient height for placing food, etc., upon, say, about two feet six inches or thereabouts. This, when placed near the centre of the room will have the full advantage of the light from the the window.

On this table all the food should be placed, and in order to prevent quarrelling it will be advisable to keep at least two seed hoppers, soft food dishes, and water vessels. The first and last-named should be of the self-supplying type, to prevent both waste and the soiling of the food and water. The seed hoppers ought also to be sub-divided into separate compartments for the different kinds of seed used, as this will prevent the birds throwing out good seed and wasting it. Two self-supplying fountains should be provided, and three or four small shallow china pans for the moist food which will be in use during the breeding season—either the usual egg-food, or any substitute that may be preferred—and such other things as soaked rape seed, and crushed hemp, and a few flakes of cuttle-fish, will complete the furnishings of this bird-table.

(To be continued.)

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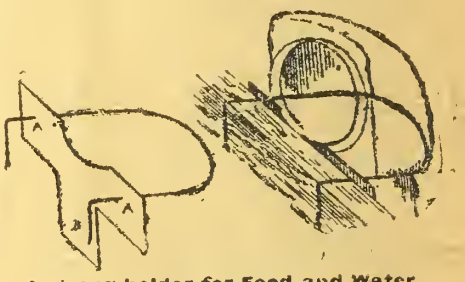
No. 185.

A FOOD VESSEL HOLDER.

Sent by W. J. Cowan, 9, Windsor Terrace Falmouth.

The illustration represents an arrangement for holding the cups containing food and water. The wire is bent around so as to take the cups or bottles which are about 2½ inches in diameter. Two holes are drilled in the metal at "A" and



A strong holder for Food and Water Vessels.

"A," the wire is put through and soldered, and the ends are then bent so as to hang to the side of the cage. The extension of the metal marked B keeps the wire loop perfectly horizontal. This arrangement can be used on metal cages as well as on wood and requires no fitting.

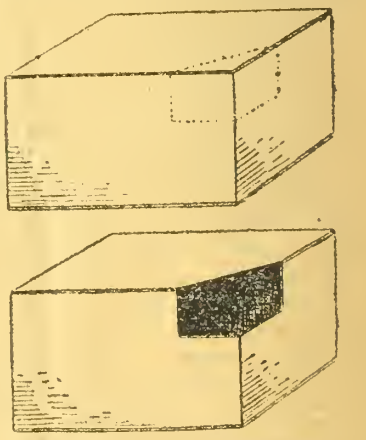
W. J. Cowan.

No. 186.

FOREIGN BIRD NEST-BOXES.

Sent by A. G. Baker, 9, Council Terrace, Rhyl.

Herewith is a sketch showing a simple method of making a nest-box for foreign birds. In the first place, take a small box



Useful Easily-made Nest-box.

and nail the lid on. Then make two saw-cuts, as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. I, thus cutting an opening as shown in Fig II. Improvements may be made as they suggest themselves to the breeder. For instance, holes may be bored for purposes of ventilation.

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An Outside Aviary: How to Build and Stock it.

By VINCENT E. BUTLER.

First and foremost in this little article I shall try and explain how to build a foreign bird aviary such as can be put up by any Novice who can use a hammer and saw. Few other tools, I may say, were used in the construction of mine.

The Commencement of Operations.

The aviary I advise is a lean-to structure with a gable centre portion, roofed all over, and having a wire front and boarded ends. It should face south if possible. I am going to assume that we are engaged in building one against a wall; if no wall is available the same description will apply but in that event a boarded back must be constructed. The dimensions are, we will say, length 18 ft., width 5 ft., and height 5 ft. 6 inches in front and 7 ft. at back, the gable centre rising to about 9 or 10 ft.

First level the ground; then with 3 by 3 inch quartering make an oblong frame 18 ft. long by 5 ft. wide and place this flat on the ground against the wall in position. We have then the foundation. The next thing is to fix the upright posts, using 3 by 3 inch stuff throughout. These can be either nailed on to the ground frame or let into it. Four posts will be needed for the front, placed 6 ft. apart. Two will be sufficient at the back. The front posts will be 5 ft. 6 inches high, the back posts 7 ft. high.

Now take two 18 ft. lengths and nail on to the top—one on the back and one on the front and ends. On the top of these rails fix the centre gable, which we will suppose has a span of 6 ft. It may be any height that may be desired; but 4 ft. from the top rail is a convenient height, making 9½ft. from the ground. The door posts should be fixed at one end and 3 ft. apart.

I trust I have made myself clear up to this point. A glance at the sketch should make matters perfectly clear. Now dig out just inside about 1 ft. deep. We are then ready for the front. The wire used should be of ½ inch mesh, carefully strained from the top right down to the ground, part of which has been dug out. Thus the wire netting will be 1 ft. below the bottom rail. Now fill in with ashes or brick rubbish to within about 2 inches of the top of the bottom rail and finish off flush with cement.

Some Ornamental Touches.

We have thus a perfect, mice-proof floor. The roof should now be seen to and the boards used should lap over the front by about 8 inches in order to carry the rain well off the wire front. The wood for the roof of our aviary can be cheaply obtained, by buying from any wholesale dealer in picture frame mouldings two crates such as picture mouldings are sent in. These are usually sold at 3/6 each and two of them are quite sufficient for the whole roof. Cover the whole roof with good quality roofing felt, and give two coats of tar.

It will be noticed that thus far our aviary front presents rather a rough appearance, the frame work and uprights being composed of unplaned quartering. We therefore take a planed floor board, 18 ft. long and 6 inches wide and with a compass or even an ordinary dinner plate, mark out half or semi-circles along its entire length. With a key-hole saw cut out this ornamental facing board and nail along the top front rail, completely hiding the rough frame. Another 18 ft. length of floor board should be treated in the same way and nailed along the bottom rail. Shorter lengths treated similarly can be nailed up the posts.

Our front now presents quite a respectable appearance and the work of painting is made very easy.

The Gable Construction.

I should not omit to mention that the centre gable portion should be ornamented in just the same way. They present a nice appearance, and fulfil a doubly useful purpose in that they form a good flange, under which the spring rollers of some stout canvas blinds can be fastened. These blinds can be pulled down at night time and in bad weather, and in the day time can be run up out of sight.

Now make a triangular frame to fit nicely into the gable front. This can be made of 1 by 2 inch stuff. Nail on to this some stout canvas and give two coats of paint. Thus we have a nice shutter, which can be pushed up under the facing board of the gable and fastened with two buttons, as seen in the sketch. We have also a splendid roosting place free from cats, rain and the ravages of bad weather.

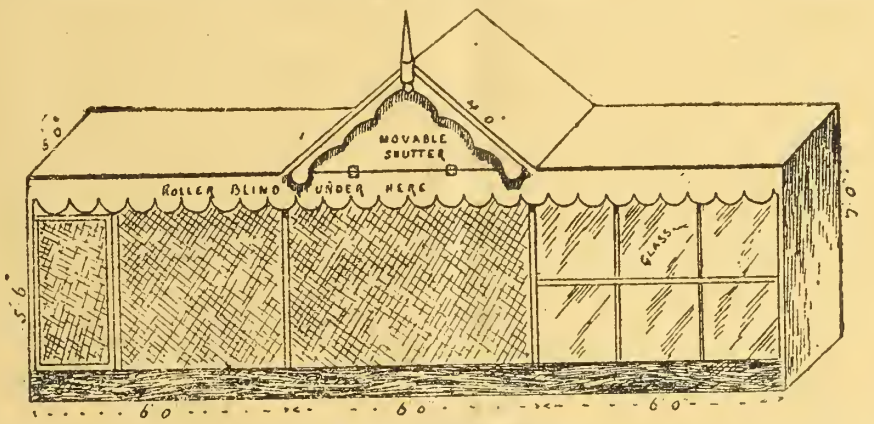
Of course if preferred this gable end can be permanently boarded up instead of being wired and shuttered. But I find that the birds are very fond of this portion of the aviary and spend a good portion of their time there.

The Windows, Door and Blinds.

Now procure from a builder or jobber an old window consisting of upper and lower sashes. These placed side by side under the facing boards and screwed up in position under the wire (as seen in Fig. 2) form the real roosting quarters, and most of the birds will be found to roost in this place, although many will prefer the gable. Thus this aviary will provide ample shelter during all kinds of weather.

The glass portion will need to be wire-netted outside as well inside, but the wire netting need not be so small, 1 inch mesh being plenty small enough.

The next thing is to hang the door. I find the best place is at the extreme end. It can then be 2 ft. wide without the slightest inconvenience. The aviary is thus composed of 6 feet of glass front and 12 ft. of open wire front, with a gable 6 ft. at the widest.



Mr. Butler's Outdoor Aviary.

Under the flanges formed by the facing boards on the open wire portion the roller blinds previously mentioned can be hung, and although these are not really necessary for an aviary so snug as the one I am trying to describe, one has a comfortable feeling in winter-time when the wind and sleet are blowing if he is able to pull these blinds down, and know that his pets are snug and safe. The inmates of the aviary are also free from cats and all outside annoyances.

Now paint all the wood work with two good coats of dark green, giving all the wire work two coats of Brunswick black. Our Foreign bird aviary is then complete. The total cost of the work is something under £3.

Stocking the Aviary.

This aviary is suitable for all the seed eating Finches that are usually kept out of doors and is plenty large enough for 60 birds of about the size of a Sparrow. The interior, including the roof, can be coloured with washable water paint—a nice light blue. This will show up the inmates well. The glazed portion should be plentifully fitted up with snug sleeping-boxes and some branches of natural trees.

The gable portion should also be well-fitted with twiggy branches for roosting purposes. The 12 ft. open wire front should be supplied with sufficient perches, but care should be taken not to over-do it in this direction, as it is calculated to hamper the free flight of the birds so essential to their health.

The birds I should advise the amateur at any rate to commence with, I have found exceedingly hardy. They give very little trouble, many of them will breed and show a margin of profit over the cost of their keep.

The following are a few of the species that will be found both hardy and useful, and withal very cheap: Blackheaded Nuns, Whiteheaded Nuns, Zebra Finches, Java Sparrows (both Grey and White), Weavers, Spice birds, Cockatiels, Budgerigars (both green and yellow), Zebra Doves, a pair of Common Quails, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Siskins, Linnets, Redpolls, etc. These make a very interesting collection. It should be mentioned, however, that Budgerigars should be kept in a minority as they are likely, if too numerous, to be dangerous to the small Finches.

The Crested Canary in Australia.

Two interesting papers reprinted from the Australian "Poultry and Kennel News."

The Use of Yellow Blood.

Paper read before the Victorian Canary Society.

By W. ELLIOTT.

Is the use of the yellow blood essential for the production of high-class Crests?

The reason why I apply this question more particularly to Crests is because the breeders of this variety in Victoria so entirely discard the use of yellows in their breeding stock, and I often ask myself the question: Why? And is it not just as necessary to have an infusion of yellow blood in this variety as in every other? I am going to answer this question in the affirmative, and as I cannot speak from actual experience in this variety, I intend to make a few remarks on the general theory as to how it applies in the other varieties. As you are all aware, in every form and variety of Canaries we have the two colours—yellow and buff—two distinct forms of feathers, each having a different effect, and each counteracting and controlling the action of the other to such an extent that the use of both, to my mind, is indispensable in the production of a high-class specimen of any variety. The buff supplies length and density of feather, while the yellow contributes colour, silkiness of texture, brightness and quality.

The orthodox method of breeding high-class Canaries is to pair yellow to buff and buff to yellow, and so consistently is this principle carried out in such varieties as Norwich, Cinnamons, and Yorkshires, where colour and compact close feather is of so much importance, and so satisfactory and effective has been the result that any departure is very rarely necessary. But should the breeder find that his birds were becoming coarse and harsh in feather, he would pair up a pair or two of double yellows, and by pairing the progeny of these pairs, back to the buffs bred in the ordinary way, he would soon counteract the defect. On the other hand, if his stock were becoming thin and scant in feather, he would resort to double buffing, and the progeny from these paired judiciously would produce the desired effect.

To the breeder of Plainhead Norwich, Cinnamons, Lizards, Yorkshires, or any variety, bar Crests, the yellow bird is absolutely indispensable. It is his fountain of colour. He must have yellow. Just fancy going into a Norwich breeder's room and seeing nothing but buffs. What a washed-out, one-sided affair it would look! No one would tolerate it, and as he must have yellows, he must breed with yellows, because he cannot breed yellows from two buffs. On the other hand, double yellows will very often throw buffs, but it is absolutely necessary to have both yellow and buff in a well-ordered room. Breeding consistently from double yellows you would soon get a ragged, scant-feathered lot of birds. By constant double buffing you lose colour, and your birds will become coarse and harsh in feather, while by judiciously manipulating the two you will produce both yellows and buffs of much superior quality.

In Cinnamons, the general use of the yellow blood is just as necessary to keep up colour and quality; double buffing should be resorted to as little as possible, as the constant use of it will make your buffs in particular lose that beautiful nut-brown colour, and to take on that washed-out greenish, slatey colour, that none of us want to see in our Cinnamons. Even the Lizard breeder must have his yellow blood. He must have his gold to keep his colour up, and to throw his spangling well on the surface. Breeding with double silvers would soon land him in trouble, by causing the colour to become flat, and the spangling indistinct. He, like the rest, must have the two to turn out the one good one.

Now, gentlemen, by these remarks on the other leading varieties, I think I have shown you (in theory, at any rate), that the use of the yellow blood is absolutely necessary, not only to produce yellows, but equally so in the production of high-class buffs. Why not in Crests? Why do the Crest breeders of Victoria absolutely discard the use of it? What do they think they are gaining by so consistently double buffing, or do they ever give it a thought that they may possibly be losing a great deal by not taking a dip into the yellow fountain now and again?

As many of you are aware, we have been breeding the present type of crested Norwich for about fifteen years, and during the whole of that time, with only one or two exceptions, year after year, the whole of the birds have been bred double buffs.

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Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR,

(Continued from page 194).

Diseases (continued).

"Going light" is often caused by unsuitable or non-nutritious food. If the bird is to be saved, the case must be taken in hand at once. In all the bird books you are told to go and catch a good fat spider, give it to the bird, and the cure is certain. How one spider, however fat, could cure a half-dead bird has always passed my comprehension. I take it that the "fat spider" was symbolic of a liberal supply of insect food. As I said in a former chapter, people should not keep soft-bills unless they can afford to buy proper food. All soft-bills, even Blackbirds and Larks, require live insect food daily to keep them in good form, though they may exist without it. You might exist on prison fare, but you would not enjoy it.

Nakedness is hardly a disease, but it can speedily induce disease and death. Many a soft-bill bird comes over here picked all to pieces. I have frequently had them consisting simply of a naked pink body, surmounted by a head more or less bald. right feathers and tail. Now, it needs no great experience to foretell that such a bird, brought from a tropical climate and landed here, say, in February (a very favourite month, by the bye), will not long survive the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. Some dealers offer these birds as a "trifle rough," and at very tempting prices. It is all right for an experienced aviculturist to buy them, as he knows how to pull them round; but how about the novice?

One day I got a wire from a dealer: "Will you take 10 Zosterops, usual condition, cheap?" I knew the "usual condition" as a euphemism for stark naked. I wired back: "Gladly." They were the very raggedest regiment ever I had ever seen. They had not enough feathers among them to clothe a self-respecting Tomtit. A beginner would have put them into a big, roomy cage, and in the morning would have discovered ten little miserable corpses. Being a man of experience, I did otherwise. I got ten little wooden travelling-cages, and confined each Zosterop "each in his narrow cell apart," to parody Gray's Elegy. Why? you will ask me. Because these birds had plucked each other, and if I had left them together they would have remained naked and not ashamed to the end, like Adam and Eve. By the way, did you ever hear the comment of the old lady on hearing these words read in church? "And they were naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed." "Well, then," she snorted, "they ought to have been." This is a digression.

I put the Zosterops in a separate cage, and then I humbly asked leave of my domestic Cassandra to put them in her greenhouse. Leave was graciously given. I gave them plenty of water to bathe in, good soft food and plenty of mealworms, and in a month I had ten as beautiful Zosterops as ever gladdened human eyes.

Dirt is almost a disease. It certainly will kill the strongest bird. Most soft-bills come over in a deplorable condition, plastered with filth from head to tail. The simple remedy is a good tub. It is quite easy to wash a bird. Get a small pudding-basin, fill it with soft warm water, get your shaving-brush, make a good lather and well wash the bird all over; then rinse thoroughly, squeeze out all the water you can, and put the bird in a cage before, but not too near, the fire. In half an hour he will be preening himself, and the next day Richard will be himself again.

In doctoring birds, it will be well to remember the old story: A countryman met a neighbour and asked him how his sick father was. "He's dead," was the laconic answer. "But how do you know?" was the somewhat surprised reply. "You have not seen him for some hours." "Why," was the startling answer, "because doctor said he would be, and he should ken, for he knows what he gi'ed him." My reader can apply the moral.

With regard to the general uselessness of doctoring birds, I often think of an old farmer's wife I once knew who complained bitterly about her deceased husband. "'Ee," she said—"he cost me a matter o' ten pounds—port wine and beef tea all the while, which seemed nothing but a sinful waste, seeing that he couldn't get well." I told her that I had always heard that husbands were an expensive luxury, but I had never realised it to the full before.

In the above paragraphs I have given you some of my opinions on diseases and their remedies, but you needn't adopt them. You can, if you like, do like the old Irish Bishop who declared with emphasis that he never took an important step without consulting his Canons. "But do you always follow their counsels, my lord?" The Bishop, emphatically, "Never!"

Chap. 3: My Brother Aviculturists.

There is a passage in Selden's Table Talk which if I recollect it aright, may be paraphrased in some such form as this: "The lion, reeking of slaughter, met his neighbour the sheep, and after exchanging the time of day with her, asked her if his breath smelt of blood? She replied, 'yes,' whereupon he snapped off her head for a fool. Immediately afterwards he met the jackal, to whom he addressed the same question. The jackal answered, 'No,' and the lion tore him to pieces for a flatterer. Last of all he met the fox, and asked the question a third time. The fox replied that he had a cold in his head and could smell nothing much."—Wise men say little in dangerous times.

In the avicultural world many things are dangerous. For instance, it is an axiom among bird lovers that no one has any right to any opinion. This is the mental attitude of all professors. Ninety-nine out of every hundred doctors deny the right of any being to have ideas respecting maladies and treatment of maladies, even his own; or upon any question connected with their guild. As for the law, observe to a lawyer that most law is in direct antagonism to common sense, and he will reply, "It is the Law"—much as an old Greek might have said—Yonder shadow in the path is the God Pan—horns, hoofs and all, worship him. It is the same with Aviculturists. "I am Sir Oracle, and when I ope' my mouth let no dog bark." Of course I am the exception that proves the rule. I am always ready, eager to learn, and what I do not know would make a good library.

Incredulity is one of the worst faults of the aviculturist. He says at his leisure what David once said in his haste—all men are liars; at any rate all birdy men. I know some of my friends who won't believe that you are telling them the truth, unless you keep on telling them the same thing over and over again, just like some old ladies who find it difficult to believe that the train is going direct to the place appointed of Bradshaw, until they have been verbally assured upon the point by two guards, one porter and a newspaper boy. This incredulity is most pointedly displayed in the question of medals. Unless you can trace the bird from the moment it is hatched to the exact present, your chances are hopeless. Of course, you may take the position of Palmerston, who declined to pay the customary fees to the Dean and Chapter of Windsor on being made a Knight of the Garter; and on being told that unless he paid, his banner would not be erected in St. George's Chapel, replied that as he never went to church at Windsor, or anywhere else, the omission would not much affect him. This is, of course, a lofty and independent attitude, which we all admire, though, alas! I could never imitate it when a medal was in question. I wanted my banner hung up, so I had to meekly furnish the required information, but sometimes it was very contrary to flesh and blood for the manner in which it was asked. I should often have liked to say something, but I know the irritability of the average aviculturist in power, and that a reverential reticence is the safest course. When most angry, I have written just a nice and loving letter, quite in the spirit of the Cambridge professor who called William II. quite the nicest emperor he ever knew.

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

The Buildings of the Rooks.

We have had a cold damp week, followed by falls of snow. The cold did not interfere much with the doings of the wild birds, but the snow has stopped the singing of the Thrushes and Blackbirds, and even the Syklark has been mute for the last two days. The white mantle of snow lays thickly across field and meadow, and these birds have once more to face all the old difficulties of procuring food under adverse conditions. Wild birds are big eaters, consequently they must work hard in such times as these, and have no time for song. The only place just now where any kind of noise is heard from the wild birds is in the vicinity of the Rookery. In the early Spring it would take something almost as serious as an earthquake to stay the Rook talk, even for a short period,—they have always so much to say. How hardy these big fellows are! Their homes are in the tall trees, exposed to all the elements; even a gentle breeze which we feel and enjoy as we walk beneath the trees is magnified to almost a gale in the branches above, we can see it as we watch the swaying of the tops. In a snow storm, or when the cast wind blows, the cold at such an elevation must be intense, for there is no shelter, and through it all, the hardy Rook builds and lays, and incubates its eggs. In consequence of its lofty position, few bird lovers have had the opportunity of carefully examining the home of the Rook. Its solidity is wonderful. An outer network of twigs, roughly cemented together with mud or clay, is followed by a lining or turf, and an inner lining of moss, wool, grass and straw. The nest is finished off smoothly, inside, and is quite impervious to the weather. Its only error in construction, looking at it from a human point of view, is its shallowness. A nest situated in the topmost branches of a tall tree exposed to all weather, and constantly swaying in the wind, and in rough weather rocking violently, should to our way of thinking be a deep cup-shaped structure. This shallowness of construction is more apparent in the first nests built by beginners, than it is in the homes which have been in use for several years. These have been added to yearly, and by these additions, the rim has from time to time been repaired, strengthened and raised

The Gray Lag Goose.

It is stated that the Gray-Lag Goose, which now breeds in the extreme north of Scotland, nested annually on the marshes in the eastern counties a century ago.

A Woodland Thief.

The Jay is supposed to be particularly fond of the eggs of the Wren, and yet the Wren's nest may often be found in the moss-grown stump of a tree, near to the home of the Jay. During the breeding season the Jay is especially destructive to the eggs of small birds, and it appears to me very doubtful if the small eggs of the Wren would come in for particular attention.

Richly Coloured Eggs.

It has been suggested that the richly coloured eggs of some birds are laid by the older individuals, and that the lightly coloured ones are the produce of young birds. There may be something in this theory, yet one is inclined to think that the highly coloured specimens are laid by birds constantly producing them, and that this ability to do so is transmitted from parent to children. As proof of such, it has been noticed in colonies of sea birds that the beauty of the eggs decreases where they have been systematically robbed of the best marked specimens.

Where the Golden Plovers Nest.

Anyone at all interested in bird life cannot pass through the market or by a big game dealer's place without taking note of the various birds there offered for sale. Following the game, come the waders, such as Curlews, Wimbrels, Teal, Wild Duck, Plovers, etc. Among these latter we see a few of the golden species. These are readily distinguished by the golden feathers mingled with the rest of the plumage. The throat and breast are black. This is a very interesting bird. Dixon says: "It is a resident bird, but its numbers are increased during winter, and our local birds wander from their upland haunts to the littoral districts at that season. It retires to its breeding grounds in March and April. These are situated on the upland moors and mountain plateaux, thousands of feet above sea-level in some localities, almost on it in others."

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WANTED two pairs Norwich, unrelated, value 30/-, in exchange for Lloyd's Encyclopædia, half bound, new condition; approval.—J. Munday, 11, Thurbout-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED, pair of first-class Yorkshire, not more than two years old; exchange two pairs black Long-faced Tumblers; sell 30/-.—Walter Lycett, Apedale View, Chesterton, Staffs.

WANTED, good typical unflighted Norwich yellow cock, exchange 4 Norwich buff hens, sell 7/6 each; one yellow, one buff Cinnamon hen, will sell 5/- each.—W. Lang, 60, Alexandra-rd., Lowestoft.

WANTED to exchange, the best coloured Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid alive for four cocks and two hens for feeders, or sell 30/-; approval.—Harry Mills, Old Manor House, Great Houghton, Northants.

CANARIES, cages, singing Rollers preferred for "Principles, Practices, Medicine," by John Hughes Bennett; 468 illustrations; also "Peerage, Baronage, Knightage, etc.," illustrated. Hobart, 139, Queen-st., Walsall.

WANTED, breeding cage, 36 in. by 15 in. by 11 in., wired, ½-in.; give nearly new Terrier kennel, 30 in. by 18 in., cost 10/6, or new curtain stretcher, takes 4 yds. by 2 yds., cost 10/6.—Carter, 6, Portland-st., Lincoln.

WANTED, Canaries, any variety; exchange real grand Italian mandoline, beautiful tone, or splendid violin case and bow, complete, sell 30/- each; mutual approval; what offers?—Chas. John, Camp-rd., Norwich.

WANTED, Canaries for "Bovril Picture," "Relief of Ladysmith," and 1 pair entitled "Love's Guiding Star," "Guardian Angel," unframed, new condition; sell 12/6.—Greenwood, Gloucester-rd., Newbury, Berks.

WANTED, two treble compartment, up-to-date breeders, will give in exchange good quarter-plate hand camera, 12 plates, accessories, sell 17/6; deposit; stamp reply.—Schofield, 4, Sandsfield-lane, Gainsboro', Lincs.

WANTED, offers in Norwich for prize-bred white pom bitch, over distemper, clean, perfect model, 9 months, good reasons for selling; bargain 21/-, or exchange to value 25/-; approval.—Wilcock, 96, Brunswick-rd., Sheffield.

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, Linnets, cocks or cages for splendid pure white Bull terrier dog, 40 lb., 12 months, or sell 35/-; approval willing if carriage paid both ways.—Mr. Hull, 45, Walcswood-cottages, Waleswood, near Sheffield.

WANTED two extra good, typical Yellow Norwich cocks in exchange for splendid half-plate camera and accessories, cost £4 10s.; birds first; stamp particulars; approval.—Thorpe, 66, Fielding-rd., Wadsley Bridge, Sheffield.

WANTED Canaries, also aviaries or double breeders; exchange new fine oil paintings, in massive gilt frames, also good pictures in artistic oak frames, or "Foot's" Turkish bath cabinet; approval.—Dallas, 13, Union-st., Inverness.

WANTED, will give 9d. each, hen Goldfinches, 1/6 cocks; Bullfinches 1/3 cocks, 6d. hens; hen mules, 1/-; colour-fed Canarics, 7/- pair; will deposit cash; take any quantity; carriage deducted.—Miss Harvie, Bird Stores, 4, Wickor, Sheffield.

WANTED, real good, large, stout body, clear yellow Lancashire Plainhead hen, 1907, give good variegated Crestbred cock, or wing marked Crested cock, 1907, from my champion winning blood, or sell 20/-; Lancashire first; approval.—Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

WANTED offers in Canaries, Poms, Bantams, fer Persian kitten, four months, good frill and coat, or sell 15/-; two 9-carat gold dress rings, five settings, 12/-; lady's silver watch, perfect order, 15/-; offers for lot or separate.—Bennion, Slater, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

JOHN GARLAND

wants to buy cock Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshire—I will deposit the amount with editor.—60, High-st., Bordesley, Birmingham.

WANTED FOR CASH,

Large stocks for high-class Canaries, Goldfinches, Linnets and all kinds of cage birds; send prices and particulars to Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

NATURAL HISTORY.

TAXIDERMY. High-class work at low prices.—Kendrick, Practical Taxidermist, Cook-st., Coventry.

SILKWORMS. Fertile eggs, post free, 100 4d., 500 1/-, 1,000 1/6.—Watkins and Doncaster, Naturalists, 36, Strand, London.

HANDSOME tropical butterflies for ornamental purposes, collections, living cocoons, very large tropical "silkmoths"; lists.—Ford, Entomologist, Southview, Bournemouth.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

Cock Goldfinch Sib. hen; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire cock.—Webb, 2, Winds-or-rd., Holloway, London.

EXCHANGE six cock Linnets, flying with Canaries all winter for cock Goldfinch.—Gale, Parliament-st., Ramsey, Man.

EXCHANGE pair exhibition Homers for house-moulted cock Goldfinch.—Gibson, 9, Bolan-st., Battersea, London.

EXCHANGE one pair of Goldfinches, and one pair of Linnets for two Norwich hens.—Michael Mentou, Athlone, Ireland.

EXCHANGE dark Linnet Canary, cock mule, for clear buff Norwich cock, or sell 6/6.—Toovey, 56, Belmont-st., Hull.

SIB. hen, 5/-; muling Goldfinch, 6/-; another, 5/-; exchange the two for Yellow Lancashire hen.—R. Pinnell, Warminster.

EXCHANGE cock Bullfinch, show cage, 8 cock Greenies for three German hens, offers.—Wilds, 8, Chestnut-rd., Horley.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, full song, 6 6; exchange fine Yellow Yorkshire hen; approval.—Jordan, Trinity-st., Oswestry.

HAND-REARED cock Thrush, 1907, full song, 10/6, exchange common Canaries, anything.—John Westrope, Bumpstead, Haverhill.

EXCHANGE large copper soldering iron and solder, for house-moulted cock Linnet or Siskin.—Pickett, 6, Lorne-rd., Dorchester.

GOLDFINCH mules, two cocks, two hens; exchange for yellow Norwich hen Canaries.—G. Forcman, High-st., Crayford, Kent.

TWO pair good house moulted Bullfinches, good condition, for Canary; exchange pair Norwich Canaries.—Coles, Banks, Long Buckby.

MULING Goldfinch, white-legged, large Norwich hen, 10/-; exchange chubby yellow cock; approval.—Baker, 12, Emus-rd., Stroud Green.

BEAUTIFUL hand-reared cock and hen Bullfinch 6/-; approval; exchange two good Norwich hens.—Chesebrough, Thorngate, Barnard Castle.

GRAND cock brown Linnet, caged September; exchange yellow hen Canary, Goldfinch; offers British.—E. Davies, Warrington-rd., Penketh.

COCK and two hen Goldfinch Mules, 8/-; exchange for triple breeder, new condition, or offer breeding cages.—Page, 132, Florence-rd., Wimbledon.

A grand Muling two-year old Goldfinch for sale, price 10/6; exchange for two young yellow hens—Apply, W. Lemon, Sutton, Wymondham.

FOUR large cocks and four hen Goldies for large Yellow Yorkshire cock; must be good singer or sell 13/-; cock to be sent first.—Morris, Athlone.

EXHIBITION Linnet-Muler, also three large Greenfinches; offers or exchange hen Bullies or cock Goldfinch.—Gove, 3, West Mary-st., Arbroath.

WHITE-LEGGED breeding cock Goldfinch, 8/6; monster house-moulted hen Bullfinch, 3/-; exchange Canaries.—E. Turner, 3a, Albert-rd., Oswestry.

EXCHANGE good dark Yellow cock Goldfinch Canary Mule for two good Norwich hens, or sell 12/6.—Wayling, 43, Etherley-rd., South Tottenham.

WANTED, yellow Norwich cock for Goldfinch, bred Mules last year, Norwich to be sent on approval.—Blackwood, Wellington-place, Southend-on-Sea.

FEW good house-moulted cock Finches; also 100 coloured plates, exchange yellow Norwich, Yorkshires, or Cinnamens.—Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton.

EXCHANGE white-legged cock Goldfinch, house-moulted, for a yellow Norwich hen; approval both ways.—M. J. Fitzsimonds, 190, Crookston-st., Glasgow.

HOUSE-MOULTED British Bullfinch, winner, very steady; exchange double breeder; no rubbish; approval; cage first.—Comibeer, 9, Western View, Southall.

PAIR 1906 hand-reared Bullfinches, built nest, laid in cage last year, sell 5/-; Norwich hens preferred, or offers; birds first.—Newell, Drayton, Daventry, Northants.

COLOUR-FED Goldfinch Mule, 15/-; crested cock Canary, 15/-; Norwich cock, 7/6; Canary reared hen Greenfinch, 3/-; exchange cock Lizard to value.—Mainprize, Witham.

WILL sacrifice most handsome Song Thrush, exceptionally grand songster, pure wild, mellow notes, beautifully spotted plumage, 5/-.—Goodacre, Tobacconist, Donington, Lincolnshire.

GRAND, hand-reared cock Bullfinch, 5/-; two Linnets, 3/-; exchange muling hens: Goldfinch, bred mules, winner '07-8; splendid condition, 10/-; offers.—Hillier, Mackenzie-st., Paisley.

FIVE large cock Linnets, one cock Twite, one house-moulted cock Linnet, a muler, 10/- the lot; or exchange two good cock Goldfinches. — Low, Waulkmill, Bleachfield, Arbroath.

WILL exchange two house-moulted cock Greenfinches, proved Mulers, for good Yorkshire hens.—Pritchard, 6a, South-st., Bushbury, Wolverhampton.

TWO cock Blackbirds, 2 Bullfinches, 1 Linnet, 1 Goldfinch, hens, pair Redpolls, aviary moulted; exchange Cinnamon or Yorkshire hens. G. Ashcrwood, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon.

NOTICE, exhibition Bullfinch; do Greenfinch, hand-reared Chaffinch, Mealy Redpoll, Yellowhammer and another Bullfinch, not so large but a good one; sell 12/6; exchange two Goldies; stamp.—Apply, Jamieson, 33, Agilvie place, Arbroath.

GRAND house-moulted white-legged cock Goldfinch, 10/-; cock Mule 7/-, twice house-moulted cock Bramblefinch, 3/6; cock Linnet, 2/-; cock Siskin, 2/6; pair of brown leggings, never worn, cost 8/11, sell 5/-, or exchange British birds.—J. Duffill, junr., Westbourne House, Worcester-st., Bromsgrove.

EXCHANGE three cock Brown Linnets, one hen, two cock Bullfinches, one hen, two cock Redpolls, one cock Green Linnet, one cock Bramblefinch, one cock Chaffinch, one cock Lark, three hen Canaries, all in outdoor aviary, for two pairs 1907 Norwich and three-compartment breeding cage.—W. Charters, 16, Cleveland-st., Holgate, York.

WHAT offers in Canaries for cock Bramblefinch, house-moulted, exhibition specimen; cock chaffinch, housemoulted, grand bird; Linnet, cock Bullfinch, house-moulted and four hen Bullies (two with soiled tails); would separate; also cock Linnet and hen Canary, bred mules last season, prefer Goldfinches for this lot.—Butler, 20, West-st., Gravesend.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

YELLOW hen Canary and breeding cage, 6/6, or offer.—Fishers, Melton Constable.

VARIEGATED buff cock, 1907, 10/-, exchange two hens.—Muscott, Tremont rd., Llandrindod.

PAIR good 1907 Norwich greens, exchange Roller hens.—Cornwall, New England, Peterborough.

NORWICH hens for sale, 2 - each, or exchange.—G., 41, Swaffield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth.

LONG, smart, 1907 Yorks. hen buff, exchange two Roller hens.—Cornwall, New England, Peterborough.

LOP rabbits, winners; exchange Canaries, Foreign or British birds.—Runacres, 76, Southwell-rd., South Lowestoft.

TWO typical yellow Yorkshire hens, 10/6, or exchange good yellow cock.—Belmont, Newlands Park, Sydenham.

EXCHANGE four pure Seifert hens, noted strain, for one good Seifert cock.—Beilby, Fawcett-st., Gainsborough.

FIVE good Norwich clear cock Canaries, cold room, 1907, sell 20/-; exchange value 25/.—J. Coombs, Finedon.

EXCHANGE buff Yorkshire and house-moulted Linnet, cocks, for Yorkshire hens or Crests.—6, Tancred-rd., Liscard.

EXCHANGE good Silver Lizard hen for Yorkshire cock or sell 7/6.—G. Rawlings, 21, Dagmar-terrace, Islington, London.

WILL exchange good pair of Yorkshire Canaries for good pair of Norwich; or sell 12/6.—Palmer, 63, Cromwell-rd., Bristol.

TWO pairs good Norwich Canaries, 1907, 7/6 pair, 1 cock worth 10/-, for singing, exchange £1.—Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock and buff hen, 12/6; or exchange pullets for laying purposes.—J. Cowell, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs.

EXCHANGE good Norwich cock and breeding cage for typical Yorkshire; or offer.—Walker, Tobacconist, Conway.

WILL exchange good buff Norwich cock for big yellow hen: mutual approval.—J. T. Croswaite, Hoyland, near Barnsley.

A double-crest and Crestbred hens, 10/- each; approval or exchange Norwich cocks.—H. Reid, West Ryton, Co., Durham.

1907 HARTZ cock Canary, full song, large cage, 6/6; exchange two Norwich hens.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

TWO pairs Yorkshire Canaries; exchange pair Norwich or Yorkshire Greens, or sell 25/-.—Cotton, Broughton-st., Hebden Bridge.

PAIR clear Norwich prize strain, for two 1907 chubby, clear, yellow hens, sell 20/-, cock Goldfinches, 3/6.—Brain, Glastonbury.

SELL, four good Norwich hens, Canaries 12/-, or exchange poultry, giving up.—Whetton, 7, Berry-hedge-lane, Wm hill, Derbyshire.

SACRIFICE genuine Hartz Roller Canary, in pretty drawing-room cage, complete 5/-.—Hayman, 47, Mereeron-houses, Globe-rd., E.

BREEDING cages; few hen Canaries; exchange cocks, full song, or offers; approval.—Scholes, 315, Oldham-rd., Middleton, Manchester.

COLOUR-FED Blackbird, winner, show cage 30/-, exchange good Yorkshire hens, Canaries.—Raybould, 128, Dixon's Green, Dudley, Worc.

WANTED, hen Canary; exchange pearl pocket knife, best hand-forged blades, workmanship guaranteed.—Gill, 2 in 2, Eldon-st., Sheffield.

TWO Yorkshire hens 6/-; also 7 breeding cages, £1, or exchange for boots, boys' clothes, anything useful.—Herbert Schofield, Skelmanthorpe.

LIVING animals of the world, complete in 24 parts, coloured plates, quite clean; offers Borders.—Riddles, 9, Millers-rd., Preston, Brighton.

1907 HEN Canaries, suitable for muling; exchange Crest cock; pair of Border Fancy, 10/6; also good songsters, 7/6 each.—F. Edmead, Guildford.

EXCHANGE singing cross cock Canary, 1907, for good crested hen, 1907; approval.—Thomas Flannery, Birch-avenue, Brooklands, Manchester.

THREE healthy 1907 common hen Canaries and one Greenfinch Mule; exchange for good Norwich cock, or offers.—Mucahy, 19, Hambro-rd., Streatham, S.W.

TWO clear buff Crestbred hens 6/- each; Crestbred cock, crested hen, 15/- pair, would exchange for exhibition British.—Bishop, Alderson rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 1907 Norwich Crested buff cock 14/-, or exchange Muling Siskin and yellow Norwich hen; approval both ways.—J. R. Mudd, Taylor Cottages, Bedale.

TYPICAL Buff Norwich cock, unflighted, 12/6; would exchange for typical Plainhead Lancashire hen, unflighted.—Allen, Upper Thrift-st., Northampton.

PAIR grand Yorkshires, 10/6; cock Goldfinch mule, Finch note, 7/6; exchange common Canaries; anything in exchange.—17, Blakey-st., Longsight, Manchester.

EXCHANGE grand typical yellow Yorkshire cock, 1907, or buff Norwich cock for large buff Norwich hen; on approval.—Beaumont, Long-lane, Moldgreen, Huddersfield.

WHAT offers in Canaries in exchange for good silver, English lever watch, capped, jewelled, going order, 27/6; approval.—Heron, Burnside, Castle Douglas, N.B.

FOR sale or exchange several well-bred Hartz, also Norwich Canaries, splendid singers; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/-; Budgerigars, 5/- pair.—Thomson, 27, Eccleston-st., S.W.

FOR sale, four good buff Norwich hens, at each, or exchange for two good clear yellows; 1 first H. Wicker, 41, Read-st., Halstead, Essex.

STEARNS No. 4 bone-cutter, perfect, condition as new, cost 50/-, accept 30/-; or exchange for 1 good crested hens; approval both ways.—J. B. Halebank, Widnes.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, not rubbish (Baile strain) 12/6, 15/- pair, sell or exchange sewing copper brass, or anything useful.—M. Cooper, Tailor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE Crest or crest-bred for good gent's Sunday boots, size 6, or lady's silver watch, or lady's gold guard; all bred from winners; approval.—Sisson, 5, Blake-st., Ilkeston.

NORWICH. Sell or exchange few good Yellow and Buff cocks, from my winners, warranted, 10/- upwards; exchange anything useful to trade.—Handley, Binder, Lynn-rd., Wisbech.

HANDSOME matched pair Crests, unrelated, cock, hatched from monster parents; approval 10/6; exchange British birds, Goldfinches preferred.—Harris, 318, Farringdon-rd., London.

BUFF Yorkshire cock, Yellow Roller cock, for pair good Yellow Yorkshires, or 7/6 each; muling cock Linnets, 2/- each; approval.—Fred. Whiting, 1, Ravensbury-cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

EXCHANGE ice-cream freezer, 36 quarts, in splendid condition, cost 60/-, will sell for 20/-; or exchange to value in Yorkshire hens, or offers.—Harrison's, 312, Halifax-rd., Rochdale.

SPLENDID buff Norwich cock, 5/- house-moulted hen Goldfinch, Redpoll, cock Linnet 2/6, cock Goldfinch-Mule; approval; exchange Norwich hens.—Bridgeford, 48, Newcomen-rd., Wellinghorough.

PAIR Norwich Greens, 7/6; two pairs Border Fancy, 6/6; three hand-reared Linnets, with 8 hens 6/6 pair, all healthy and on approval.—Cheeseman, 62, Beckenham-lane, Bromley, Kent.

GENUINE bargain; no time. Four pairs of grand Yorkshires (Ibbotson strain), odd cock, Norwich hen, cash 50/; or exchange Toy Yorkshire Terrier or pullets to value 60/-.—Pulle, 38, Wynford-rd., Islington, N.

BIRDS, 1907, Yorkshire, Norwich cross, three clear cocks, singing, 5/- each, six hens, 2/6 each; wanted 42-inch brass phonograph, horn and records; offers anything useful.—Meyrick, 6, Commercial-st., Bedlinog Glan.

WANTED, one buff, one yellow Norwich cock good; exchange glace shoes, 7/6; buttoned boots 8/-; deer skins, 15/- pair; cycle lamp, 7/6; piano vamper 4/-; fountain pen 3/6 or sell.—Louis Billin, Wellingboro'.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire Canaries, 15/6, 17/6, 21/- 25/- upwards per pair; or exchange stair carpet, long lace curtains, counterpanes, provisions, or anything useful for house.—Craythorne, Clarence-rd., Bridlington, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE Crestbred cock, Crested hen, 19 birds, ticked Buff Norwich cock, 1907 bird, all cost 50/-, for good pair Yellow Cinnamon, Norwich type; four days' approval first; sell for 32/6.—Rowland, Rhosgadfan, Carnarvonshire.

GOOD, 1907, buff Norwich hen, 8/6; white-legged cock Goldfinch, buff Yorkshire hen, 10/6, green Norwich cock songster 7/6; exchange for large clear variegated yellow Norwich cock or buff Yorkshire; no rubbish; mutual approval.—Price, York-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

YORKSHIRE hen Cinnamon marked, 1906, 10/-; Saffron Face Goldfinch, price 10/-; bred Mulers will exchange for pair of Crests to value; approval; five good Larks, singing and cages, 3/- each; or change anything.—Lowe, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton. Wanted, Pigeons, 7/- dozen.

THROUGH pressure of business, must sell grand stock Norwich, Iron's strain, winners and bred from winners, buff cock and large yellow hen, winner 1907 Burnley, 35/- pair; buff cock and large yellow hen, 30/-, another similar pair, 25/-, grand buff hen 7/6 and 10/6 each; large buff unflighted cocks, 10/- and 12/6 each; wanted pedigree black toy pom bitch.—Cleworth, Well-st., Bolton.

WILL exchange for a pair of lengthy Yorkshire clear, 1907 bred, a well-bred (large) Yellow Norwich hen, a grand breeder, rung; also a Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire hen, a good breeder; exchange a plated cycle lamp for a H.M. Bullie hen for hybrid breeding; also a gilt Hunter watch, keyless, a perfect time-keeper, for a pair of lengthy Yorkshires, clear 1907 bred.—7c Block, Rye-buildings, Peckham Rye, London, S.E.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

TWICE aviary-moulted cock saffron Finch, sell 5/-; or exchange.—F. Mascoll, Stanstead, Essex.

GOLDEN cock Pheasants, silver hens, 1907 birds, 7/6 each; offers.—Glover, North Morgan-st., Cardiff.

SIX foreign birds and small aviary; exchange Canarics, Mules, or offers.—Tompkins, 235, High-rd, Willesden Green.

PAIR cock Budgerigars, in grand plumage; exchange Canaries or anything useful.—Gardner, 3, Butler-st., Preston.

PAIR Green Budgerigars and Siskin Mule; exchange good Rollers; approval.—James, 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

MAGNIFICENT pair Australian crested Doves, 17/6; or exchange anything for hens.—Crathorn, Clarence-rd., Bridlington.

EXCHANGE Green Budgerigar cock for hen, pa difference; Parrot cage, as new, brass top, 6/6.—Crouch, Franchise-st., Wednesbury.

GREEN Budgerigar cock, breeding condition; exchange for good cock Goldfinch, or sell 3/6.—Green, wood, Gloucester-rd., Newbury, Berks.

PAIR Green Budgerigars, breeders, sell 6/-; exchange cock or two hens, Norwich or Yorkshire.—Robertson, Baker, Bainsford, Falkirk.

PEARSON, Greenwich Market, offers splendid African Grey Parrot, strong and healthy, perfect plumage, good cage, 35/-, or exchange.

TALKING Amazon Parrot in square cage; plain speaker, and thoroughly acclimatised. Sell £3 10s. or exchange Canarics.—Mallinson, Victoria Street Huddersfield.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

NEW go-cart, cash 17/6, or Canaries.—Walker, 2, Hathaway-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

SPLENDID Scotch terrier dog, 30/-; offers, exchange.—Kerr, 40, Carrick-st., Ayr.

EXCHANGE double case watch for Goldfinch and hen Canary.—72, New Park-st., Devizes.

FOUNTAIN pens, white-legged Goldfinch; exchange Canaries.—Lea, 81, Wells-st., Camberwell.

WHIPPET bitch, 13lbs., very fast, 10/-; birds, poultry.—Wyatt, 108, Pelham, Wimbledon.

EXCHANGE cage fronts, any size, for Canaries.—Baldwin, 60, Marroway-st., Birmingham.

PHONOGRAPH and two records, 15/-; exchange pair Norwich.—Russon, 2, Bush-st., Burnley.

EIGHTY Hobbies' fretwork designs, 4/6; or what offers?—Balls, 935, Romford-rd., Manor Park.

RETIRED bandmaster's six-keyed piccolo, 15/-; exchange Norwich cock.—Norrish, Lyme Regis.

EXCHANGE Parrot cage for Yorkshire cock; approval each way.—113, Dalmain Road, Forest Hill, S.E.

HANDSOME fawn toy pup bitch, champion pedigree, £5, exchange birds.—Russon, George-st., Dudley.

HOBBIES.—Fretwork designs, 100 for sale or exchange.—Fred Andrews, 60, Menzies Road, Aberdeen.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, winning strain, exchange (live stock preferred).—Heathcote, Havelock-st., Leicester.

BANTAMS, Cuckoo, and O.E.G. Cockerels; sale or exchange Canaries. Offers.—Snell, 104, Fisherton, Salisbury.

WHAT offers in birds for "Home of the Swans" Bovril picture?—J. Howrie, 32, Meadow-rd., Bromley, Kent.

THREE Himalayan, 6 months, 7/6; pair Angoras 7/6; exchange Canaries.—H., 2, Denmark-terrace, Sydenham.

EXCHANGE three Dutch rabbits, four bantams, for Canaries, or sell 20/-.—Cates, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields.

EXCHANGE fountain pen, gold nib, for Mule or Canary; offers.—Willsou, 140, Skidmore-st., Stepney, London.

COCK Goldfinch, with hen Canary, bred mules; exchange Roller cock or offer.—Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

EXCHANGE pair of meat carvers in silk-lined case for one cock Yorkshire.—Baines, 70, Ellison Street, Sheffield.

SMALL collection of foreign stamps in album; sacrifice 4/-; exchange Canaries.—Muscott, Fremont Road, Llandrindod.

EXCHANGE trio O.E.S. Bantams, pair Red Magpies, for Canaries; offers.—S. Freer, Queen-st., Desborough, Northants.

300 HOBBIES' designs (fretwork) in exchange for Budgerigars or Lovebirds.—F. Clarke, 4, St. Bedes-terrace, Sunderland.

WILL exchange four prize-bred rabbits, cost 25/-, for phonograph, or offers.—Brown, Broad-st., Elland-rd., Holbeck.

SPLENDID pin, horse carved in ivory, sell 12/6; or exchange, Linnet Mule preferred.—Prior, 113, James-st., Brighton.

WANTED to exchange really good silver watch for Canaries or other birds.—Harding, 10, Frederick Street, Stoke, Staffs.

EXCHANGE pair good Flying Homers for good hen Canary, or offers birds.—S. Stonehouse, 32, Nelson-st., Scarborough.

EDISON standard, 7 records, all new, cost £4 15s.; cash £4, or part cash and offers.—Cates, 29, Astonville-st., Southfields.

THREE single breeding cages, movable fronts, sell; exchange anything useful.—Davis, 46, Dagnall-st., St. Albans, Herts.

DRAWING-ROOM aviary, 15/-; exchange pair Norwich; particulars, stamp.—Haysom, 62, Liverpool-st., Southampton.

GENT'S cycle, 25/-; walnut coal vase, 5/-; iron cot, 6/-; exchange Canaries.—Smith, 249, London-rd. South, Lowestoft.

EXCHANGE Spadeace guinea and half-guinea for good Norwich Canary to value.—G. Brough, Needham-st., Connor, Derby.

YORKSHIRE terrier dog, long silver coat, good guard, 40/-; exchange black Pom bitch; approval.—1, Chapel view, March.

BILLIARD cue and case, value 25/-, for pair Scotch Fancies or Goldfinches.—McQueen, Junr., 2, Primrose-st., Alloa, N.B.

GIVE grand Crystal Palace aviary for half-inch wire netting, sell 10/-; offers for Persian kitten.—Cooke, Worldham, Alton.

GRAND white Pom. dog, 18 months, perfect specimen, 30/-; exchange pair of typical Norwich.—Pedder, 149, North-st., Luton.

ALL kinds of Fancy Pigeons, from 2/- each, for sale; or exchange other livestock.—Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich, Kent.

PEARSON, Greenwich Market, has the finest collection of Fancy Pigeons in London; can exchange any variety for cage birds.

HANDSOME White Pom. maiden bitch, 11 months, 30/-; exchange anything useful.—French, 2, Albion-grove, Stoke Newington, N.

EXCHANGE Irish and Fox Terrier Bitch for hen Canaries or Britishers; value 6/-.—C. Smith, Hey Street, New Sawley, Derby.

WILL exchange 20 perfect phonograph records for pair of classical Yorkshires, or offers.—Cooper, 20, South Parade, Gainsborough.

EXCHANGE six-volt dynamo and water motor for pair of Yorkshire Canaries.—Mills, 33, Thomson's-avenue, Johnstone, Scotland.

PAIR Redpolls, mining Goldfinch, 90 CAGE BIRDS and plates, 1906-7 Annuals; Norwich wanted; offers.—32, Alexander-rd., Holloway.

GOOD phonograph and 12 records, new, 35/-; exchange cycle, portable harmonium, or offers.—Sellman, Mill-st., Cannock, Staffs.

WILL exchange or sell French portable harmonium; sale steel reeds, £2 10s., poultry or Canaries. Long, 13, Prout-rd., Clapton.

IN exchange, polished double breeding cage, complete, also fancy hanging cage.—Hicks, 27, Shobden-rd., Lordship-lane, Tottenham.

SET brass-plated harness, fit cob 13 to 14 hands, good condition, 15/-; or exchange Canaries to value.—194, Stanley-rd., Teddington.

HOBBIES' Treadle Lathe, with fretwork machine; exchange for large aviary, or offers; sell £1.—Freeth, 13, Rozel-rd., Clapham.

LANCASHIRE buff coppy and Norwich Plainhead hens, to sell cheap; or exchange anything useful.—Hughes, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

SELL or exchange four pairs, two hens, pedigree working Homers, trained birds; stamp reply.—A. Coggins, 47, Linden-rd., Gloucester.

EIGHT racing Pigeons, cocks, flown Bromsgrove, pedigree, 4/- each; exchange Canaries.—W. Lucas, 3, Edward-rd., Bridlington, Bristol.

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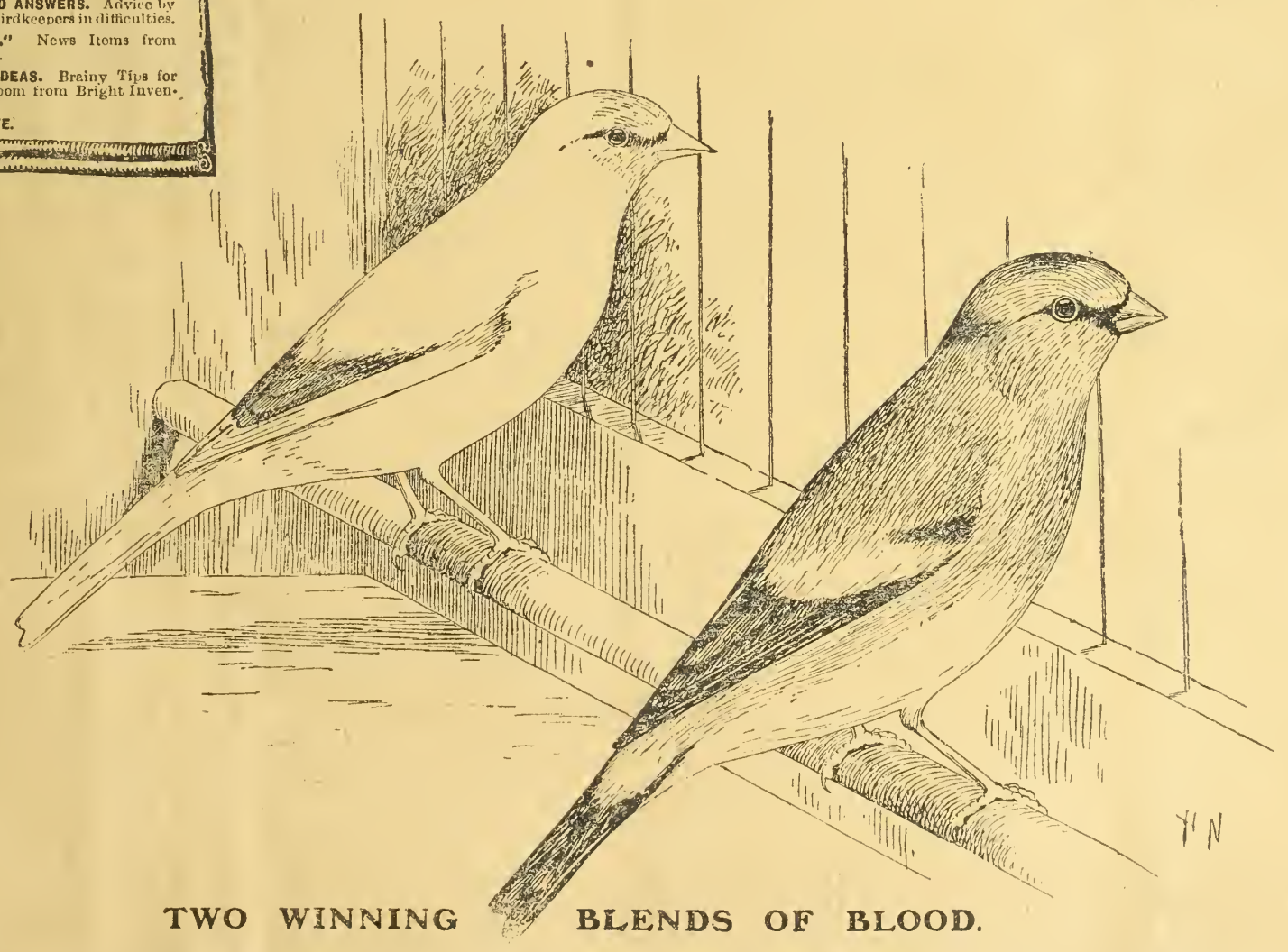

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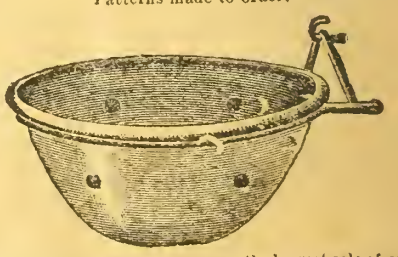

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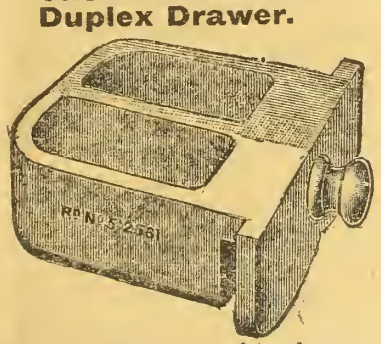

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HAVING selected breeding stock, can spare two unfiighted yellnw cocks, useful stock birds.—S. Tweddle, Balaclava-st., Blackburn.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich clear marked and green buff cocks from 7/6; approval.—Sidgwick, Aviary Cottage, Hutton Rudby, Yorkshire.

FOURTEEN pairs of grand Norwich, and 22 hens for disposal; inspection invited.—Jas. Tansley, Avon House- Stoney Stanton-rd., Coventry.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 5/-, 5/6; bens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; pairs, 7/6 to £1; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

TWO large yellnw variegated Plainhead hens wanted, must be good birds; reasonable.—Quelch, "Roslyn Mount," Mortlake-rd., Ilford.

SPLENDID pair Norwicb Canaries, sell, 9/6, or exchange Pigeons or Bantams.—Robert Simpson, 10 Court, 4 House, Fawcett-st., Sheffield.

SPLENDID pair Nnrwich, cock full song, hen proved breeder, only 8/6; wortb double; week's approval.—Broxup, Pendle-st., Burnley.

SOME really good buff cocks, £1 each; parents, both 1st prize birds, properly paired.—Barrows, 13, Grosvenor-crescent, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

NORWICH Plainheads, from my winners Mansfield, Grimsby, Nottingbam; pairs from 15/-; few odd hens.—Barwise, Talbot-st., Mansfield.

WANTED, exceptionally good, bealthy, cbubby, exhibition or stock yellow Norwich cock, best price given.—Howe, Herriotts-lane, Wellingbnrough.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, a few good ones for disposal, some real good bargains in buff cocks; stamp reply.—Yates, London-rd., Cbesterton, Staffs.

CAN spare few Norwich cocks and hens, own breeding, at moderate prices.—Beardall's strain; approval.—Stanley Hinchliff, Valuer, Mansfield.

CLEARANCE. Three 1906 Green hens; two 1907 variegated hens; four 1907 variegated cocks £1; no approval.—Jones, 17, Worcester-st., Gloucester.

TYPICAL Buff variegated young Norwich hen, 5/6; Yellow variegated ditto, 5/-; stylisb medium birds, cheap.—Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

GIVING up, six strong bealthy hens, three cocks, good colour (Norwich), all ontdoor bred; what offers in cash?—M. Baker, Aldingbourne, Chicbester.

TWENTY good healthy 1907 Norwich bens, ready to nest; clear Buff, 3/-; variegated, 2/- each; approval.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

NORWICH Plainheads, a few ndd cocks and hens, cold room hred and kept very best of bealth and condition.—Yeats, junr., Linthorpe, Frascrburgh.

NOTICE.—Grand Norwich Canaries, breeding condition, cold room, clear or variegated, cocks, 7/6 and 10/-; hens, 3/-; approval.—Hardy, Jacksdale, Notts.

CLEAR Buff Norwich cock, first prize winner, 20/-; two clear Yellow cocks, 12/- each; three typical hens, 10/- each; all 1907.—Rogerson, Fleurville, Cheltenham.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD from my winners; Hinckley, Coventry, Leicester pairs fnm 10/6; few odd birds.—W. Growdridge and Sou, Clarendon-road, Hinckley.

GOOD pair Norwich wanted; exchange handsome pair pictures, framed white and gold, 13 by 11½, Indian Chiefs, coloured.—Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

NORWICH Plainhead Buff hen, winners 1st and special, sell 15/-; exohange for Yellow variegated hen, unfiighted, cqual merit.—Ross, 28, Moat-st., Edinburgh.

A. MARSHALL has six yellow cocks for disposal, good size, colour, 10/- each; buff hcu, 5/6, 1907 birds; approval.—Wicrton, Bromley-crescent, Shortlands, Kent.

1907 NORWICH cocks, clear or variegated, in full song, ready for breeding, 4/6 each; money returned if not satisfied.—J. Tbompson, Three Gates, Belper.

UNFLIGHTED buff Green hen, Hadwin's strain, 10/-; three large clear and variegated buff hens; approval; deposit.—Smith, 126, Blackpool-st., Burton-on-Trent.

NORWICH Canaries, Green, variegated and clear; good birds in prime condition; seen evenings and all Saturday.—Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush-rd., W.

CHAMPION Norwich-bred cocks, Yellow and Buff, 1906, 1907, not bought birds, but own breeding warranted, 10/- upwards; approval.—C. Handley, Lynn-rd., Wisbech.

NORWICH, typical cocks 12/6; hens 7/6; same strain as my winners, Westminster, Wimbledon, St. Albans, West London.—Lack, 89, Glentborne-rd., Hammersmith.

NORWICH Canaries, splendid cocks, 8/-; hens, 6/-; all bred fnm winners; 2/- breeding cages, complete, good condition; deposit, approval.—St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.

NORWICH Canaries for sale, good strong birds, outdoor bred, buffs, cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; call any evening.—William Findlay, 8, Bickersteth-rd., Lower Tooting, London.

TYPICAL Norwich, few grand clear and variegated birds for sale, 10/- tn 20/- each, bred off and related to winners; stamp; approval.—Lawson, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

CHAMPION Norwich bred cocks, Yellow and Buff, 1906, 1907, not bnught birds, but own breeding, warranted, 10/- upwards; approval.—C. Handley, Lynn-rd., Wisbech.

NORWICH Canaries, several for sale; cocks from 7/6; hens from 4/-; four dnuble and three single breeders, six show cages, flight, 2 by 2 by 4.—Hook, 242, Bermondsey-st., S.E.

TWO pairs of prize-bred Norwicb, buff variegated cock yellow variegated hen, £1; buff hen and yellow cock, 15/-; also large crested hen, 12/6.—Douglas, 137, Lothian-rd., Edinburgh.

HIGH-CLASS Nnrwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, to 15/-; hens 2/3, 2/9, 3/6 to 10/-; some grand stock birds; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

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SEND your address on a postcard to Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster, for illustrated list of birds on approval, or 1d. stamp for full illustrated list of birds, cages, etc., on approval.

NORWICH, three cocks, guaranteed in full song, 6/6 each; two hens, ready for nestiug, 3/6 each; cock Linnet. bred mules, 4/-; the lot, 27/6; genuine bargain.—Shirley, Low Utley, Keighley.

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WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare two tip-top Yellow hens, unflighted, 20/- each; 10 Yellow and Buff cocks, 10/- each; few hens, 5/- to 10/-; no better blood, pay what you will; approval.

TWO unflighted clear buff cocks, 12/6 each; one variegated, 10/-; cheap, all bred from my winners; alsn a grand clear buff, songster, 5/-; approval willingly.—W. Muir, Dean-terrace, Kilmarnock.

1906 LARGE buff cock and yellow marked hen, 8/6, buff green cock and yellow hen 6/6, also 2 buff green hens, 2/- each; natural colnur, all ready to nest.—Summers, Portland-st., Daybrook, Notts.

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MASSIVE Norwich clear buff cock, 1906, 1st Cupar, etc., 15/-; do, ticked cock, 1907, 2nd Berwick, etc., 10/-; do, ticked hen, small, 7/6; approval.—Tulloch, Bennet, Roxburgh-st., Kelso, N.B.

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YELLOW cock, natural colour, 1st prize winner, 15/-; another yellow, nearly equal, 10/-; monster variegated buff cock, 12/6; clear buff cock 10/-; tbese are all good birds, I can strnngly recommend; approval willingly.—Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

TYPICAL Plainheads nf reliable stock; young, healthy, and cold-room bred; matcbed breeding pairs, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; odd hens from 3/-; cocks, 6/-; higbest satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly; enquiries invited.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries, cocks in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/- each; bens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- eacb; pairs, matched for breeding, 9/-, 10/6, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- pair; money returned if not approved; stamp reply.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries (cold-rnom bred), cocks in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; I bave some large stock pairs, properly mated for breeding, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- pair; no waiting; if not satisfied, money returned.—Fred Heatbcote, 55, Havclock-st., Leicester.

FIVE grand Norwich cock Canaries, cold-room reared 1907, warranted healthy and in full song; these are not pigmies, but large, typical Norwich, 10/6 each; rcasonable casb offer entertained for the lot, want room; also four German Roller bens, 8/- tbe lot.—Turner, 66, High-st., Maldon, Essex.

WE bave still left large evenly marked yellow ben, 10/-; yellow green hen, 10/-; heavy mark yellow hen, 7/6; two buff mark hens, 5/- each; tick yellow cock, 15/-; twn clear do, 10/- each; two buff cocks, 7/6; these are large, good, young birds we want to clear.—Heare Brotbers, 85, Gresbam-st., Leicester.

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H. GOODLAND, Bnurnwood Lodge, Bournemouth, is obliged to clear his prize-winning strain of Crested and Norwich, as he is moving and has nn time for the Fancy now, and has a few good Norwich cocks and hens, also Crested cocks and grand C.B. hens, witb size and feather, travelling baskets and cages and breeding cages, in grand condition; must be cleared at once.

CHAMPION winning Norwich, properly matched to produce show birds; Yellnw cocks and Buff hens, or Buff cocks and Yellow bens, from 20/- to £5 the pair; single birds, cocks or hens, clear or marked, from 15/6; nnthing better can be bnught than these; all sent on approval; am selling cheap to clear out quick.—C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

MUST clear by 31st, nnflighted buff cocks, 2nd Hngglescote, 20/-; 3rd Tamworth, 17/6; 3rd Coventry, 15/-; annther, 7/6; unflighted buff hen, h.c. Hinckley, 10/6; 24 new nest-pans, with wires, 4/6, or separate; three nearly new three-compartment breeders, 12/6 lot; quantity Spanisb Canary, German rape, maw, hemp, linseed, glass and earthenware drinkers, cheap tn clear.—Adcock, Aldergate, Tamworth.

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GENUINE surplus stock, all birds cheap and healthy, and on apprnval; clear yellow Norwich cock and two buff hens, 17/6; clear buff cock and ticked yellow hen, 10/6; variegated yellnw cock and clear buff hen, 10/6; variegated buff hen, 4/6; buff cocks, 6/- each; large buff Crest-bred cock and two hens, 25/-; green crested cock, 8/-; yellow Cinnamon cock and buff ben, 12/6; buff ben, 5/-; buff cock, 8/-; silver Lizard and gold hen, 12/6; silver cocks, 6/- each.—J. Green, 256, Cbapel-st., Lelgh, Lancs.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

Walton and Noakes bave for disposal few pairs, 15/- to 30/-; odd cocks, 10/- to 25/-.—14, Abney-st., Highfields, Leicester.

W. TURNER,

2, St. Gile's-terrace, Norwich, breeder of high-class birds, has for disposal hens fnm 3/-; cocks from 5/6: state your wants; approval on deposit willingly.

SAVAGE, WESTFIELD AVIARIES, GOOLE, offers grand collection Norwicb Plainheads, about 60 pairs, very special value, at 10/6 pair; splendid breeding trim, own breeding; cold room, best value in England; approval any part; packed free.

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Large colour-fed or natural cocks in full song, 7s. 6d.; hens, 5s. 6d. each; 10s. 6d., 12s. 6d. per pair; nest at once. Cheap at 20s. Ten days' approval.—Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

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Having decided to reduce my breeding stock, I have some grand birds for sale; cold room, colour-fed all from my prize-winners; pairs from 20/-.—T. Boydon, Peckham House, Peckham, S.E.

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I find that I can spare two more pair of my Norwich, 25/-, 20/- pair, also a few odd cocks from 5/-, hens from 4/-; all in breeding condition; approval; deposit.—Moakes, Shoulder of Mutton Yard, South Normanton.

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I have purchased the entire stock of a successful Norwich breeder, who is going to Canada, and offer, whilst they last yellow and buff cocks, at 10/6 each; hens, 6/6 each; also a few Crests and Crest-breds, at 20/- each; a rare opportunity.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwicb.

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More winners produced from this strain than any nther. Birds sold by me have won at most of the all-England shows in keenest competition, and a great number were bred from stock pairs supplied by me. Some of the champion exhibitors owe their success on the show bench to tbis wonderful strain; procurable only from me. I can supply the champions and give satisfaction, and I will place the novice and amateur on the same footing by giving him exactly the same high-class Norwich at moderate prices. My pairs at 40/6 have no equal, and cannot be bought elsewhere at double; in fact, every bird I send out is double value. Why be disappointed witb unreliable strains? Pairs properly matched by an expert and breeder. Special attention given to seo that tho cock and the hen have the necessary points to breed really high-class specimens. All orders have my personal attention, and fanciers can rely upon getting exactly what they require at moderate prices Giant stock pairs, 20/6 to 40/6; Yellow cocks and hens, 12/6 to 25/6; ditto Buff, 10/6 to 22/6; approval to any part of the British Isles. A few choice Crests, Crestbreds and Yorkshires. Cream of the fancy reasonable.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

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See reports, Birmingham, Wellingborough, Northampton, Crystal Palace, etc., describing my birds, as of rare quality and the correct type throughout. I bave a few grand cocks to spare 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs 10/6 to 50/-; apprnval.—37, Cravenst., Coventry.

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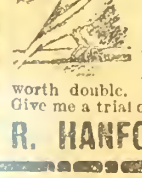

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TWITTERINGS.

Last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS has brought uss very good results, writes Messrs. Scott and W. Lean (Glasgow).

Please note my new address, writes Mr. F. W. Pickard. It is 7, Hatfield Street, Wakefield, Yorkshire.

Mr. A. Wellings, we learn, will judge at Runcorn on August 1st, and at Warrington on November 13th.

We hear that Mr. C. Martlew, taxidermist and bird dealer, has removed from 17, Annetwill-street, Carlisle, to 25, Millholme terrace.

Kindly note change of address to Gilbert's Corner, Newfield, Newcastle-on-Tyne, writes Mr. L. Hall, secretary Pelton and Dis. C B S.

I have had so many replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS for a hen Bullie, writes Rev. Bernard Wilton (Middlesbrough), that it would cost me 5s. or more to answer them all.

Kindly note that I have removed from 12, Brythen Street, to 105, Silverdale Avenue, Tuebrook, Liverpool, writes Mr. J. W. Metealfe.

We hear that Mr. J. Pepper, of 17, Albert Street, Hucknall Torkard, Notts, has taken over the secretaryship of the Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.

It has been decided by the committee to hold our next annual show on November 19th, writes Mr. David Jeremy, secretary of the Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.

Kindly note change of address to 94, St. Margaret's Road, Lowestoft, writes Mr. W. Nichols, secretary of the Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S.

We hear from Mr. A. E. Silk, of the Aviaries, Whitstable, that he sent two pairs of Norwich plainheads to Glasgow last week at £15, and they gave every satisfaction.

Miss Gwyn, of Somerville, Ramsgate, asks us to request the fancier who wrote last week from Sacriston, Durham, to kindly send his name and address again, as his letter has been mislaid.

I get CAGE BIRDS every week, and am highly delighted with it, writes Mr. W. Manson (Wick). It is the best bird paper one can pick up between Land's End and John o' Groats.

I was advised by a friend to take in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Wm. Eldridge (Child's Hill), and I wish I had known before that there was such a good paper with so much advice to beginners in the Fancy.

We hear from Mr. A. Bowes, secretary of the Crook Original C.B.R. and P.S., that it has been decided to hold a First-Feather Young Stock Show on July 25th, in addition to the usual annual show.

I have been elected secretary of the Tong and District C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Smith. All correspondence in connection with the society should be addressed to me at 7, Rose Terrace, Tong Street, near Bradford, Yorks.

Will members of the Great Horton Good Intent O.S. who have removed during the year, writes Mr. H. Schofield, secretary, 137, Beldon Road, Great Horton, kindly send their new addresses on to me.

I cannot praise CAGE BIRDS enough, writes Mr. J. Garland (Birmingham), as it has caused five old friends, whom I have not seen for 20 years, to write to me, two at Poplar and three at Stratford. Good luck to CAGE BIRDS.

Mr. P. H. Harris, of Bedford Square, London, has purchased my 1st Prize British Goldfinch, writes Dr. McMath, of Cork. He is a beauty, and should make his presence felt in the Metropolis next show season.

I have been appointed hon. secretary of the Lancashire and Lizard Fanciers' Association, writes Mr. John Rukin, and all communications should in future be addressed to me at 44, Hall Carr Road, Rawtenstall.

A smoker and social evening is being held by the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B. Club, on Tuesday, March 17th, at 8 p.m., at the Bank Restaurant, Queen Street, when friends will be welcomed.

It has been decided to hold an open show on December 4th and 5th, and to have three judges for same, writes Mr J .W. Metcalfe, sec, pro. tem., of the Liverpool O.S. Secretaries please note dates to avoid clashing.

It has been decided to hold a First Feather Show on July 11th, write Messrs. Cornish and Adams, secs. of the Exeter and Devon P. and C.B.S. This is the first young birds show we have yet held.

We have received a donation of £10 from a local institution, writes Mr. John Ford, sec. of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A., which brings our total up to £21. We wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

Mr. J. H. Payne has again been engaged for our open show on November 7th and 9th, writes Mr. C. Draper (Leicester H.-in-H. C.B.S.). This, I believe, is the seventh successive occasion, which speaks well for his popularity.

Kindly state that we have had to change our place of meeting from the Volunteer Hall to Masonic Hall, owing to a local society holding their annual social at the former, writes Mr. W. B. Smart, secretary of the Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S.

We note from the report to hand, that the secretary of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, Mr. D. Smith, resigned that post at the annual general meeting; also that affairs are being looked after by Mr. J. Winter pending the election by the members of another secretary. One of the members was punished for alleged showing of borrowed birds, and counting points therefrom in competitions.

Members of the National British Bird and Mule Club should not overlook the fact that voting papers concerning the proposed additions to the Club's list of desirable cage-birds must be posted to the secretaries to-day (March 14th) at latest.

The application from the Scottish National C.B.S. for the Edinburgh Corn Exchange for the next annual show has again been successful, writes Mr. J. Winter, the secretary, the dates fixed for the show being 31st December and 1st January next.

Mr. H. Hall, of Macclesfield, asks us to state that he is waiting for the full address of the sender of the telegraph money order for 25s. for the Lancashire advertised last week in CAGE BIRDS. This was omitted from the wire, hence delay in sending the birds.

I have removed to larger and more convenient premises at 11, Fylde-street, Preston, owing to the great increase in my business, due to my advertising in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. M. Hopkins. I wish CAGE BIRDS good luck.

The following judges have been chosen to officiate at the Alnwick and Dis. C.B.S. Show, to be held on October 31st, writes Mr. R. F. Rennison, the secretary:—Messrs. Anthon Hay (Tweedmouth), Canaries, and James Maddison (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Hybrids, British and Foreign.

The next meeting of the L. and P.O.S. will be held at the Raglan, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, March 19th at 8 o'clock, writes Mr. H. Lambert Brown, the hon. sec., and will be an interesting "Questions" evening. A large attendance is hoped for. All fanciers welcome.

OBITUARY.

MR. JAS EDDINGTON (Edinburgh).

I regret to have to intimate the death of one of our oldest members, in the person of Mr. James Eddington, who died suddenly at his residence, 4, Sunnybank Terrace, on February 28th, writes Mr. Geo. R. Smith, secretary of the Edinburgh Eastern Dis. O.S. Mr. Eddington has been an enthusiastic member of our society for the last sixteen years, and at the monthly meeting many were the expressions of sorrow at the loss that had been sustained by the society. He was best known in the district as a breeder of Scotch Fancies, many winners having been bred by him. He will be missed for the kindly advice he was ever willing to give relating to this particular breed.

MR. ALEX. BROWN (Forfar).

The death is announced of Mr. Alex Brown, writes Mr. W. Grewar (Forfar). It occurred at his residence at East High Street, Forfar, last week. He was for some years a frequent exhibitor in Scotch Fancy classes at the local bird shows. He was secretary of the cage bird section of the New Year show held in Forfar some years ago, and was the breeder of that once well-known Green Scotch Fancy Cock, "The Tinkler." The deceased was 70 years of age, and is survived by a son and four daughters, his wife having predeceased him by several years.

Finding that the date fixed for our November show clashed with Rochdale and Blackburn, writes Mr. W. Hy. Heathcote, secretary of the Preston O.S., my council have altered the date to November 13th and 14th. The society have found permanent headquarters in the rooms of the Preston Scientific Society (of which society I am secretary), and all future meetings will be held there, except of course the November show, which will be held in the Assembly Rooms of the Public Hall.

All members of the Jarrow and Hebburn and Dis. C.B.F.S. and of the South Shields C.B.S., writes Mr. J. T. Carrick, secretary of the first-named society, will be sorry to learn that Mr. C. W. Alty, of Lord Street, South Shields, and a member of both societies, has lost practically the whole of his very valuable stock of prize and prize-bred Norwich Canaries through cleaning operations. We all hope he will continue in the Fancy, however.

The annual balance sheet of the Scottish National Cage Bird Society is a splendidly successful document, and bears witness to the remarkable prosperity and vitality of the association. The cash in hand has been increased from £74 odd to £105 odd, and no fewer than 232 members' subscriptions are shown as paid. This eminently satisfactory state of affairs reflects the highest credit on Mr. J. Winter, the secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. C. Dandie, the president, and the remainder of the hard-working and enthusiastic officials.

I was very pleased, writes Mr. J. Hampshire (Oldham), to see a drawing of my old Lizard, "Silver King," on the front page of last week's CAGE BIRDS. Great credit is due to your artist for the life-like work of same. This bird was in the first three prizes every time he was exhibited last season, including 1st Scottish National, etc. He is credited with fourteen money prizes this season, consisting of Firsts Oldham, Notts, Horticultural Hall, and Palace, etc., which are all "records" as regards second year Lizards. He is father to the broken Cap Silver, which won Firsts at Pendleton, Scottish National, Palace, etc. I wish CAGE BIRDS, *the* paper which all fanciers should read, every success and prosperity.

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The CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL arrived with thanks, and as usual it is a treat for all genuine fanciers.—W. Nichols, hon. secretary, Lowestoft Dis. C.B.S.

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I received my ANNUAL, and I am sure it is really an admirable book, containing a great amount of valuable information. I know that all here in Newcastle who have got this year's issue are more than ever pleased with it.—J. G. Hutchinson, joint secretary of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.

I have received CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and must say it is a splendid piece of work on the Fancy. Pages 86 to 93 are more than worth the money, and are a boon in every bird room. No fancier should be without this year's ANNUAL. The plates are extra. You should hurry up, lads, and get one.—J. Sharp (Ossett).

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1908, writes Mr. J. T. Carrick, secretary of the Jarrow and Hebburn and District C.B.F.S., is a great credit to the compiler and publisher. The plates are simply grand, and reflect much credit on the artist. The articles without exception are splendid, and are a valuable source of information. The ANNUAL is the best and cheapest book ever brought before the Fancy, is a boon to all secretaries of societies, and is a book that every fancier should have in his bird-room, in fact cannot afford to be without.

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To The Manager,
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Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(*Continued from page* 221.)

If the bird-room is comfortable and adjoins the kitchen, there should be no need to have artificial heat in the room. As I have previously indicated, I do not favour the heating of the bird-room. Birds in condition will weather the cold, and as a rule are stronger and healthier than those subjected to heats and colds which are inevitable where artificial heat is resorted to, it being well-nigh impossible to maintain an even temperature. It is far better to wait in patience for a month or two, and steer clear of the risks which are sure to follow in the train of an early start.

Where artificial heat is an actual necessity, a strong effort ought to be made to maintain an even temperature, which can be done by adopting the best methods which are advertised from time to time in CAGE BIRDS. It is prudent to use every means possible to protect stock from draughts, and to have them comfortable; but on the other hand it is a mistake to have them so covered up that they can scarcely get enough air for breathing. Where protection is advisable from dust, etc., a piece of muslin cloth thrown loosely over the cage is sufficient. It has the advantage of being washable periodically; red mite take up their abode in the muslin in the daytime, and can be destroyed by immersing the cloth in boiling water—a very simple process, and very effective for getting rid of the pests.

Egg Binding.

Egg-binding is a common experience when a start is made in cold weather. It seems to be a severe strain upon hens to lay eggs in the bad weather. Many a good hen has been rendered useless for a whole year through egg-binding. Some hens never get over it.

When egg-binding is apparent the hen should be gently caught in the hand and held over steaming water, putting a piece of stiff cardboard between the vessel containing the hot water and the bird. A hole should be made in the cardboard, and the bird should be so held that the steam may rise around the vent, say, for ten minutes. Thereafter the vent should be painted with a little castor or olive oil, allowing a drop or two to pass inwardly, which can be done by holding the bird beak-downwards.

The hen should be put into a cage which has flannel in the bottom, and kept, say, in the kitchen or some place where there is a fire. The chances then are that she will drop the egg. A hen may do well enough after egg-binding, but it frequently renders her useless for a more or less protracted time.

Niger seed can be given every other day; it helps to keep the hens in condition, and is also an aid to preventing egg-binding.

The Removal of Stock.

It is a vexed question when a fancier has to remove his stock. It often happens at the very height of the breeding season. Leaving a house as a successor comes in, and entering another as the outgoing tenant leaves is a big task for the birds to undergo. Indeed, with an average stock the work is almost too much. In such a case loss is certain to arise; hatching suffers; hens leave their eggs; parents stop feeding the young; and after the stock gets into the new quarters, they become unsettled, and it takes a fortnight or a month before they again think of taking to the nest.

I have known hens removed while sitting on eggs and young. A cloth was put over the cage, in one case, and the bird was carried with the utmost care, and put into the new position. The hen kept to the nest, and continued, as if she had never been disturbed. That is the exception, however, and cannot be depended upon.

The fancier who thinks of removing should look ahead, and, if possible, secure an empty house, entering in February or March. If he has an average stock, it will pay him to give a little extra to have the privilege of removing gradually, and not later than March.

April, May, and June are the best months of the year for breeding Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, and it is therefore all-important that operations should not be disturbed in May. In removing, the nests should be put into the cages, and the birds run in to give them a chance to start breeding right away.

On Pairing.

I recommend the keeping of each pair by themselves throughout the year, but if the one or both have been exhibited, this cannot be done, an exhibition bird having to be kept in a cage by itself, to keep it in good plumage. A first-rate plan is to pick out show-cages, run the birds into them, and place the cages side by side lengthways. It will reduce the chances of quarrelling. Commanding a good view of each other, a mutual attachment will spring up; the mate will break out into song, and his lady-love will jump about and become very big and smart. The male will feed her through the wires. After a few days of such conduct, they may safely be put into the breeding-cage, after which they will not be long in nesting.

Occasionally, a pair which have been selected will not mate, but will fight to the bitter end. I have known a cock to refuse to look at a green or piebald hen, but immediately take up with a clean or foul hen. I had a yellow cock who would not pair with a buff hen of any colour, and only bred with a clean yellow hen. He had his own idea, and his whim had to be granted, otherwise he would have been lost for breeding.

They have their own ways in many directions; it is wise to study their foibles. It takes time to master the temperament of every inmate of the room, but it pays. A vast amount of wastage goes on through insufficient knowledge on this point.

A Cock and Two Hens.

The practice of running a cock with two hens is quite general, and is usually successful. He should be put in with the hen that seems to be in best condition. Keep him with No. 1 until she has laid her full complement, and transfer him in the gloaming to No. 2, taking care that he is boarded off from No. 1 and will not be able to see her.

If they commence laying a fortnight apart, there is no reason why they should not be successful.

There is a false notion that a Scotch Fancy hen will not rear young, which I am convinced is formed by an inordinate desire of the breeder to rush the Scotch Fancy on, and, where a big stock of foster-parents is kept, to get as many eggs as possible, regardless of the injury that is done. Thus the Scotch Fancy hen is given no chance of trying to bring up her young. Give her the opportunity, and she and her husband will be as assiduous and successful as any common pair.

(*To be continued.*)

NUTHATCH.

Exhibited at the Crystal Palace Show by Mr. W. Binns, (Alne, Yorks.)

THE CRESTED CANARY IN AUSTRALIA.

The Use of Yellow Blood.

(*Continued from page* 245).

I would ask you, do you not think that during these many years we may have been making a mistake in double buffing so consistently? As a Plainhead breeder I would unhesitatingly answer yes. But as a breeder of Crests I cannot claim any wider experience than yourselves.

I suppose the reason why Crest breeders double buff so much is the desire to maintain the length and density of feather, which I believe is right as far as it goes. But it may also have an evil effect by producing harsh, coarse feathers, which I think is the last thing you want to produce if after a really good Crest, and this may be the reason why so many of our Crests here fail in droop, and if so, an infusion of yellow blood is certainly what we require. I have never heard that the yellow blood has a tendency to shorten the feather, but it will certainly soften and give it the silky texture required, and what you would lose in density would be amply repaid by the improvement in the quality of feather, and I contend that it is impossible to produce really high-class Crests unless you have an abundance of long, soft, leafy, silky feather to work upon.

While advocating the use of the yellow blood in Crest breeding, I do not want you to run away with the idea that I mean that you should use it as consistently as the breeders of the colour section do, unless you are breeding for yellow Crests, and then I would advise the pairing of yellow to buff and buff to yellow every time; but if you are only using to improve your buffs, then you would have to use your own judgment, and your skill as a breeder would be proved by the result.

All of you, I have no doubt, have noticed and been impressed with the wonderful quality of feather in the imported birds and their young ones that have arrived during the last few years. I know I have. The beautiful quality of feather is the first thing that catches my eye. How much superior it is to the old stagers that have been here so long, and the conclusion that I have long come to is this—that it is the expert manipulation of yellow blood that has turned out such a beautiful buff.

Description of a Typical Modern Crest Canary.

By E. SHARP.

The Crest.

The Crest should be of a large, expansive character, coming well over the beak, and equally full at the sides, with the back well padded, the feathers radiating from a well-placed centre on the crown of the head and falling, or drooping, evenly over the head in every direction, without any appearance of roughness or tilting, but lying close and compact. In shape it should approach as nearly as possible a circular form. The denser the crest the better, so long as the feathers lie in uniformity. The centre should be well filled, just allowing the maximum space necessary for feathers, leaving no apparent vacancy, or, in other words, what we should call a neat, small centre.

The feathers should be broad and leafy, with a nice vein or mid-rib, which gives a finish with telling effect to a good crest. The beak should be short and neat. The neck should be full, commonly known as a good "bull" neck, expanding well into the shoulders. The body stout, and full in chest, after the Norwich type, of good size, with a good broad back, nicely arched. The tail and wings short and proportionate to the body, both well carried, the wings finishing off neatly at the root of the tail, without crossing, and the tail close and compact; the legs short and the thigh well clothed. The body feathers of good length and quality, being as close as possible, so as to show the true outline of the bird. In position it should take a firm stand across the perch.

The Crest-bred.

The first important point in a good show Crest-bred is the head. The skull must be well developed, broad and massive, and as wide in the entrance or forehead as possible, with an expansive back. It should be densely clothed with thick, long, leafy feathers, well padded at the forehead, which gives, as it were, an abrupt stop. This abruptness displays the wide entrance off to perfection, and gives a splendid rise to the forehead, wasting gradually away as the rise passes over the middle of skull. The weight of feathers, starting as it does from the forehead, falls gradually over the sides of the skull as it travels towards the back, giving the bird a sullen or frowning appearance, known as "lashing" or "beetle-brow."

The lashing is when the ends of the feather display themselves over the eyes and sides of the skull, and are plainly to be seen, but the "beetle-brow" is when the centre of the feathers, as it were, is pressed heavily down over the eyes and sides of the skull, by the weight of dense feathers on the skull, the ends of the feathers not being displayed, but remaining in close contact with the skull, travelling towards the back, hidden, as I said before, beneath the weight of feather. One eye-brow is as valuable as the other, so long as the entrance is good, and the top of the skull densely clothed, and the hood or back of skull broad and expansive, with good rise over top of skull, showing no flatness.

The beak should be short, thick and neat, with a good moustache over the nostrils and whiskers round the sides of the base of the beak—*i.e.*, the short feathers that grow contrariwise at the junction of the skull and beak. The gullet and throat should be broad and expansive, with a good, short, full neck, frequently described as a "bull neck," running harmoniously into a pair of massive, broad shoulders. The body should be short and thick, back broad, chest (or breast) deep, with pair of good short wings, and tail well carried, standing well across the perch, on a pair of nice, short legs.

The Housing and Keeping of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

(Continued from page 194.)

The Buntings (*Emberizinæ*). — This group calls for but little notice as to treatment, diet, etc. That already given will cover their simple needs. Briefly, they require seed, insectile food, green food, and some live insects. With very few exceptions they will winter out of doors, in any suitably constructed aviary. If caged, they should have a roomy box cage, and be trained to have a fly round the room occasionally.

The Nonpariel Bunting (*Cyanospiza ciris*).—Unfortunately this lovely bird, which formerly was imported in large numbers, is now very scarce, owing to the importation of birds being prohibited from the United States; however, as these birds occasionally leak through via Mexico, they must have a place in this series. In build the Nonpariel Bunting is similar to, but a little smaller, than the Chaffinch. Unfortunately its gorgeous colouring is not retained for any lengthy period in this country, but in large aviaries, with growing plants and herbage, the beautiful scarlet is not entirely lost, and they still retain a large measure of their natural beautiful colouration. In a cage the lovely scarlet of the under surface soon changes to subdued orange-yellow. They are charming birds, and readily become tame.

Adult male: Head, cheeks and shoulders, ultramarine—blue; back, golden-green; rump, orange; upper tail coverts, yellow; tail, dullish green; wing feathers, mostly a bronzy-brown, with most of the outer edges golden-green; chin, throat, breast, abdomen, and under tail coverts, glowing scarlet; beak, legs and feet, dark grey; iris, hazel; eyelids, crimson.

The female differs in having no blue on the head, which is green; and her under surface is yellow.

The Indigo Bunting (*Cyanospiza cyanea*). — This is another beautiful species, once common, but now very rare in this country, for the same reasons which apply to all American species, and which are already given under preceding species. It ranges over the Eastern United States, and in colour is a beautiful bird indeed, and has this advantage over the Nonpariel, that it retains its full natural beauty in captivity. I have found it perfectly harmless in a mixed series, though it has had for some of its companions the smallest waxbills.

In colour the adult male is practically one even hue, viz., rich cobalt-blue, though on the upper surface there appear traces of emerald green, and the wing feathers have their inner webs brown.

The female is a plain and unpretending, but shapely bird, plain brown above, but slightly tinged with blue; under surface, whitish-brown.

The Common Golden-Breasted Bunting (*Emberiza flaviventris*).—Two specimens of this fine species made their advent on the show bench at the late Palace Show. It is a most handsome bird, the markings and contrasts of its beautiful plumage giving it quite a brilliant appearance, though its apparel is not gorgeous. It ranges over practically the whole of southern and tropical Africa, extending northwards to the Congo and Abyssinia. It is a beautiful species either for cage or aviary.

Adult male: Head and sides of face, black, with five white longitudinal bands, one down the centre of the crown, extending to the neck, and two on each side of the head, above and below the eye and ear-coverts; neck, greyish; upper back, rich cinnamon-brown, most of the feathers with buffish edges and blackish centres; wings blackish-brown, crossed with two white bars; tail, blackish-brown, with the three outer pairs of feathers having their lower portion mostly white; chin, abdomen and under tail-coverts white; throat and breast golden yellow, with the centre of the breast washed with golden-rufous; beak: upper mandible dark-brown, lower pale-yellowish; iris, rich brown; legs and feet, flesh colour. Total length $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches, of which the tail measures $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Description from the two birds at the Crystal Palace Show, 1908.

Captain Shelley describes the female as similar to the male, but with the mantle more mottled, the head browner, and the whites not so pure. "They are extremely tame and fearless in their habits, like all the S. African Buntings I have met with; feed much on the ground in open bush country, but are sometimes found in thickly wooded localities, and if disturbed, only fly a few yards before settling again on the ground. Only occasionally do they perch on low bushes or trees, much oftener on stones and rocks. They feed largely upon insects, especially upon small beetles, less frequently upon seeds. In Spring the brilliant cocks sing their Bunting-like notes from the summit of low bushes or stones, a monotonous and oft repeated 'zizi-zizi-zee,' with the stress on the last syllable. About the month of October the female proceeds to build her nest of dry grass-stalks, lined with finer grass and hair, in a low bush at the foot of a rock, or among the roots of herbage on a ledge, and towards the beginning of November lays four or five eggs. They are white, thickly marked all over with scrawls and hair-like zig-zag lines of very dark purplish brown or black. . . . In other districts the nest has been found at a height of 6 to 10 feet, and seldom or never on the ground. . . . The nest is cup-shaped, and $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches across." (Shelley's "Bird of Africa," Vol. III.).

Swainson's Golden-Breasted Bunting (*Emberiza affinis*).—Similar to *flaviventris* but has the whole of the back cinnamon-brown, no white wing bars, the under surface of the body being yellow, ventral region, white. According to Captain Shelley, its range is Senegambia, the White Nile and Sennaar.

The Samoli Golden-Breasted Bunting (*Emberiza poliopleura*).—Captain Shelley gives its range as Somaliland, Shoa, and Southern Abyssinia. It differs from *flaviventris* in having the upper surface much more mottled, the centres of the feathers being distinctly blackish; the yellow on throat and breast is also more restricted in area.

Cabanis Golden-Breasted Bunting (*Emberiza cabanisi*).—This species is common in Western and Central Africa, and is recorded as resembling in song and habits the English Yellow-Hammer. It is similar to the preceding, but is more greyish on the upper surface and the wings are principally dusky-blackish, greyish crown-band, and only one facial band or eye streak. There is yet another Golden-Breast, the Greater (E major), which ranges over tropical Africa, and is very similar in general appearance to the preceding species. Space can only be spared for one other of the African species.

The Southern Cinnamon-Breasted Rock Bunting (*Fringillaria tahapisi*).—A fine specimen of this species has been exhibited for the past two seasons by Mr. S. M. Townsend. Though not as brilliant as the Golden-Breasts, it yet is a very handsome species, and at present a very rare bird in this country. Captain Shelley gives its range as South of a line drawn from the mouth of the Gaboon river to Aden.

The following description is from Mr. Townsend's fine male: Head and throat, black, divided with seven white bands, one down the centre of the crown from the base of the upper mandible to nape, on each side of this a similar band extends from the nostrils to rear of ear-coverts, while below the eyes there are similar bands extending from the gape and enclosing the cheeks, the last pair of bands extending across the sides of the upper throat; the upper surface is blackish-brown, with paler edges; the wings are also blackish-brown, with narrow pale-brown edges; tail, blackish; the whole of the under-surface is pale cinnamon-brown, with the exception of the upper throat, which is black, mottled with white; iris, rich nutty-brown; beak, upper mandible brownish, horn-colour, lower, yellowish; legs and feet, yellow. Total length, $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches, of which the tail measures $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Its natural food is small seeds and insects. The nest is mostly placed on or near the ground. The nest is cup-shaped, rather deep, and but lightly constructed of grass and rootlets, lined with hair. The clutch consists of 3 or 4 pale greenish-white eggs, thickly spotted and blotched with ruddy-brown and yellow.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Observations on some British Finches.

By J. S. CRAWFORD.

Of our many classified British birds the members of the Finch family are perhaps the most beautiful, and it is with these I purpose dealing. No doubt much has already been written, and many splendid plates published of them, to which Cage Birds had added its share though its pages, and which, of course, all go to familiarise strangers with the originals. There are many who know the Finches only behind cage bars, one and all of them being very suitable cage birds, but my object in this article will be to deal with them in their wild state, among their native haunts, where they are likely to be found, and with their nests, eggs, and song.

The "Bully" Described.

First in my notebook comes the Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula europæa*). This bird has indeed a bull-like appearance, with his thick-set head covered with a cap of deep black, and it is no doubt owing to his prominent head that "Bully" derives the prefix to his name. For the benefit of those not quite familiar with the Bullfinch, it may be advantageous to describe him, and also the other members of this interesting group dealt with, so I will insert a description of each Finch as I go along.

The cock Bullfinch, as already noted, has a deep black head-covering, this colour coming well below the eye; the crown is somewhat flattish, and the bill is a little hawk-like. He has a deep red breast, with shoulders and back bluish-ash, belly and rump being white, legs dusky brown, and claws black. The hen Bullfinch is more soberly clad than her mate, the breast and back being dullish brown or greyish-brown in colour.

The Bullfinch inhabits well-woooded districts as a rule. Like the Robin and Tits, it retreats from our gardens and orchards further afield in the spring, and during the summer months is found feeding on insects, and also berries of various kinds. When winter again comes round he draws nearer the habitation of man, and his diet then consists of hips and haws, groundsel and dock seeds. The Bullfinch will sometimes visit our bird-tables in hard weather, but his visits are rare.

For such a handsome and tidy fellow the Bullfinch is somewhat of a slovenly nest builder, and not an early one at that, as May is usually ushered in before the home of the Bullfinch is found, although an occasional nest may be taken in April. His nest is constructed of twigs and rootlets woven together, the former usually being placed at the base of the structure, and is lined with hair, feathers, and wool, and is ofttimes placed in a high hedge some distance from the ground, though more often in a fir or other tree. Five is the usual number of eggs laid, and these are of a ground-coloured greenish-blue, spotted and streaked with dark purple-brown marks, and mostly towards the larger end, but I have seen this fairly well distributed over the egg in some cases.

Like his nest, his song is not of much account, being somewhat harsh in tone, but he has a plaintive call-note. His powers of imitation, however, are wonderful. In confinement he can be taught to pipe a tune deliciously, and no doubt from this comes the term "Piping Bullfinches." He is altogether a splendid cage bird and much sought after by keepers of British birds. The hen will also breed in the cage with the Canary, the young of the pair being known as Mules. I would here point out that there is a Bullfinch known in the trade as the "Siberian Bullfinch," which is a much bigger bird than our native Bullfinch.

An Object of Sport.

The deadliest enemy the pretty Bullfinch has is the gardener, and I would here beg reference to the old animosity that exists between the fruit-grower and the Bullfinch. Now the gardener maintains that the Bullfinch destroys his berries, which, of course, cannot be denied, but I am of opinion that it is more owing to the grubs which are to be found in these berries that the Bullfinch destroys the fruit. Again, I would ask, does the gardener never prune his bushes? Many feasible arguments have been put by present-day writers, but I fear to very little effect, as the Bullfinch is still harassed by the gardener and his shot-gun wherever he may appear and whenever the gardener may get an opportunity. Further, I consider it only fair to argue that the Bullfinch be examined at other times of the year, and not solely at the time of the buds and the ripening of the fruit, and would point out, as already explained, that the Bullfinch is a destroyer of injurious insects, and surely this should make a counterbalance, and if there is any doubt on the matter, I feel inclined to give the bird the benefit of this.

I would also mention that on one occasion I happened to see a couple of Bullfinches (male and female) as part of the bag of a Sparrow Club. How the members of these Sparrow Clubs come to class the Bullfinch with the much-harassed Sparrow I am at a loss to understand.

The Sprightly Goldfinch.

Next on my notebook comes the Goldfinch (*Carduelis elegans*), known also as Goldie, Thistle Finch, Goldspink, King Harry Redcap, Proud Tailor, Red-fronted Thistle Finch, etc., the young being known in some localities as Grey Pates or Grey Heads. Like the bird previously dealt with (the Bullfinch) the Goldfinch is most conspicuous about the head, the front being deep or blood red, hence the term "Red-fronted Thistle Finch," and he has also been called the "Seven-coloured Linnet." He is the most handsome of his family, and has been termed the most beautiful of British birds, and there can be no doubt he rightly deserves his title. In size he is about five inches, has a black collar at the back of his head, with the front of head and feathers round the base of the bill deep or blood red; the cheeks, front of neck, and under-parts being white, except for patches of light-brown each side of the breast; back, dark brown; wings, variegated with white, yellow, and black; the tail also being black, tipped with white. He is a very sprightly and beautiful Finch withal, and is a very useful one to the agriculturist.

The Goldfinch builds a very pretty and neat nest, this being similar to that of the Chaffinch (next Finch having attention), though smaller in size, and it is usually found about the beginning of May, though, if the winter has been mild, like the Bullfinch, a nest may be found about the last week in April. The nest is placed in the fork of an apple or other fruit tree, but sometimes in a thick bush, and the bird also favours the fir at times. The nest is constructed of green bents, moss, lichens, thistle, and yellow down, feathers, hair, and wool, but a good deal depends altogether on the locality and the materials it affords.

The eggs, of which there are usually five, are bluish-white or pale grey, spotted with bluish-purple and red-brown, and sometimes sparingly streaked with same. The Goldfinch has a very pleasing and harmonious song, which endears it to all keepers of British birds as a cage bird.

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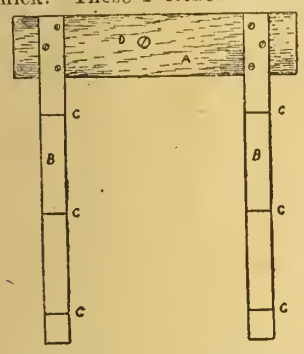
No. 187.

A DEVICE FOR HOLDING PUNCHED BARS WHILST SOLDERING.

Sent by W. E. Tomkinson, 380, Station Road, Winsford, Cheshire.

This is the sketch of a frame for holding punched bars square whilst making cage fronts and soldering with a candle or lamp. First I get a board 16 in. long by 5½ in. wide, as per A. Next I get two pieces, B, 22 in. long, 1½ in. wide, by ⅝ in. thick. These I either screw or nail



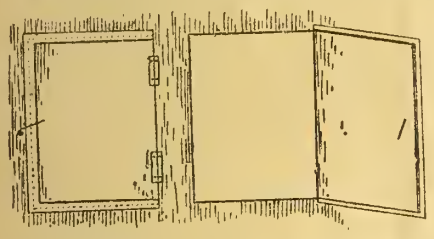
on to A, keeping them parallel to each other. The lines across marked C are sawgates cut square across, and about ¼ in. deep, to put punch bar in. D is a screw for holding frame firm on bench or table and so leaving arms of frame clear to get candle under. Of course, you cut the sawgates as far apart as you want your punch-bar, then put your wire through the punched bar and apply the solder.—W. E. Tomkinson.

No. 188.

HOW TO PREVENT DRAUGHTS THROUGH CAGE DOORS.

Sent by F. M. Ford, "Blantyre," Perrymount Road, Hayward's Heath, Sussex.

Enclosed is a sketch showing a good way of preventing draughts through doors at the ends of cages. You will often



find these doors will, either through shrinking or bad fit, let in draughts. So I take four strips of American cloth, ½ in. wide, and glue these to the edges of the door, leaving about ¼ of an inch projecting over the edge. Sketch A shows the cage door shut, and in B the door is open. In both sketches I have illustrated the narrow strip of American cloth, which is shown by the narrow white edge surrounding the door.—F. M. Ford.

The Appetite of Birds.

Mr. Oliver Pike has made some estimates as to the supply of food a man would require if, for his size, he ate as much as a bird: For breakfast one dozen eggs, a full-sized loaf of bread, and twenty pork sausages. Lunch would consist of 6lb. of steak, half a loaf of bread, followed by two legs of mutton and a fair-sized plum pudding. For afternoon tea we should just have a genoa cake weighing about 1lb., and our dinner would consist of 2lb. of fish, a whole fowl, 4lb. of roast beef, with ten potatoes, and two large cabbages, followed by a pudding weighing 6lb. and 4lb. of fruit. Not a bad day's work for one person! Yet this, weight for weight and bulk for bulk is less in proportion than some birds consume in one day. The Kingfisher will consume almost its own weight of food each day A lapwing will swallow four huge worms and then look for more. A Robin tackling a worm 3 or 4 inches in length and gradually getting it end down his throat succeeds in doing what appears to us an impossibility. The capacity of a tame great Black-backed Gull was tested by offering him some dead Sparrows which had just been shot for the purpose. He swallowed five, feathers and all, after first crushing them.

Have you given the notice respecting CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL for 1908 your attention?

FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

Shipley O.S.

The annual dinner and concert was held on February 18th at the headquarters, "Victoria Hotel." An excellent repast was served up by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Proctor, to which members and their wives did full justice. At the proceedings which followed, Mr. H. H. Towers occupied the chair. An excellent array of talent had been provided, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. H. Holmes (bass) contributed with "Angus Macdonald" and the "Veteran's Song" in fine style. Mr. B. Smith (tenor) sang Ross's "Tell her I love her," and Mr. R. Cordingley (bass) was heard to advantage in the songs "Till Death" and "The Gauntlet." The chairman, Mr. Towers, added to the programme with the song, "The Carrier Dove," and Mr. and Mrs. Crossland brought down the house with "The Gipsy Countess." The comedian engaged, "Jolly Butch of Bradford," caused a deal of merriment with his songs. A vote of thanks to the artistes and the host and hostess, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The Society is in a flourishing condition, a balance of between £7 and £8 being in the bank at the beginning of the year. All fanciers are invited to join.

H. Dobson, Secretary.

Cambridge C.B.S.

The annual dinner of the Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S. took place on February 26th, at Ye Olde Castle Hotel, when upwards of 60 members and friends took part in the proceedings. These included Councillors R. Starr and C. Arnold. Mr. A. E. Brooks took the chair, and was supported by Messrs. Doggett and W. Linsey. In proposing "Success to the Cage Bird Society," Mr. W. E. Pegg said it was a pleasure and a pride to him to be allowed to propose this toast. Although not a fancier from an exhibitor's point of view, he always kept a few birds, and he thought everyone who could should do so, and interest the young in these beautiful little creatures that went to make life a continuous song. He appreciated the objects of the society, and their endeavours to instil in the young a love of cage birds. Messrs. Brooks and Doggett responded. Mr. Brooks thanked the proposer of the toast for his kind appreciation of the work done by the society. Between six and seven years ago one or two fanciers met together and after anxious deliberation decided to form a Cage Bird Society with a membership of six. The roll now numbered 63, and was constantly being added to. At this point of the proceedings Mr. Pegg presented the Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. S. Moore, with a barometer as a mark of esteem from the members, and in recognition of the excellent services he had rendered them as secretary. Mr. Pegg said Mr. Moore was an old and valued friend of his, and he was sure the society could not have a more energetic secretary or one more anxious for its welfare. They had not forgotten Mrs. Moore, and he asked acceptance on her behalf of an electro-plated teapot When the society did anything, they did not do it by halves, and to Mr. J. Gifford he had much pleasure in presenting on their behalf a cheque, in appreciation of the work he had done as assistant secretary. Mr. Moore said he could not sufficiently thank the members for their kindness to himself and Mrs. Moore. The barometer, he hoped, would not be symbolical of the society. A barometer was a thing that fluctuated; and the Cambridge C.B.S. never fluctuated; it was a progressive society and never looked back, and he assured the members he would do his best to keep it so. Only the other week at the Crystal Palace one of their fanciers, Mr. W. Linsey, had secured gold and silver medals for cage making, and they were determined to capture other prizes. Mr. Gifford also returned thanks. In replying to the toast of "The Honorary Members," Mr. Tom Coward said it did his heart good to see so many fanciers present, and he could only say of the branch of the Fancy in which he was particularly interested that he would like to see such a muster. Mr. G. W. Lawson also responded. Mr. A. E. Edwards proposed "The Visitors," to which Councillors Starr and Arnold responded, both gentlemen expressing sympathy with the aims of the society, and assuring the members of their support. T. S. Moore.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

A "House Warming" Concert was held at the new headquarters, "The Montpelier," Choumert-road, Peckham, S.E., on February 20th. Between 90 and 100 members and friends met to celebrate the removal of the headquarters. The weather was about the worst that could be for such a function, but the programme was such that those present were amply repaid for their journey in unpleasant weather. In the regrettable absence of the Chairman, Mr. R. L. Crisp, through illness, the chair was occupied by Mr. F. S. Mathes, and the vice-chair by Mr. H. E. Tringham. About 30 ladies were present. The proceedings were opened by a pianoforte solo by Mr. Herbert Holland, I.S.M., who rendered "Valse Brilliante" in a very able manner. Mr. H. W. Reeves, a new acquisition to the Society, then gave "The King's Own," his performance evoking much applause. Mr. Arthur Bolton sang "Nirvana," to the especial pleasure of the ladies present. Mr. H. J. Field then rendered in a masterly manner "Lighterman Tom," which failed to satisfy the audience, inasmuch as he was compelled to sing an encore, "The Corporal's Ditty." Mr. A. White, who possesses a good tenor voice, then sang "My Dreams" and "River of Dart." Mr. Herbert Townsend then showed that he also possessed a rich vein of humour by singing at the piano, "Love, if you'd only told me." Mr. W. Stoker then gave a treat to the lovers of more serious items by singing "The Sailor's Grave." At this point the Chairman rose to thank the audience for their presence, explaining that the social evening they were there enjoying was thought by the committee to be an excellent manner in which to bring the members to see the Society's new home and to cement a feeling of good fellowship among them. He then called upon the Vice-Chairman to read a large pile of letters and post-cards expressing sympathy with the committee, and wishing them a successful evening. These were from many ladies and gentlemen who are held in high esteem by the Fancy generally: Mesdames Lewer and J. E. Reeves; Messrs. F. Carl, G. Crabb, A. E. Crowhurst, Lewer, Norman-Reed, J. W. Ramsden, J. E. Reeves, J. A. Simpson, J. B. Waterman and G. E. Weston, and several others. The Vice-Chairman then read a letter from Mr. R. L. Crisp, which showed that their efforts to raise the Society back to the position it held previous to the late show was being noticed and appreciated. Mr. Crisp said that, as a unit of the Society, he considered himself morally bound to bear his share of the loss incurred, and enclosed a cheque for one guinea. This brought us to the second part of the programme, which proved more enjoyable even than the earlier part. Mr. Herbert Townsend opened with a musical sketch at the piano, which was "an improvisation on that well-known melody 'Bill Bailey.'" Mr. Bolton next gave two songs, "Two Eyes of Grey," and "I know a lovely garden," following these up with "Freedom," from "The Greek Slave." Mr. Reeves rendered "The Trumpeter," and Mr. Field "My Old Shako" and "The Windmill." Mr. White gave "Those Azure Eyes" in very pleasing manner, after which Mr. W. Stoker sang "The Devout Lover." The concluding item was an excellent recitation by an old friend and committeeman, Mr. A. Cunningham, entitled "The Yarn of the 'Nancy Bell.'" The evening was now far advanced, and upon the proposition of Mr. Lugg, a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman was accorded with musical honours, to which a suitable response was made by Mr. Mathes. Mr. Cranfield next proposed a vote of thanks to the vice-Chairman, who, in replying, said that the whole of the committee were working earnestly and harmoniously to uphold the honour and dignity of the Society, and were all pledged to do everything in their power, but nothing that did not become a man and a fancier, to further the Society's interests. It also fell to the duty of the vice-chairman to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the artistes who had so generously given their services, remarking that the programme provided had been absolutely clean and wholesome, and altogether of a high standard of merit. Mr. Meredith next proposed, and Mr. Cranfield suitably responded, to a vote of thanks to the musical sub-committee for having arranged and carried out such an attractive programme. One ring round the room for "Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the King" brought to a close the first social gathering of its kind ever held under the auspices of this Society.

H. E. Tringham (Chairman of Committee).

Darlington C.B.S.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the members on Feb. 14, at their club-room at the Half Moon Hotel, on the occasion of the club supper. The attendance was not so large as expected, owing to unforeseen circumstances; many members were not able to get away from business. The host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, had provided an excellent spread, which called forth many appreciative remarks from those present after the removal of the cloth. Mr. R. Todd, who presided, opened the proceedings with the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, and then called upon Mr. Will Finlay, pianist, to give a selection, "The Diabolo March," the pianist's own composition. Afterwards Mr. Tony Molloy gave us one of his specialities in the form of an Irish song, "Pat Finnigan," in characteristic style, while Mr. J. Martin, who followed, regaled us with another comic "Get it over quick." Then Mr. Stapleton sang "In Friendship's Name." Mr. W. Allan proposed the toast of the evening: "Success to the D.C.B.S.," and said that the Society was progressing and was one of the best in the North. He also had great pleasure in asking the Chairman, Mr. R. Todd, to present to the Secretary, Mr. Brunskill, a purse of gold subscribed by the members of the Society in recognition of the work he had done for the Society since its formation, and he was sure that the success of the shows held was in a great measure due to the work done by the Secretary. He hoped they would have his services for some time to come. In collecting the subscriptions from the members he had found every one very willing to give, and all spoke well of the manner in which the Secretary had carried out his duties. Mr. Todd, in presenting the purse, said that he had very great pleasure in doing so. He could say that in the Secretary they had "one of the best" to be found in the North, always willing and straightforward, and with all show details at his fingers' ends. He had made the shows held by the Society the best ever held in Darlington, and he could say without fear of contradiction that they could not find a harder worker in the country. In asking him to accept the purse and contents, he could assure him of the goodwill of all the members of the Society. Mr. Brunskill, in responding, said he had great pleasure in accepting the kind present. He asked them to accept his thanks. As they were all aware, he had done the work without any expectation of reward, and so long as the shows had been a success, and the Society had gone ahead, he had been satisfied. All had worked very well together, and he hoped the Society would continue to prosper. He felt obliged to Mr. Allan for the trouble taken in collecting subscriptions for this presentation. Speaking for the Society he was pleased to say it kept making progress and adding to the number of members each year. He hoped they would be able to make their shows the best in the North of England. The toast was received with musical honours. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, the following contributing: Mr. E. Lees, "Dreams" and "Woman's Ways"; Mr. Stapleton, "Sing me to sleep"; Mr. T. Reed, "The Barney Castle Militiaman"; Mr. Jas. Molloy, "Billy Muggins"; Mr. Tom Molloy, "Barney Quirk's Christening"; Mr. P. Carter, "The Organist"; and Mr. W. Underwood, "Queen of the Earth."

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A Naughty Magpie.

A Magpie built its nest in a tall tree near a large house. One day the lady of the house left a valuable diamond ring on her dressing table, the window being open the Magpie flew in and seeing the ring flew off with it to its nest. A servant was accused of the theft and sent to prison. Sometime after, during a great storm the tree was blown down and the ring was found in the nest, thus proving the girl's innocence. Taken from "The Basket of Flowers." Sent by Doris Lycett, age 11. Apedale View, Chesterton, Staffordshire.

*Likes His Feet Washed.

Having seen the picture of a Bullfinch in Cage Birds I thought I would write and tell you about mine. He has been caught just over twelve months and is very tame, much tamer than some Canaries we have. He will take seeds from our fingers. I give him sunflower seeds; is very fond of them and I also give him apple pips and any other wild seeds and berries I can get. I have to wash his feet as they get so dirty, but he likes having them washed. Sent from Hilda Turner, Camfield Cottages, Hatfield, Herts, aged 12 years.

**A Sparrow's Coolness.

A passenger, who was waiting for a train in one of the underground railway stations, observed a Sparrow hopping upon the rails in search of crumbs. A train came into the station from the direction in which the passenger wished to travel, and he had leisure to watch the Sparrow. It allowed the engine to come within a few feet of it, and then, instead of flying away, it quickly hopped off the rail upon which it stood, and hopped into the space between the rails. There it lay until the train puffed out of the station, when it jumped upon the rails again, and resumed its search for crumbs. Presently another train entered the station, and the Sparrow was seen to repeat its previous action, and to take refuge once more between the wheels of the train.—Taken from "Chatterbox." Sent by George Carrick (age 14 years), 13, King's-terrace, Maryhill, Glasgow.

*The Lark and the Greenfinch.

Beside a door two cages hung:
From one a Lark's clear music rung;
A Greenfinch twittered in the other.
When, passing near them with his mother,
A little boy, delighted, heard
The tones of the melodious bird.
"Come," said his mother, "Can you say
"Which bird is trilling that rich lay?"
"Oh," cried the child, "the one in green,
The prettiest bird I've ever seen;
For surely that which looks so plain
Could never sing so sweet a strain."
"Nay, child," the mother said, "you're wrong.
'Tis he pours forth that thrilling song.
Look closely now—see how his throat
Is quivering with each rising note;
And never judge of birds or men
By outside finery again!"

—Taken from "Chatterbox." Percy King, age 8 years, 89, York-street, Cambridge

CLUB REPORTS.

MORPETH AND DIS. C. AND C.B.S.

The society is going ahead like wild-fire. We had our second meeting on February 28th, and the interest and enthusiasm shown by all present speak well for the future success of the society. Ten gentlemen gave in their names wishing to join us, and after being formally proposed were duly enrolled as members. Their names are as follows:—Messrs. Ellison, Johnson, Rowcroft, Lockey, Laidler, Graham, Moore, Johnson, Mayland, and Clark, bringing the total number up to date to 24. It was decided that we appoint two judges to officiate at our forthcoming show. We hope shortly to arrange lectures, etc., for the benefit and encouragement of our younger members. E. COWLING.

LONGTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

A well attended meeting was held at headquarters, Castle Inn, Feb. 18, when the following officials were elected: Mr. E. Tams, chairman; Mr. J. Davies, vice-chairman; Mr. J. Edwards, treas.; Messrs. C. Birks and H. Perrings, auditors; and all members on the committee. It was decided to hold the annual show on October 3rd, and to fix the date for the First Feather Show at the next meeting. Also that we join the Cage Bird Union. Mr. T. Bould, Blyth Bridge, has promised to give a silver medal to the member who breeds the best light Hybrid this season. Mr. J. Davies, Prospect-place, Longton, has promised a pair of birds, valued at 10/6 (or money) to the member who gets most points at shows with Canary bred by himself in 1908. A meeting is to be held on the first Tuesday in each month at the Castle Inn, at 8 p.m.—T. J. SIERS, Sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

At the general meeting held on February 20th at headquarters a good deal of business besides the pair show was got through. A good programme was drawn up, and it was decided to hold the annual show on the same day as last season—that is, January 7th and 8th, 1909, and Mr. Robson has been engaged as one of the judges. The annual open show, which was held within five months of the formation of the society, was a success, and speaks well for the society's future. The balance-sheet was passed, showing a small deficit, but with stock in hand to more than cover it. Mr. Easterling kindly gave his reasons for placing the awards as stated, and was accorded a warm vote of thanks by the members. The following new members were elected:—Messrs. W. J. Munckton, High-street, Hambleton, Hants; A. Hopper, 136, Sandy Hill-road, Plumstead; E. Fowler, 457, Woolwich-road, Charlton. W. LAWRY, Hon. Sec.

MACCLESFIELD AND DIST. C.B.S.

On February 22nd a dinner was held. It was the first since the society's formation, the society being now three years old. A goodly number were present, and with the tempting things set before them by Mr. Shatwell, at his dining rooms, Macclesfield, all went pleasantly. After dinner the secretary read the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £11 19s. 6d. This was well received, and came in for some kind remarks from Councillor W. Thompson, a strong supporter of the Society. The toasts of "The Hobby of Cage Bird Keeping" and "The Officers of the Society," were proposed by Councillor Thompson and Mr. W. Lee, our chairman. These toasts were drunk, and were followed by selections from the phonograph by Mr. H. Wallworth, songs by Messrs. F. Broadhurst and J. Clarke, and a recitation by Mr. J. Snape and H. Wallworth. We spent a right good social evening, and we hope this will be followed by many more. Mr. C. Oliver, treasurer, proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped in making the evening one which, he thought, had been thoroughly enjoyed, and this brought the evening to a close.—F. BROADHURST, Hon. Sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR AND DIS. C.B.B.A.

On Feb. 22, we had our annual general meeting. There were only seven members present; almost all the rest were down with that fashionable complaint, influenza. However, we got through the business very well. Our chairman resigned on account of his business. We made six new members, four of them from the neighbouring colliery village of Ryhope, and from what I learned from the member who proposed them, there are others to follow. We are not having our open show this season, but intend to have two members' shows, one at Ryhope and one at Seaham. There may be more when we get a start. The balance-sheet, as read by the secretary, was accepted as satisfactory, and when all bills and debts are paid we will have only a few shillings in hand, which is a big difference compared with last year, when we had somewhere about £4 10s. in hand. We lost a trifle over the open show. The next business, the election of officers, resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. J. Pickering; vice, Mr. F. Joy; committee, Messrs. J. Hudson (late chairman); W. Cockerill, G. Hills, M. Elliott, R. Harrison and M. J. Wilkinson; banking stewards, Messrs. Harrison and French; assist. secretary, Mr. H. Dobson; secretary, Mr. J. M. Nicholson, 7, Sophia-st., Seaham Harbour. We are open to take members from any part of the district and fanciers may do so any time. Subscriptions, first year, 7 - and 5 - afterwards.—J. M. NICHOLSON, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held at the Flying Dutchman Hotel, on Feb. 29th. Mr. T. Fortnam (President) occupied the chair. We had the delegates' report, and other matters of importance were gone through. The chairman said he wished to draw attention to what he considered a most important matter, and one which called for explanation from some source or another. He referred to the report in the Press of the Cage Bird Union meeting. In reply to one of the delegates, who advocated a working arrangement with the Yorkshire Union, Mr. Lythgoe was reported to have said that he had tried to come to an understanding with the Yorkshire Union, and had been in communication with the secretary (Mr. Hammond), but found the conditions were such that no arrangement was possible. He was at a loss to understand why such an important matter had never been heard of or discussed by the City of Bradford O.S., who were in membership with the Yorkshire Union, and he would like to know if the Council of the Union had dealt in any way with this suggested working arrangement, and as Mr. Hammond, a member of the society, was present, he proposed, with the consent of the meeting, to ask him if he was in a position to explain matters. Having gone thoroughly into all details and after reading the correspondence (which up to now Mr. Hammond had treated as private and confidential at Mr. Lythgoe's request), the meeting unanimously passed a resolution approving Mr. Hammond's action and expressing entire and unabated confidence in him as secretary of the Union. Several members expressed a wish that the matter might be brought before a meeting of the Yorkshire Union Council.—F. RHODES (Secretary).

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE AND DIS.

The members met at their headquarters on February 29 to listen to a lecture on "The Management of the Bird-room," given by Mr. W. A. Bladon, which proved to be very interesting. A good number of questions were answered by the lecturer, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to Mr. Bladon, proposed by Mr. W. Foxall, and seconded by Mr. H. Grime.—H. FODEN, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH LONDON COL. AND F.A.

Points gained at late pair show for points' cup, 1908, as follows:—Mr. J. Palmer, 27; Mr. H. J. Horton, 24; Mr. F. Johnson, 21; Mr. G. F. Males, 21; Mr. S. Harris, 17; Mr. G. Munday, 15; Mr. F. White, 14; Mr. A. Biss, 11; Mr. L. J. Richardson, 5; Mr. G. Kearney, 4; Mr. F. Bizley, 4; and Mr. A. W. Hollands, 3.—G. A. JEFFERY, hon. sec. and treasurer.

LUTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

The society held a general meeting on March 2nd, when it was decided to join the C.B.U., and the annual open show is fixed for November 4th. Mr. J. Robson is engaged to judge. We feel sure that with the success attending our last open show, fanciers will rally round us again, seeing that Luton is only 30 miles from London on the main line, and with a good train service. After the close of the business, our worthy chairman, Mr. G. Bennett, made a touching speech, thanking the members and friends who contributed towards a fund for defraying the cost of a pair of birds belonging to our secretary, Mr. E. Cherry, he having sustained a very heavy loss through septic fever, of over 70 birds, including all his Canaries, British and Foreign birds. Some were purchased at big figures, and were well-known winners. The sum collected was £3.

GATESHEAD AND DIS. C.B.S.

At the last meeting correspondence was read from Messrs. Vardy, Heath, Bennett, and Parker Robinson, the nominated judges for our next show, December 11 and 12. Messrs. Heath, Bennett, and Parker Robinson were finally elected satisfactorily, while Mr. Vardy's appointment was left open, owing to a prior engagement. Five new members were elected, Messrs. E. Hooper, J. Adams, W. F. Swann, J. Turner, and J. Riseborough. These gentlemen received a most hearty welcome into the ranks of the Palace of the North. It was agreed to hold a nest feather show on June 20, and that arrangements be made for same at an early date. We have learned since meeting that a gentleman has offered a splendid room for N.F.S. and £2 towards expenses of show, per Mr. A. Brown. I am sure he will receive the hearty thanks of the members. Fanciers are invited to join at once. Membership is open to all. Next meeting, March 18.—THOS. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

We have arranged to hold our monthly meetings at the Temperance Hotel in Bondgate-street the last Wednesday in every month, this being a suitable date, at 8 p.m. prompt. The following officers have been chosen:—President, Mr. Gilhanders; vice-presidents, Captain Howe, Messrs. Malone, Brodie, Ireland, A. Tate, and Philip Archer; chairman, Mr. A. Moir; vice-chairman, Mr. M. Swan; secretary, Mr. R. F. Rennison; assist. secretary, Mr. J. Robinson; treasurer, Mr. T. Tennent; committee, Messrs. W. Millar, R. Weatherilt, T. Wake, H. P. Strig, W. Knox, W. Landers, W. Straughan, T. M. Tate, J. Knox, J. Snowdon, and E. Beswick; auditors, Messrs. W. Landers and J. Robinson. With a membership of 50 in all, we have fixed our subscription at 2s. 6d., with an entrance fee of 6d. The radius has been fixed at 10 miles. The secretary will be only too pleased to forward all the necessary information re membership to anyone desiring same. Our show date has been fixed for October 31st.—R. F. RENNISON, Hon. Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S.

The annual meeting was held on Feb. 22nd, at the Bull's Head Hotel. Our President, Mr. C. A. Davis, in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. The secretary gave us the report of the past year's work, and also read the balance sheet. Every member was satisfied with this, as we were left with a balance well on the right side. Considering this is the first year of the existence of this society, things have gone well and with every prospect of a much better future. The society have held a series of monthly shows for most points to count at end of season, the result being as follows:—1st, Messrs. Taylor and Haigh, 45 points; 2nd, S. H. Jeffries, 27 points; 3rd, A. E. Morton, 25 points; 4th, E. Crossle, 11 points; runner-up, Mr. E. Pipond, 13 points. The society has doubled its membership; it now consists of some 30 members and has hopes of receiving more. We are trying very hard to buy a cup to be won in competition amongst its members next season, the winner to hold the cup for 12 months; if any friend would care to help us in this matter the secretary, Mr. A. E. Morton, 3, Devon-street, Parkinson-lane, Halifax, will be very glad to hear from him. We are confident the society has a good time in store. On Friday last the members and friends held a smoking concert. There was a good attendance, and a right jovial evening was spent. In the absence of our President, Mr. E. Crossley took the chair, and Mr. E. Sutcliffe acted as secretary in the absence of Mr. Morton, who was ill with influenza. Mr. E. Sutcliffe presented the prizes to Messrs. Taylor and Haigh (gold medal), Mr. S. H. Jeffries (copper tea urn), Mr. A. E. Morton (silver-plated jam dish), and Mr. E. Crossley (silver spoon), each suitably responding. The members, as a surprise, presented the secretary with a handsome hand bag, for which he heartily thanked one and all. The programme was of a very high order, each artist deserving of the highest praise. Messrs. H. Tasker, Kenyon, McEwan, Clegg and Iredale contributed. Thus ended the first year of the society.—ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

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THE SHOWS.

TONBRIDGE AND DIS. F.A.

A members' show was held on February 26 at the Red Lion Hotel Assembly Room, and it proved a great success. Although wretched weather prevailed it did not damp the enthusiasm of our members and friends, who turned up in good numbers. The cage bird classes were judged by Mr. F. Wraight.

NOR. (16): 1, Barkaway; 2, 4, vhc, Warner; 3, Richards; vhc, Smithers; hc, Mrs. Kirke; hc, B. Kirke. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, 3, Knapp; 4, hc, Taylor; vhc, c, Warner. A.O.V. (10): 1, Barkaway; 2, Smithers; 3, Holland; 4, Peters; vhc, Whitehead; hc, Haines, Priest; c, Palmer. BRIT. (9): 1, 4, Warner; 2, hc, Peters; 3, Whibley; vhc, Richards. FOR. (9): 1, Dennis; 2, Hepworth; 3, 4, Peters.

ROCHDALE O.S.

The annual British and Foreign bird show was held in club rooms on February 29. There was a grand collection of birds; in fact, it was the finest show that has been held in Rochdale for the last ten years. Mr. L. Butterworth judged, and he gave every satisfaction.

GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Entwistle; 2, Pratt; 3, Parker; 4, Walton; vhc, Woodall; hc, Naden; c, Ratcliffe. BULLFINCH: 1, Woodall; 2, 3, spl, Entwistle. BROWN LINNET: 1, spl, Entwistle; 2, Walton; 3, Hilton; 4, Naden; vhc, Barrass. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Entwistle; 2, Pratt. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, Barrass (Thrush); 2, Walton (Chaffinch); 3, Ratcliffe (Redpoll). MULES: 1, hc, Pratt; 2 vhc, Butterworth; 3, 4, Entwistle; c, Naden. FOR.: 1, 2, spl, Pratt, 1st pair of yellow Budgerigars, 2nd green Budgerigars.—J. BUTTERWORTH, Sec.

WEST BROMWICH AND DIS. C.B.S.

The first table show of members' matched pairs was held on February 25 at the Dartmouth Hotel. A very good entry was made, and considering the youth of the society, the quality of the birds was distinctly creditable. Mr. A. Paddock, of the Birmingham C.B.S., judged the Yorkshires, and Mr. A. Broadhurst, president of the Birmingham Society, the other classes. The Yorkshires, both numerically and in quality, were the best section, some very good birds being exhibited.

YORKS. YELL. CK. and BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Collier; 2, Beck. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Collier; 2, Broadway; 3, Key. NOR. YELL. CK. and BUFF HEN: 1, Carter; 2, Capewell; 3, Jennings. BUFF CK. AND YELL HEN: 1, 3, Capewell; 2, Viles. HYBRIDS: 1, Goldfinch cock, Bullfinch hen; 2, Greenfinch cock, Bullfinch hen; 3, Goldfinch cock, Bullfinch hen, Green. MULES: 1, Viles, Goldfinch cock, Norwich Yellow hen; 2, Beck, Linnet cock, Yorks. Yellow hen. CREST: 1, Viles, Crest bred cock, Crest hen; 2, Carter, Crest cock, and Crest bred hen. After the exhibits had been inspected the members were given an interesting and helpful lecture by Mr. Paddock upon the breeding of Yorkshire Canaries.—W. E. J.

BRADFORD (West) C.B.A.

The first of the members' quarterly show was held on Feb. 29th at Red Lion Hotel, Girlington. There was a good attendance of members and friends, the entries numbering 111, champion classes 58 and novice classes 53. Mr. R. Carr judged, and gave great satisfaction.

CHAMPION CLASSES: CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS: 1, Wood; 2, 3, hc, Crabtree; 4, Wallbank; vhc, Clark; c, Clegg. BUFF: 1, Crabtree; 2, Clark; 3, vhc, Clegg; 4, hc, Cowgill. UNEVENLY MARKED: 1, Crabtree; 2, Cowgill. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, Wood; 2, Greaves; 3, Mail; 4, Clegg. BUFF: 1, 4, Mail; 2, Wallbank; 3, Wood; vhc, Bolton. CINN. MARKED YORKS.: 1, Wood; 2, Bolton; 3, Clark; 4, Wallbank; vhc, Greaves. HEN: 1, 3, Wallbank; 2, Greaves. GREEN SELF, ETC.: 1, Greaves; 2, Wood. NOR.: 1, Clark; 2, Cowgill. NOVICE CLASSES: CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Graham; 2, 3, Armstrong; 4, Weston; vhc, Armatage; hc, Bennett; c, Hellewell. BUFF: 1, Turner; 2, Graham; 3, Armstrong; 4, Hellewell; vhc, Lister; hc, Armatage; c, Pratt. UNEVENLY MARKED YORKS.: 1, Lister; 2, Turner; 3, 4, Hellewell; vhc, Bennett; hc, Armatage. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Graham; 2, Hellewell; 4, Pratt; vhc, Cockroft; hc, Armstrong. BUFF: 1, Weston; 2, Pratt; 3, Hellewell; 4, S. Cockroft; vhc, Stirk; hc, c, Bennett. CINN. MKD. YORKS.: 1, Armatage; 2, 4, Graham; 3, Pratt; vhc, Weston. HEN: 1, 3, Bennett; 2, Pratt; 4, Weston. GREEN SELF ETC.: 1, Turner; 2, Graham. CHAMPION AND NOVICE CLASSES: A.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 4, vhc, Inman; 2, Cowgill; 3, hc, Clark. BRIT.: 1, 3, vhc, Inman; 2, 4, Wood; hc, Cowgill; c, Wallbank. SELL. (12/6): 1, Clark; 2, Cowgill; 3, vhc, Bolton; 4, Wood; hc, Wallbank; c, Mail. Specials for most points, four highest birds to count. CHAMPION SECTION: 1st, 5/-, T. Wood; 2nd, 3/-, T. H. Inman; 3rd, 2/- (tie), T. Clark, and W. Crabtree. NOVICE SECTION: 1st, 5/-, R. Graham; 2nd, 3/-, W. Hellewell; 3rd, 2/-, W. Armstrong. Special for best bird in show, T. Wood.—H. Clegg, Sec.

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES N.C.M.B. AND F.B.C.

A monthly meeting and pairs show was held in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on February 29. The president (Mr. Geo. Martin) presided over an average attendance. The following gentlemen were admitted to membership:—Messrs. R. Frew (Wishaw), D. King (Coatbridge), Geo. Sommerville (Auchenheath), Thomas Anderson (Bridgeton), Wm. Paterson (Motherwell), K. Donald (Kirkintilloch), Wm. Shearer (Hamilton), and D. Knox (522, Allison Street, Govanhill). The following are the classes for show to be held on March 28:—Goldfinch, British, Foreign; Linnet; Greenfinch; and Siskin. Entries for pairs show exceeded those of former years by forty pairs, and the judges, Messrs. Edwards, Moffatt, J. Roulstone, and Young had quite a lively time in selecting the winners. It speaks volumes for their judgment, as they came out of it with flying colours.

CL., ETC., NOR. PAIRS (11): 1, McFarlane; 2, Malcolmson; 3, Connelly; 4, vhc, Renfrew; hc, McInnes; c, Roddie. TICK, ETC., VAR. (14): 1, spl., McFarlane; 2, Shearer; 3, McInnes; 4, spl, Marlin; vhc, spl, Connelly; hc, Roddie; c, Brannigan. CL., ETC., BORDER PAIRS: 1, 3, Brannigan; 2, Renfrew. PAIRS, A.O.V.: 1, Thomson, Junr., Scotch Fancies; 2, spl., Adam, Lizards; 3, Pettigrew, Cinnamons; 4, Thomson, Junr., Scotch Fancies; vhc, Drysdale, York.; hc, spl, Roddie, Yorks.; c, Henderson, Yorks. GOLDFINCH MULING PAIRS (12): 1, Lawson; 2, McInnes; 3, Henderson; 4, spl, hc, J. Erskine; c, Roddie. LINNET MULING PAIRS: 1, Shearer; 2, McInnes; 3, Malcolmson; 4, Roddie; vhc, spl, Pettigrew; hc, J. Erskine; c, Renfrew. MULING PAIRS A.O.V. (14): 1, Pettigrew; 2, McFarlane; 3, Marlin; 4, Renfrew; vhc, Brannigan; hc, spl, Erskine; c, Shearer. HYBRID PAIRS (21): 1, spl., hc, Pettigrew; 2, Brannigan; 3, Henderson; 4, vhc, Lawson; c, Connelly.—J. H. ADAM, Sec.

SALE OPEN O.S.

A table show of Greens and Borders was held on Feb. 24. Mr. Sam Hadwin (Liverpool) judged, and gave every satisfaction, he afterwards spoke on the winning birds, and gave the fanciers present some good hints on the breeding of these two varieties. Several questions were put to him, which he answered to everybody's satisfaction. A vote of thanks was passed him for his very able remarks. Messrs. C. F. Worrell and W. A. Buskey, of Altrincham, and D. Leigh, of Levenshulme, were elected members of the society. SELF, ETC., YELL. GREEN NOR. COCK: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Harrison. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Harrison. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Harrison; 3, Irlam. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Harrison; vhc, hc, Irlam. YORKS. GREEN CLASSES, cancelled. YELL. GREEN BORDER: 1, Bayley; 2, Wardleworth. BUFF: 1, Bayley. YELL. BORDER CK.: 1, 2, Bayley; 3, Wardleworth. BUFF: 1, Wardleworth. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Bayley; 3, Wardleworth. BUFF: 1, 2, Bayley; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Wardleworth.—GEO. F. HARDCASTLE, Sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

The society held their pair show on February 20th, when there was a good attendance. There were 54 entries; the quality, especially in Norwich, was grand. The muling pairs were also very good. The same remark applies to the British birds. Mr. F. Easterling judged.

CHAMPION YORKS.: 1, Bulgin. NOR. (8): spl, 1, 3, vhc, c, Meades; 2, Daniels; hc, Bulgin. NOVICE YORKS. (4): 1, 2, 3, Putner; vhc, Hall. NOR. (11): 1, 2, vhc, Russell; 3, Allison; hc, Wood; c, Hopper. CREST (2): 1, Newnham; 2, Mrs. Carden. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 3, Allison; 2, W. G. Simants; vhc, C. Wood; hc, Mrs. Smith; c, Daniells. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Mrs. Carden; 2, Hawkes; 3, Pawley. LINNET (6): 1, Allison; 2, hc, E. Simants; 3, c, W. Simants; vhc, Putner. GREENFINCH (1): spl best Brit., 1, Allison. A.O.V. 1, 2, E. Simants; 3, W. Wood. PAIRS FOR MULE OR HYB. BREEDING (7): 1, Weaver; 2, vhc, Meades; 3, W. Simants; hc, Hall; c, Daniells.—W. PAWLEY, Sec.

GREAT HORTON GOOD INTENT O.S

The adjourned annual general meeting was held on February 29th at headquarters. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Geo. Riley; vice-presidents, Messrs. Newell, Briggs, Gornall, and D. Hollas; hon. treasurer, Albert Holden; hon. secretary, Harry Schofield; assist.-secretary, S. L. Whitely; Y.U. delegates, Messrs. Whitely and Rushworth. The balance-sheet was read and passed, and it was found that the society was in a sound position. It was also passed that we hold four members' shows—one first feather and three old birds shows. There were eight money specials allotted for all four shows, the four highest to count, each member to count at each show. The first show was held on February 29th, there being a fair entry. Some good birds were staged. Mr. A. Firth won a framed picture for most points in show. The following were winners of points at this show:—Messrs. Firth, Holden, Whitely, Schofield, Briggs, and Newell. Mr. H. Sutcliffe, of Windhill judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, Holden; 2, Firth; 3, Newell; 4, Whitely. BUFF: 1, 4, Firth; 2, Whitely; 3, Briggs. YELL. HEN: 1, Chubb; 2, Schofield; 3, Brook; 4, Whitely. BUFF: 1, Brook; 2, Holden; 3, Briggs; 4, Newell. CINN. MKD.: 1, Pinder; 2, Holden. HENS: 1, Firth; 2, Schofield; 3, 4, Holden. YORKS. STOCK BIRDS: 1, Whitely; 2, Firth; 3, Holden. PAIR CLASS: Void. A.V.: 1, Holden; 2, Whitely; 3, Firth.—HARRY SCHOFIELD, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

The third annual spring show of British, Hybrids and Foreign birds was held on Feb. 29, at the "Bay Malton," Great Portland-street, W., when entries turned up exceedingly well. It was a fine show throughout, and reflected great credit on the Association. There was a good attendance at the fixture. The success of the exhibition is due in large part to the able efforts of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. J. Pretty; nothing was awnting on his part, and he is deserving of every praise. Mr. S. Cook judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

GOLDFINCH (11): 1, spl, vhc, Quantrell; 2, R. J. Pretty; 3, Handt; hc, Goodall; c, E. Pretty. FIELD-MOULTED (6): 1, Adamthwaite; 2, Stacey; 3, Quantrell; vhc, Sparkes; hc, Tringham; c, Armstrong. BULLFINCH CK. (5): 1, spl, Morrison; 2, spl, Hawes; 3, hc, Adamthwaite; vhc, Tringham. HEN (7): 1, Thorpe; 2, hc, Morrison; 3, E. Pretty; vhc, Stacey; c, Adamthwaite. LINNET (7): 1, spl, Handt; 2, Morrison; 3, Sparkes; vhc, Goodall; hc, Heine; c, Williams. FIELD-MOULTED (7): 1, Ransley; 2, Adamthwaite; 3, Williams; vhc, Heine; hc, Sparkes; c, Gilbert. GREENFINCH (9): 1, spl, R. J. Pretty; 2, Quantrell; 3, Morrison; vhc, Hammant; hc, Goodall; c, Hawes. FIELD-MOULTED (6): 1, Stacey; 2, Hawes; 3, Heine; vhc, Williams; hc, Adamthwaite. CHAFFINCH (5): 1, Morrison; 2, E. Pretty; 3, spl, Quantrell; vhc, spl, Ransley; hc, Adamthwaite. FIELD-MOULTED (2): 1, spl, Thorpe; 2, Morrison. REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, spl, Quantrell; 2, Goodall; 3, Morrison; vhc, c, R. J. Pretty; hc, Hammant, absent, Pearce. SISKIN: 1, Quantrell; 2, 3, E. Pretty. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC., CK. (11): 1, spl, Ransley; 2, E. Pretty; 3, R. J. Pretty; vhc, spl, Hawes; hc, spl, Heine; c, Thorpe. HEN (5): 1, 2, E. Pretty; 3, Morrison; vhc, Hawes. INSECTIV. (4): 1, spl, Morrison; 2, vhc, Heine; 3, R. J. Pretty. FOR. A.S. (3): 1, spl, Hawes; 2, Bateman; 3, Adamthwaite. CAN. HYB. LIGHT (6): 1, spl, Goodall; 2, Stacey; 3, vhc, Shakespeare; hc, Heine. DARK (5): 1, spl, Sparke; 2, Goodall; 3, Thorpe; vhc, Stacey.

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Jan. 7 and 8. **Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S**

Great Horton O.S. hold their second members' show of the season this Saturday (March 14th), at the meeting house, the Butchers' Arms, Great Horton, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, the secretary. The judge will be Mr. W. Cruise, the notable winning fancier from Bowling. Birds staged at 3 p.m.

The judges are now engaged for our show to be held in the Co-operative Hall on October 17th, writes Mr. J. Ford, secretary of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. The gentlemen elected are:—For Scotch Fancies, Mr. D. Low (Dundee); for Border Fancies, Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside); for Norwich, Mr. J. Adam (Dundee); and for British and Foreign Mr. R. Farmer (Edinburgh).

Kindly announce that we have moved our headquarters from Plimsoll Arms to Castle Hotel, Commercial Road, Newport, Mon., writes Mr. W. H. Barnes, secretary of the Newport and Monmouthshire C.B.S., this being a much more suitable place for the purpose of holding meetings. It has an up-to-date accommodation, and meetings in future will be held every Saturday at 7.30.

We learn that Mr. C. P. Arthur, the well known Melksham foreign bird enthusiast, is unavoidably compelled to dispose of all his stock, which he is advertising this week. He writes: It will almost break my heart to get rid of all my birds just now, and dismantle all my aviaries and my bird-house, which have cost me altogether about £150, independent of their inmates.

It is now, writes Mr. W. H. Bamsey (Derby), about two months since my serious operation took place, but I am glad to say I am getting on as well as can be expected, though slowly. I am still very weak on the legs, but I hope with brighter weather to make better headway. I must thank you for the sympathetic references in CAGE BIRDS, also those readers who have sent personal enquiries after my health. I am sorry to say I have to part with most of my birds, keeping only a pair or two for pastime—for without birds I should think I was quite lost.

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The members of Prescot C.B.S. have once more met to consider the carrying on of the society, writes Mr. A. Wellings, as several young fanciers have started in the town. The society has been at a standstill for want of fanciers, and not for the want of funds, as there is still £7 0s. 2d. in the bank to its credit. It has been decided to have a show on March 21st for members. The society is open to any distance members, and the subscription is 2s. 6d. per year. Fanciers wishing to join can do so on communicating with me at 8, Rowson Street, Prescot, and I will hand their names to the hon. secretary, Mr. J. Platt, to be put before the meeting.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S.

The annual general meeting was held at headquarters, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, on February 29, the President, Mr. A. C. Dandie, presiding over a large number of members. The minutes of the general and committee meetings for the past year having been passed, the balance-sheet, showing a credit balance of £30 16s. 10½d. on the year's working, was discussed and adopted on the motion of Messrs. A. Rodger and E. G. Wright. The total balance in hand is £105 6s. 2d., leaving the Society in a sound financial position. Votes of thanks were accorded to Miss Peddie Waddell, Messrs. J. Brown, R. Brown, W. Aitchison, S. Buglass, T. H. Buchan, and several others for special services rendered; also to the President, secretary, and committee for the conduct of business during the past year. A motion re election of judges was passed, and the election of office-bearers was then proceeded with. A motion by Mr. Aitchison that representatives from each section be appointed its committee to work entirely for their own section and nominate their own judges to place before the general meeting for election, was defeated, as was also the motion, by Mr. Welsh, that committees be paid. It was intimated that arrangements were being made with a gentleman to lecture on "Wild Bird Life," under the Society's auspices, the subject to be illustrated by limelight views, the date to be announced later. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very successful meeting to a close. Next meeting to be held on Saturday, March 21. The election of office-bearers for 1908-9 resulted as follows:—Hon. president, Mr. Wm. Grant; hon. vice-presidents, Messrs. Bailie Stevenson, W. Aitchison, J. Brown, A. G. Cameron, F. A. Watt, G. M. Brotherston, and T. Arnot; President, Mr. A. C. Dandie; vice-presidents, Messrs. Jas. F. Dewar, L. J. Arrighi, E. G. Wright, and R. Craig; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Jas. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh; committee, Messrs. A. Cochrane, A. Foster, S. Buglass, T. Todd, A. Rodger, A. W. Watson, J. D. Melrose, J. Smeaton, J. Ross, D. Kinlayside, J. Hutchison, W. Holton, W. F. Arrighi, M. Finnie, R. Martin, A. Gorrie, J. Kay, W. Mather, W. R. Dunn, R. Mackay, J. Drysdale, W. Carson, J. W. Buist, J. R. Miller, D. Morris, P. West, Rankin, and Denis; auditors, Messrs. G. M. Brotherston and P. Green.—JAS. WINTER, Sec. and Treas.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Weekly singing contest held at King's Head, Sbannon-street, on March 7th, when 20 birds sang. Some very good singing was heard. 1st prize, C. Biss; 2nd, T. Summers; 3rd, T. Johnson. Judges, Messrs. Towers and Crane. Also on March 8th, when 30 birds sang in heats. 1st prize, C. Biss; 2nd, T. Johnson; 3rd and 4th shared by C. Biss and T. Summers. Judges, Messrs. T. Hineson and C. Cooper.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, March 7, when 28 birds faced the judge. Result: 1, 5, Limhert; 2, Key; 3, 4, Chaplin; 6, Laverick; 7, Massheder. Judge, Mr. J. Paver; timekeeper, Mr. J. Limhert, sen.—W. EMPSON.

Linnet contest at Crown Inn, Nortb Street, on March 27, when 27 birds sang for six prizes. The following were the principal prize-winners:—1, Watson; 2, Moore; 3, Stothard; 4, Horwell; 5, Bean; 6, Oxberry. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Firth.—J. W. SMITH, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD.

Contest at Don Inn, Carbrook, when 20 birds sang for three prizes for three minutes hanging. Knights, 50; Booker, 44; Watson, 39. Judges, Messrs. Bollington and Lank.—H. TIMMS.

RYHOPE.

An open Linnet contest was held at the Grange Hotel, Ryhope-road, when 28 birds sang for three prizes. Results were: Machin 1, McDonald 2, Cope 3. Judge, Mr. G. Lilley; timekeeper, J. Mason.

LEIGH.

An open contest was held at the Standard Mower on February 29, in connection with the Shepherd's Inn L.C. for time-singing. Thirty-two birds were entered:—1, 4, Slatham; 2, Rowlands; 3, Howard; 5, Jones; 6, Boydell.—W. E. WILCOCK, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

A contest was held at the Albion House, Workman's Club, Usher Moor, Durham, on March 7. Thirty-four birds sang for five prizes given by the Society. Judges, Messrs. Reed (Brandon) and R. Walker (Usher Moor). Mr. Geo. Graham (secretary) had everything nicely arranged, and deserves credit for his management. The awards are as follows:—1, G. Robinson; 2, 3, W. Marchant 4, Jackson; 5, G. Graham. Visitors from all parts were present, and a pleasant afternoon was spent by all.—GEO. REED.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Linnet S.A. held their Shrovetide all-England singing contest for quality on March 7 at Old Red Lion, Snigbrook, when 40 birds competed for six good prizes. This entry beat all previous records. Prize-winners are:—1, D. Bentley; 2, Lady Green; 3, P. Blacksbaw; 4, J. W. Jones; 5, George Rostron; 6, W. B. Bentley. Judge, Messrs. J. W. Jones (Leigh), J. Janes, and W. H. Topping (Blackburn). Also week-end contest, February 29, for three good prizes; 1, G. Rostron; 2, 3, P. Blackshaw. Judge, Mr. G. Jones; timekeeper, R. Topping. Also March 9 for three prizes: 1, G. Rostron; 2, T. Rench; 8, J. Harrison. Judge, Mr. W. H. Topping; timekeeper, C. Topping.—G. ROSTRON, Assistant Secretary.

P.S.—Look out for our great all-England contest on Easter Saturday. First prize, timepiece, valued 21s., and seven other valuable prizes. Entrance fee, 1s. Old Red Lion, Snighrook, Blackburn.—G. R..—ADVT.

A CHALLENGE.

SIR,—Answering on behalf of Mr. J. Scarfe, I am willing to sing you, Mr. Biss, on the terms you mention, viz., one hour's quality singing, for £5 and upwards, any bird in Yorkshire, hang on the nail in the window. If you wish to make a deposit in this paper, I will cover it at once, and with regard to the judges, and where we sing, and the date, we will arrange between the first and the last deposit. Only fair business meant.—P. DEARLOVE, Hull.

Western Counties O.S.—Mar. 16, Borough Arms, Bank Street, Plymouth, 7.30. Paper on "Mules," by Mr. R. Browning.—T. Pope.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. Members' show. Judge, Mr. J. Wilson (Sandy Lane). Birds staged at 3 o'clock.—E. W. Johnson.

Wombwell and Dist. C.B.A.—Mar. 14, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Contributions and date of show.—C. Gleadhall.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager.

Secretaries should always use them.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F. S.—Mar. 24, New Inn, Loughborough Road, 8. General business.—W. H. Riley.

Bermondsey and Dist. F.S.—March 17, Samson Castle, Grange Road, Bermondsey, 8.30.—A. Lupton.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Mar. 17, Temperance Hall 8. British Bird show. Mr. Mallinson, judge. — J. Richardson.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 17, Round House Inn, 8. Special business.—F. Mitchell.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Mar. 14, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 7.30. Business: Members' tea and social at 8.30 p.m. Mr. J. Clarkson (Halifax) will give a lecture. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. Clegg.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Maskell's, 8. Annual meeting, auditors' report, election of officers, payment of members' show prize-money, fix dates of shows, etc.—W. Sampson.

Coventry O.S.—Mar. 18, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Pair show, A.V. Canaries, matched for breeding.—G. Peters.

Crook Original C.B. and R. and P.S.—Mar. 18, usual place, 7. First feather and open shows, selection of judges for first feather show. Fanciers invited.—A. Bowes.

City of Bradford O.S.—Mar. 14, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 6. Annual dinner and social.—F. Rhodes.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Royal Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, and other important business.—B. Cook.

Dulwich O.S.—Mar 18, Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, S.E., 8.30. Lecture by Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, on "The Management of Canaries during the Breeding Season," and discussion on same.—Rogers and Mazzoni.

Eccles and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Grapes Hotel, Peel Green, 8.30. Business, important.—A. Wheatley.

Glasgow and Western Counties N.C.—Mar. 14, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Committee meeting, arrangements for ramhles, lectures, washing exhihitions, judging competitions, etc.—J. H. Adam.

Great Horton O.S.—Mar. 14, beadquarters, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Garston B.B.A —Mar. 18, Wellington Hotel, 8. General business.—A. Wilkinson.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.—Mar. 17, Bank Restaurant, Queen Street, 8. Smoking concert; programme provided by Messrs. R. B. Gibb and Duncan Graham. Fanciers cordially invited.—R. A. Brown.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Arrangement for first feather show, etc. —T. Taylor.

Highgate, Hampstead, and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 20, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Lantern lecture with coloured slides, entitled "Cock Robin and Co., Ltd.," given by Mr. F. B. Kirkman, B.A. Fanciers, bring friends. —W. Reynolds.

Houghton-le-Spring and Dist. C.B.S. — Mar. 14, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—H. Fenwick.

Halifax O.S.—Mar. 14, Griffin Hotel, 8. Mr. W. Cruise (Bradford) will give a lecture on "Pairing, Breeding, and Rearing the Yorkshire Canary." Friends invited.—J. F. Thackray.

Kent County C.B.A.—Mar. 19, Engineer Inn, Dover, 8.30. Instruction meeting, chairman and others purpose bringing pairs of birds by way of illustration, commenting thereon, and invite discussion, questions, etc.—G. Sanderson.

Leek and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Headquarters, 7.30. Leek and Potteries Federation. Note alteration of time.—R. Hall.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Mar. 17, White Swan Hotel, 8. Table show, British and Mules. Judge, T. Ride.—C. Draper.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Mar. 15, "The Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W., 8.30. "Pedigree Breeding." By Mr. W. A. Bladon. President Cinnamon Canary Club."—R. J. Pretty.

London and Provincial O.S.—Mar. 19, The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, E.C., 8. "Questions Evening." All Fanciers welcome.—H. Lambert Brown.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—J. Simon.

Manningham C.B.A.—Mar. 14, Mowbray Arms, 8. Classification of members' shows.—F. Western.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Mar. 16, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Lecture by Mr. S. Dean, Great Horton, on "The Yorkshire Canary." All fanciers invited.—E. H. Jones.

Middleton O.S.—Mar. 16, Old Boar's Head, 8.—H. Thomas.

Morpeth and Dist. C. and C.B.S.—Mar. 20, Vose's Refreshment Rooms, 7.30. Business very important. —E. Cowling.

National British B. and M.C.—Mar. 16, The Napier, High Holborn, 8. Club show cages.—Plumbridge and Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar 17. Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Lecture on "Border Fancy," by Mr. F. Wardleworth (Altrincham). Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Davey.

Preston O.S.—Mar. 14, headquarters, rooms of the Preston Scientific Society, 7. Amendment of rules, appointment of judges, and to consider various partonages.—W. H. Heathcote.

Pelton Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Fleece Inn, Old Pelton, 7. General business: New members specially invited.—L. Hall.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Trinity Schools, 8. Balance-sheet of pair show, and demonstration of cage-making.—W. Pawley.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Mar. 19, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Important business. —J. C. Birch.

Rochdale O.C.—Mar. 17, Club-rooms, 7.30. Lecture, "Pairing of Canaries."—J. Butterworth.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Protestant Society's Hall, George IV. Bridge, 8. Lecture by Mr. James C. Adam, entitled, "In Bird Haunts with a Camera," illustrated with over 150 limelight views. Fanciers and friends invited.—A. Cochrane.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Ordinary monthly meeting; members' annual subscription due.—A. E. Morton.

Swindon and Dist. C.B.A.—Mar. 14, Chorus Room, 7. Lecture by Mr. W. Manley of Bristol. "Canaries: Breeding and Management." He will also judge the matched pairs' show.—E. Allsopp.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Mar. 21, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 5.30. Classification, election of judges, etc.—J. Winter.

Shipley O.S.—Mar. 17, Victoria Hotel, 8. Lecture on Yorkshires, by Mr. Sam Dean. Fanciers and friends invited.—H. Dobson.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A.—Mar. 15, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30. Fixing date for breeding lecture.—H. A. Watson.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an auswer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Birds Dying, etc.

A Bird Lover.—You say you sent a bird for post mortem as advised, but you do not say what the report was. Anyway, if it was septic fever, as was evidently suspected, you have only to read up the novices' page during the last few weeks to see how to deal with it. Again, you say you give the proper Roller diet, but give no indication what it is. The condition of the birds is certainly not indicative of proper treatment. For diet, etc., see reply to "St. Andrew" in last week's issue, and if the birds do not improve with this treatment write again and tell us the report of post mortem examiner. 2. No hard and fast rule can be laid down as to the quantity of egg food to give each pair of birds whilst rearing young. Begin with a small teaspoonful, and increase or decrease it as required. You should aim at giving just as much as the birds clear up before feeding time comes round again. 3. Give the Roller cock with viscid droppings ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in the drinking water for two days, and afterwards give five drops every alternate day for the remainder of the week. At the end of the week give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water for one day.

Green Crest Ill.

J.B.S.—The place where the bird is kept, or some item of management, is probably the reason why the treatment you have been giving has done no good. The bird is almost certain to be exposed either to draughts, damp, or chills. The latter may result from cold baths. Take notice whether the bird is worse after bathing, and, if so, either withhold the bath until the weather is mild and bright, or give it in a tepid state. Feed on Canary seed as a staple, with a teaspoonful of egg food twice a week, and a small quantity of scalded rape every third day. Keep the bird comfortably warm, and begin treatment by giving ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for one day. Afterwards give twenty drops whiskey, ten of glycerine, and five each of sweet spirits of nitre and tincture of tolu three consecutive days, and then every second day until better. Give a crumb of sponge-cake slightly moistened with sherry once a week, and a scrap of green food daily.

Sex, Heat and Seed.

J.L.—1. There is just a sporting chance of any Canary given away as a hen turning out a cock, but I would not build any hopes upon it simply because the bird tries to trill in a hoarse kind of way. Many hens do that, and even sometimes make quite a fair show of singing. 2. I should advise you to keep the bird indoors until towards the end of April, and then put it in the outdoor shed without any extra heat, rather than put it out earlier and use an oil-stove. 3. You ask for an opinion of a sample of Canary seed, yet the only sample enclosed is a mixture. The bulk of it is Canary of rather poor quality, and slightly musty; rape, not in sufficient bulk to examine properly; a fair proportion of linseed, and a little niger. I should not consider it suitable for a staple diet.

Of Nine Days' Standing.

D. E. F.—I trust your ill-luck since you entered the Canary Fancy nine days ago will not discourage you. I have not the least doubt your management of the birds is at fault. When they arrived you should have caged them off separately in a room where the heat was just nice and comfortable, and fairly regular day and night. The kitchen probably does not comply very well with these conditions. A teaspoonful of egg food and an unlimited supply of Canary seed should have been given, and then if either of them had shown signs of a cold half a teaspoonful of whiskey and five of sweet spirits of nitre in the water would have soon set matters right. As it is the birds are probably exposed to draughts or great variations of heat. Begin now, and feed them as we are frequently advising for a general diet; give a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry once a week, to the birds that are ill, a teaspoonful of egg food once a week all round; and a pinch of hemp, and half a teaspoonful of rape seed each twice a week on different days. If the pair of Lizards still show no signs of beginning to nest, I would advise you to separate them, and keep both pairs separate until the cocks are quite well and in good song. See they are kept under the above described conditions, and give the cocks the whiskey and sweet nitre, as mentioned above, and ten drops of glycerine in the water for a week or so. You might keep the birds in the unused bedroom until towards the end of May, and then place them permanently in the unheated greenhouse, if you intend doing so. It is certainly a very unsuitable place for caged birds.

Seed and Insects.

South Devon.—To take your second query first, you can very easily tell when a bird is troubled with red mite without catching it, in any of the following ways:—Carefully examine the cage about the joints, corners, ends of perches, and any tiny hole or crack; if you find the surface sprinkled over with tiny white powdery-looking dots it is an infallible sign that mites are harbouring there. Probe such places with a pin, and you will be astonished at the live-stock disturbed. If you hear the bird moving restlessly on its perch a few hours after it has gone to roost, take a light to the cage and examine it carefully; you may see the mites running along the perches or popping in and out amongst the bird's feathers; or crush up a piece of white paper and stick it between two wires of the cage at the end of a perch, or near the turning pivot of the door. Leave it there a day or two, then remove carefully smooth it out, and see if there are any mites upon it. There will be some—more or less—if the cage is infested. The best way to discover grey lice, which live upon the bird permanently is to catch the bird and examine it under the wings, at the base of the neck and the root of the tail. The sample of Canary seed is small, and of very poor quality. It has probably been badly stored, and I should not care to use it myself.

Various.

V. H. G.—The best staple seed for every day use is just plain Canary seed. If the other seeds are given separately, this may be given in the seed boxes entirely unmixed. Say you give a pinch of rape every other day and a pinch of hemp twice a week, on intervening days, a scrap of egg food once a week, and green food daily. Once a week you might omit the dry rape seed and substitute a teaspoonful of scalded rape. When the birds have young, of course, more variety is required each day. Egg food, crushed hemp, scalded rape, should be accessible to them every day. Inga and niger are one and the same seed under two different names. It is only suitable for special and occasional use. Your birds kept in in a warm kitchen which sneeze and shake their heads are most certainly exposed to draught from some source or great variations of heat. Remedy this; and then give them twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and six of sweet spirits of nitre in the water for a few days until symptoms disappear.

Preparing for Breeding.

"Mid." — There is just a possibility that the sudden loss of the whole of the tail feathers was due to an accident, in which case the loss will not very seriously delay breeding. You may give it fifteen drops of Chemical Food every second day for a week or so. If, however, the loss of the tail is the prelude to a general moult, you cannot do better than cover the bird over and keep it fairly warm, in order to get it through as quickly as possible. It will be late before you can think of mating it. If it is really moulting, you will not be long in doubt, as the rapid loss of the tail will almost certainly be quickly followed by an equally sudden loss of the smaller feathers. To counteract the overfeeding, give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn every third day for a fortnight. Your other queries should have been on separate sheet. See Mr. Weston's columns next week.

A Fickle Appetite.

J. H.—Both samples of Canary seed are small, and of rather poor quality. There is little, if anything, to choose between them. The Finch mixtures should have been sent separately for the British Bird expert. With double the quantity of hemp in it, No. 3 would make a fair mixture for Finches generally; No. 4 has too much Canary, and not enough hemp and rape. Give the bird that shells its seed without eating it as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence and twenty drops of whiskey two days in every three for a week, and afterwards give ten drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for another week. If not better by that time, write again and say if the bird is in a fat or lean condition.

Norwich Hen Lifeless.

H. H.—In addition to the staple diet of Canary seed, give the hen half a teaspoonful of egg food, which you can make by mixing the food you mention with the required quantity of hard-boiled egg, twice a week, a few grains of hemp seed one day, and a pinch of rape the next, and a spray of watercress, or small leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give for one day twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn, and the next day twenty drops of whiskey and ten of glycerine. After that give fifteen drops of Chemical Food and six of aromatic sulphuric acid on alternate days for a week longer. Of course, these last two items are not to be given both together on the same day, but one each day; first one, then the other.

Early Breeding.

T. B. Voss.—You paired up the birds more than two months too early, and although you say you kept the temperature at from 55 to 70 degrees, this is far more variable than can be allowed with safety. From 65 to 70 would have been nearer the mark, and at this you might probably have saved the birds. But as it is, you simply lost the birds through cold. The symptoms indicate this clearly; so I should rather expect the heat sometimes went even lower than you say, although 55 is quite low enough to do mischief at this time of the year. I do not know any special book on rearing young, but all general books probably treat the subject largely. Perhaps "Canary Breeding for Beginners," from this office, would suit you if you have not got it. You do not say what soft food you use, so I can only advise you to use that which you often see advised in this column.

Egg Food Again.

W. Shone, Jun.—There is absolutely no way of making up fresh egg food which will keep good for a week, and yet be wholesome and harmless to the birds. Probably what you mean is a good substitute for egg food, which may be mixed in sufficient quantities in a dry state to last that length of time. The best of this kind that I know is, get a pound of maizena wafer biscuits, crush them to powder, then add half a pound of preserved egg yolk, as sold for feeding soft-billed birds, and mix thoroughly together. Store this mixture in air-tight tins or jars, and slightly moisten the quantity required for use each day. This will keep good in the dry state for a few weeks, and answers all the purposes of fresh egg food very well.

Crests Moulting.

Anxious.—Your situation is almost certainly damp or draughty, otherwise the oil-stove is responsible for greater variations than you imagine. If the cages have not been properly cleaned and distempered, as described in the "Notebook" a few weeks ago, do them at once, before it gets any later, otherwise you will be over-run with mites later on. See that the temperature is fairly equable; if you cannot command an equable one with the stove, do not use any heat at all. Give the Canary, rape, and a few grains of hemp as you are now doing. Cut off the linseed and other mixed seed, and give a teaspoonful of egg food once a week, and twice a week a small piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it. A spray of green may be given daily. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food every second day until the moulting has ceased.

A Fresh Starter.

E.G.—1. As you require good singers, and have no other birds, I would advise you to get a pair of pure Rollers. If these are not quite up to your ideal as regards looks, then get a Roller cock and a ticked yellow Norwich or Yorkshire hen. 2. Provided you do not mate up too early—say, not before the early days in April—I should say the empty bedroom would be preferable to the living room, as the temperature would be more equable. 3. If you go in for the Roller-Norwich cross any general book on Canaries would suit you; for pure Rollers, "The German Canary," by A. Rettich, obtainable from this office, would be about the best.

Brevities.

Bird Rough in Feather (T.G.).—You do not say how the bird is fed. Still it does not much matter, as I feel convinced that the bird's condition is due to red mite. Thoroughly clean its cage inside and out, and also the position where it hangs. Scrub it out with a fairly strong solution of carbolic disinfectant and afterwards re-distemper and varnish. Give the bird a little Epsom salts and a few drops of lemon juice in its water for a day or two, and spray it a little daily with tepid water in which a few quassia chips have been soaking. Should you really decide to destroy it, don't poison it by any means—that seems too horribly bad. Ask your chemist to chloroform it.

Transferring Birds (Lottie).—You should defer transferring the birds from your cosy parlour to a cold room until the end of this month. Then the average temperature will be a little more stationary, and the transference not so likely to upset the birds, and they may then be put direct into their breeding quarters ready for mating. But do not actually put them together until they have been in the room a few days, and you notice the cocks busy feeding the hens. You give too much of the seed mixture. Half a teaspoonful twice a week is quite enough. Of course, you will select an interval of nice mild weather to move the birds in.

Norwich Hen Unwell (Essendon).—Continue to give plain Canary seed only as a staple diet, and twice a week give a very little bread soaked in milk, and pressed nearly dry, a pinch each of hemp and rape just once a week on different days, and a spray of watercress daily. Give nothing else in the way of food. Give as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and twenty drops of whiskey in the drinking water two days in every three for a fortnight. Catch the bird twice a week, and gently drop a tiny drop of warm olive oil on the vent from the end of knitting needle. Shall be glad to hear result at the end of that time.

Lays one Egg (A. H. Bone).—You will get nothing but disappointment out of this hen, I fear. The very best advice I can give you is to discard her altogether, and procure a healthy young hen of last year's breeding to supply her place.

Canary Going Blind (J.S.).—There cannot be anything the matter with the bird's health according to your description, and the fact that the one eye has sunk in its socket and become blind seems to point to some physical injury to the eyeball, such as a vicious peck from another bird, or, perhaps, some jagged end of wire pricking it. Did the shrinkage take place in a short time, and is it kept in a cage with other birds? I strongly suspect one or other of these causes is responsible for the blindness. You can do nothing beyond shading the cage a little until the solitary eye has grown accustomed to doing the work of two.

Norwich Cock Gaping (Anxious Novice).—The bird is probably exposed to draught from somewhere. See that it is quite protected from these, and chills. Do not give cold baths until the weather is milder. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, and ten each of syrup of squills and glycerine, every second day for a fortnight, and at the end of each week give twenty drops of chemical food for one day.

Not Singing (W. J. Jess, Jun.).—It is quite a common thing for the cock to stop singing when mated, even though he may have been in full song right up to time of mating. It does not necessarily mean that he is gone out of breeding condition. If he is in full song and vigorous at the time of mating, that is all you need wish for. The birds are probably going on all right, although you have been a little too hasty in putting them together.

Bowel Trouble (Novice).—Discontinue giving chemical food, and for one day give as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence and twelve drops of whisky in the water, and afterwards give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day until the symptoms cease. Give also a teaspoonful of egg food once a week, and a few grains of hemp daily until better.

Diarrhoea, etc. (Cinnamon).—Treat the hen as advised to "Novice" in this issue for bowel trouble, and give twice in the first week, in addition to what is there advised, a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry. As regards the Crest cock, see if it is troubled with insects—the grey lice, not mites. Catch it, and hold it in your hand a few minutes—you will soon know then. If this is not the trouble, dissolve a piece of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in its water for two days, and afterwards give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a week or so.

Aviary (Redrob).—Thanks; glad to hear you appreciated aviary notes. Look for a little extension. Sorry I have forgotten what space it was you wished to enclose with netting. If you will remind me I shall be glad to deal with it. The aviary should answer admirably for moulting young Borders, providing they have not been bred in heat.

Canaries hissing J. Chapman).—Give the birds the medicine advised to 'Anxious Novice" in this issue, for Norwich cock gaping, and once a week give in addition just a crumb of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry. See they are not exposed to any draughts.

Another Gaper (Saint Anne).—You should have said how the bird was fed. I am a little inclined to think it is simply overfed. Try the following for a week, and if not better then write again and say how it is fed and treated. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, ten drops of glycerine, and twenty of whiskey, every alternate day, and a spray of green food daily. I surmise you are satisfied that no draught can get at the bird.

Gone off Song (Don't Know).—I do not think there is anything wrong with your bird. Many cocks cease singing and act as you say this one does when they are mated up. You have certainly taken a risk in pairing them so early, but now it is done, and the hen gone to nest, you can do nothing but let nature take its course. Drop the linseed out of the diet; give only a small quantity of egg food twice a week until the young are hatched, and stop giving saffron. You should not be giving healthy birds drugs every few days.

In Fine Condition (E.W.H.).—Glad to hear the three young birds are now in fine condition. Certainly you may breed from them this year. But as they were hatched very late, I should advise you not to mate them early. Unless they should come too forward do not mate them before the end of April. May would be better; and do not take more than two nests from them this year upon any account. Mate them with two-year old birds.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Greenfinch Mating Matter.

Young Mule Fancier.—If your four-month caged Greenfinch is a "kind," steady bird, then he may quite likely breed you some Mules this season. If the birds were mine, I should keep the Greenie one side the wired division of a two-compartment breeding cage, the hen Canary the other side, and withdraw the slide when I saw the former feeding the hen through the wires, and otherwise taking notice of her. Then you would be pretty certain to get no "quarrelling" worth mentioning, especially if you left the actual pairing up (that is, running the two together) until the hen commenced carrying bits of nesting material about in her beak. There is no object whatever in putting the birds together (in the same compartment) until the hen is quite ready, providing, of course, the two birds it is desired shall breed are kept side by side, so that they may get to know each other. If a single breeding cage is used, then it is sufficient to hang the cock bird on the front of it in a nursery cage (or other suitable type) for an hour or so daily. The worst thing anyone can do is to run a cock British Finch (of any kind) which is in rank breeding condition in with a hen Canary which is not ready to go to nest. The cock tries to force his attentions on the hen, and she not being in the mood to accept them, a pitched battle is the result. And loss of feathers is not the only outcome of the latter, for such ill-considered attempts at "mating" often set the two birds at loggerheads, and in consequence they do no good the season through. The proper pairing up of one's couples is the keynote of success.

A Mixed Bag.

Jigger.—1: Just because your two Redpolls "feed" each other it will be rash to assume they are a pair. Two cock birds of most species will carry on in this way; and so will two hens. Catch the birds and examine their breasts, and if you find any red feathers thereon, then both are cocks. Do they both sing? Don't overlook the fact that you may quite likely have two hens. 2: Two or three times within recent weeks I have told how to sex Greenfinches. Briefly, the cock is a rich green; the hen ashy-brown with green shadings. The cock Twite has a distinct red patch on the rump (just under the tips of the wings), whereas the hen is always a dingy grey thereabouts. 3: If you want to breed a few nice coloured dark Mules, you cannot beat a yellow green-marked Norwich-type hen Canary (one stoutly built, that is) as a mate for the Goldfinch. If you want a sporting chance of a light Mule, you might do worse than try a clear or ticked pink-eyed yellow hen of Yorkshire type, one somewhat strong in build for choice. 4: Pair your birds when they are ready; see reply to "Jigger" this week. Let the prospective husbands and wives become acquainted by sight, at the least, before the day comes when the reading of the marriage service, so to speak, actually takes place.

All Trouble.

Cavendish.—I certainly think the skin and eye complaints from which the two Linnets are suffering are infectious—probably one and the same cause is at the root of the trouble of each bird. It would be communicable from the perches, for one thing, and I advise you to remove the Linnets into separate cages, and to regularly cleanse the perches therein with hot water, to each half a pint of which a small teaspoonful of boric acid has been added. Dissolve the acid in a little of the hot water, then fill up to the full quantity of the latter. It would be as well to wash the cage thoroughly with a similar solution, and then, if of wood, paint the insides over with sanitary washable distemper. The eye of Linnet No. 2 should be bathed twice daily (morning and evening) with warm boric acid solution, but only of a strength of one small teaspoonful (not heaped up) to a full pint of water. Use a pledget of lint, or piece of very soft rag, to dab the eye with, and don't soak the surrounding plumage. For Linnet No. 1 get a pot of a mild sulphur ointment from the chemist, and smear lightly twice daily the place on the head. The Goldfinch you mention I have little hope for; his condition sounds hopeless, in fact. Don't continue purgatives, but rather put half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water. Let him have all the niger seed he chooses to eat, and crack his hemp if necessary; also don't forget maw. You should go out and get him a daily supply of young, tender dandelion leaves, and all the flowering heads of groundsel you can find, likewise a little seeding chickweed. In suitable sheltered spots these invaluable wild plants may be now obtained; have been obtainable for some time, in fact, down in the south. Try him also with a few ants eggs that have been steeped in new milk, then drained.

A Mixture.

J. L.—Oil lamps are always more or less dangerous things, however carefully they may be tended. You need not run any risk on behalf of the Linnet and Canary, though, for they will need no artificial heat at all. The outdoor place wants to be damp and draught-proof, however. The sample of "Linnet Mixture" is good enough, so far as the quality is concerned, but is unsuitable for regular use, on account of the niger and hemp it contains (millet is also useless, be it noted). See another reply this week on the feeding of Linnet-Canary couples. You say your Linnet has a "speckled breast, clearly marked all over"; this is not a sign of a cock bird, as you suppose, but quite the contrary, the hen Linnets being practically always more heavily pencilled than the cocks. Seeing that your bird has not sung at all it looks very much as though you had a hen. If it does not soon sing on the feeding I advise, you can be certain it is a hen.

Flying Loose; Bullie Ailing.

C. W. T.—Get a small supply of a good sulphur ointment from a chemist, and dress the hen Bullie's legs and head with it lightly twice daily, morning and evening. Give three or four mild doses of sulphate of soda (as much as will lie on a sixpence dissolved in two table-spoonfuls of drinking water) with daily intervals of plain water in between. In many cases ordinary sea-sand is neither sufficiently gritty nor shelly (has not large enough particles in it), and this requires to be remedied by mixing with it a proportion of some good brand of prepared bird grit. The Finches certainly want putting with their proper partners, and at once, or they will be mating where they please. Run each male bird alongside the particular hen destined for him, in the manner described this week in another reply dealing with mating.

Thrush Ailing.

Bonaparte.—Porridge is good for human beings; likewise bread and milk. But as the staple foods of a Song Thrush they do not strike me as suitable and adequate. You had far better try one of the advertised Thrush foods (getting a good one) or adopt the following dietary. This stock mixture any good seller of bird foods will mix for you (store it in tins): Game (or Pheasant) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupae, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the game meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes make an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little water, or grated raw carrot, or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season. Vary them frequently and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hardboiled egg, twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. Black-beetles and snails (especially snails dropped into boiling water for a few minutes, then chopped up), are much relished. Get an ounce of citrate of iron crystals from a chemist, and dissolve a piece as large as a pea in its drinking water daily for a fortnight, but discontinuing it for a time if it seems to be binding the bird's bowels. The excreta of large Softbills is always somewhat offensive; their cages need frequent cleaning out.

Brevities.

Identity of Bird (H. C. Ainge).—The bird you saw must have been a Heron; no other species answers the description you give.

Stock Mixtures (F. O. Le Marchand).—The Goldfinch stock mixture is very good, but only a quarter-part of mixed summer rape and charlock should be put in, as Goldies very seldom, if at all, touch either. The Linnet and Redpoll mixture is correct; reduce the linseed somewhat during the hot weather.

Sex of Redpolls (Bert).—No doubt you would notice I dealt with this question in reply to "Bob," in our issue of February 29th. Don't mix Canary with British bird queries; it always delays the answering.

Outdoor Place (W. D.).—The shed of which you send a sketch, should answer admirably as a bird-house. If you desire good breeding results, keep the birds in cages; and don't shift them outside until we get a spell of mild weather. Corrugated iron makes a very "hot" roofing during the height of summer (and your place faces south). Whitewash it on top, and line it, if possible, with match-boarding. Have windows and door to open, for fresh air purposes.

Is this a Blackcap (No nom-de-plume).—If by "Blackcap" you refer to the Blackcap Warbler, then the bird you have is not of that species. It is a Great Tit, in fact, often termed the Ox-eye Tit. "Blackcap" is just a local name for it, and the bird has many of these. The Great Tit is a soft-billed bird, as you say, but likes a few sunflower and hemp seeds, and a cracked nut or two, now and again. Don't forget live food (mealworms, etc.).

Food for Goldfinch Mule (E. W. S.).—A splendid stock mixture for a Goldfinch mule is: Canary and Teazle, three parts each; hemp, one part; linseed, charlock, and summer rape, half-a-part each. Give the "tit-bits" recommended for a Goldfinch.

Goldfinches: and Another (Cantab).—The only bird I can call to mind answering the description you give, is the Reed Bunting. The exterior tail feathers are marked with white. The "small Siberian" you refer to, is probably a Russian Goldfinch. From the description you give, I feel sure it is a cock bird, right enough. In the hen the black band over the head, and the wing butts are practically never a glossy jet-black; many cocks have feathers of the latter slightly edged with brown, and many have but a small blaze.

Siberian Goldfinch (Anxious).—The Siberian Goldfinch is exactly the same in markings as the English Goldfinch, and almost exactly the same in colouration, the only difference being that it is lighter (generally pure white) on the cheeks, throat (or collar) breast and abdomen. The British Finch is, in short, a browner looking bird. The size of Siberians varies considerably, but good specimens look twice the size of a good English bird (three times the size of many).

Concerning a Linnet (P. A. S. Salford).—1: The Linnet may fertilise eggs all right, even though of a nervous disposition. Hang the cage in a quiet corner, and go to it as little as possible, and then as quietly as possible. 2: See another answer this week. 3: He will bathe later on, no doubt, especially if the hen Canary indulges. You should get a spray, and use it on him lightly twice a week.

A Trio (Bullie).—1: I think you are mistaken in "not thinking much" of the two samples of teazle. Both seem to me excellent, especially the darker coloured one, which is grandly ripened. All teazle is very "dusty" seed by nature; you can sieve it for hours, and then shake "dust" from it. 2: If the box cage is of the usual "Finch stock cage" type, then a height of 10 to 12 inches is ample. 3: A harmless, hard paint is right enough for cages, but enamel is worth the extra cost and trouble. Distemper is a fine thing for cage interiors, and quite cheap.

Identity of Bird (Puzzled).—I lost your letter, unfortunately, but have just found it again, and have written to the address given.

In a Room (Nib).—If you can turn up back numbers, you will find many answers of mine dealing with the breeding of Britishers, when flying loose in a room. If you confine the hens to Canaries and Bullfinches, you might get a hybrid or two from the latter, and are practically certain of a few from the former. See the "Novices' Notebook," as regards the fitting of the room. Put up plenty of nest boxes; set old nests of Blackbirds and Thrushes about: dead gorse, etc., bushes, fir, etc., branches; also suitable sites contrived from bundles of pea-sticks; get the ANNUAL; there are many grand hints in it; also full advice for the treatment of egg-bound hens.

In another Room (Sambo).—See reply to "Nib" this week. With a mixed lot of birds flying loose in a room, the chances of successful breeding results are of a speculative character, to say the least of it. They will interfere one with the other, and delight in upsetting their neighbour's domestic arrangements. You would want to either take out four of the cock Canaries, or add a few more hens (you don't give size of room). Remove the cock Bullie at once, if he maltreats any of the Bullie hens.

Which Room (Glasgow).—I know many fanciers who have been very successful at breeding birds in bath-rooms; they are quiet spots, as a rule, but often are so small as to be useless for the purpose. If suitable, however, you will be wise to use your bathroom in preference to the kitchen. Yes; the British birds should be introduced to their partners now. See another reply this week.

Lark with Cold (Potter).—There are one or two very good remedies for colds advertised in our columns (also tonics), and I recommend you to give one of them a fair trial. Keep the bird out of draughts, and in an equable temperature.

Class for Foreign Hybrids (Ruby).—My answer to you on this subject got put under the Foreign Queries by our printer last week in error. Probably you would notice it, however.

Breeding from a Mule (A. Yeldray).—If your bird is really a Mule—bred between a Goldfinch and a Canary— then you cannot breed any young from him. In short, Mules will not breed. I will, with your permission, postpone naming the young until you produce them. For a single bird, the easiest way to feed would be to use one of the Finch mixtures put up by a good maker, and sold at most seed and bird shops.

The Case of a Linnet (Saint Anne).—Try the effect of stirring ten drops of tincture of gentian into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water daily. Continue with the maw seed. If no improvement in a fortnight, write me again.

Then Incontinently Died (Linney).—It is quite possible your Linnet "sulked and died," as you put it, because you separated him from the hen Canary to whom he had become attached. I once lost the finest Cinnamon Greenfinch I have ever seen, from the very same cause. Many Linnets are very tender-hearted, so far as separation during the breeding season is concerned. Putting a bird into a newly-painted cage which smells will also most certainly serve to set it on that journey from which no bird returns. One of our best-known Norwich Plainhead breeders recently told me he lost many birds through keeping them in a room covered with newly-laid, very strong smelling, linoleum.

A "Mystery" (Anxious).—I have three Wagtails now, and have had scores in my time, but never a one which went about with a "drop of water always at end of beak." True, they are always dabbling with the water. I must give the "mystery" up, if mystery there be. Anyway, as you say the bird is very lively and well, you clearly have nothing to be anxious about.

Bullfinch's Eye (E. Winstone).—Bathe the eye with boric acid solution, as advised "Cavendish" this week in the case of his Linnet.

Procedure with Linnet (Mule, H. T.).—I do not think you ought to separate the Linnet and hen Canary now. As the former is house-moulted, the eggs of the first nest may quite likely be fertile. It is not difficult to get moulted Linnets into full breeding condition early—very early—in the season. Goldies are the trouble in this respect. If your Linnet is singing stoutly, and has a blue beak, don't worry. See also reply to "Linney" this week.

Show Questions (Pupil).—1: A buff dark Mule would always be beaten by a yellow equal in size and other qualities. A first-class buff can generally give points to the yellows so far as mere size is concerned. 2: A hen Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid would not stand much chance in present-day competition. The cock resembles the hen until its first moult, and does not get its full colour until the second moult. Most Hybrids, in fact, improve in colour for three or four years.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Grey Parrot Unwell.

C. W. H. G.—Continue the glyco-thymoline and chemical food, also give the bird a mild aperient every other day, say four doses in all (one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, soaked into a piece of biscuit or something similar which the bird will eat). In all other respects treat as in previous reply. Carefully examine the bird's mouth, and if there are any small ulcerations on either tongue or throat, wipe out its mouth (use a camel hair brush) with a mixture of chlorate of potassium and glycerine, ten grains of the former and one drachm of the latter. Providing the skin is sound, if there is any swelling or lump on the throat, lightly touch the centre of same with tincture of iodine. In both instances the brush should be well cleansed after, and only a small portion of the mixture used on each occasion—it must not be used a second time.

Another Parrot Unwell.

E. W.—At such times when your bird appears weakest, give it a few sips of slightly chilled water containing a few drops of brandy. By all means offer the bird fruit, banana, grapes, or a bit of ripe apple. Get from your chemist 20 grains of chlorate of potassium and two drachms of glycerine; well mix, and wipe out the bird's mouth with the solution, using a small portion only each time, and well cleansing the brush (small camel hair) after each occasion. If the bird does not feed, why not push a little food into its mouth two or three times a day? Mash up a little boiled maize and try this. At the same time under the conditions you could safely immerse a piece of biscuit in water (not sufficiently to saturate it); this would supply a little more moisture to the food. If it survive the present attack it will ultimately take to the seed mixture. I should give it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia soaked into a piece of biscuit, and it would be as well to repeat the dose after an interval of three days if its bowels are not loose. If the bird can only stand the strain of a few more days it will probably recover. You can safely let it have as much biscuit as it cares for. Hope it will soon take a turn for the better.

Amazon with Sore Wings.

S. H. P.—I should advise you to again open the swellings and by gentle pressure and fomentation with warm water extract all fluid, and then anoint with either zinc or spermaceti ointment. Of course, if they come up again you must repeat the treatment till they are exhausted; there is no other way. The only other alternative is to let a vet, see them; possibly he could cleanse them better than you are able to. You must attend to its diet, which should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and a little greenfood occasionally. Also a little boiled maize twice a week; this only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk slops or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep the bird's bowels moving freely, not loose, by putting one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water as necessary. If there is no improvement in a fortnight I should certainly advise you to let a vet. have a look at it.

Treatment of Cordon Bleus.

M. L.—1 and 2: There is a surfeit owing to improper feeding, which is responsible for baldness, but in this case I am of opinion that the birds are simply plucking one another, and I should cage them up separately. 3: Give them an aperient; make their drinking water just saline with Epsom Salts for one day, and repeat the dose in three days' time. I am also of opinion that it is pneumonia that took off the Zebra Waxbills. For many months this has been ravaging, especially among birds indoors. Keep the birds out of draught, yet where the air is fresh. Ants' eggs and an occasional mealworm will be good for those which will eat them; every other day give a leaf of tender, fresh lettuce; also crush some cuttlefish to the size of millet and mingle it with their sand. As regards seed, give them a mixture of one part each Canary, white millet, and French millet; also supply them with millet sprays. When not giving the aperient, lightly colour the water (say to colour of pale port) with Parrish's Chemical Food. Note: The birds must be caged separately till their feathers have grown again. Many of these Ornamental Finches act as if they had a special mission to keep one another bald once they become so. Have twiggy branches in your cage for perches, and as soon as you can get it free from frost give them a liberal supply of grass in the ear (grass flowers).

Amazon Moulting.

H.L.—Put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food using it in the proportion of one teaspoonful of the chemical food to two tablespoonsful of the drinking water. Continue this till the bird is in condition again. Give one dose (one teaspoonful) of Dinneford's Magnesia, on a piece of spongecake, plain biscuit, or crust of bread, whichever the bird will most readily eat. Repeat this after an interval of three days. Diet: A seed mixture of Canary and oats, two parts each and one part each of wheat, dari, hemp, maize, and sunflower seed; well mix, and keep a continuous supply in the cage. Supply also boiled maize twice a week. Note: This only keeps fresh one day, and food vessel must be kept clean. Vary its diet with ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and greenfood. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in its cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, nor yet any kind of animal food. It should soon recover condition. Keep it out of draught, otherwise it is a hardy species.

Seed Samples.

"Greniston."—The samples of seed you send are of average quality, and the prices only a few pence per peck more than London prices. There is a small golden brown millet which is about 9d. per peck dearer than white millet; it is almost a counterpart to the seeds in millet sprays, and is sold both as French and Indian millet. It is very wholesome, and apparently much liked by Budgerigars, Lovebirds, and the smaller Parrakeets generally. The rice you send is known both as rice in the husk and paddy rice, and is the kind you refer to. For the nesting Quakers put in some crushed oats, and also some pieces of plain biscuit; let them have access to greenfood (fresh, tender lettuce), and such ripe fruit as they favour. It would be of general interest if you would write a letter describing the nest, etc., of the Quaker Parrakeets.

Books on Foreign Birds.

J. L. Simpson.—There are very few books with coloured plates, save such as are very costly. This must of necessity be so, but when my book on Foreign birds is published (which it will be at no distant time now), with the aid of the coloured plates in the work you now possess, it should suffice. Again, there is no one book dealing with them; they are in sections, and cost pounds each monthly. It is not wise to mix Foreign and British to any great extent, but Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Redpolls and Siskins are reasonably safe with the Australian Grassfinches, and Mannikins, Waxbills, Weavers, and Ornamental Finches in variety. If you wish for any prospect of breeding allow 2 feet of frontage to each pair of birds, as it is far better to have a smaller number in fine condition, than to have a crowded aviary, with many of its occupants in indifferent condition. Neither is it advisable to mix up Parrakeets with Finches, etc., or losses are sure to occur sooner or later. If you indicate in what direction your desires lie, I shall be pleased to name suitable species.

Barnard Parrakeet in Moult.

T. R. Hadley.—Continue to keep up the cuttlefish and the Parrish's chemical food; you cannot do better. Supply a leaf of tender lettuce daily, and if it will eat sponge cake or plain biscuit, slightly damp a piece and then dip it in flour of sulphur. If it will eat this it will be helpful, give it daily. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking water. This should not need repeating unless the chemical food causes constipation. Canary, millet, oats and a little hemp should form its staple diet, with a little of such ripe fruit as it will eat. It should soon recover. I expect during the change of ownership it has passed through a sudden change of temperature bringing about the result you describe.

A Swelling in Throat.

F. S. T.—So long as there is no sign of matter, the only thing for you to do is to continue to paint, say twice a week, with tincture of iodine. Of course, if the swelling becomes full of fluid, then it must be lanced, when it should soon heal. Fomenting the swelling with a solution of camomile flowers, would but entail more trouble than painting with iodine. You must keep the bird in a good state of health; see that its bowels move freely. This is important. At the same time the excreta should not be watery loose. A teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonsful of drinking water, letting the bird have no other drinkable during the day, should suffice to keep them moving; there should, except in extreme cases, be a two-days' interval between the doses. The former diet was very unwholesome, but you are now feeding correctly. Do not let anyone persuade you to give tea, coffee, or milk sops, or any kind of animal food. It is a hardy species, and the only care it needs is to keep it out of draught. Whatever the trouble is, if you persevere with the iodine two or three times a week for a month I shall be very much surprised if there is not a material decrease in the swelling.

Brevities.

Bare Parts (G.R.E.).—Bathe or spray the bare parts with quassia solution, keeping it carefully out of draught till dry. Give it a dose or two of Dinneford's magnesia (see other replies for directions). The bird should be fed on a mixture of Canary, oats, wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seed; with ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and nuts as extras. See other replies as to giving it chemical food.

What Bird? ("Cavendish").—It is either an immature male or a female Ring-necked Parrakeet. There are several local races and species; it is hardly possible to definitely say which from a very minute description. Diet: A seed mixture of Canary, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, small maize and sunflower; of the three latter only use half the quantity of each, as of the former kinds. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, greenfood, cuttlefish, nuts, and water for drinking and bathing.

Complications (E.H.S.).—There should arise no unpleasant complications from introducing the other male into your C.P. cage, but you must not at any future time introduce a hen, without removing one of the males.

Various (Jigger).—(1). The cere is blue in the male and dark brown in the female, when they are in breeding condition; (2). The substance surrounding the nostrils at the base of the upper mandible; (3). They lack the brilliance of the adults, but are very similar as to colours and markings; (4). Very variable, but should be ready by or early in April; (5). It is very risky to keep Budgerigars with Finches; (6). Varies from 12 to 14 days; (7). There are 3 or 4 broods per year of 3, 4, 5, or even 7 each.

A Useful Box (W.H.K.).—A Hartz travelling cage, a box 4 or 5 inches square, or even a Canary nest pan. A useful box appeared under "Illustrated Ideas" in our last issue. Whichever you use, it should be screened with heather sprays, etc. Re the soft food, if they will eat it dry and it does not get fouled, it need not be given fresh daily; but if it has to be damped, then it must be prepared fresh daily. Hope you'll have luck with them.

Parrot with Indigestion (E.W.).—Continue to treat as already advised, and do not give slops or any kind of animal food, nor yet pastries; otherwise your diet will meet the case. Till the trouble yields give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia (in its drinking water, or soak it into a piece of plain biscuit or something similar) say twice a week, so long as its bowels do not become watery loose. If there should be any signs of weakness, keep its drinking water well coloured with Parrish's chemical food. It could also have a few nuts as a change two or three times a week—shelled walnuts are as good as any. Note other replies.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Goldfish (H. Morrison).—We have sent your query to our Mr. Finn, who will answer same in due course. You will find full information on the keeping of Goldfish in that gentleman's recently-published work "The Pet Book," which we can send you post free for 5s. 3d. It is a mine of information on every possible kind of living thing likely to be kept as a pet.

Alleged Error of Sex (F. C. Walmsley).—We cannot see on what ground we could possible intervene; as we were not in any way concerned in the transaction. Five months is a long time ago, and if the seller says the bird is not the one he then sold you, who can decide to the contrary?

Cutting (J. Crabhe).—Thanks very much for the interesting cutting you send.

Nesting Moss (F. Myers).—We could only insert such a "Twittering" as the one you send us as a paid advertisement.

Advertisement (J. W. Norris).—As no names were specifically mentioned in this instance, we could not possibly publish your letter. Sorry.

Report of Dinner (G. W. Grant).—It is in type, and only extraordinary pressure on space has prevented it (with many others) appearing in print.

Y.C.C. of Ireland (C. H. Smith).—We find that the omission of the chairman's name from the ANNUAL was purely an unfortunate error of our printer, and escaped the proof reader. We greatly regret the omission.

No Prize Money (Exhibitor).—We should make no charge for a letter inserted in our correspondence column.

Not on Approval (G. McLeod).—We are obliged to you for calling our attention to this matter.

A Beginner's Card (H. Elliott).—We thank you for the suggestion, which shall have consideration.

A Mealy Hen (T. McCarthy).—A Mealy hen is now-a-days usually termed a buff hen, and among our advertisement columns you will find many good fanciers and dealers who will supply you with one (you do not say what type of bird you require). It is against our rules to recommend any individual advertiser.

Cutting (J. G. Hutchinson).—Accept our thanks for your kindness. Other matters in letter duly noted.

Linnets and Larks (G. Rostron).—We will endeavour in future to remember the point you mention, but you should always state clearly in the body of the report which society it refers to.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Lizard (Miss A. E. Price).—The immediate cause of death was apoplexy, resulting from softening and hemorrhage of the liver. It is suggested that salad, sweet apple, or boiled carrot be given, and that hemp seed should be withheld. Plenty of flying space and frequent bathing is also advisable.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A SUGGESTION re PRIZE CARDS.

SIR,—Having noticed at the several cage bird shows that I have visited lately a fault which might be remedied, I venture to make a suggestion. I think, for my own part, that a small printed card would be quite sufficient in the way of prize and special cards. When a bird takes a first prize and three or four specials with it, the cage front is covered up and the bird is hardly to he seen. So I suggest that a small card with an eyclet, the same as is on small labels with class and number, should he fastened at the bottom of the wire cage, and then every onlooker would have a better chance of seeing the birds. It would only mean a little more work for the one putting the cards on, and it would be a very easy matter for fanciers to count how many cards there are on each cage. W. P. JONES.

ROLLER CANARIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—As Mr. Whittaker has not replied to my last letter I sent him as regards the matches, I have returned all the money that has been sent me. I should like, however, to point out to Mr. Whittaker that there are two sides to every question, and the member who accepted his challenge naturally wanted a voice in the matter. But Mr. Whittaker wanted it all his own way; the final offer to him was, that the birds be sent to the B.R.C.C. meeting March 10th, Mr. Whittaker to choose his own judge, and the loser to pay the money to the funds of the club. This I consider a very fair offer, and am surprised that Mr. Whittaker has not replied to it. Now, as regards his first letter to the Press, if he intended to insiuuate that the judge had acted dishonestly there are no grounds for that statement, and Mr. Whittaker owes Mr. Rettich an apology. Whether the judge did make a mistake as regards that particular bird is still an open question, and when we consider the conditions the judge had to contend with, one cannot blame the judge if he did make a mistake. But to infer that he acted dishonestly is decidedly wrong, and I hope that Mr. Whittaker will tender the apology that is due.

J. W. NORRIS, Hon. Sec. B.R.C.C.

THE PROVINCIAL ROLLER CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—A large number of Roller Canary Fanciers came up on the appeal of a few who suggested the formation of the above, which you announced in your last issue. It was agreed that it was necessary for the welfare of the Fancy that such a society should be formed in this part of the country to further the breeding and advancement of the Roller Canary, if possible, without in any way fixing an opposition or doing any harm to any club now in existence. Mr. Lyons was voted as chairman of the meeting, and he dwelt at some length on these facts, and said that this club was being formed for the purpose of educating the young Fanciers in this part of the country, and he hoped that everyone present would thoroughly understand that we did not intend to go in for opposition to the Mother Club, the British Roller C.C.. This idea was backed up by many speakers, including Messrs. Foulds, Wareing, Parr, Whittaker, Lord, Barcroft, Whiteley, and others, all of whom made some very interesting suggestions. One dwelt on the fact that it would be the duty of this club to bring about a kind of judging competition at many of its meetings, and thereby instruct one another in the different tours and their value in our birds' song. Another had something to say about rings for our members, which brought about a general feeling that at some future time we might arrange with the B.R.C.C. and no doubt come to an agreement. So, after a pleasant hour, we got to real business, and commenced to enrol members, and soon reached the grand total of 38, which was admitted to be very encouraging to the promoters. After this the following minutes were passed: That it be named the Provincial Roller Canary Club, the headquarters to be at the Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, and that we hold our meetings at this place on the last Saturday in each month at 6 p.m. prompt, on and after the 25th of April next. The following gentlemen were elected as officers: President, Mr. J. Lyons; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. G. Parr and J. Whiteley; treasurer, Mr. A. Percival; secretary, Mr. W. Whittaker; committee, Messrs. G. Wareing, A. Cave, A. Foulds, C. E. Wilson, W. Massey, J. Bramhall, E. Lord, J. Burton, and A. Leach. All Fanciers and friends are invited to attend our next meeting at headquarters on April 25th, at 6 p.m. Any further information will be gladly given by the Hon. Sec., W. Whittaker, Rose Street, Moses Gate, near Bolton. W. WHITTAKER, Sec.

HAWFINCHES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I hope Mr. Gilmonr will now study the normal type of a true Fancier and in future try and act up to it, instead of assuming to be an authority on the Hawfinch and writing to CAGE BIRDS, making statements that are absolutely untrue and absurd. With reference to his remark that I "wanted to purchase his bird," I beg to inform Mr. Gilmour that this is only another of his assumptions, as I have not yet seen his Hawfinch. If at any time, however, his bird should score over mine, even should I not agree with the award, I promise him not to lower myself by insulting and doubting the integrity of the judge, or of himself either.

HERBERT W. AXE.

SIR,—With reference to the winning Hawfinch at the Palace, is Mr. Gilmour aware the same Hawfinch won at the Palace in 1907? It was hand-reared by me and named "Perfection," and I consider perfectly deserves his name. He is the correct type, and the best coloured finch ever seen in a cage. All the noted fanciers were anxious to purchase him. All credit to Mr. Hills; I always consider him a tip-top judge. I might say I have hand-reared Hawfinches for 20 years, and should know a good one when I see one. I have won three firsts at the Palace with Hawfinches, and consider Norwich type proper birds for the show bench. I am glad Mr. G. examined the bird well at Edinburgh. Keep that type in your eye, Mr. G., and you will he "in the know" at the next Palace show. Pleased to hear of all your own winnings up in Scotland; I think you have been "in the know" fairly well. S. HAKES.

THE HYBRID CLASSES AT DUDLEY SHOW.

SIR,—I was surprised to see the statement made in Mr. Ward's letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS, viz., "A Mulo is not a Hybrid nor a Hybrid a Mule." Now, on looking up the meaning of the words Hybrid and Mule, I find a Hybrid is a mongrel (Hybridous, produced by the mixture of two species). A Mule is an animal or plant of a mongrel kind. Does Mr. Ward consider a cross between a Goldfinch and Canary any less a mongrel than a cross between a Goldfinch and Bullfinch? As the classes in schedule read: 17, Light Canary-Mule or Hybrid, including Canary Bullfinch; 18, Dark Canary Mule or Hybrid, I am still of the opinion that neither of the Hybrids I mentioned last week had any right to compete in Class 17.

J. A. LEES.

SIR,—Mr. Ward says that Hybrids could be entered in either of the classes at Dudley Show. Such an assertion is "tommy rot," pure and simple. The class distinctly reads, "Light Canary Mule or Hybrid, including Canary-Bullie." And let me here state that Mr. Ward is labouring under a delusion when he says that a youngster with a Canary for one parent is a Mule, and one from two British birds is a Hybrid. It is nothing but a fallacy. All are Hybrids. The word "Mule" is purely a slang expression, and ought to have been left out of the schedule atogether. The class ought to have read (and there is not the least doubt it was meant to read), "Light Canary Hybrid, including Canary-Bullie." There wouldn't have been any mistakes then, either by the exhibitor or the judge. T. JOHNSON.

MORPETH WAKES FROM SLUMBER.

SIR,—Mr. Lackey wishes me to explain why I did not notify Messrs Marshall and Grey? Well, Mr. Lackey knows as well as I do Mr. Marshall could not get away from his business on a Saturday night, and had never once attended a Saturday night meeting. I did not say I had notified all members except one; what I said was I had notified all members possible to be present with the one exception. As for Mr. Grey, I did not consider it was necessary to notify him, because last year, shortly before the show, a member of the late society gave Mr. Grey his entries to give to the secretary, but instead of giving them to me or sending them, he returned them to the member by post, saying he had severed his connection with the Morpeth Society. Would Mr. Lackey have notified Mr. Grey after that? Now, with regard to Mr. Marshall, I did not say his report of the meeting was not a correct one (see CAGE BIRDS for February 22). I only advised him before sending any more reports to CAGE BIRDS to send true and accurate ones. Nor yet did I throw down the gauntlet, but I took it up. I can assure Mr. Marshall it is not an ambition of mine to write to the Fancy Press. If it had not been for that untrue report he sent to CAGE BIRDS regarding the winding up of the old society, I had made my mind up to let bygones be bygones. As for the district members breaking up the club, I have not the least hesitation in saying that the district member referred to was influenced by both district and town members; in fact, he made no secret of it when he said some members were not going to join if I was secretary, or unless there was a change in the management. It seems rather strange that in his report he says the chairman made some justifiable remarks concerning the breaking up of the old society, especially as he was a Morpeth man. So I take it by that he has been a party to the breaking up. Now, Sir, he knows well enough it is a long time since it was first suggested to have another society in opposition to the now defunct one, so should not blame the district member altogether. It has just been what I call a well-planned coup.

A. DIPPIE, Sec. of the Late Society.

BRADFORD'S LATEST ARRIVAL.

SIR,—At the invitation of Messrs. Ogden Bros., of Tong Street, a meeting was held at the Holme Lane Hotel on March 3rd. There were from 30 to 40 fanciers present, including Messrs. W. H. Shackleton, Ogden Bros., and J. Crowther (the Websey President). Mr. W. H. Shackleton was elected chairman for the evening, and Mr. F. Worsman proposed, and Mr. B. Worsman seconded, a motion that a society should be formed for Cage Bird Breeders and Exhibitors. After a discussion, Mr. J. Crowther proposed, and Mr. J. Smith seconded, that the name should be the "Tong and District Cage Bird Society." This was agreed to. Twenty-four members were enrolled in a very few minutes, and I think the members should congratulate themselves on such a splendid start. The following were elected officers:—President, Mr. T. Ogden; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. H. Clark and B. Worsman; treasurer, Mr. S. Rushworth; and secretary, Mr. J. Smith, 7, Rose Terrace, Tong Street, Bradford, who will be pleased to give intending members full particulars. All members are committee, and the subscription is 3s. per annum—1s. entrance fee, and the remaining 2s. before the 1st of May. The meeting night is the second Tuesday in month at 7.30 p.m., and it was decided to make the headquarters at the Holme Lane Hotel, where there is splendid accommodation. It is intended to push on with business as quick as possible, and I think the society will be strong enough in the course of a week or two to decide to join the Yorkshire Union, which would be a step in the right direction. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed and seconded, and carried with loud applause. The chairman replied. All novices should join this society where possible, as during the evening Messrs. Ogden Bros. said they would not show at members' shows, and hoped fanciers would rally round and make the society a big success.

A WELL-WISHER.

AN ALLEGED MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENT.

SIR,—Kindly allow me in your most valuable paper to reply as briefly as possible to the letters of Mr. J. Trengove and Mr. E. Baker, of Cowes, that appeared in the last issue. First of all, can they find in my advertisements (in any of them) where I stated that I had had birds direct from these two breeders? No they cannot. I should like to ask Mr. Baker and Mr. Trengove whether they have not sold birds to others? (I know they have not to me, and I never said they had.) If so, what becomes of all the young ones bred from birds of their strains? Could not I buy birds from the breeders, who have had their strains without buying direct from them? I have purchased Norwich Plainheads of most strains, all over the country, and have also sold birds to many leading breeders and exhibitors in this and other countries, but never in all my advertisements have I ever mentioned a breeder from whom I had bought birds direct. Therefore, I fail to see where my misleading advertisement of your strains come in. Mr. Baker also says that I have never sold birds to him. Can he show your readers my advertisement, wherein I stated that I did. I think not. It is a different Mr. Baker entirely whom I sold Norwich to, and to prove what I say is correct. I have enclosed letter to the Editor. I was not alluding to Mr. E. Baker when I stated that I had sold Norwich to a Mr. Baker. He must know that there are more "Bakers" than one who exhibit in Norwich Plainhead classes. *Re* strains, supposing I had a very good strain and sold out all my spare birds to different customers, and the following year the customers sold out all they did not require, could not the breeders who bought from these customers advertise their young stock as my strain? No breeder knows where these strains get to year after year.

GEO. CUBLEY.

[Mr. Cubley encloses an undated letter, which goes to show that he sold a Norwich hen for 15s. to a Mr. R. Baker, of Bournemouth. We cannot regard this as a satisfactory explanation of the use in the advertisement of the name of a "Mr. Baker," "a leading exhibitor," and have written to Mr. Cubley to this effect.—EDITOR.]

THE RARE REDPOLL-BULLFINCH HYBRID.

SIR,—Mr. Ward doesn't seem to have much to say on the points mentioned in my last letter, but contents himself with sneering that I am "behind the times" in Hybrid breeding. Now, why on earth does he tell me that? I have known it for years. But there is consolation in the fact that someone (Mr. Ward, for instance) is up-to-date; and, well—we can't all he at the top. I suppose I shall have to remain another year or so in the rearguard, if the breeding of the Redpoll-Bullie is my only chance of getting to the front, as I am not trying for it this year. There is plenty of room at the top, so we are told, although it looks as if Mr. Ward wants no one there but himself. I am quite content, though, to remain one of the crowd.

T. JOHNSON.

THE FUTURE OF THE BELGIAN CANARY.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Harrison's letter in your issue of last week, I would only be too pleased to assist in any way to attain the desired object, though I fail to see what good a joint meeting at this stage could do. In the first case the United Kingdom Belgian Canary Association have a model and standard of points, and contemplate only giving their patronage in future to societies who engage recognised and competent judges of their variety, and who will judge to our standard. The National Derby Ornithological Society have adopted a model, and, in justice, we must give them time to see how it works, and if it is acceptable to all the other Scotch Fancy Societies. It is quite apparent to me that the Belgian as an exhibition bird in Scotland is doomed, unless we can find the judge who has the courage of his convictions, and throw out all exhibits in Belgian classes who are not straight on legs and back. I am quite convinced our modern Scotch fanciers' craze for top end is so great that the fanciers are quite prepared to sacrifice all the other essential properties of the Scotch Fancy, and until they fix the type of the Scotch Fancy and discontinue the eternal cribbing of the Belgian, I fail to see how the latter is to regain its former position. I hope the discussion opened up by these letters will be the means of older and more experienced fanciers giving us their views and advice, void of any personalities, for the benefit and elevation of our respective varieties, the Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries.

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THE YORKSHIRE UNION AND THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The Question of a Working Arrangement.

SIR,—I have pleasure in forwarding for publication a copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Lythgoe in reference to the correspondence appearing in last week's issue on the above matter, and also my reply to the same.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

MR. FRED HAMMOND.

DEAR SIR,—Yours of the 2nd inst. to hand. In my reply to Mr. Curtis at our recent meeting, I did not say that the Yorkshire Union had been approached re an understanding between the two Unions, but that some attempt had been made to this end, by my letter to you on the subject, which is quite within the facts.

After I had written you on the subject, the purport of your reply was submitted to my Council. In this you say that the two sets of rules "seriously conflict with each other in the matter of which should be supreme," and, further, "If the C.B.U. would give way on this point and allow the Yorkshire Union Shows to be governed entirely and absolutely by the Yorkshire Union Rules, the resolution of our last Council gives me authority to state that the way is clear for any of our societies to apply for the C.B.U. License." My Council were practically unanimous in their opinion that the C.B.U. Rules should be supreme at all shows held under their patronage.

In the face of these conflicting facts, it seemed to me useless to take any further steps at the time. As stated at the meeting, I am still anxious to come to some arrangement with your Union, so that our members may exhibit at your shows, and I have submitted another proposal to my Council, which, if they agree to, I think might conduce to this end, and if you can give any suggestions I shall be pleased to submit them.

As you have thought it proper to publish the correspondence (though I, in my turn, fail to understand your mode of reasoning) would you kindly follow it up with this letter.

Kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

Manchester, March 6th, 1908.

P.S.—I gather your Union are shortly holding a meeting. Would you let me know the date, so that, if possible, I can submit my suggestion to you in time for it.

THE YORKSHIRE UNION.

MR. G. W. F. LYTHGOE.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th inst., and have carefully noted its contents. In face of your denial of the correctness of the report of your reply to Mr. Curtis at the recent C.B.U. Annual Meeting, I can only say that this is now entirely a matter between yourself and the reporter, although I am assured on excellent authority that the impression conveyed to me by the report is largely shared by your own members, including one, if not more, of those who were present at the meeting and heard your reply. I had to deal with the report as it was printed, which cast a serious reflection upon the Yorkshire Union, and which was calculated to show its secretary in a most unfavourable light if left uncontradicted. Having given the whole facts the publicity which the circumstances made essential, it is my joy to know that, judging from the expressions on all hands at our great meeting on Saturday, I am held to have in no way shaken the confidence which the members of the Union have invariably placed in me, and which I prize so highly. Therefore, personally, I am prepared to leave the correctness, or otherwise, of the report in the hands of those more concerned, and concentrate my thoughts on such portions of your letter as appear of more vital importance to the interests of the fancy generally.

At the outset, I would ask you, in the best spirit, when quoting me, either by letter or speech, to do so correctly, adding nothing to and withholding nothing from, that which I have actually said or written. I am compelled to make this request on account of the world of difference which a few words, either added or omitted, are apt to make in the sense and spirit of an utterance or writing. For, instance, at your Annual Meeting you are reported to have replied that the Yorkshire Union "wanted their rules to supersede ours," and again, in your present letter you quote me as having said of the two sets of rules that they "seriously conflict with each other in the matter of which should be supreme." Now, if you will do me the favour of referring to my first letter you will find that both these statements are only part of what I actually wrote, and, standing alone, are calculated to raise a feeling of hostility towards the Yorkshire Union on the part of your members, conveying, as they do, the impression that the Yorkshire Union could recognise no rights except their own, and suggest ve of an attitude of independence and superiority over any and all other bodies. No wonder that your members could see no possibility of a working arrangement under such conditions. Such arrogance, however, I can truthfully say, finds no place in the minds of those who form the Yorkshire Union Council. What I did say concerning the two sets of rules was "that they seriously conflict with each other in the matter of which should be supreme *in the case of a Yorkshire Union show holding a C.B.U license.*" What an enormous difference the few words underlined, which you omit, make in the meaning and spirit of this sentence, and who can tell the effect of such an omission upon the bearing of the whole case? Several of our members have already expressed to me word and letter the justice and undoubted right of the Yorkshire Union to insist that its own shows shall be governed by its own rules.

Again, you place into my mouth words which were originally your own when you quote me as saying, "If C.B.U. would give way on this point." You will, doubtless, remember that in expressing your own private opinion on the matter of the Yorkshire Union shows being governed by Yorkshire Union rules, you said "the C.B.U. might give way on this point." Having thus appealed for fair and straight dealing, which I have no reason to doubt you will not deny me in future, I pass on to the more pleasant and important part of your letter.

I am pleased to be assured that you are "still anxious to come to some arrangement" with the Yorkshire Union. I confidently reciprocate such a feeling, and, on behalf of the Yorkshire Union Council, I can assure you that any suggestion which your Council cares to submit will receive the utmost attention and consideration consistent with the dignity, independence and well-being of the Yorkshire Union. The sole desire of my Council in this matter is that the undoubted power and influence of both Unions may be exerted on behalf of the truest interests of the fancy generally—a consummation to be devoutly wished for, and, in my opinion, easily attainable without loss of honour or self-respect to either side.

I shall have pleasure in calling a meeting of the Yorkshire Union Council for Saturday, March 28th, specially to consider this very important matter, and I trust by that time to have your suggestion to hand in order to be able to lay the same before the members.

Assuring you of my continued respect, and with kind regards, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

FRED. HAMMOND,

Hon. Sec. Yorkshire Union C.B.S.

Bradford, March 9th, 1908.

SAND OR SAWDUST: WHICH IS PREFERABLE?

SIR,—I have noticed that several prominent Fanciers, giving their views in CAGE BIRDS, recommend sawdust as a substitute for sand in the bottoms of cages. Now, every careful Fancier examines his birds' excrement daily, and this tells him more accurately than anything else what condition his birds are in. With sawdust I find it is impossible to judge the state of the droppings, as they are at once absorbed by the sawdust. I find, too, that a great deal of seed is wasted by the birds knocking it out of the hoppers into the drawboard, where it gets mixed with the sawdust and is thrown away. Whereas, if you use sand, as the birds are always down there pecking about, they come across the seed and eat it. I will admit that sawdust is cleaner and warmer, but taking everything into consideration, I think sand is the best for the average Fancier.

HAROLD GIBBONS.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

SIR,—A meeting was held on February 28th in the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., as stated in last week's CAGE BIRDS, to form a new Cage Bird Society for this district. Punctually to time fanciers began to arrive, and soon the hall was well filled. Mr. George Gardner was elected chairman for the evening, and called upon Messrs. Neal and Reynolds to explain the purposes of the meeting. After the matter had been fully dealt with by these gentlemen, the fanciers present decided to form a society for the district, to be called "The Highgate, Hampstead and District Cage Bird Society." Names were handed in for membership, and 40 were duly elected, which we think was very good for the first night. The following gentlemen were elected officers of the society:—Chairman, Mr. George Gardner; Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. Ward; Committee, Messrs. Shakespeare, Andrews, Pile, Hyde, Barnes, Eastoe, Knight, Rollinson, Cooper, Street, Coventry, and Yardley; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Fisher; Hon. Asst. Secretary, Mr. G. H. Neal; Auditors, Messrs. Shearen and Horner; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Reynolds, 62, Langdon-road, Upper Holloway, N., who will be pleased to receive names of other fanciers in this district who wish to become members. Meeting nights were arranged to take place the last Friday in each month, at 8.30 p.m., in the same hall, which is very conveniently situated, both for the trains, trams and 'buses, and also for fanciers living in the Barnet and Whetstone districts. The annual subscription will be 3s., with a nomination fee of 1s., but anyone joining the society on or before March 27th, which is the next meeting night, will be allowed to do so without nomination fee being charged. So fanciers hurry up and send names to the secretary, and save 1s. It is hoped that with a good breeding season many good birds may be shown by the members of this new society.

W. REYNOLDS, Hon. Sec.

BORDER FANCY CLUB AND ITS JUDGES.

SIR,—I thank both your correspondents of last week re the above, as their letters, although against my views, let in a little side-light, and enables one to see how the wind blows. In Mr. Turnbull's letter there is practically nothing to answer, but perhaps I may be able to enlighten both him and many more of our members who passed this rule without giving it due consideration. Firstly, it is a very poor Fancier who has not won during the present season under the dozen judges. Mr. T.'s next sentence coincides with my own ideas, viz., that it will help entries if all the popular judges be engaged. Re societies asking Mr. Jamieson's assistance, they (the members) are only adding insult to injury by having such a rule, whereby the secretary's many arduous duties will be multiplied. My own opinion is that he has got far too much work already, which many of the members do not appreciate. It is truly a work of love, as he receives no financial remuneration. I would ask how Mr. Jamieson is to know when any member is engaged by the limit (two shows), and which societies have engaged them, unless by a host of unnecessary correspondence? To the last clause of Mr. T.'s letter re increasing the number of our judges I agree, but let societies, if they are not satisfied with the present judges and want a change, select from amongst the members men they think will act staightforwardly, without fear or favour, in placing their awards. And seeing that most of the club members are also members of committee of other societies, they have the power to engage fresh judges, if that is desired. When at the general meeting, if members did not feel confidence in the judges now acting, or wished for some more, they had only to ask societies through the Press, or, as I have already stated, have asked the members present to give a few more a chance, rather than engage one judge so often. If they had done either no one could have had any aversion. But by adopting this rule they are using coercion and violating the freedom and privileges we have hitherto enjoyed, and I am afraid that any member who is working for the welfare of the club will look upon this as an insult, especially if they have ever acted as judges. What I strike out for is liberty, pure and simple, and if the club cannot allow its members such in a case of this kind, they are acting entirely outside their own interest if they want to obtain members and keep their present ones. In answer to Mr. Welsh, re judges who do not adhere to this rule not working for the club's interests, his idea is quite at sea, and, like many more of the points he brings forward, appears as if he has not given it serious thought. That the rules of a club must be preserved we all agree, and as he will see from the above, there was no cause for such a rule, and it is the duty of any member to point out the error into which they have fallen. Our duty to one another is to accomplish and create unity between those societies which ask for the club's patronage, and the judges they employ from amongst our ranks, and between the club in general and all its members. We should aim at a straightforward, honest policy for the welfare of our favourites, without embittering the feelings of anyone who makes them his hobby. Regarding the dozen of members he says know as much as many of the prominent judges, that has to be proved. I only hope this is so, but I am afraid many of them will make better critics after the judge has selected the best from, say, a class of twenty or so, than they would appear if left to judge the class by themselves. I have seen some pull a judge's award to pieces in five minutes' time with apparent ease, after he had spent nearly all day in pleasing himself.

J. PATTERSON.

SIR,—May I, though not yet a member of the B.F.C.C., give my views of the new rule? I quite agree with your correspondents, Messrs. Welsh and Turnbull, and I was present at a meeting of the Dalkeith and District C.C. on March 7th, when the subject was discussed. The members were unanimously in favour of the rule. But why was it necessary to pass such a rule? I am sure there is no such rule in force among any other body of Fanciers or specialist clubs in England, and the support it received from the Border men indicates the fact that such a rule was really wanted here. Surely there was something "rotten" in the State of Denmark; but you have to get them one by one before you can get the true reason for the passing of that rule. Then you hear that it is simply to stop the mutual back-scratching of a clique that the rule was passed, and I say, All honour to him who made the motion. It will give a new lease of life to the club. There will be fair play for the novice and less deck-sweeping by judge exhibitors. Re Mr. Patterson's statement that some are going to defy the club, I hope that Border Fanciers, members or not, know how to deal with that. Don't put a bird under them. Surely this is a case of the tail wanting to wag the dog. I hope that some in the know will give their views. What of the one who said he used to be "in it," but since he gave up judging could not win? What about birds out of tickets and claimed at more money than winners? What of judges who could not face exhibitors? What of birds washing eye-marks off? Speak out, Campsie! From these we are to be delivered! Give us, exhibitors, some of your experiences under these most wise judges; it will make grand reading. These things require drastic remedies. As the Heelanman said whose wife underwent an operation under choride o' lime, "it's bound tae purify."

J. STEEL.

SOME EARLY MULES.

SIR,—Being a constant reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, which is the best and most interesting and up-to-date Fancy journal, I thought I would send a few lines of interest to your readers. A week before last Christmas I bought a wild cock brown Linnet and put him in a flight along with a Norwich Green hen, and at the time of writing I have a couple of Mules from them out of three eggs. The Mules are now two weeks old, and are likely to live. Several of my brother fanciers told me that I would not have any luck, as the Linnet was a wild one, and it was too early, which I knew. I simply put them together, however, to get them used to one another, which they have done with a vengeance. I live 20 yards from a railway siding, where shunting operations are going on day and night, so you see the vibration has not interfered with the incubation of the eggs as some of our brother fanciers say it does. I wish your paper every success, and a yet bigger circulation, of which it is deserving, as I have learnt some good hints from it.

RATHER EARLY.

A STANDARD SHOW-CAGE FOR BRITISH HARDBILLS.

SIR,—I read with great pleasure the report of the National British Bird and Mule Club meeting held at the Crystal Palace on February 8th, and what surprised me most was to see a well known Scottish exhibitor travel to the above meeting and make the proposal for a uniform show cage for Hardbilled British, when the same gentleman strongly opposed from the chair the very same proposal, made at the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club annual meeting in Edinburgh just twelve months ago. This proposal was made by Mr. George Marlin, of Hamilton, and came under a very heated discussion. I congratulate Mr. Arrighi on his conversion. Perhaps we may hear from Mr. Marlin after seeing this letter, as I know he is in favour of a uniform show cage, or anything that is fair and straightforward. I am glad to see that Mr. Arrighi has had the scales taken from his eyes so as to enable him to see the necessity of a uniform show cage, and I hope to see him take up the same for the S.B.B. and M.C. I think it is much more needed in Scotland than over the Border, and seeing he had such influence against it at Edinburgh, the same influence used in favour of it would go a long way in favour of its adoption by the S.B.B. and M.C.

A WELL-WISHER OF THE S.B.B. AND M.C.

STANDARD LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—I have read the letters of your correspondents re the standard length of Yorkshires with great interest. I think that 6¾ inches is an ideal size, but I cannot see for the life of me the reason why a good 7in. bird should be passed over and an undersized bird should win. We all look for undersized birds to be better than the over-sized ones as regards showing. The bird that was said to be 7⅜ inches I have closely compared with a bird of mine, and if anything it is slightly smaller, as I have measured mine on two or three occasions, and can only make my bird go 7 inches at the most. Now, I want to ask for the opinion of other fanciers as to what they consider an ideal pair for showing at matched pair shows. Lately I saw two birds matched, and neither went more than 6½, yet they beat a pair of 7-6½. On asking why, and also if they were likely to produce winners, I got what I think was a funny answer. I was told they were typical birds and the cock a splendid show bird in itself. As regards their produce my informant said, "No, I do not consider they will produce winners." He also informed me that he had not got second sight. The fault of No. 2 pair was that the cock was a little rough. This rough bird won cup in 1906. Soon after these pairs met again, No. 2 getting easy first, and No. 1 in first was said to be a little too small. Should we judge the birds on their merits, or on what they are likely to produce?

BIRD LOVER.

Correspondence continued overleaf.

PROPOSED OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW FOR STONEHOUSE, N.B.

SIR,—A meeting will be held in the Public Hall, Stonehouse, on March 21st, at 7 p.m., for the consideration of the above. All Fanciers desirous of becoming members are requested to attend. GEORGE MCALPINE.

A RETURNING OF THANKS.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a space in CAGE BIRDS to thank all Fanciers who so kindly helped me to get another start—Mr. C. Pearce (Abingdon-on-Thames); Mr. F. Turner (Clitheroe); Mr. J. Iveson and Friend (Otley); Miss N. Watson (Ireland); Mr. E. Leech and G. W. Jones, Secs. and members and friends of the Bournemouth C.B.S.; Mrs. Maine, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Perry-Crooke, Miss Cooper, Miss Chcetham, Miss Ashford, Councillor Webster, Messrs. H. T. Neale, Clements, R. Baker, F. House, W. O. Brooke, Cook, Winter, A. F. Grant, Gerry. I wish to thank all these most heartily for their kindness. S. W. KEARL.

LENDING BIRDS, AND OTHER MALPRACTICES.

SIR,—Seeing "Fair Play's" letter in this week's CAGE BIRDS, I thought the following would interest Fanciers. A well-known Welsh judge called on a friend of mine and asked him if he wanted a champion Yorkshire cock, price 50s. My friend called at his house and gave 40s. for it, being told by the seller that he bred the bird, he showing him the supposed parents. But what a rude awakening! A few days after another fancier in the district, on seeing this bird, claimed to have bred the same; which, without a doubt, he did. Now, if a fellow member of the same club will do such a dirty action, what must we expect from strangers? I have been waiting to see what action the club is going to take re the above. Now, members, wake up, see that justice is done, and get rid of such members. J. W.

WHERE DOES THE COLOUR COME FROM?

SIR,—Mr. Metcalfe will find out where Cinnamon Marks come from if he will refer back to how the Yorkshire was made. The same thing applies to the Green Norwich. Yes, Mr. M., you have seen the Greens from the Cinnamon in Liverpool; that is true, the same birds giving a good account of themselves on the show bench. I could count a few that have gone to Liverpool, and they will go again. As I told you in my last, colour has to stand down when a real good typed bird comes along. One bird I have watched this last season has won all along the line; the judges have made no mistake in him. Colour has to take a back seat when he has been about. If the novice will work on the lines I quoted last week, he need have no fear. He can start with two cocks and four hens. If he gets a clear or lightly marked bird he is all right. They will come in for clearing the pencilling of the green birds. They are being bred this way in Liverpool at the present time, Mr. Metcalfe, and plenty of birds of this blood have done good service in all branches of the Fancy. I have seen five clear yellow cocks and seven green hens bred this way, and good birds, too. Would Mr. Metcalfe believe that some of the best birds of this last season (I mean birds that have won) are brimful of Cinnamon blood? I suppose that will be news for him. Respecting this wonderful colour of the Liverpool Green, I know myself of a certain Green in Liverpool (mind you, a winner) and some Fanciers like its colour, others don't. That is just to show you that the Green men don't all see alike as regards colour. Now, Mr. Metcalfe, you say 95 per cent. are bred in Liverpool. What about the Greens from Yorkshire? Also the Buff Green you mention in your article, shown by Thompson; also the Yellow Green hen winner of the rose bowl at Altrincham and special for best Green at Scottish National; also the birds from Cheshire and also the birds that I know that have gone to Liverpool? I could name a few birds that have won in the past, too. Give other breeders a little honour.

JUST PAST THE NOVICE STAGE.

Several Letters held over.

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One of the largest, brightest and most successful birdy socials ever held in Bradford, or for that matter in any part of the country, took place at the Market Tavern, Godwin-st., on March 7th, the event being the amalgamated prize distribution of the four societies having their headquarters in Bradford, i.e., the Yorkshire Union of O.S., having a total membership of about 1,100; the Yorkshire Canary Club, with 150 members; the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., also with about 150 members, and the Bradford and County British Bird and Mule Club, the new venture of the Bradford fanciers.

A Magnificent Attendance.

A large number of visitors put in an appearance, some of them from a considerable distance, but of course the bulk from Bradford and the surrounding districts, the total number being about 200. The room in which the meeting was held is a large and commodious one, but it was taxed to its utmost limits by such a large influx of fanciers. The following is a list of fanciers who were present:—Mr. D. Sunderland, President of the Y.C.C., who ably officiated as Chairman, assisted by Mr. H. W. Battye, President of the Yorkshire Union; Mr. J. Greaves, President of the C.M.Y.C.C.; Mr. W. A. Cowgill, President of the B. and C. B.B. and M.C., further supported by Mr. F. Hammond, Secretary to the Yorkshire Union; Mr. R. Garnett, Secretary to the C.M.Y.C.C.; Mr. J. Greaves being also the Secretary of the Y.C.C.; W. R. Myers, Secretary B. and C. B.B. and M.C.; Mr. F. Carl (CAGE BIRDS), and Mr. J. W. Ramsden, London, Mr. G. Ireland, Driffield, Mr. A. Hirst, Accrington, Mr. D. Duncan, jr. Harrogate, Mr. F. Henderson, Barrow, Mr. H. Towers, senr., Steeton, Mr. F. Boyle, York, Messrs. P. Clayton, R. E. Hellewell, A. Lloyd, J. Mottram, E. Robertshaw, H. W. Walsh, S. Hellewell, F. Armstrong, F. Townsend, H. Dawson, Halifax, Messrs. W. Wadsworth, H. Lodge, of Skelmanthorpe, Mr. W. Broughton, of Wilmslow, Messrs. A. Kent, T. Bentley, T. Smith, of Cleckheaton, Mr. A. Bearden, of Brighouse, Messrs. A. Livesey, A. Hudson, of Bingley, Messrs. A. Blackburn, E. Edison, R. Hird, of Dewsbury, Messrs. T. Tillotson, C. Thornton, Otley, Mr. W. Booth, Liversedge, Mr. F. Fawcett, Gildersome, Messrs. J. W. Bedforth, S. Metcalfe, Birstall, Mr. A. E. Pullan, Durley, Mr. J. Sawley, Keighley, Messrs. A. Frankland, H. Hardaker, D. Robinson, Guisley, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mirfield, and Messrs. W. Crabtree, S. Dean, A. Morley, F. Self, J. Fieldhouse, J. Towler, H. Hudson, A. Bottomley, F. Oddy, J. Clark, W. Bromham, H. S. Naylor, W. West, T. Millburn, C. Duckworth, R. Sutcliff, W. Blakey, J. H. Fowle, T. Fortnam, J. Mann, J. Edmondson, H. Smith, S. Jagger, H. H. Clark, O. Atkinson, W. H. Dawson, J. Firth, W. Sleaford, J. W. Armstrong, J. Bailey, J. Exley, A. W. Varley, F. Ludbrook, W. Wharton, H. Clegg, J. W. Hudson, J. Reed, J. Chippendale, A. Gill, F. Rhodes, W. Cruise, H. Hill, T. Clegg, F. Wright, P. Ackroyd, H. Jennings, A. Haigh, J. Wilcock, L. Hodgson, R. Halliday, E. W. Johnson, H. Simonett, A. Hartley, H. Grundy, A. Jowett, T. Appleyard, E. Swaine, J. W. Holmes, T. H. Inman, J. Hirst, Ogden Bros., F. Bartle, J. A. Kershaw, W. H. Shackleton, E. B. Denton, R. Walderson, A. Edmondson, G. R. Rushworth, G. White, H. J. Chittenden, H. Drake, M. Johnson, E. Shepherd, O. Mitchell, P. Drake and Son, J. Battye, J. R. Ackroyd, J. H. Ackroyd, F. Richardson, G. Wellock, H. H. Towers, A. Shaw, W. Davy, E. Padgett, J. Hartley, J. Lambert, A. Cooper, H. B. Townend, T. Wood, P. Stansfield, E. Pollitt, W. Ploughwright, G. Hemming, H. Schofield, S. Briggs, A. Holden, C. Shaw, H. Simms, S. Wilcock, H. Coates, W. Morement, E. Mason, A. Cragg, R. Kitchen, J. McKay, R. H. Lowes, T. L. Whiteley, B. and W. Worseman, J. E. Stafford, W. Cawthra, W. Bateman, L. Robinson, J. Wilson, J. Townend, H. Taylor, J. Crowther, John Taylor, and last, but not least, W. Mundell, from Bradford and its immediate vicinity. Several other gentlemen were present whose names we did not catch.

Prompt on 6 o'clock fanciers began to arrive in large numbers, and in good time Mr. D. Sunderland commenced operations by calling upon Mr. Pollard to oblige by singing "Hybria the Cretan," which he did in pleasing style, which called forth the applause of the audience. This item was followed by a pianoforte recital by Mr. Leach, the able pianist and accompanist for the evening, the efficient rendering of which gave great satisfaction. Messrs. Wright and Ackroyd next gave an attractive duet, entitled "Roses," after which Mr. Smith delighted the house by a humourous song, entitled "The Covent Garden Ball."

The Y.C.C. Competition Winners.

Then came the presentation of prizes to the successful competitors in connection with the Yorkshire Canary Club, this honour falling, of course, to Mr. D. Sunderland, the chairman of the society, who did justice to his work in a very able manner. Mr. Sunderland gave a short address on the society, its membership, work, etc., and specially enjoined all novices to enter the society and participate in some of the good special prizes provided. The total value of the prizes offered amounted to no less than £37 9s., and the competitions were keenly fought throughout. The central and most valuable trophy is the Yorkshire challenge cup, value 20 guineas, the successful winner being Mr. W. H. Shackelton, who throughout the ten shows at which this cup was competed for, scored 136 points, this win taking with it the Y.C.C. 21/- medal. Mr. Sunderland, in presenting the cup and medal, complimented Mr. Shackleton upon his win. Mr. Shackleton, suitably responded, and said he was pleased to be the winner of the "Blue Riband" of the Y.C.C., and to see that it was a proof that "There is life in the old dog yet." The second prize for this competition was Messrs. Bailey and Swanger's cup, value £2 10s., and this was won by the donors themselves, with 132 points. The Chairman complimented Mr. Bailey upon the hard fight he and his partner had made, and hoped to see them more successful another year. "Jimmy" however could not be prevailed upon to respond, perhaps the company was too big for him. The third was a teapot, value 25/-, presented by Mr. R. P. Broome, and this was secured by Mr. J. Wilcock, with 111 points. Joe is another poor talker (sometimes) and again there was no response. The fourth prize was secured by Messrs. Ogden Bros., with 81 points.

The "Ramsden" challenge cup, value six guineas, was won by Mr. W. Wadsworth, who scored 101 points at the ten shows for this competition; the win carries with it a guinea gold medallion and a valuable teapot, the runner up in this section being Mr. J. Wilcock, with 92 points, securing £1 in coin of the realm, useful, "Joe," isn't it? Third place, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, who received 15/- cash prize (86 points) and wonder of all wonders the handling of the cash made "Jimmy" talk. This reminds one of the "fortune-telling fraternity"; they cannot tell you anything unless their hands are crossed with gold. Buck up next time; prepare for it beforehand. Messrs. Ogden Bros. scored 67 points, and gained 10/- in cash as fourth prize. Novice competition: this also runs through ten shows, the first prize being a splendid cup presented by Mr. J. E. Brotherton, and a "Ramsden" teapot, value 25/-. The fortunate winner here is Mr. W. Helliwell with 53 points, the runner up being Mr. H. H. Towers with 33 points. The latter received 10/- in cash. Third place was secured by Mr. W. Blakey (5/- in cash), his score being 15 points. The competition for those members of the Y.C.C. who reside outside the county of the White Rose, proved a very tight fight, and a curious coincidence here occurred, viz., the same number of points divided the first two runners as in the Y.C.C. challenge cup competition, i.e., four. Mr. W. Broughton, of Wilmslow, secured first place with 119 points, thus winning Mr. Sandiford's cup, value £5 and a "Ramsden" teapot, two splendid specials. Mr. Broughton is to be congratulated on his success. The second prize, a splendid oil painting by Mr. Davy, value £2 10s., was won by Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson, of Darlington, by 115 points, and no doubt the picture will form another good special to Mr. C's collection.

Mr. A. Hirst, by scoring 25 points, gained the half-guinea cash special, presented by Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson, for 3rd place in this competition. In addition to the above a long list of minor money prizes for points gained by third, fourth and the winners, has been awarded to members of the Y.C.C., particulars of which have already appeared in CAGE BIRDS.

Wins Under the Yorkshire Union.

Mr. Wright next rendered to the satisfaction of all that grand song, "Asleep in the Deep," after which Mr. H. W. Battye was called upon by Mr. Sunderland to present the prizes to the successful competitors of the Yorkshire Union. Mr. Battye's remarks upon the Yorkshire Union were, that the Union should not cater solely for the Yorkshire bird, as he thought they had done at one time, but should try and do more to encourage other branches of the cage bird Fancy, and he was pleased that at present there was a prospect of this being the case. He also stated he was not fond of being the central figure, and would be glad when his work was over.

Mr. Battye then presented the prizes. The principal one was the "W. H. Shackleton" challenge trophy, the three highest birds of each competitor to count for points. 1st and medal, value £1, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, with 304 points, second place falling to Messrs. Ogden Bros., who scored 268 points, for which they received a medal to value 15/-. Mr. J. Wilcock won the third prize, a medal value at 10/-, his score being only one point behind the previous winner, viz., 267 points. Fourth prize, medal to value 7/6, fell to Mr. W. H. Shackleton, by his scoring 257 points. The "H. W. Naylor" challenge cup, value £5 5s., three birds to count, to be marked "cup," 1st and medal, value £1 1s., Mr. W. H. Shackleton, 200 points. The teapot, value £1 10s., presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, to person gaining most points at the Union shows, with birds moulted on his peppers: First, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, 304 points; 2nd, medal won by Messrs. Ogden Bros., who scored 268 points; 3rd medal, won by Mr. W. H. Shackleton, with 257 points.

Next in turn were the Yorkshire Union novices, whom Mr. Battye described as "the backbone of the Fancy," also as a "terrible lot." Why the latter, one hardly knows, unless it is on account of the large classes they provide the judges with, or perhaps on account of the severe cross-examination some of the novices subject one to. The principal winner in the novice section was Mr. A. Frankland, who secured the prize, value £1 1s., presented by Mr. H. H. Towers (one of last season's novices) for most points gained by a novice during the season in Yorkshire novice classes. Twelve novice medals value £1 1s. each, were given for the most points, nine in the Yorkshire section and three in the novice section. Yorkshire section: 1, A. Frankland, 243 points; 2, H. Lodge, 200 points; 3, F. Townsend, 150 points; 4, P. Drake and Son, 142; 5, Shaw Bros., 135; 6, Allen and Swaine, 116; 7, J. R. Ackroyd, 115; 8, H. Coates, 113; 9, J. Chippindale, 112. Norwich section: 1, J. W. Holmes, 226 points; 2, J. Mottram, 142; 3, A. Lloyd, 113.

The musical part of the programme was once again proceeded with, Mr. Ackroyd contributing a solo, followed by a humorous song, by Mr. Smith, entitled "How Dare You," both gentlemen being greeted with loud applause.

Prize-winnings in the C.M.Y.C.C.

The next item was the presentation of prizes in connection with the competitions of the C.M.Y.C.C. Mr. Greaves, as the President of the Society, officiated over these pleasant duties. Mr. Greaves was suffering from a severe cold, and therefore called upon the Secretary, Mr. R. Garnett, to give a short report on the work of the society. This report was very gratifying to the members, showing as it did the very satisfactory state of the variety for which the society caters. The members have shown exceedingly well at all the shows, the average per class throughout the season being 16½ entries, the highest number in one class being 25 and the lowest seven, truly a remarkably consistent achievement. Open competition: First prize, a splendid tea urn, value £4 4s., captured by Messrs. Ogden Bros., with a total of 185 points; second prize, cup, value £2 2s., presented by Mr. J. Sandiford, falling to Mr. J. Wilcock, who scored 135 points; 3rd, gold club medal, value £1 1s., being won by Mr. A. Cooper, who scored 105 points, Mr. A. Hirst attaining the fourth position by a total of 104 points, thus taking the pair of water colour paintings, framed in oak, to value 12/6, and Messrs. R. Sutcliffe and Son and Mr. W. H. Shackleton tied for 5th place, each scoring 68 points.

The novice competition proved to be a tight race all through, first place eventually being secured by Mr. H. H. Towers by 68 points, the prize being a splendid rose bowl, value £2 10s., presented by Mr. J. E. Brotherton. Mr. W. Blakey won the pair of water colour paintings, value 12/6, for second prize, his total being 54 points, closely followed by Mr. A. Blackburn at 51 points. The latter took the medal value 10/6, given by Messrs. R. Sutcliffe and Son, for third place. An electro-plated waiter, value 10/6, presented by Mr. H. Dobson, fell to the lot of Mr. T. Wood, for 15 points for fourth prize, the fifth prize, teapot, value 7/6, given by Mr. T. Bentley, being won by the donor himself with 10 points. Special prize, 10/6 in cash, presented by Mr. J. F. Gibbons, for most first prizes gained by a novice, was divided by Messrs. H. H. Towers, A. Blackburn, and W. Blakey, who each scored one first each. Special for most points with consolation cards, given by Messrs. Ogden Bros., was won by the donors.

A New and Flourishing Society.

Mr. Smith next favoured the audience to another humorous song, which fairly brought down the house after which Mr. W. A. Cowgill was called upon to present the prizes to the members of the new society, Bradford and County British Bird and Mule Club. Mr. Cowgill proved himself an adept at making bulls, causing endless merriment to the company assembled. He dwelt at some length upon the objects of the society and laid special stress upon the fact of the membership not being confined to Bradford and district, but, as its name implied, to the whole county of Yorkshire. He stated that the outside districts had not contributed as many members as the promoters expected. He hoped, however, this would be remedied in the near future. The members had shown well during the season, and a good percentage of the prizes had been captured by them at the shows. It gave him great pleasure, he said, to present the prizes, and he hoped that another year the prize list would be greatly augmented. The open competition was won by Mr. E. Mason, a son of the redoubtable Philip of that name (seems to be "following in father's footsteps"), the second being secured by Mr. Jonas Edmondson, Allerton. Mr. T. H. Inman had the honour of being placed third, and Mr. W. A. Cowgill fourth, both of Bradford. Mr. T. Boyle, of York, took the fifth position.

In the novice competition, the novices had perforce to show amongst champions, and the winner, Mr. D. Duncan, junr., of Harrogate, actually scored more points than the winner in the open section. Messrs. Dean and Jowett, Great Horton, won the second position, closely followed by Mr. T. Wood, who took third prize, the fourth being secured by Mr. W. R. Myers, the energetic secretary of the club. Messrs. Wright and Ackroyd were next in turn and favoured the company with a well-rendered duet.

The Yorkshire Union and the C.B.U.

Mr. Sunderland then called upon Mr. F. Hammond, Secretary of the Y.U., to propose a vote of thanks to the contributors to the special prize fund. This speech proved to be one of the features of the evening, Mr. Hammond being evidently moved by such a large and unanimous gathering. He made a slight reference to the late lamentable split in Y.U. circles, being pleased to see that now the dark clouds had rolled away, leaving only the silver lining, and that the Y.U. was now recognised as a mighty power in birdy land, a power that could be used for good or ill, and he hoped its weighty influence would not be used for fanciers' own ends, but for the Fancy in general. He also said a few words upon the subject of the Y.U. and C.B.U., stating that in his opinion, to study the true interest of the Fancy, a settlement and an honourable settlement could easily be arrived at, and that the C.B.U. should certainly allow the Y.U. to rule in their own sphere. He commented upon the very valuable array of prizes on the table before him that evening, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the donors for assisting in getting together such an artistic display. Mr. R. Garnett seconded in a hearty and feeling manner, dwelling slightly upon the cultivation of the novices, in the formation of the different clubs, a feature that at present was receiving great consideration.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden responded on behalf of the donors. One thing he was pleased to see, he said, and that was that many of the prizes were things that a faucier's wife could use, and in his opinion fanciers' wives had much to do with the success of fanciers' ambitions. Mr. Ramsden claims to be descended from Yorkshire people, but he seems to have lost the Yorkshire dialect. Just try and come another year, Mr. R., and in the meantime try and learn to talk "Yorksher." Mr. W. H. Shackleton also responded, but being called upon rather unexpectedly, he had not much to say. Evidently, Mr. S. also requires a little time to prepare. He stated that he had been connected with the Fancy in one class or another since his very earliest recollections, and hoped to be able to still follow them for some considerable time. Mr. H. H. Towers also supported the response. Although only just out of the novice stages, he does his utmost to encourage those behind him.

Concluding Votes of Thanks.

Mr. R. Halliday moved that the best thanks be given to the artistes, and to the committee who had had the arrangements in hand. Mr. H. J. Chittenden seconded in a neat speech, the vote being carried amid loud applause.

Mr. R. Sutcliffe proposed that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. D. Sunderland for the very able manner in which he had conducted the meeting. Mr. J. Wilcock seconded in his usual bluff, and hearty manner, and Mr. Carl, of London, was called upon to support the proposition. Mr. Carl declared that it was the most enjoyable and enthusiastic meeting of birdy men he had ever attended. The manner in which the Yorkshireman took his wins and defeats appealed to him immensely. He dwelt on that characteristic modesty which the Yorkshireman ascribed to luck, but which, in the speaker's opinion, must be due to hard work and intelligence. He regretted the absence of Mr. A. Ambler, the winner of CAGE BIRDS £5 prize, through indisposition, and hoped he would soon be restored to health. Mr. Carl further made promises to give valuable cash prizes to each of the four societies represented at the meeting. Upon closing, Mr. Carl had a hearty cheer awarded him, and altogether was accorded a thorough and cordial Yorkshire reception. Mr. Stafford, of Queensbury, one of the volunteer vocalists, was then called upon to render a song, which he did in good style, and brought a very successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

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lists, rendered "Eilleen Alannah" in a very masterly style, the whole company joining in the chorus. And well they did sing. Mr. Stafford was encored, and gave another song in great style, tho company again assisting in the chorus. Messrs. Ackroyd and Wright next gave "The Battle Eve," after which the National Antbem, "God Save the King," was sung by the audience, who afterwards dispersed to their respective homes thoroughly satisfied with the concert and social that had been provided for them.

A Yorkshire Lad Tells us All About It.

"Ow, there, ware wat ter last night? I didn't see thee at Lion."

"No'a, I wer at amalga 'ted meeting- and I expected seeing thee there."

"Ah well, I knew, but tha sees I hed a touch of flue, so I wer disappointed. Ah did yer go on?"

"O, champion. Ther wer a grand muster of fanciers, thro' all parts; and tha talks abart guid spirits, why there were ony amount except Irish and Scotch. Iverybody seemed to want to luv one, or any other or somebody else, and tha knaws it is almost al'ys soar when Sunderland's it chair, because his varry face seams to cause good feelin in iverybody, and som 'ah be seems to get attention wen iverybody wants to be boss. So'ah tha my knaw things wer well conducted, and ther wo Ramsden, colour-feed king and champion giver of prizes on platform, and Carl, our CAGE BIRDS publisher.

"Eh, lad, but tha should have seen Carl's face when meeting war in full goa. He seamed fair capp'd; he didn't know weather to laugh, sbart, or roar, he seemed so pleased. But I see he wer fair filled up we pleasure, wen be saw such good feeling among so many fanciers. He seams a guid sort, does Carl, but I will say more when 'ave known him a bit longer. Tha see's, I'm only a novice.

"Then Ramsden wer there. Wy, man, his face reads like a clock almanac, it's full of fun and kind heartedness, and when be promised to repeat tbo good gifts next year—and more, to please t' ladys, because he liked 'em—tha can bet he did bring down house. I thout ceiling wer barn to drop beforc cheering were dun.

"And Harry Battye wer on platform, and tha know wat Harry is wen he get agait a talking. Why, he draws iverybody to him becaus they knaw it's Yorkshire, altho' he's Norwich bilt hisself. He knaws a Yorkie when it's a guid 'un, and ho gav prizes for Y.U., and, my word, they wer grand 'uns. Am sure I felt a bit disappointed I didn't get mine this yer, but wen I saw faces of them at get 'em, wy I felt as pleased as tbo' it wer mysen. Harry reckons he can't talk—well, I am a bit of a liar mysen, sou tha can judge. Anyhow, be wer up to th' mark.

"Then Jack Greaves had a turn. Jack should feel very praud, for be holds two offices. He's secretary for Y.C.C., and president of Cinnamon M.Y.C.C. He's like a dog we two tails, he doesn't knoo which to wag first. But be did first rate considering he'd just getting over that blooming flue. He did show hu grand C.M.Y.C.C.'s position war, and ab cheap it war to be a member, only 1s. 6d. a year. Na, lads, luck sharp and join'.

"Cowgill performed dutys of British Bird and Muil Club, and tha knaws ha Bill can talk when be gets agait. He's like a gronfatber's clock wun up. But at same time he talks wc a bit of sense, and if a officer iver fought for his society, he did. Imagine, it's only a bob a year to be a member, and t' grand assortment a prizes that war given made me mauth watter; but tha secs am only a novice.

"I heven't sed much abaught Y.C.C. prizes, as they fair capped lot, and I were so up a winning they fair capped lot, and I were so up a winning one mysen, as I bed sbown in a few sbows. I bed only abaught five au six to draw, but am hoping next year to do better, and I feel pround that I hev two years' sub in hand although only a novice. But me mauth watered when I saw such grand prizes given to the winners be Mr. Sunderland, and all eyes brigbtened wen they gat em, except Jimmy Bailey's who thought more of fifteen bob be bed to draw than missing 20 guinea cup. Never mind, Jimmy, if tha lives long enough tha'l be top dog yet, and then we sball beve cup filled reight up tut top we rum punch. Speaking of punch, some few wur disappointed ther war noan, but am glad ther warn't, as everybody seemed to hev such good spirits thersens, that rum punch mixed might hev spoiled 'em.

"Then we hed a concert; a chap called Leach thumped plano, and he stuck to it like a leach; be war very good, and no offside abaught bim. And we hed a duet called "Tbe Battle Eve," sung by two right good Yorkshire voices; tbey call'd 'em Wright and Ackroyd, and am sure I felt as if I hed just got home from Boar War (am mebby thinking of 'Boar's Head'). Anyhow they sung up tet mark. We hed a comic singer named Smith. It's a vary arrycrastic name is Smith—I believe Noah hed one to mak ark. Any how, that's history, and I could hev believed it hed there been a bit more of aur Smith; biggist part abaught him war his comicality, and am sure som of aur company had belly-ache before he'd got tbrough his job.

"Mixed among all the songs, duetts, etc., we hed a few words from the receivers of the prizes. I tell tha what, if I hed a gotton one mysen I shouldn't have spoken; I should hev shouted. I felt inclined to do so when sum on 'em gate a graud prize and simply bobbed tu chairman and forgat plate! Tha knaws I wer thinking of punch. So don't forget when 't annual meeting comes off, chaps. Then we hed a chap fro top of Queensbury called Stafford. He sung a song called "Eilleen Alannah." Arm noun barn to say su mich abaught his looks; I thought it war Wilson Barrett resurrected at first, and I shut my een. To hear him say, "Now, go," in that voice, made my backbone ache, but while my een wer shut, I beard a angel whisper—and I kept me eyes shut so tbat I might not get a disappointment, but 'Eilleen Asthore' went down to the bottom of my heart, and I hed to blaw my nose and reckon to koff, and I just saw Sunderland wiping a drop of lager beer off bis eyelids. Ye know Sunderland's a good singer when bo like to let hissen goin.

Tben we bed vote of tbanks tu 't donors of prizes, and it war very unfortunate that Mr. Brotherton hed been called aught of town, because be'd given a lot of prizes tut different clubs. Fred. Hammond moved the motion, and didn't forget to mak a reight grand speech. It's a pity Fred's giving np secrctaryship for Y.U. He owt to be a M.P. or taun carnciller. He gave C.B.U. what for in a gentlemanly manner. Dick Garnet seconded and it was carried, you bet. Chairman called upon Mr. Ramsden to respond. Well, Ramsden's heart's abaught as big as his body. He promised more than iver, and you can bett all your young stock that Ramsden 'en fill up his promise to the full when bis word's gone. So I am hoping to win a prize of bis mysen. I sball be glad to receive a miniature goblet for advertising him, so send it on, J. W. R., care of CAGE BIRDS. W. H. Shackleton spoke, Ogden Bros., and Towers, and then come a vote of tbanks to artistes, committee, etc., which were carried, and a votc for chairman moved by Bob Sutcliffe, and seconded by Joe Wilcock, supported by Mr. Carl, of CAGE BIRDS Tha knaws when Bob Sutcliffe speaks it means summit weighty, and when ahr Joe seconded, it was putting balance dawu we a thump, because these arc two straight bottown chaps, and al'ays calls a spade a spade. And Mr. Carl supported it in such a manner as we hope all supporters will follow. Imagine, lad, what bis barn to do—he's barn to give a special prize to such as can win it to all except the big guns it fancy. I don't know how, yet, but it will be announced in Fanciers' paper soon. When the motion had been carried we musical honors, that wer so long, strong, and loud that Mr. Mitchell (that's landlord) hed to come up to see if electric lights hadn't busted. The chairman replyd, and hed good sense to say little except to praiso his wife (who is a better fancier than his sen), and if we all looked at home we should be able, or owt to do, to praze our womem folk for their help more than we do. Come on, lad, I've talked mysen dry, and, sither, there's Pa Mundell across t' road—let's joiu him in a pint.—YELLOW TICKED.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Annual Election.

Result of the election of officers for the above club for the coming season: President, Mr. J. A. Eckerlsey 36 votes; vice-presidents, Messrs. Besson 87, Aitcheson 31, A. G. Davis 23, J. H. Payne 22; committee, Messrs. S. Cook 53, J. Trengove 44, W. Booth 40, T. H. Dent 35, J. Haynurst 35, J. Towers 33, J. H. Roe 32, W. Skillman 31, W. Vardy 30 R. Clegg 26, F. W. Heaton 23, O. Stringer 21; judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe 57, W. Vardy 67, J. Trengove 51, J. Benson 45, H. W. Battye 42, J. C. Barnes 37, A. Wellings 35, J. Robson 33, J. H. Payne 33, A. G. Davis 31; auditors, B. Clegg 52, G. W. F. Lythgoe 48; hon. sec. and treasurer, J. Raynes, 9, Richmond-road, Chorlton-Cum-Hardy, Manchester. 67 papers were sent in.—J. RAYNES, Hon. Sec.

IN THE COURTS.

WHERE IS THE PARROT?

Five Years' Penal Servitude.

At Hereford Assizes William Boddington (54), gardener, Worcester, was, according to the report in a local paper, indicted for stealing by means of falsc pretences a postal order for 15s. from Henry Dix, jeweller, 562, Manchester Road, Bradford, at Hereford, on January 5th. He was also indicted for obtaining by false pretences P.O. orders to the value of 20s. and 13s. respectively, from John Capstick, at Hereford, on January 8th. In the first case, complainant said he inserted an advertisement in the "Exchange and Mart" for a Parrot. On the 14th of January witness received a letter from prisoner stating that he had a Parrot for sale. It was an African grey bird, and a good talker, and he was willing to sell it for £2. He offered to send it on approval, and said he was a well-known business man at Hereford, and on receipt of that letter witness sent prisoner the P.O. for 15s., now produced. Prisoner wrote acknowledging the P.O., and promising to forward the bird. The Parrot, however, never arrived, and witness had not heard from prisoner since. A letter witness posted him was returned through the dead letter office, and upon that witness communicated with the Hereford City Police.—In reply to the Judge, witness said that prisoner's letters looked "that sweet" —(laughter)—that he could not help sending the money.—Prisoner was found guilty, and sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement of Zebrafinches in CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Miss M. Gibbons (Boddington Manor), as I sold all the birds I had for disposal by Saturday, and the enquiries were too numerous to answer.

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THE SHOWS.

(See also page 264.)

WEST LONDON F.A.

We held our annual pair show on Feb. 29, at the Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush. There were 83 cages and 151 birds. The show was a complete success.

CHAMP. NOR.: 1, 2, hc, c, Cooper Bros.; 3, vhc, Leithbridge. CREST AND C.B.: 1, 3, hc, Turner; 2, vhc, Lazarus; c, Gibbons. YORKS.: 1, hc, c, Bennett; 2, 3, vhc, Easterling. AMATEUR NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Lack. CREST AND C.B.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Franz. CLASS 9: 1, 3, vhc, Knight; 2, hc, c, Churchard. NOVICE, CREST AND C.B.: 1, Dr. R. Thompson. CLASS 11, YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Trussler. HYB. BRIT. AND CAN: 1, Lack; 2, Cooper Bros.; 3, Dewhurst. HYB., TWO BRIT.: 1, 2, vhc, Lack; 2, Bray; vbc, c, Dewhurst. BRIT.: 1, 3, Dewhurst; 2, Cadic; vhc, Bray; hc, c, Lewis. BRIT.: 1 ,2, 3, vhc, hc, Dewhurst; 2, Lewis.—J. DEWHURST, Sec.

DEWSBURY AND DIS. C.B.S.

The third members' show was held in the Royal Hotel on February 29. Mr. J. Wilman judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CLEAR, ETC., YELL.: 1, Blackburn; 2, Raynes; 3, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, Rayner; 2, Blackburn; 3, Pollord; vhc, Charlesworth; hc, Senior. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Cook; 2, Yelland; 3, Stafford; vhc, Senior; hc, Cook and Son; c, Fawcett. YELL. HEN: 1, Pollord. BUFF: 1, Cook; 2, Cook and Sou; 3, Senior; vhc, Charlesworth; hc, Clennett; c, Yelland. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Hall; 3, Clennett; vhc, Blackburn; bc, Taylor; c, Pollord. BUFF: 1, hc, c, Blackburn; 2, Hall; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Charlesworth. SELL.: 1, 2, 3, Taylor; vhc, Fawcett; bc, Charlesworth; c, Howarth. SELL.: 1, Charlesworth; 2, Hall; 3, Rayner; vhc, Cook and Son; hc, Cook; c, Howarth. Winner of gold medal (or anything of £1 1s.), W. T. Hall, 37 points; novice section, W. Cook, 37 points; silver (10s. 6d.), novice, S. Taylor, 32 points.—B. COOK.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

The usual monthly meeting was held at Mr. Johnston's Rooms, 6, The Broadway, on Mar. 2. Mr. W. H. Stoakley in the chair. There was an exceptionally good attendance, including several ladies. One new member was elected, and there were no fewer than 14 nominations for membership—a record for the society. The new secretary, Mr. H. Smith, read several letters, including one from Mr. Chaplin, M.P. The Secretary reported that, at the last committee meeting it was decided that the rules of the new society for the proposed Federation of London Societies should be discussed at the April meeting; that, owing to the breeding season just coming on, no more judging competitions should be held for the present; and that members should be invited to send questions to the secretary, which are to be drawn for at the next meeting, and answered impromptu by the members who draw them. A pair show was also held, and was well supported. There were 38 entries, 10 more than last year, and the two classes for Yorkshires, in which were 11 and 17 entries respectively, were exceptionally good. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. (Champion) : 1, 2, Day; 3, vhc, Rorke. YORKS.: 1, Smith; 2, c, Carson; 3, hc, Warley; vhc, Rorke. NOR. (Amateur and Novice): 1, 2, Tutty; 3, hc, Mrs. Collins; vhc, Porter; c, Mrs. Piper. YORKS.: 1, McLaughlin; 2, bc, Found; 3, vhc, c, Whittome. Medal for best pair in show, given by the society, was won by Mr. H. Smith. After the judging, Mr. Robson explained where the pairs were well and ill asserted, and his reasons for giving the awards as he had, after which the Chairman thanked the judge.—H. SMITH.

CARDIFF AND DIS. C.B.S.

The members held their annual show on Feb. 26th. The entries were not quite so numerous as on some previous occasions, but the quality was grand, many well known birds being staged. The Yorkshire pair class was a good one, the winners being birds of much merit and all well staged. It would be superfluous to say that the hon. sec., Mr. W. Sampson, had everything in first-class order, for those who know him and his quiet methodical, yet thorough, manner of conducting a show would expect nothing else. He was well supported by a few willing workers, who did all in their power to make the show a success. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Tedstone, well known, four-pointed, looking fresh as paint; 2, Gardner, ticked on head, nice shape and colour, neat wings and tail; 3, Bradford, unflighted, nice shape and colour; 4, Dummett, ticked on head, nice feather and quality; vhc, Harrington. BUFF (5): 1, Tedstone, head neck and wing marked, magnificent colour and quality, nice flights and tail, grand back, and shape, smooth as a glass bottle; 2, Gardner, nice shape and quality, well rounded chest and nicely packed wings; 3, Jones, unflighted, marked wings and neck, grand feather, nice shape, full neck; 4, vhc, Bradford. HEN (5): 1, Bradford clear buff, fine shape, grand feather and quality, neat wings and tail, well mealed, easy win; 2, vhc, Jones, marked yellow, nice shape and feather, grand quality; 3, 4, Dummett, nice shaped yellow, good wings and tail, pale in colour; fourth grand feathered buff. PAIRS (7): 1, Bradford, marked yellow cock, grand colour and quality, nice shape, buff hen of good shape, feather and meal, nice wings and tail; 2, Jones, grand coloured buff cock nice head, good quality of feather, yellow hen, shapely, good substance; 3, Dummett, slashing yellow cock, good feather, head and neck, nice level colour; 4, Tedstone, big ticked buff cock, good shape and colour, yellow hen, nice shape and feather, short, full neck, neat wings and tail; vhc, hc, Gardner. YORKS. YELL. COCK: 1, Smith, neck ticked, fine colour, full of quality, stands well, good wings and tail; 2, Flynn, long flights and tail, well up on leg, good position, straight as a rush; 3, 4 Banks, third nice feather and position. BUFF (5): 1, Smith, ticked on head, grand feather and position, well up on leg; 2, vhc, Banks, nice colour and quality, stylish, nice whip tail; 3, hc, Smith, lovely feather and quality; 4, Flynn, good length and stand, well up on leg. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Banks, wing ticked yellow, grand feather and quality straight as a pencil, well drawn, good legs; 2, Flynn, buff, ticked on head and thigh, nice position and style, grand back and tail; 3, 4, Smith, buff, slim built, nice feather and quality; fourth yellow, good position and feather. PAIRS (12): 1, 2, Fryer, variegbuff cock grand position, feather and quality, neat wings and tail, yellow hen, good length and style, nice quality of feather; second another grand pair, close on heels of winners; 3, hc, Banks, long, slim built, hot coloured yellow cock, good position, matched to a nice close feathered and stylish buff hen; 4, Flynn, slim built yell. cock, nice length and stand good quality, very shapely and good feathered buff hen; vhc, c, Smith. CREST OR C.B. (1): 1, Edwards, Crestbred, rare skull, good width and nice rise over beak, wealth of feather. C[illegible]

BIRDKEEPERS: You MUST read the ANNUAL.

MULING PAIRS (1): 3, Sampson, Greenfinch and buff Norwich hen. BRIT. MULING PAIRS (3): 1, Tedstone, nice Goldfinch cock, and good feathered Siskin hen; 2, Sampson; 3, Edwards, Foreign Goldfinch cock, consequently passed. MULE, DARK (1) : 2, Harrington, Greenfinch - Canary, grand feather, nice shape. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, Edwards, Canary-Bullie, nice colour and feather, good size and shape; 2, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, magnificent feather, nice shape and colour, well marked, a gem; 3, Shearn and Owen, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, nice feather and shape; 4, Jones, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, good feather. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, spl, Edwards, grand blaze, hars and buttons, nice tanning and feather; 2, Sampson, lovely feather and moons. BLACK-LEGGED (4): 1, Ford, grand coloured and expansive blaze, good size and shape, nice colour on back, well tanned chest; 2, Flynn, good buttons and feather, very steady; 3, Sampson, nice chest and buttons; 4, Shearn and Owen. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Nicholas, well known winner, looking grand, fine colour, cap and wing bars; 2, Jones, nice shape and feather. LINNET, ETC. (1): 1, Nicholas, well known Linnet, grand pencilling, colour and feather. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Nicholas, Redpoll, grand colour, feather and markings, nice size and shape; 2, Bradford, Redpoll, nice feather and colour; 3 Sampson, Siskin, lovely feather and markings; 4, Ford, Redpoll. FINCH, ETC. (1): 1, Nicholas, Yellow Bunting, beautiful colour and feather, grand markings, in fine order. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (2): 1, Ford, grand Swallow, perfect fork, very steady, grand colour and condition; 2, Sampson, nice feathered, very steady Wheatear. LARGE (1): 1, Thorne, nicely spangled, good coloured and lustrous Starling. SELL. (20/-) (4): 1, 4, Penny; 2, 3, Flynn. (10/-) (1): 2, Jones.

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.

The first members' show was held on Feb. 29th, at headquarters, the Chequer's Hotel, Little Park-street. There was a good muster of entries and some very fine specimens of Canaries and British birds were shown. Mr. J. Corrall officiated as judge, and the awards were very well received, the show was managed by Mr. J. Blackshaw, show manager, J. Busby, President, R. Symonds, Vice-President, and W. H. Bray, hon. sec.

PLAINHEAD MATCHED FOR BREEDING (23): 1, 2, 3, Symonds and Son, with two pairs of Nor and a pair of Yorks, all in good condition and colour; 4, vhc, Busby, another fine pair of Nor.; res., Bent, grand pair of Nor.; hc, Houlden; c, Cooke. PAIRS FOR MULE BREEDING (7) : 1, Symonds and Son, Goldfiuch-Canary; 2, hc, Wright, Greenic - Canary ; 3, Ward, Skin - Canary ; vhc, Busby, Goldie-Canary; c, Bray. Redpoll-Canary. PAIRS MATCHED FOR HYBRID BREEDING: 1, Symonds and Son, Goldfinch-Bullfinch; 2, hc c, Cooke, Redpoll-Bullfinch ; 3, J. Bray, Greenfinch-Bullfinch; vhc, Fitzhugh, Bramble-Chaffinch BRIT.: 1, Busby, grand Goldfinch; 2, Wright, Greenfinch, in splendid condition; 3, c, J. Bray, Goldfinch; vhc, hc, W. H. Bray, Linnet and Greenfinch respectively. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, W. H. Bray, Reedhunting and Robin, respectively, both in good condition: 3, Bent, Blackbird, looks well; vhc, Symonds and Son, good Hawfinch. SELL.: 1, Ward; 2, hc, Symonds and Son; 3, Wright; vhc, Blackshaw; c, Busby.—W. H. BRAY, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH O.S.

The first show of pairs matched for breeding took place at headquarters, The Herne, Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, on February 27. There was a grand collection of thirty-six pairs, and considering that this was the first venture of a Society only a few weeks old it augurs well. Both in Norwich and Yorkshires the competition was exceedingly keen, and it was very gratifying to the pioneers of this young Society to see the high-class quality, especially in the novice section, many of the exhibits being fit for competition in the premier section. Special for best pair in show was secured by Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, with a clinking pair of Norwich, although Mr. F. W. Mabey ran him very closely with a very fine pair of Yorkshires. The former also won special for best in champion section. Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni won special for best pair in novice section with a grand pair of Norwich. Mr. Wall won gold medal for most entries, and also silver medal for best pair matched for Hybrid breeding, with a smart Goldie and Canary. Mr. Geo. Gardner placed the awards, and gave entire satisfaction. At the conclusion a judging competition took place amongst the members, bringing to a close a most interesting and enjoyable evening. Mr. Wall secured first and special in the judging competition, and Mr. Wilmot was a good second. There was a splendid attendance of well-known fanciers.

CHAMPION SECTION NOR. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Woolhouse. YORKS (8): 1, 2, Mabey; 3, vhc, hc, and c, Wall. NOVICE SECTION NOR. (11): 1, 2, Rogers and Mazzoni; 3, hc, c, Forster; vhc, Kates. YORKS (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Warley. A.O.V.: 1, Bisley. MULING PAIRS: 1, Wall; 2, Bisley; 3, Fletcher; vhc, Butt.

The following gentlemen were elected members:—Councillor Alwin (Peckham Rye), Messrs. A. Rouse and G. Peters (Camberwell), Perkins (Thornton Heath), Daniels (Harringay), Honeysett (Clapham), W. Brooks and R. J Wall (Brixton), and G. Sell (Peckham). Mr. W. Brooks was added to the committee.—ROGERS AND MAZZONI, Hon. Secs.

GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTAND N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

The annual show of pairs was held on February 25th in the Good Templars' Hall, Ingram-street, Glasgow. There was a good turn-out all round, and a special feature was the number of Yorkshires, there being 15 pairs staged, which, it is thought, is a record for any Scottish club. Quality, too, was very good. This should be some encouragement to the new Scottish Yorkshire Club, which has just started. Norwich were also strong in numbers and quality. The birds were staged in No. 2 room, and the judging started at eight o'clock, while the members adjourned to an adjoining room and transacted the usual routine business. A very pleasant meeting terminated with the admission of twelve new members, and the indefatigable secretary, Mr. R. A. Brown, intimated that Mr. John L. Burnett, the well-known hybrid breeder, had agreed to give a lecture on "Mules and Hybrids," on March 10th. Mr. P. Easton, who judged the Canary classes, had plenty to do. Mr. J. L. Burnett, of Govan, judged all other classes. Both seemed to give entire satisfaction.

NOR. PLAINHEADS (24): 1, spl, Tannoch, splendid bold Buff cock, good chest and neck, a topper, yellow hen, good feather and wings, nice head; 2, Gow, buff cock and yellow hen, well matched; 3, Gowans, good bold pair; 4, vhc, Ferguson; hc, T. Erskine; c, Crawford. Many good pairs out of tickets. CREST OR C.B. (9): 1, 5, Stewart, Crest cock and C.B. hen, splendid pair; 2, spl, 3, 4, McPhail; hc, c, Crawford. BORDERS (12): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, spl, Whitelaw, three champion pairs, 1st and 2nd outstanding; 4, vhc, c, Glen, nice pairs. YORKS. OR LANCS. (16): 1, Crawford, grand yellow cock and buff, should produce toppers; 2, Martin, buff cock, yellow hen, another good couple; 3, Gibb, yellow variegated hen, buff cock; 4, Boman, buff cock, yellow ben; vhc, c, Macdonald; hc, Penman. A.O.V. CAN. PAIRS (1): 1, spl, Fyfe, grand pair of cinnamons. MULES (12): 1, Taylor, fine C.B. cock and Bullfinch hen, both in good condition; 2, Tannoch, good yell. hen and a nice-sized British Goldfinch, grand face and steady; 3, 5, Graham, Twite, splendid size and colour, and yell. Norwich hen; 4, Fyfe, cinn. hen and cock Greenfinch; 6, Crawford; 7, T. Erskine. BULLFINCH HYB. (12): 1, Hendry, champion hen Bullie, in first-class condition, and cock Redpoll; 2, Craig, cock Twite, good size, colour, and lacing, nice hen Bullfinch; 3, Gow, hot-fed cock Greenfinch and hen Bullie; 4, George, nice cock Siskin and hen Bullie; 5, McCallum; 7, Tannock. A.O.V. HYB. (11): 1, 6, Craig, 1st grand-sized cock Siskin and Siberian hen Goldfinch, one of the biggest seen; 2, Watt, Siberian cock Goldfinch, grand-sized blaze and large hen Greenfinch; 3, M. Erskine, British cock Goldfinch, lovely blaze and cheeks, grand size, and hen Siskin, well laced; 4, McCallum, cock Siskin, hen Greenfinch; 5, Gow; 7, T. Erskine.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Annual show of pairs matched for breeding was held recently, and proved most successful. Messrs. A. H. Jones and T. H. Ride judged, and appeared to give satisfaction.—YELL. COCK and BUFF HEN (10): 1, Stevens, clear cock and a very nice var. Buff hen, A1, competition very keen; 2, Heighton, very fine hen; 3, Tyler, clear cock, nicely shown, good head, mated with a nice chubby ben; vhc, Smith and Edwards, another nice pair; hc, Claypole; c, Tyler. BUFF COCK, YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, c, Tyler; 1st, nicely matched pair, 2nd, a very fine Buff cock, A1, hen on the small side, c, another good pair, hen very fine yellow; 3, Stevens, clear Buff cock, grand type, mated with a nice yellow hen; vhc, Claypole, green Buff cock, very fine feather; hc, Smith and Edwards, nicely matched pair. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Tyler, cock a clear Buff, C.B., mated to a very nice clear body dark-crested hen. HYBRID PAIRS (11): 1, 3, Hunt, 1st a very fine Greenfinch cock, bully hen, 3rd another very fine pair, Chaffinch cock and Bramble hen; 2, Seal, good Goldfinch mated to a very fine Siskin hen, one of the best; vhc, Collius, Goldfinch cock and Siskin hen; hc, Heighton, Redpoll cock and hen Goldfinch; c ,Stevens, Greenfinch cock and Bully hen. GOLDFINCH and CANARY (4): 1, Tyler, Goldy cock mated to a fine yellow hen; 2, Stevens, good Goldfinch and yellow hen; 3, Laurence, a Russian Finch mated to a Buff green hen. LINNET, ETC (4): 1, Tyler, fine Linnet mated to a grand yellow hen; 2, Hunt; mealy Redpoll mated to another very fine yellow hen; 3, Stevens, good stamp Linnet mated to a rather slim Cinnamon hen; vhc, Harrison, Redpoll cock and hen. A.O.V. WILD BIRD AND CAN. (4): 1, 3, Heighton, 1st nice Siskin with a good yellow hen, 3rd Greenfinch and yellow hen; 2, Hunt, Nor. yellow cock and hen Bullie, a grand pair. NOVICE YELL. COCK AND BUFF HEN (9): 1, Warren, fine cock mated to nice chubby Buff hen; 2, Collins, cock rather thin, a very fine hen, A1 quality; 3, Heighton, variegated pair, good body; vhc, hc, Harrison; c, Lemon. BUFF COCK AND YELL. HEN (9): 1, Warren, very nice pair clear birds on the small side; 2, Harrison, another nice pair; 3, Dyson, same remark applies; vhc, c, Lemon; hc, Heighton. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 3, Freer, Yorkshires, 1st a nice clear yellow cock mated with a good Cinnamon marked hen, 3rd good looking pair; 2, Dyson, nice pair of Borders.

The following are the results of table shows held in February:—Feb. 12: MATCHED PAIR NOR. (19 pairs): 1, 2, ex. 3, Stevens; 3, Claypole; vhc, Tyler; hc, West; c, Seal. DITTO NOVICE (8 pairs): 1, 2, Warren; 3, Wood; vhc, hc, Lemon; c, Lowe. Judge, Mr. Needham. Feb. 26: BUFF HEN (18): 1, Heighton; 2, 3, and vhc, Stevens; hc, Lawrence; c, Claypole. OPEN A.V. NOR., NAT. COL.: 1, 2, 3, Tyler; vhc, Hartshorn; hc, Stevens; c, West. NOVICE. NAT. COL. (4): 1, Dent; 2, 3, Warren; vhc, Dyson. Judge, Mr. E. Noakes.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

CLUB REPORTS.

(See also page 264.)

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

On March 2 the members met to hear a paper by Mr. E. Wear on "Canary Breeding." Mr. Wear dealt with the subject in a very lucid manner, and a very instructive and interesting evening was enjoyed by all present. A hearty discussion ensued, and though all did not agree with the lecturer in his views, great credit is due to Mr. Wear for his very able paper. The usual vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.—S. LODGE, Sec.

WEST BROMWICH & DIS. C.B.S.

The society held a matched pairs show on Feb. 25th at the Dartmouth Hotel, which turned out a splendid success. About 27 pairs were staged. Mr. Paddock (Birmingham) acted as judge for the Yorkshires and Mr. Broadhurst for the other classes. After the judging, Mr. Paddock gave us a lecture on Yorkshires, which everyone present enjoyed. One of the most pleasant and instructive evenings was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks being accorded to both Messrs. Paddock and Broadhurst.—T. DUFFIELD Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

The annual general meeting was held at Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on February 22, with the President, Mr. J. Ferguson (Glasgow) in the chair. The minutes of the general and committee meetings held during the year were read and passed. The financial statement, after a few explanations, was adopted on the motion of Messrs. Calderwood and J. McKay. Exception was taken by several members at the short notice and time given between the issue and return of voting papers. The Secretary explained that the delay in the issue was caused by the printer. The result of the vote was then read by Mr. J. Young (Rutherglen), scrutineer. The Secretary then made allusion to the correspondence that had appeared in CAGE BIRDS between Mr. Aitchison and himself, a long and heated argument following between the two. The winners of Club medals for the year 1907 were announced as follows:—City of Glasgow, Messrs. R. Young and W. Watson; Dysart, A. Chalmers; Perth, A. McFarlane; Dundee, J. Howie and G. Davidson; Brechin, G. Stevens; Aberdeen, A. Forrest; Kilmarnock, A. Sloan; Scottish National, G. Scaife. Gold medal for most points throughout the season was gained by Mr. W. G. Muir (Kilmarnock). There being a tie between Messrs. Ferguson, Ireland, and Holmes for gold medal for most points in unflighted cocks, it was left with Mr. Ferguson to come to an arrangement with the other two members. Letters were then read which had passed between Mr. Howie (Dundee) and the Secretary referring to a charge made by the secretary against Mr. Howie of having shown birds which did not belong to him, and counting the points gained by these birds for cup competition. It was unanimously agreed that this matter be remitted to the new committee for decision, Mr. Ferguson to convene the meeting, and to summon Mr. J. Howie and Mr. J. Fraser (Kirriemuir) to attend. The Secretary intimated his retirement from office, and from the membership of the club, and his decision could not be altered, although pressed by the meeting. It was eventually decided to send out new voting papers to all members, Messrs. J. Brown (Glasgow), F. Bowman (Glasgow), and S. Buglars being nominated by the meeting for the position, members being invited to vote upon these three. A notice of motion was tabled by Mr. McAuley (Rutherglen), the meeting then closing with votes of thanks to the retiring secretary and president.—JAS. WINTER, Secretary, pro. tem.

A meeting of committee was held at rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, on March 7, Mr. J. Ferguson (President) in the chair. Mr. Ferguson (convenor) stated the purpose for which the meeting was called, viz., to consider all evidence in the Howie case, and to come to a decision if possible. Also to elect a President, five vice-presidents, and two scrutineers. In the absence of a secretary, Mr. J. Winter consented to take a record of the proceedings. The minutes of the general meeting having been read and approved of, the evidence in the Howie case was gone into, and after an hour's deliberations the following resolution was put to the meeting:—"That Mr. Howie (Dundee) be disqualified from participation in the Sandiford Cup contest, and, further, that he be suspended from the Club membership for one year." This resolution was unanimously carried. The election of a President was the next item, Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh) being unanimously elected to that office, on the motion of Messrs. J. McLay and J. Young. The following gentlemen were then unanimously elected vice-presidents:—A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), J. Hector (Aberdeen), W. Watson (Kilmarnock), A. G. Cameron (Kelso), and J. Ferguson (Glasgow). Messrs. Allan Roberts (Thomliebank) and Chas. Campbell (Glasgow) were also unanimously elected to act as scrutineers. Mr. Winter was then pressed to take over the secretary's duties until one could be appointed, and after some hesitation, he agreed to do so. After a few motions had been tabled the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman. The voting papers for secretary are to be sent out to all members as early as possible.—JAS. WINTER, Secretary, pro. tem.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.A

At the meeting on February 20, Mr. J. Robson gave a very intcresting and instructive lecture, the subject being "Breeding and Exhibiting." His remarks were chiefly addressed to the young fanciers, this Society having a good sprinkling, twelve novices having joined during this season. A good muster of old and young members was present, and much enjoyed the lecture. A number of questions were put and answered. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer.—J. C. BIRCH, Hon. Scc.

HEYWOOD AND DIS. C.B.S.

In connection with the usual monthly meeting held at the Central Dining Rooms, on February 25, a table show of pairs was held. Mr. J. W. Howarth judged, his awards being as follows:—1, Meadowcroft; 2, Schofield; 3, Mayes; 4, Booth. After judging, Mr. Howarth gave his reasons for his placing of the pairs. Several questions were asked as to the pairing up of birds, and ably answered by Mr. Howarth. The members then sat down to supper, presided over by the President, Mr. James Perry. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to Mr. Howarth for judging.—A. H. MEADOWCROFT, Sec.

Add Singing Contests.

COCKERMOUTH F.S.

The annual meeting was held in Tolson's Rooms, Cockermouth, on Feb. 21st, Mr. Oglethorpe in the chair. The discussion of the balance sheet was held over until another meeting, several subscriptions being still unpaid. There is, however, a substantial balance in favour of the society. A committee of 24 was appointed, including 18 old members, with Mr. Oglethorpe as chairman; Mr. A. Rea, Vice-chairman; and Mr. J. Simon, Mays Street, Cockermouth, as secretary. Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman and to Mr. Graham for services rendered. It was decided to hold the next show on Dec. 4th and 5th, to join the C.B.U. and the National P.C., and to hold a social evening at an early date.—GEO. OGLETHORPE, Chairman.

MORRISTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

A general meeting was held at the Woodfield Coffee Tavern on February 22, this being the final meeting of the year's working of the Society. The secretary's books were audited and found correct by Messrs. Henry Lewis, D. M. Powell, and W. H. Wilcox. The Chairman (Mr. D. M. Powell) said they had cause to be juhilant over the fact that their late show was a most successful one, due to the energies of the members and secretary, the latter having sacrificed a great deal of valuable time in bringing the same to a successful issue. It was gratifying to know there was a turn-over of upwards of £18. It was a source of pleasure to everyone to know that this amount of cash in hand was the result of one year's working, and that their late show was their first venture. We beg to thank all subscribers for their kind financial assistance. We wish also to thank those who assisted us otherwise. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Chairman and vice-chairman, Messrs. D. M. Powell and Henry Lewis; secretary and assistant secretary, Messrs. David Jeremy and Albert C. East; treasurer, M. Thos. Topkins; auditors, Messrs. W. Powell and A. E. Taylor; committee, Messrs. Harding, Williams, W. R. Morgan, W. H. Lewis, P. J. Rees, D. Jonkins, E. M. Evans, W. H. Wilcox, George Phillips, Robert Stamp, G. Poulet, David Lewis, and W. S. Kirby. It was deemed advisble to deposit the moneys of the Society in the bank, for which Messrs. D. M. Powell, Thos. Hopkins, and D. Jeremy were elected trustees. It was also decided that we retain our show date, viz., November 19. The Chairman, in a few complimentary remarks, said he was glad to see the energy and enthusiasm of the secretary in the performance of his official duties for the past year, and it was their duty to recognise his services in a practical way. All the members present concurred in that opinion, and it was unanimously decided to present the secretary with a writing desk to the value of £2, as a token of estimation and respect. On Saturday evening next, February 29, a cold luncheon will take place at headquarters to commemorate our successful show. All fanciers are cordially invited to attend, application to be made of Mr. Albert C. East, assistant secretary, Part Lane Studio, Clydu, Morriston. Members and non-members will be charged 1s. for same.—D. JEREMY, Secretary.

The Novices' Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

(Continued from page 244).

A Word on Moist Fodo.

Having used the term moist-food just now, it may be advisable to digress here for a moment to point out what is meant by the term. It does not mean a food saturated with water, or reduced to a pasty mess, much less a sloppy mess. Such a degree of moisture as will not release any perceptible moisture on to the fingers when handled is all that is desired, or with just a slight sense of dampness to the touch, yet, to all appearances, dry. The inner part of a loaf of bread one day old may be taken as a convenient type of what is required. When making the egg-food with fresh eggs, no additional moisture to what is contained naturally in the substance of the eggs is necessary to bring the prepared food ready for use to the proper degree of moisture. Most novices err on the side of making the food too moist, which, besides, being less palatable to the birds, has the very serious disadvantage that in a wet condition it forms a far more suitable cultivating medium for the germs of septic fever than in the case when it is used in a more dry state.

Nesting Sites.

Besides the natural bushes with their basket nests, as already suggested, a shelf might be placed across the back opposite the window, and another across the end opposite the door on which might be placed a nest-box here and there, and an occasional piece of cuttlefish laid about them. The nesting material should be suspended on the walls in a couple of fairly small mesh netting pockets—the smallest mesh netting sold for the purpose of making clap-nets or net bird traps would do very nicely—and in one of these cow-hair should be kept, and a mixture of moss and short soft hay in the other.

Many little points will occur to the ingenious fancier, whilst carrying out these instructions, by means of which a little privacy may be secured for the nest-boxes on the shelves, and in other ways, which he may carry out with advantage. But do not be tempted to construct any elaborate or superfluous furnishings of any kind. Remember that every extra fitting or ornament may ultimately form an additional source of worry and anxiety, by becoming another harbour for insect pests and disease germs. It may be thought that these foes will not, or should not, find a place in a comparatively free stock, as this would be. That they will not with even ordinary care become very serious drawbacks may be quite true, but it would be a suicidal policy for anyone to rest on his oars, so to speak, and think that he and his stock are immune from such attacks, or someday he will probably have a very rude awakening. In a greater or less degree birds kept under all conditions are susceptible: therefore, it is the only wise policy to always bear in mind the possibility of their attacks.

More Aviary Notes.

It was not our intention to labour the subject of aviaries any further, but a certain amount of interest has been shown in the case in point (of an outdoor shed being converted into an aviary), and a further question has come to hand from the original querist, whose case suggested our first notes, for further information on such points as adding a wire flight in the open, what other purposes the aviary might be utilised for besides the original one of breeding Canaries flying loose, and others which load us to make more hints and suggestions based upon the same case which might be helpful to many more readers.

A Wire Flight.

To fully comprehend these final notes it may be most advisable for the interested reader to go back to the beginning and refer to the previous notes in the last two issues, as all our references now will be based upon the structure just as we left it in our former notes. It will be seen that the front of the aviary, as we left it, had a large window, almost half the depth from the front from the eaves to the ground, and something like two-thirds of the whole length. This was protected with wire-netting on both sides.

Now, in building a wire flight I should select the whole length of the shed front as the site for it, and, of course, run it out from the shed as far as space or inclination would allow, so as to keep the wall, which, it will be remembered, exists on the right side of the structure, as the back of the wire flight, whereon a few nesting or sleeping boxes might be hung. Before making any other move the ground should be levelled and a floor constructed of concrete, with a layer of glass chips underneath, the same as was advised for the covered portion. Be careful to finish it off with a slight incline in the best direction to quickly drain off wet or rain. Next the whole length of top of the wall should have a layer of concrete, if any is left; otherwise a little ordinary mortar will do as well, laid along it. Whilst it is soft stud it thickly all over with rather larger pieces of broken glass and crockery, with the jagged points sticking upwards. This is to make the wall an undesirable promenade for prowling cats, and if a loose flap of netting is arranged on the inside from the top of the wall to incline at a right angle, and fixed so that it is loose and wobbly when any little weight is put upon it from the side next the wall, the aviary will be pretty safe from feline poachers, as, wary as the cat is, it will not trust itself upon a wobbly contrivance of this kind. The cruel-looking top of the wall will also have a wholesome deterring effect upon mischievous boys, who are generally cute enough to leave a fearsome contrivance of this kind severely alone, and thus accidents are avoided.

Having laid down the floor, set in uprights at the four corners of three-by-three inch quartering, making them all exactly the same height as the eaves of the covered portion. At the cornor immediately opposite the window in the covered part set in another upright at three feet or three feet six inches from the corner one. On this space you will make a door, or rather, for preference, a pair of double doors as previously described, to give access to the flight when necessary. Similar uprights should be set at intervals of about six feet between each corner to give additional support to the netting and especially that of the roof.

Some Necessary Matters.

Connect all the uprights round the top, by dovetailing, if you can manage it, with lengths of the same timber, and connect each of the intervening uprights on the two sides with similar pieces, so as to form supports for the wire of the roof to be nailed to. Then cover the whole with half-inch-mesh netting. Lastly if a sheet of tin or zinc is nailed around the bottom to a height of about nine inches, and then curled over so that its upper edge points downwards and forms an arch—thus ⌒—it will make a very fairly impassable obstacle for mice wishing to gain access to the aviary via the flight. Finish off with two coats of black paint.

To give the birds access to the outer flight, the window, if it has a casement that opens, should have the loose part removed bodily, and the necessary alterations made to enable it to be hinged on to the lower edge and to fall flat against the front of the wooden portion when open. If it could be arranged to fold inside the shed instead of outside, it would help considerably to provide against accidents to the glass. If this plan is adopted it will still be necessary to cover the window-frames with pieces of netting to act as danger-signals for the birds and prevent their flying against the glass when the window happened to be closed. But as this existing window was a very large one—larger, in fact, than might be advisable to have open at all times—I should, in case it did not now open, leave it entirely alone, and cut out a portion of the wooden front between the window and the wall sufficient to make an opening about a yard square, beginning from the eaves downwards. This space should then be covered with a solid wooden shutter, hinged on to the front, and made to drop downwards.

If a pair of struts are now made on the outside of this shutter, and sockets to match nailed on the front of the shed a little below the bottom edge of the open space, the shutter, instead of dropping down quite flat and useless when opened, may with the aid of the struts be lowered to a right angle, when it will form a kind of table in front of the open space for the birds to alight upon in entering or leaving the covered part.

The bath as previously described, should be dispensed with, and a similar structure made in the flight in the most convenient position for filling and emptying it easily. In the particular case which gave rise to these notes there would seem to be no better position than to simply construct it on the other side of the wooden partition separating the shed from the wired flight, in order to still take advantage of the drain which exists near that corner for carrying off the waste water.

The floor of the flight should be covered with a layer of builders' sharp sand to a depth of about two inches. The nature of the floor will preclude the possibility of planting any shrubs to grow. Live plants or shrubs growing in pots or boxes may of course be used, and changed as often as they become ragged and unsightly by fresh ones from the garden or nursery, whilst the soiled and damaged ones may be planted out to recuperate for future use. Natural boughs and bushes may also be fixed to bases and stood about the flight, and swing perches, suspended from the roof, introduced.

Where to Feed.

All food and water vessels we should make a point of keeping in the covered part exactly as was previously described, in order to encourage the birds to make free use of this portion regularly; otherwise it may be discovered that some shy and wary birds, particularly those that have not been used to this mode of existence, are apt to hold aloof from it, and prefer to shiver out in the cold than seek shelter under cover. Green food may be thrown on the improvised table in front of the exit, as may also a little of some seed occasionally.

If the waste seed from the table inside is scattered on the sanded floor of the outer flight and raked over, it will sprout and produce a fine cress-like food, which will be greatly appreciated.

Suitable Inmates.

It would be difficult to say what such an aviary as this would not be suitable for. It may perhaps best be described, like a certain class of old-fashioned and still sought-for domestic retainers, as generally useful. I would go a little farther and say that providing the aspect was tolerably favourable, the situation in a fairly hygienic condition from a human standpoint, and with the addition of solid wood or tarred felt top to the wire flight to keep out the rain instead of wire, and the simple heating apparatus described below, there is practically no class of birds that could not be kept in it quite successfully.

In its present condition it would answer admirably for a collection of British birds which might be classified into two great classes for such a purpose as this, viz.: soft-bills, or purely insectivorous species; and all other species, excluding birds of prey and their near allies. Under such an arrangement all the Finches and their allies would go in on equal terms with the Buntings, Pipits, and Larks, if indeed the latter were included at all. For my own part, I would rather keep the poetic type of the Larks, to wit, the Skylark, in a cage, than in an aviary. "Bird of the wilderness," though he be, he is to my mind somewhat less out of place in a cage than in any enclosure of this kind. This method of grouping will doubtless appear a drastic one to many, but experience will not be long proving it succeeds beyond the expectations of those who have never ventured to try it.

The method of feeding such a combination would be a kind of extension of the stereotyped Finch diet. A more liberal supply of such seeds as hemp, millet, and oats; an occasional handful of mealworms, caterpillars, and such small insect food; and a pan of crushed mixed biscuits is all that is required to keep the Buntings and others in good health and condition, and it will also prove of great benefit to the Finches and more exclusive Seed-eaters generally.

Almost any of the commonly imported foreign birds would succeed well, and all the hardy free-breeders would doubtless nest very successfully. For breeding Budgerigars it would be first-rate, whilst a single pair of Cockatiels, Redrumps, or any of these medium-sized Parrots, should do well on it. If the aviary was devoted to a single pair of birds and provided with plenty of cover and a few suitable hollow logs for nesting, Hybrid Parrots or Parrakeets might be tried for with a fair prospect of success.

To hark back to Canaries; this aviary minus the wire flight might be utilised very usefully to turn in well-bred young Canaries to complete their growth and go through the first moult. Or again, it would, if of sufficient size, do well to combine breeding cages and a wired-off portion for a flight for the young. In this case the stack of cages should be placed on staging along the back of the room opposite the window, and extend about two-thirds of the whole length of the room, leaving the remaining one-third of the entire space, at the end opposite the door, to be separated by a partition of wire notting and form a flight for the young birds during the latter part of the breeding season, and whilst moulting.

(To be continued.)

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

MEMBERS of the Y.C.C. will do well to note that nominations of officers for next season must be returned before the 31st March, to the secretary, Mr. J. Greaves, 279, Tollings Road, Bradford. The nomination papers will be found in the centre of the Y.C.C. year book for last season, 1907-1908.

THE annual dinner of the City of Bradford O.S. takes place on Saturday, March 14th, at their headquarters, the Flying Dutchman, Leeds Road, and all fanciers are welcome. The affair is a good one, and will doubtless be thoroughly enjoyable.

WIBSEY and District C.B.S. (that society for pie suppers!) is forging ahead at a great pace. Last year they numbered about 18 or 19 members, but now they have got up to the magnificent total of 69, no less than 14 new members being made at their last meeting. They tell me their ambition is to top Great Horton's score of last year, viz., 124. I hope they do it.

THE Grand Amalgamated Social and Prize Distribution held on Saturday evening last at the Market Tavern, Bradford, proved a gigantic success, even beyond the ambition of its most enthusiastic supporters, no less than 200 fanciers putting in an appearance. Most of them had a long stay, from 6 to 11 o'clock, and even then were in no hurry to depart from such congenial company. Mr. D. Sunderland makes an ideal chairman, and much of the success was due to his tact and geniality. In the chair he was supported by Mr. J. Greaves, the president of the C.M.Y.C.C.; Mr. H. W. Battye, president of the Yorkshire Union; Mr. W. A. Cowgill, president of Bradford and County British Bird and Mule Club (Mr. Sunderland, of course, being the presidential representative of the Y.C.C.), Mr. J. W. Ramsden, of London; Mr. R. Garnett, secretary, C.M.Y.C.C.; Mr. F. Hammond, secretary, Yorkshire Union; Mr. W. R. Myers, secretary British Bird Club; Mr. Carl, and other gentlemen. The Presidents of the respective societies presented the prizes to the successful competitors, each and everyone of whom came in for enthusiastic receptions. The display of prizes was truly magnificent, and must have represented a large amount of money. Cups, teapots, etc., galore; just the things to put a little more heart into those who had not a share in the spoil, and spur them to greater efforts. The harmonious part of the programme greatly helped the success of the evening. The general wish of the fanciers present was that we should have many more such evenings in the time to come.

SOME of the prominent Bradford fanciers are said to be poor talkers. Well, they may be before a large company such as assembled on Saturday last, but get them in a corner with about another half-dozen fanciers, start them on something in the birdy line, and they'd talk a hen and chickens to death.

WE have still another new society to add to those in Bradford and District, the "Tong and District C.B.S." having been formed during the last week or so. A very good beginning has been made, no less than twenty-four members being obtained at its inaugural meeting. Mr. W. H. Shackleton occupied the chair, and he has promised to do his utmost to assist the society. This district is perhaps the only one around Bradford that has not been represented, and I think there is plenty of scope for a good society, and I hope it proves a success.

THE formation of the Norwich Club for the county of Yorkshire is now to take definite shape. A meeting to discuss details is to be held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on Saturday, March 14th, time and notice of which will be found in another column. The club is a much needed one, and will doubtless grow to large dimensions in a very short space of time, and it behoves the lovers of this variety to attend the meeting and assist in its formation.

ON Monday next, March 16th, Mr. Samuel Dean, of Great Horton, travels to Manchester (to give the members of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. a paper on "Yorkshires," and on the Tuesday he is booked for the Shipley O.S., on the same subject.

ON Saturday next another meeting—or should I say discussion—is to take place at the Market Tavern, Bradford, the question being the "Length of the Yorkshire Canary," chair to be taken at 7 o'clock. Mr. H. W. Battye is to take the short side, and Mr. W. H. Shackleton the lengthy side of the question. At last Saturday's social Mr. Batiye threw down the gauntlet, and proffered to take either side in a discussion, if somebody would take the opposite. This was taken up by Mr. W. H. Shackleton, who, as he had choice of "weapons," elected to take "length." Hard lines, Harry; you would have felt more at home on the long side, for you like a good cage one. Anyway, the discussion should be very interesting, as well as instructive, and fanciers will do well to attend.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

THE LATEST CONUNDRUM.

When is a Headline Not a Headline?

Mr. Carl Wins the Case brought against him by Mr. John Tyson.

At the City of London Court last Friday, March 6th, Mr. J. Tyson sued Mr. F. Carl, proprietor of CAGE BIRDS, for the sum of Five Guineas. The case had a certain interest for show managers and advertisers, but little for the general public. Many prominent fanciers were present.

The Plaintiff claimed that the amount was due in respect of advertising in connection with the 1907 show of his association. In the result CAGE BIRDS was entirely vindicated, His Honour deciding in Mr. Carl's favour with costs. The point at issue was solely as to what constituted a headline in advertising parlance.

The Plaintiff was represented by Mr. Walter Stewart, instructed by Messrs. Child and Child, and the Defendant by Mr. Artemus Jones, instructed by Messrs. McKenna and Co.

The Judge ruled at the start that the question the Plaintiff's Counsel endeavoured to raise as to the admitted cutting off by the Plaintiff of the Defendant's advertisement from the Cage Bird Union rules had nothing to do with the point in dispute, and that the whole question in the case was one for experts as to what was the proper definition of a headline. The onus of proof falling on the Defendant, his expert witnesses were called first. Messrs. Harrower (show manager), Macleod-Moore (advertising expert), Ramsden (show manager), and Keliher (printer), thereupon gave testimony in Mr. Carl's favour, and were keenly cross-examined by Mr. Stewart, but without effect. Messrs. Bashforth (advertisement clerk) and Fillwell (printer's foreman) were called for the Plaintiff, and both of them declared the advertisements in dispute to be headlines, although consisting of more than one line.

Both Plaintiff and Defendant were examined, cross-examined, and re-examined at length and very closely. Their evidence differed materially in two essential details. Most able speeches were made by counsel on both sides. At the conclusion of a very patient and prolonged hearing, His Honour said:—

"If I had to decide this case on the intention of the parties, I should find in favour of the Defendant, but I have not to decide on the intention of the parties. The Defendant said: I did not complain about the 1906 catalogue because I thought I had no right to do so at that time. He then seems to have written making a stipulation in order to defend himself from the position of the year before. He orders in writing "Headlines" as advertisements, and, therefore, we have the technical term used at once. Consequently no matter what the intention of the parties is, when they use technical terms it is not for them to say that technical terms have any meaning other than they possess. Here you have two sets of experts giving us totally different views of the case. I have no reason to believe one set of experts more than the other, and there is not, I suppose, a great deal of difference in the weight. Consequently I am thrown back on my own view as to whether this thing which appeared was a headline or a display advertisement, and I may say that *from the very early part of the case I myself had no doubt whatever that this was a display advertisement*, and, therefore, there must be judgment for the defendant for the technical word used."

As the case was one involving the correct use of a trade term, leave to appeal was allowed as a matter of course. Up to the time of writing it has not been taken advantage of.

Judgment was entered for defendant with costs. Counsels' fees allowed.

In connection with the above case we recently circularised practically every society in the kingdom. The replies received were very numerous. Three of them were not in our favour, and five other opinions were doubtful. The remaining two hundred and eighty odd gave the same definition of a headline as our witnesses and Mr. Carl did in Court—viz., that a Headline was one line of type and no more at the head of each page of matter. These letters may be seen at our office by anyone sufficiently curious about the point in dispute. The answer to the riddle, therefore, When is a headline not a headline?—seems to be—When it is a displayed advertisement.

Ringdoves and Canaries.

A curious story was printed by the "Field" about the affection evinced by Wood Pigeons for a human being. A pair nested in a tree at Hampstead, and when the occupier moved to Regent's Park the birds followed him, and nested in a tree opposite his windows. The supposed clue to this remarkable behaviour of the Doves is that the gentleman was the owner of some "fine singing Canaries," and either the Pigeons were fond of the singing of the birds, or associated it with the presence of the owner of them.

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The Rook's Home.

I cannot recall any instance quite on a parallel with the shallow nest of the Rook. The home of the Heron is probably as near as any. The nest is somewhat similarly built, and is situated in tall trees, but not so frequently in exposed positions. There is also a great difference in the mortality during the breeding season, between the two species. Eggs and half-fledged young are quite common objects upon the ground beneath the nests of the Herons, and although young ones are occasionally found under the Rookery, there is not anything like the mortality that exists with the larger bird. The nest of the Heron is bulky and fairly deep during incubation, but becomes trodden down and flattened out while the young are being reared, and it is at this time that so many of the callow brood meet with an early death. The nest of the Reed Warbler is suspended between the reeds upon the marshes, or along the banks of some tidal river. It is constantly swaying and rocking in the breeze, but if we compare it with that of the Rook, we at once see how differently it is constructed. It is firmly and thickly built, cup-shape, and smoothly finished inside. It is also very deep; so much so that the old bird can get so far into it, that anyone passing by can barely discern the tip of her tail and beak, or rather the top of the head, for our wild birds like to watch their enemies, and not do as the Ostrich does—hide the head and fancy one is unable to see the body. A sitting bird will always watch the intruder no matter how well she is hidden.

Birds in the Wind.

March is a fickle month, and we are daily having evidence of its vagaries. The keen wind shifts from east to north-east, and then to the South-west, from which quarter, accompanied by heavy rain, it blows a gale. Although such weather is natural at this time of the year, and we get somewhat used to it, yet we long for the sunshine and soft breezes of the ideal spring. Of all wild creatures, possibly birds dislike the wind most of any. One sees less bird life in the course of a ramble across country upon a rough day than at any other time; one would sometimes think that all the feathered life had migrated, so scarce do they appear to be, but the fact is the birds are not in their usual haunts. We must look for them elsewhere. Let us try the wood, the sheltered side of the spinney, or the hedgerows in the valley. As we disturb the larger birds, they rise above the tree tops, and are quickly shot across two or three fields by the force of the wind. When beating against the gale, birds fly low, and it is always an interesting sight to watch the home-coming of the Rooks and Jackdaws at this time of the year. They skim the grass-land, and flap laboriously over the hedgerow; the wind catches them, and tosses them into the sky like balls of paper. Their efforts to get out of some fancied danger are almost laughable. How vigorously they flap their wings and try to turn either to right or left, and are as quickly carried back! The Rooks, the 'Daws, and the shy Wood Pigeons are obliged to get about; their food lays in the open meadows and fields, and no matter what the weather is they must be out and searching. Of the three species, the Wood Pigeons are possibly the best off, for in rough weather they will keep to the woods as much as possible, and once more hunt through the carpet of dead leaves for any acorns, or beech masts, which have been overlooked in more prosperous times. The smaller birds feed along the lanes and by the edge of the wood, and when disturbed they flutter along before one, loth to leave such situations; and when compelled to do so, they quickly return. In such weather the thrushes sing less frequently, and although the joyous Skylark is bubbling over with music, he can hardly trust himself aloft in some of the more boisterous periods, but quickly mounts when there is any lull in the elements. Of the smaller birds the only species that appears to take a delight in carolling upon a rough day is the Linnet. It is a curious fact, but one can always hear this little favourite in such weather. Go gently along the hedgerow or sheltered edge of the common, and there he is to be seen, boldly perched, and somewhat huddled, but his swelling throat shows plainly that he is full of life and vigour, at times we can hear each note distinctly; at others the strain is taken by the wind, disjointed, and scattered broadcast. The fondness of Linnets for singing in rough weather, was noticed by one of our poets, who refers to it in the following lines:—"The women sang between the rougher voices of the men, like Linnets in the pauses of the wind."

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Greenshank and Redshank.

In reply to F.J., Norfolk, the Greenshank is a summer migrant and breeds only in Scotland. On the other hand, the Redshank is a resident, and is fairly common upon the marshes by the sea, and upon the banks of the tidal rivers. No doubt its numbers are greatly increased during the winter months, when so many waders and shore birds visit our coasts. It is a well known bird by frequenters of the marshes, its quick jerky flight, with trailing legs and loud noisy calls, making it ever a conspicuous object. Especially is this so during the breeding season when it acts as sentinel for all the birds nesting within some hundreds of yards of the marsh road or footpath.

The Early Cuckoo.

We laugh rudely at the man who solemnly affirms that he has heard the Cuckoo calling in the early days of March. Although such early visits are not thought probable according to our knowledge of the bird, which loves the sunshine of the early Summer, yet an early visit by accident to this country is no more impossible to the Cuckoo than it is to any of our other migrants. This bird is just as likely to be blown over during rough weather, as other smaller creatures are. Last year it was reported from Cornwall in the middle of February, and at Barnet, to the north of London, on March 3rd, and in Wales about the same period. Unfortunately the cry of the Cuckoo is a sound easily imitated, and in the fields and woods sounds are softened and somewhat changed. I should like to hear a Cuckoo in early March, but I should be much more satisfied if I saw it.

Destroying Blackbirds.

A Western paper printed some time ago the account of a systematic Blackbird shoot, at which many birds were destroyed. This has caused quite a torrent of letters from sympathetic readers, and evidently there is widespread indignation at the slaughter of these golden-billed songsters. Most of us have a soft place in our hearts for these handsome birds. They are no new acquaintances; we have not recently learned to know and identify them; they are the friends of our childhood, and share with the Robin our first lessons in ornithology. Naturally one feels sad that such destruction is necessary, for the fruit growers contend that it is. One is inclined to think that a general destruction of eggs for a season or two would be more humane than destroying the living bird.

The Coming of the Wheatear.

We have not yet seen the Wheatear, the bold fronted bird with the white patch at the root of the tail, which flies from clod to clod, eyeing one suspiciously. It is time he was here. Possibly some sheltered hill-side along the South Downs is alive with these charming migrants. One peculiarity about them is their individual isolation. There may be fifty of them, covering perhaps two or three acres of ground, and yet there is no flocking or gathering together. Each bird keeps away from the others, although constantly in sight. By old records we are led to think that Wheatears are considerably less common than they were at one time. It is very difficult to account for some of these happenings. There may be some local influence at work outside this country which may be the means of destroying numbers of them during migration.

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SIBERIAN hen Bullfinch wanted. State price, etc.—MacRobbie, 11, India-st., Partick.

WANTED, Canaries. Yorkshire. Norwich; 7s. 6d. pair given.—King's Bird Stores, Dublin.

WANTED, cock Zebrafinches, or offers; exchange Canaries.—Knowles, The Aviaries, Penryn.

WANTING pair of wheels; exchange.—Daniel Newton, 62, Great George's-st., Preston, Lancashire.

WANTED, dozen cock Larks, and dozen cock Linnets.—J. Prior, 6, Birchfield-st., Poplar, London.

WANTED, exhibition cock Linnets, exchange pair Himalayans, 9 months, sell 21/-; not rubbish.—A. Nash, 17a, Fort Pill Street, Chatham.

WANTED, good healthy cock Canaries; also hens, fair price given.—M'Lean, 6, Golfhill Drive, Glasgow.

WANTED, quotations of good birds for established bird club.—Apply, Morgan, Hairdresser, Ebbw Vale.

WANTED cock Mules, singing, and cock Canaries, cheap for cash.—Tompkins, 235, High-rd., Willesden Green.

WANTED, offers Canarys; exchange Scotch blankets; 25/-.—Drummond, 15, Hutchison Street, Glasgow.

WANTED cock Canaries, exchange new velvet blouse, lady's silver watch.—88, St. Saviour's-rd., Croydon.

WANTED, two 1907 Lizard hens, in exchange for Lizard cock, or sell 7/6.—James, 78, Bolton-rd., Bradford.

WANTED pair Yorkshires or Rollers in exchange 20 new Edison records, or will sell 13/-.—Gill, Castle-st., Skipton.

WANTED, unflighted yellow marked Norwich cock and hen; exchange; see advert. Norwich column.—Willoughby.

WANTED to sell, some double breeding cages for Yorks, 4/- each.—C. Mabey, 5, Anerley-st., Battersea, S.W.

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WANTED, Canaries, breeding cages, exchange ferrets good breechloader; offers.—Slater, Chemist, Kingswinford.

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries for cash; state price.—Mace, Bird Specialist, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley.

WANTED, good clear Yorkshire cock, long and slim, for Jacobins and Pouters.—Ling, River view, Oulton Broad.

WANTED, all fanciers to try my Handyman whitewashing brush, post free 6d.—Miles, St. Andrew's, Norwich.

WANTED, any quantity of British birds; also Canaries; state price.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, dozen disc records in good condition, cheap for cash.—Swainston, Quarries, Middleton, Teesdale, Durham.

WANTED, good Crests, crestbreds and Norwich Plainheads, state price wanted.—Scott, 109, Coventry-drive, Glasgow.

WANTED, any variety Canaries, or British birds, for cash, quote prices.—Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire.

WANTED, any number of Canaries, Linnets, and Rabbits, cheap; for re-sale.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead Road, Woolwich.

WANTED, cock Canaries; exchange exhibition flying Homers, or field glasses.—John Hankin, 50, Minsley Hill, Ware, Herts.

WANTED, offers for hen Bullfinch and 105 copies CAGE BIRDS, or exchange Parrakeets.—Tucker, 318, Radford-rd., Nottingham.

WANTED Canaries and other birds; buy or exchange for dogs, fancy Pigeons, etc.—Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich, Kent.

TWO German hen Bullfinches; exchange large square, wire cage, suit toy dog or Parrot, or sell 12/-.—Nichols; see Norwich.

WANTED, pair Canaries; exchange gent's silver-capper lever, by Scott, Glasgow, or sell £1.—Drummond, Hutchison-st., Glasgow.

Wanted, yellow Norwich Cinnamon hen; exchange cock hand-reared Hawfinch; approval.—F., Pound Farm, Newington, Folkestone.

WANTED, talking Parrots, Cockatiels, Budgerigars, Canaries, etc., good prices given.—Broxup, Importer, Pendle-st., Burnley.

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, in exchange for eight almond-bred, long-faced tumblers; good blood.—Parker, Trafalgar-st., Carlisle.

LARGE Siberian hen Bullfinch, also Siberian cock Goldfinch wanted; state price.—29, Maydwell-st., Albany-rd., Camberwell, London.

WANTED, large yellow marked Norwich cock, give in exchange loose wire fronts.—Taylor, 6, Knowsley-st., Colne, Lancashire.

WANTED cock Canaries for Lloyd's A to Z Encyclopædia, 42 parts, good condition, cost 6/- each.—H. Yates, 143, Harehills-rd., Leeds.

WANTED all your live stock not required; will buy or exchange for other stuff you are wanting.—Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich, Kent.

WANTED, clear Yellow Norwich hens, cock Goldfinches, and hen Bullfinches.—State price and particulars to 33, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

WANTED, left off or mishits, boots, gent's, ladies' or children's; good price given, cash prompt.—Talbot Bros., Pokesdown, Bournemouth.

WANTED, a good Roller, exchange two hens, Crest and crest-bred, or sell 15/-; approval.—Routledge, Hamsterly Colliery, Ebchester.

WANTED, loud singing Thrush, must be on week's approval; good price given for good bird.—Silcock, 47, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne.

WANTED, good sound Norwich, Yorkshire, or Border Canaries, for cash.—Apply Smith's Bird Stores, 40, Townend Street, Hamilton.

WANTED, pair Borders, good strain; exchange disc records, twelve large, six small, good condition.—Duckitt, Sepulchre-gate, Doncaster.

WANTED, good Crest yellow cock, or hand sewing machine; exchange three pure Ancona 1906 pullets.—Frank Radford, Long Ashton, Bristol.

WANTED, cock Canaries, or Hardhills, in exchange for 24 Edison Bell and Sterling records.—R. Dawson, 85, Chadwick-rd., Peckham, London.

WANTED, Canaries, exchange banjo, cost £4, accept birds to value £2, or offers; approval willingly.—Whiteland, 84, Stanford-st., Lowestoft.

WANTED, a quantity of cock Goldfinches and hen Bullfinches; also clear yellow Norwich hens, price and particulars to 36, Magdalen-rd., Norwich.

WANTED, for cash, Goldfinches, Siskins, Bullfinches, etc., also moulted birds; send particulars, best prices given.—Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

WANTED, for cash, surplus stocks Norwich, Crests, Lizards; also Goldfinches.—Send particulars to Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

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WANTED, Scotch Fancy yellow hen Canary, exchange buff Crest-bred cock and crested hen, for a good one.—Brooks, 5, Houses, Offerton, Stockport.

WANTED, Parrot cage, exchange cock Chaffinch and cock Treesparrow, both house-moulted, healthy; genuine; offers.—Pickard, 7, Hatfield-st., Wakefield.

WANTED, Cockatiels, Yellow Budgerigars, foreign birds, in exchange for 5 Jungle Fowl Cockerels, or Persian male cat, 8 months.—Elliott, Oakham, Dudley.

WANTED hen Canaries for cash; cold-room birds; state price, breed, and if colour-fed.—J. Brewerton, Canary Dealer, Norton Hammer, Woodseats, Sheffield.

WANTED large Yellow marked Norwich hen; exchange new cycle tyre, 28 by 1¾, value 10/6; hen first.—Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

WANTED, good 1907 buff Yorkshire cock, for pair Zebrafinches and Waxbill cock and good large cage, 10/-.—Henry Blamires, Little Royd-cottages, Earlsheaton.

WANTED Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Canaries, others; offers 17 vols. CAGE BIRDS, massive oil painting, medical books.—H., Dispensary, Hopwood-lane, Halifax.

WANTED, cock Canaries and Goldfinch and Linnet Mules; must be in song; any quantities; will deposit cash with Editor.—M. Barker, 39, Ironmonger-row, St. Lukes.

WANTED, British birds, in exchange for pair gent's boots, 12/6, size 7, heavy chrome calf Derby; approval.—Ogden, 152, Lawrence-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

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WANTED, gold chain for cash, valuable violin, fine tone, 28/-; 415 foreign stamps, 2/6; Hartz Roller Canary bird, 6/6; deposit.—Austin, 59, Sydney-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

WANTED, cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Lark, or any British bird; Canaries, cock and hen, state lowest price; money with Editor.—Clarke, 112, Liverpool-st., Salford.

WANTED, exhibition Siberian cock Goldfinch; exchange pair prize-bred Poland hen Fowls, year old, sell 4/6 each; approval.—Skinner, Ironmonger, Kingskerswell, Devon.

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WANTED, 4 clear yellow Norwich Plainhead hens, exchange cock Goldfinch, hand-reared cock Skylark, 2 Linnets, hand-reared, both laid eggs, and part cash, mutual approval. — Elmer, Friendly House, Witney.

WANTED, Canaries, any variety; exchange real grand Italian mandoline, beautiful tone, or splendid violin case and bow, complete, sell 30/- each; mutual approval; what offers?—Chas. John, Camprd., Norwich.

WANTED; will give 20/- dozen for cock Goldfinches, and 10/- dozen for hens; 50/- dozen for cock Goldfinch mules, and 15/- dozen hens; 18/- dozen if light.—Merrington, Mule Breeder, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London, S.E.

PEARSON, Greenwich Market, wants Canaries, British or Foreign birds, for Silver Persian Queen, heavy in kitten, sell 20/-; brown Tabby ditto, 10/-; black ditto, 10/-; two kittens, 5/- each; large neuter, 15/-; black tom, 15/-.

WANTED, good yellow Roller cock; also large Norwich; following for exchange, two yellow Norwich hens, beautiful family bible, melodeon, two cases of 18 stuffed birds, gentleman's gold-plated watch, morning coat and vest.—Appleton, Duke-st., Prescot.

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SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, 6/-, or exchange anything —Young, 5, Comleypark Terrace, Glasgow.

COCK Greenfinch, bred mules; exchange eggs for sitting.—Bradley, Hampden-rd., Tottenham.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Greypate for cock Canary.—Southorn, Barkston Ash, Tadcaster.

SPLENDID pair tame Bullfinches, 6/-; exhibition plumage; exchange Goldfinch.—Finney, Grocer, Oswestry.

GOLDFINCH muler, exchange Yorkshire hen; hen first; approval.—Williams, 3, Cross-st., Deri, via Cardiff.

NINETY copies CAGE BIRDS (clean), and Budgerigar; what offers in birds?—"Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

EXHIBITION cock Greenfinch and Goldfinch, house-moulted; exchange for cock mules.—Pullen, Sloane-st., Brighton.

FOR sale, cock Goldfinch mule, Finch song, with singing cage, 8/-; or exchange.—Chris. Nock, Overend, Cradley, Staffs.

EXCHANGE cock dark Linnet mule, also grand Linnet for true pair yellow Budgerigars.—Fletcher, 9, Dock-lane, Dudley.

WHAT offers for nine cock Larks, caged two months; also cock Bullfinch, house-moulted?—Butler, 20, West-st., Gravesend.

COCK and two hen Bullfinches; exchange Canaries, anything; offers.—Winstone, 2, Soundwell-rd., Staplehill, Bristol.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, cage-moulted, for two good hen Canaries for breeding.—Morgan, 5, North-view, Winchester.

EXCHANGE handsome cock Thrush, singing, for cock Goldfinch, or good Norwich hen; offers.—Wilds, 8, Chestnut-rd., Horley.

THREE Yellowhammers, Chaffinch cocks, muling hen Bullie; exchange exhibition British.—Rabey Bros., St. Issey, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE good Yorkshire and Norwich hen for large muling hen; value 15/-, or sell.—Jones, Cycle Depot, Talsarnau, N. Wales.

SWALLOW, 3rd Palace, 1908, 15/-, or exchange winning Hardbill to value; approval.—H. Ford, 34, Allenshank-cresent, Cardiff.

GOLDFINCH Canary mule, splendid songster; exchange for pair of Canaries, sell 12/6.—C. Olney, 62, Gordon-rd., Wellingborough.

WILL exchange a pair of house-moulted Goldfinches for a young yellow Yorkshire cock.—John Swarbrick, Bridge-st., Cootehill.

EXCHANGE four Linnet Mules, cocks for yellow Norwich cock, or good stock pair.—29, Roseneathplace, Oldfield-lane, Wortley, Leeds.

DARK Goldfinch mule, grand songster, 6/6; or exchange cock Siskin, or small foreigners.—Turner, Wilsthorpe-rd., New Sawley, Derby.

TWICE aviary-moulted cock Goldfinch, two Bullfinch hens, Redpoll, 12/-; exchange.—S. Warburton, 39, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE good hand-reared cock Thrush for good Redpoll-Siskin, or Twite; approval.—Johnstone, 18, Quarry Cottages, Threlkeld.

LARGE, steady cock Goldfinch, full song; exchange two good hen Canaries; approval.—Fairhurst, 30, Guy-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

TWO 1907 cock Goldfinch mules, singing, 8/6 each, or exchange both for large yellow typical Norwich cock.—Dixon, 1, Morden-terrace, Merton.

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TWICE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 5/-; or exchange cock Canary; also cage-moulted cock Linnets, 3/0 each.—W. Delarne, 8, Stifford-rd., Grays, Essex.

TWO green Linnet hens, hand-fed, 2/- each; brown Linnet hen, 1/-, cage-moulted; exchange pair Bullfinches.—J. Hamilton, Victoria-rd., Northwich.

EXCHANGE Yellowbunting, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Lark, singing, cocks caged August, three hen mules, for singing cock Canary.—Deakin, 356, Lichfield-rd., Aston.

MULING cock Greenfinch, Norwich hen Canary; exchange Yorkshire hens, Goldfinches or Siskins; offers.—Foreman, Birchfield, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon.

EXCHANGE Siskin, Bullfinch, Yellowhammer, Greenfinch cocks for small British show cages in good condition.—Grahame, 19, Elam-st., Camberwell, London.

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MULING cock Linnets, steady, full song, 2/- each, with cage 2/0; exchange for Canaries; approval.—Fred Whiting, 1, Ravensbury Cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

FIVE splendid cock Chaffinches, 1/- each; grand cock Blackbird, 4/-, full song; cock Greenfinch, 9d.; or exchange Canaries.—Wakefield, Taxidermist, Blue-st., Boston, Lincolnshire.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, hen Redpoll, 8/6; hen Redpoll paired to field-moulted cock, feeding, 4/6; exchange Pom. or Canaries.—S. Walmsley 58, Towngate, Leyland, Preston.

WILL exchange one pair 1907 house-moulted Bullfinches, one pair Greenfinches, one pair Chaffinches, for pair breeding Roller Canaries, or sell, 10/-.—W. Rudd, East Harling, Norfolk.

EXHIBITION British cock Bullfinch, 1st and spl. Douglas, 2nd Sanquhar, 4th Kilmarnock; what offer in Border Fancy Canaries or breeding cages?—Laidlaw, 68, Castle-st., Sanquhar, N.B.

COCK Bullfinch, 2/-; hen do, 1/9; cock Linnet, 1/-; hen, 9d.; cock Greenfinch 1/-; silver grey Buck (Houghtreds), 5/-; exchange Canaries or Goldfinches; offers.—E. Watson, Kirbymoorside.

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LARGE Siberian cock Goldfinch and Norwich hen, 10/-; high-class Yorkshire hen, 7/6; two cock Blackbirds and cages; singing; stout, 6/-; exchange useful poultry, anything.—Rendle, 21, Bridge Street, Homerton.

PAIR of brown Owls, hand-reared, and very tame, 9/- the pair, or 5/- each; also a barn Owl, 6/-; beautiful bird, and very tame; all wintered outside in open aviary; also a Jay, 3/- beauty.—Geo. English, Westwood Medomsley, R.S.O., co. Durham.

COCKS, two Goldfinches, two Bullfinches, one Linnet mule, Siskin, Redpoll, Linnet; hens, two Linnet mules, one Bullfinch; exchange two large yellow 1907 Norwich cocks and one Cinnamon-bred, pink-eyed cock; approval; deposit.—Braddy, 197, Magdalen-st., Colchester.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE Roller or Goldfinch Mule; what offers —or sell 15/- each.—196, Ballspond-rd., London.

EXCHANGE Crest-bred cock for Scotch Fancy; or sell.—Hawker, Poland-st., Oxford-st., London.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule for common hen Canaries, sell 10/-.—Ottery, 18, Alfred-st., Swindon.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, winning strain, exchange (live stock preferred).—Heathcote, Havelock-st., Leicester.

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WHAT offers Norwich hens, fed preferred, for 12 new Edison records, genuine?—Wildig, Lily-st., Wolstanton, Staffs.

BARGAIN, clearing out, 2 Yorkshire hens, 2/-, 4 Norwich, 2/6. Marked buff and Yellow.—Boggett, North-st., Ripon.

EXCHANGE three buff marked Norwich hens for 1907 singing cock, or sell 6/-.—F. Field, Hampton Bishop, Hereford.

TWO Yellow Norwich cocks; exchange hens; 120 CAGE BIRDS, 40 coloured plates, for Roller.—Wm. Waines, Helmsley, Yorks.

EXCHANGE two 1906 Norwich buff hens, good feeders, for yellow Norwich cock.—Wm. Green, 52, Ealing-rd., Brentford.

THIRTY splendid colour fed Norwich for sale; or exchange also two aviaries. — Apply W. Wright, Leverstock Green, Herts.

EXCHANGE good variegated Norwich hen, for 1906 Roller cock; Roller first; letters.—1, Charles-terrace, Courtney-st., Hull.

EXCHANGE Scotch Fancy Yellow cock for good Yellow Plainhead hen, or pair; sell £1.—Muirhead, Wellpark-terrace, Bonnybridge.

CANARY, cock, 5/-; twice cage-moulted cock Linnet, 3/6; exchange Goldfinch. Large aviary, 5/-.—15, Aldbridge Street, Walworth.

FEW good Cinnamon hens, 3/- each, to clear; room wanted; or exchange useful household goods.—Franks, 19, Crusoe Road, Mitcham.

EXCHANGE old English game bantam cock and hen for good cock Canary, or best offer. H. Roberts, Brooklyn Terrace, Bagillt, Flintshire.

SIX pairs Yorkshire Canaries, 15/- pair, exchange gent's bicycle, 24in., or Edison Home Phonograph; approval.—Mustcher, Brookfield, Arundel.

TWO Norwich hens, 1907 bred; exchange one Norwich cock, or sell 2/6 each; approval both ways.—E. Stenton, 18, The Grosvenor, Margate.

WANTED hen Canary; exchange pearl pocket knife, best hand-forged blades; workmanship guaranteed.—Gill, 2 in 2, Fildon-st., Sheffield.

FIVE good Yorkshires; exchange for good Buff Lancashire Plainhead cock, or Norwich Crest, or sell 32/-.—Gorton, 65 East-st., Bury, Lancashire.

GRAND Buff Yorkshire cock, bargain, 7/6; also good breeding pair of Norwich, 8/6; or exchange.—Parkinson Newsagent Cobden-st., Long Eaton.

EXCHANGE two large marked Norwich hens, 1907 pedigree explained; wanted large yellow Sib cock or hen.—15, Blenheim-terrace, Muirhead, Souter-st.

EXCHANGE pair Border Fancy Canaries, cock and hen, for Siberian cock Goldfinch.—David Johnston, 88, Portland-square, Low Waters, Hamilton.

EXCHANGE Scotch Fancy cock, buff, for a green Scotch Fancy hen; two Yorkshire hens for a buff Plainhead cock.—D. Phimester, 26, Bridge-st., Wick.

WILL exchange eight hen Canarics, good feeders, 1907 bred, for yellow Yorkshire cock, or sell 10/-.—Watson, 14, Park-st., Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

GOOD Hartz Mountain cock and drawing-room cage, 20/-, or exchange for a good pair of Yorkshires. Approval.—George, 119, Llewellyn Street, Pentre, Glam.

WHAT offers in common or good Yorkshire hens for two Yorkshire cocks, one Siskin mule cock? sell £1; hens first; approval.—Goulden, Carpenter and Joiner, Lewes.

GIVING up, grand Norwich, sell or exchange for young Roller cocks, good field glasses, weather barometer; offers; approval.—Brennand, st., Great Harwood.

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TWO grand smart Border Fancy hens, 1907 bred, Buffs, 3/- each; grand large, stout, Yellow variegated Norwich hen, 1907 bred, 6/-, bargain.—F. Simonds, High-st., N., Dunstable.

SALE or Exchange, yellow crested Cock, even wing marked dark Crest; also large Crest-bred cock Buff variegated, 1907 birds. What offer in good Roller cocks?—Hall, 5, Holly Terrace, Whetstone, London.

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GOOD Yellow Yorkshire cock, well up on leg, good feather and length, two Buff hens to match; exchange pair Green Yorkshires, or sell 35/-; others cheap; bred and related to my winners; approval; cash or deposit; inspection invited.—Wilbert Spencer, 17, Wood End, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

Mainly Foreign.

To be Sold or Exchanged

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Sale or Exchange

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HANDSOME fawn toy pug bitch, pedigree, £5, exchange birds.—Russon, George-st., Dudley.

EXCHANGE cage fronts, any size, for Canaries.—Baldwin, 60, Marroway-st., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE wire Fox Terrier puppy for pair Borders; offers.—Durham, Bilton, Harrogate.

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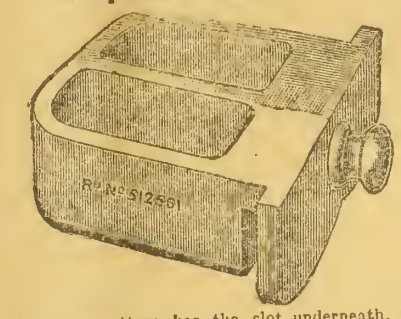

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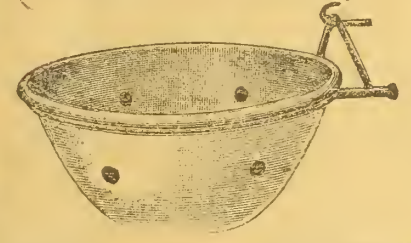

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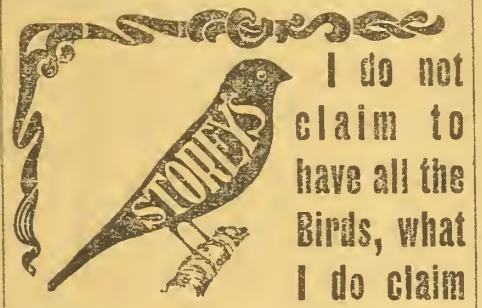

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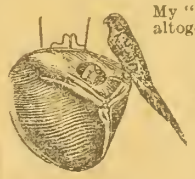

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WANTED, any quantity hen Goldfinch mules; give 1/- each, and hen Canaries, give 1/4 each; and any kind of birds bought, cocks or hens.—Perkins, 1, Elcwett-st., East-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED, good typical yellow Norwich and Yorkshire; exchauge house-moulted Siberian Goldfinch, and lady's silver watch, thorough going order; approval.—Beal, Newsagent, Midsomer Norton.

WANTED Canaries of all kinds, cheap; also cock and hen Goldfinch Mules and all kinds of British birds; state lowest price.—Hardy and Barren, 3, Ainsworth House, Church-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

TWO 1907 Yellow Lancashire coppy hens, also green Norwich cock and two green or cinnamon Norwich hens, 1907 birds, state lowest cash price on approval.—Parkinson, Chemist, 203, Gloucester-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

WANTED Canaries, hoots, cloth, cycle; exchange latest oil, mantle, lamp, 25/-; taxidermy hook, 5/-; grandfather clock, 25/-; half-dozen E.P. dessert spoons, 9/-; girl's coat, 10/-.—Westrope, Agent, Bumpstead, Haverhill.

OFFERS in birds, Goldfinches, or small softbills, preferred, for 6 lynx, 3 white fox, 12 sable, 1 otter, heads perfect, cured, ready for stuffing; also lion, tiger, leopard, and bear claws.—Taylor, Ralston-terrace, Anniesland, Glasgow.

PEARSON, Greenwich Market, wants Canaries, British or Foreign birds, for Silver Persian Queen, heavy in kitten, sell 20/-; brown Tabby ditto, 10/-; black ditto, 10/-; two kittens, 5/- each; large neuter, 15/-; black tom, 15/-.

WANTED Roller cock Canary, with good song; also Buff Orpington or Wyandotte chickens; exchange two pairs of Greenfluches, hand-reared. Rudd's bird organ or sell 10/6 each, lot.—Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham.

WANTED, cash offers and yellow crested cock, healthy, for dark Linnet mule, full Linnet song, grand Linnet, father of mule, house-moulted cock Goldfinch, house-moulted hen Siskin finger-tame.—Mrs. Cue, 29, Ashantee-st., Pendleton.

WANTED, Canaries, also aviaries or double breeders; exchange new fine oil paintings, in massive gilt frames, also good pictures in artistic oak frames, or "Foot's" Turkish bath cabinet; approval—Dallas, 16, Union-st., Inverness.

WANTED, hen Canaries, will give in exchange for three hen Canaries, or one cock, half dozen dessert knives, with square ivorine handles, and warranted double shear steel blades, or half dozen nickel Lever dessert forks, very heavily plated, everyone that has had any of these articles have been very well satisfied.—S. Capsey, The Bird Exchange, Scotland-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, Canaries of all kinds, cheap, for export; also cock Goldfinch Mules; state lowest price for cash.—Marsh, 45, Pereira-st., Bethnal Green London

WANTED, Canaries any variety; exchange real grand Italian mandoline, beautiful tone, or splendid violin case and bow, complete, sell 30/- each; mutual approval; what offers?—Chas. John, Camp-rd., Norwich.

JOHN GARLAND.

wants to buy cock Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshire. I will deposit with Editor.—60, High-street, Bordesley, Birmingham.

WANTED FOR CASH.

Wanted, large and small stocks of all kinds of Canaries; send price and particulars, cash before birds.—Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

NATURAL HISTORY.

TAXIDERMY. High-class work at low prices.—Kendrick, Practical Taxidermist, Cook-st., Coventry.

SILKWORMS. Fertile eggs, post free, 100 4d., 500 1/-, 1,000 1/6.—Watkins and Doncaster, Naturalists, 36, Strand, London.

HANDSOME tropical butterflies for ornamental purposes, collections, living cocoons, very large tropical "silkmoths"; lists.—Ford, Eutomologist, Southview, Bournemouth.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

EXCHANGE two cock Bullfinches for cock Canary.—Bridger, 13, Perrysfield, Crawley, Sussex.

THREE pairs Bullfinches, 7/-; or exchange 1907 Cinnamon cock.—Tokley, Sible, Hedingham.

TWO-YEAR old cock Bullfinch in treble trap cage, 5/- each; anything useful.—James Glasewm, Builth.

COCK Bramblefinch, cock Greenfinch, both house-moulted, 5/-; exchange.—Codman, Burnham Market, Norfolk.

COCK Bullie, winner, two make winners; exchange long buff Yorks. cock. Hughes, Smithfield-st., Oswestry.

BULLFINCH, brown Linnet-Redpoll, all cocks, 3/-, or exchange cock Goldfinch.—Hyde, Garth View, Builth, Wells.

WHITE-LEGGED cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, for Green Yorkshire cock, singing.—F. Hamans, 28, Willis-st., Poplar.

GOLDFINCHES, will exchange fine large cock for good buff hen, 1907; approval.—John Cook, White Horse-st., Fakenham.

HAVING lost muling hen Canary, will sell cock Goldfinch, or exchange, good singing cock Canary.—H. Piggott, Wantage.

SPLENDID house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 8/- exchange long York. cock; approval.—Herbert, 49, Beatrice-st., Oswestry.

BRILLIANT cock Goldfinch, 4/6, smaller one, 3/6; exchange young Yorkshire or common hen Canaries. 6, Fairacres-rd., Oxford.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Bullfinch, grand bird for yellow Norwich hen or Goldfinch.—E. Gale, Police, Douglas, I. of M.

EXCHANGE cock Bullfinch Linuet and Twite for good working ratting hitch Ferret.—Walker, 32, Dishlandterim-st., Arbroath.

1½ LBS. clean dandelion and thistle seed, mixed; exchange Linnets or Finches; sell 5/6.—Cornwall, New Englaud, Peterborough.

GRAND pair Birchen game bantams, sell 12/6; exchange house-moulted Goldfinch, breeders, offers. Clayton Market Place, Driffield.

BRAMBLEFINCH, winner 2nd and 3rd, 10/6; or exchange pair marked Borders.—Chas. Hobbs, [illegible] Barley.

Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, cock Goldfinch, cock Chaffinch, cock Linnets; exhange large Yellow Norwich hen.—H. Pinnell, Warminster.

EXCHANGE splendid muling cock Greenfinch, house-moulted hen Bullfinch, for three hen Canaries, or offers.—Roberts, Idington, Halesowen.

COCK Bramblefinch, with show cage, winner, sell or exchange two Goldfinches, or Bullfinches.—Colville, c/o Reekie, Coaltown, Markinch.

WANTED, hen Canaries, or steady hen Bullfinch, exchange Norwich cock, or cock Goldfinch. —Hosier, 12, Marsden-st., Westhoughton.

EXHIBITORS have again this season fine cock Wheatears, 2/6; state wants; other Softhills exchange.—Fenn, Station-rd., Isleham, Cambs.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, muler, 6/6; large Norwich hen, and cock Goldfinch, 7/6, bargain.—Jones, Ashcroft Gardens, Cirencester.

GOLDFINCHES, few exhibition Blacklegs, 7/6 to 10/-; exchauge large yellow Norwich hens; Canaries first.—Davies, 48, Frederick-st., Cardiff.

GRAND 1907 cock Goldfinch, singing, cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, large birds; exchange cock Canary, or offers.—Jordan, Trinity-st., Oswestry.

WILL exchange Siberian cock Goldfinch, in song, and two Redpolls, for Norwich cock, Canary first; no rubbish.—30, North-st., Maida Vale, London, N.W.

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, in full song; exchange for good pair Plain Norwich Canaries.—Mr. Good, Chapel House, Peterstow, Ross, Herefordshire.

SPLENDID exhibition Bramblefinch for sale, 15/-; or exchange for exhibition Siberian Goldfinch, approval.—Geo. Snead, 33, Waverley Terrace, Bradford, Yorks.

TWICE cage moulted cock Goldie, muler, 7/6, or exchange large unflighted yellow Cinnamon hen, Norwich type.—Williams, 10, Priory Terrace, Cambridge.

A Genuine steady 1900 hen Greenfinch, reared under Canary, 6/-; or exchange Yorkshire cock or two cock Goldfinches.—Lydyard, 60, St. Nicholas-rd., Bristol.

HOUSE-MOULTED muling cock Goldfinch and fine hen Bullfinch, 10/6; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire hen; approval.—Williams, 78, New Dock-rd., Llanelly.

HANDSOME 1907 cock Siskin Canary Mule, out once, took 1st and special, cards sent, 10/-; exchange two Buff Yorkshire hens; give little cash if good.—Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

AVIARY-MOULTED, large, stout, cock Linnet, well pencilled, grand songster, with grand hen Canary, splendid mulers, 5/-; bargain.—G. Rose, 85, High-street, N., Dunstable.

PERFORMING Redpoll, draws own water and seed, with new cage and fittings complete, 7/6; exchange hen Canaries; wanted any quantity of hen Canaries for cash.—Parkinson, Newsagent, Cobden-st., Long Eaton.

HOUSE-MOULTED muling Goldfinch, winner—grand condition, and clear buff hen Canary, sell 14/-; two house-moulted cock Linnets, on full song, 3/6 each, or exchange something useful.—J. Murray, 95, Peel-st., Macclesfield.

STOCK of British birds, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Larks, from 2/-, or exchange poultry, Pigeons, common, wanted Crest-bred hen; will exchange Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire hen, sell 7/6.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

OVERSTOCKED, two Blackbirds, 4/-; one house-moulted, 2/6; Greenfinch, Redpoll, Yellowhammer, all house-moulted, breeders, 3/6 each; exchange yellow Norwich Yorks., anything good.—Wilson, 89, Westgate, Guisborough, Yorks.

WHAT offers in Canaries, for cage-moulted cock Goldfinch, finger-tame, cock Thrush and cage, handsome bird, singing, two house-moulted Chaffinches, and house-moulted cock Bramblefinch; would separate.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 1906, proved mulers, 7/6 each; or exchange for good yellow Norwich 1907 hen; to be sent first; crested cock, crestbred hen, 10/6 the pair.—Baker, "Valetta," Langley-rd., Branksome, Bournemouth.

THREE large muling cock Linnets, loud songsters, two large cock Yellowhammers, well marked, one large brilliant-coloured cock Chaffinch, well marked; all aviary moulted; exchange Canaries, or cock Goldfinches.—J. Simons, High-st. North, Dunstable.

TWO Canary-reared Greenfinches, 1/- each; pair Chaffinches, 1/-; house-moulted Bramblefinch, winner, 5/-; all in excellent condition; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire cock, Foreigners, new cylinder records, anything.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

FIVE cock Chaffinches, 9d. each, 3/- lot; two hen Goldfinch Mules, 4/-; or exchange lot for two 1907 Buff Norwich hens; cock Goldfinch Mules, full song, 6/- each; muling cock Linnets, been caged six months, 2/-, two 3/6.—Fred. Boot, The Gables, Montacute, Somerset.

EXCHANGE one cock and two hen Linnets, caged since August, cock and hen Chaffinch, cock two years, house-moulted, one cock Greenfinch, two Redpolls, one two years, house-moulted, and new screw for joiner's vice, value 7/6, for two good Yellow Plainhead hens, or offers; approval both ways.—Mr. George Mitchell, 40, Broad-st., Alloa.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE, Scotch fancy cock for singing cocks.—Kemp, 81, Fordneuk-st., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE, or sell, 3 hen Canaries, 7/6, for Yorkshires.—Welch, High-st., Codicote.

THREE 1907 Hartz Mountain Roller Canaries, for sale or exchange.—Shilvock, Brook-st., Lye.

1907 HEN Canaries, exchange crested or Crest-bred cock, or sell, 3/- each.—F. Edmead, Guildford.

THREE healthy Yorkshire Roller hens; exchange for singing cock.—Bedell, 95, Newland-st. West, Lincoln.

GRAND, large hen Canaries, 1907 bred, good breeders, 2/6 each; bargain.—F. Simonds, High-st., N., Dunstable.

CLEAR buff Yorkshire cock, two hens, variegated, exchange for Norwiches.—Eastoe, 147, Copenhagen-st., King's Cross.

FOR sale, two grand Yorkshire hens; or exchange Yorkshire Green or Hartz Roller cock.—Brown, 58, Heworth-rd., York.

EXCHANGE two 1907 Norwich hens for Seifert Schoolmaster, or 1907 large cresthred hen.—L., 40, Uxbridge-rd., Ealing.

EXCHANGE winning Buff Scotch for Yellow hen, or offers in singing cocks.—B. Davies, Cardiff-st., Abercanaid, Merthyr.

EXCHANGE clear or variegated yellow Yorkshire cock for a good singing Roller, or sell.—Evans, Sadler, Haford, Swansea.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen, price 15/-; exchange entertained.—Walter Cross, Hairdresser, Kettering.

EXCHANGE good pair 1907 green Borders for pair Norwich or Rollers, sell 9/-; approval.—Allum, 35, Berens-rd., Kensal Rise.

TWO monster buff Cinnamon hens, sell 30/-; or exchange watch or Pom. pup.—R. Lamb, 40, Jane-st., Hettondowns, Co. Durham.

YELLOW cock and Cinnamon-marked buff hen, Border Fancy; what offers in Norwich hens?—Bassett, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

LIGHT-MULING cock Canary, two hen Bullies; exchange yellow Yorkshire cock, singing, sell 10/6. —F. Mascall, Stausted, Essex.

EXCHANGE clear Yellow hen, good breeder, for large unflighted clear or marked Buff hen.—Morrison, 46, Charnley-rd., Blackpool.

EXCHANGE two clear buff cocks, one clear yellow hen, Borders, and cash for pair good crested Norwich.—Moir, Cross, Alnwick.

GOOD pair 1907 Norwich, cold room bred, 12/6; exchange steady Hawfinch, or other Britishers.—Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford.

EXCHANGE large buff Cinnamon cock for yellow Yorkshire cock; approval.—Broomfield, 273, Herbert-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

TWO 1907 yellow Yorkshire hens, 8/6 each, or exchange two buffs, clear or marked.—Thomas Freeman, Station-rd., Earl's Barton.

GIVING up. Six-compartment show cage, three cock Linnets, pair Canaries, Goldfinch Mule, warranted, 22/-.—2, Wenlock-st., London, N.

SINGING Canaries, mules, Goldfinches, 10/6 each; or exchange Pigeons, live stock generally; approval before payment.—Maynard, Bethnal Green.

1907 CLEAR buff, heavy feathered Crest-bred hen, 10/-; or exchange heavy variegated Crest-bred hen, approval.—Kearl, Woodstock, Ringwood, Hants.

THREE Norwich hens, 1907, 9/-, silver watch, 15/-, exchange good feathery Cresthred hens, 1907; mntual approval.—Brown, 11, Melrose-avenue, Wood Green.

EXCHANGE clear yellow Norwich hen for large, unflighted clear or marked buff Norwich hen; good type and quality.—Morrison, 46, Charnley-rd., Blackpool.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock, small cash, for variegated cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, on song; Mule first.—Simms, Manor Park Dairy, Hindes-rd., Harrow.

GOOD foul Norwich cock, Roller cock, two hens, 17/6 lot; bargain; exchange two grand Norwich or Cinnamon hens; hens first.—Brough, Greenwich, Derbyshire.

DARK crested cock, C.B. hen, buff, also clear body dark crest yellow cock; exchange for massive brass curb and fire brasses to match.—Hayes, Bargate, Holbrook, Derby.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, not rubbish (Bailey's strain) 12/6, 15/- pair; sell or exchange scrap copper brass, or anything useful.—M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

WANTED good hen Canary, Norwich or Yorkshire; approval; exchange high-class pearl pocket knife, warranted hand-forged blades value 4/-.—Gill, 2 in 2, Elden-st., Sheffield.

SIX last year's hen Canaries, perfect health, bred from Yorkshires, own rearing; would sell, or exchange good Parrot.—Miss Parkinson, Otterington Vicarage, North Allerton, Yorks.

EXCHANGE Buff Norwich cock for two young Norwich hens, or sell 12/6; also young self Green Yorkshire hen for large young Norwich hen, or sell 7/-.—Naylor, Police-st., Brighouse.

SALE or exchange, pair Scotch fancy Canaries, yellow pied cock, young buff hen, 1906, from winners 25/-, or for good young buff crested hen; equal value; approval.—Reid, Newbarns, Carluke.

1907 SMART Goldfinch, 4/-; Yorkshires, buff cock, 6/6; yellow ticked, 6/-; buff hen, 3/6; yellow, 3/- 1906 Norwich buff cock, 6/-; yellow hen, good feeder, 4/-.—Blakesley, Walton House, Hinckley.

WILL exchange three cocks and six hen Canaries, also six breeding cages, good condition, for good second-hand free wheel bicycle; gent's; or sell the lot for £2.—Wm. Kemp, 153, Halliburton, Galashiels, N.B.

AN Edison gem phonograph, 75 records, trumpet case, 66/-; lady's silver watch, correct time-keeper, 22/-, both good order; exchange Canaries; clothing. Offers entertained. — Nicks, 44, Teignmouth-rd., Birmingham.

A long Yorkshire cock, 7ins., Cinnamon Norwich hen, very large, and a clear yellow Sib. bred hen, exchange for pair of good buff Norwich and Hawfinch, or separate offers.—G. C. Kearsley, Park-st., Madeley, Salop.

EXCHANGE small Norwich Crested hen, 1906, Yorkshire hen, 1907, and Goldfinch, also Goldsmith's "Animated Nature," vol. I., for good 1907 Cinnamon Norwich cock.—McCurrach, 31, Skene-square, Aberdeen.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, yellow Norwich hen, parents and grandparents clears; exchange for two long slim yellow Yorkshire hens, or two short chubby buff Norwich hens; little cash given for good birds.—Dispensary, Erdington, Birmingham.

GIVING up. Yorkshires, Buff cock bird, two Yellow hens, 1906, 12/6; also exchange good Yellow hen, value 6/6, for Yellow Norwich hen, same value, good Buff Norwich cock, 1907; exchange for three-partition breeder, with sand trays, value 8/6; mutual approval.—Cheeseman, 4, Howard-rd., Dorking.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

ROUND PARROT cage, cost 25/-; exchange pairs Norwich or Yorks.—Butley, 71, Derby-st., Crewe.

EXCHANGE Rosy Cockatoo and cage, talks, for Canaries, or offers.—Button, 1, Clive-st., Stepney.

PAIR cock Budgerigars, in grand plumage; exchange Canarics or anything useful.—Gardner, 3, Butler-st., Preston.

PARROT, make good talker, also cage, sell £1 12s.; or exchange Roller Canaries.—Perrins, Bruche Lodge, Poulton, Warrington.

PAIR of Redcrested Cardinals, 10/6, good condition; or exchange value 12/6.—Bullough's Confectioner, Atherton-rd., Hindley, nr. Wigan.

EXCHANGE pair of Budgerigars, greens, prize-bred, 15/-; gent's Inverness mackintosh, 20/-; exchange Norwich.—Haw, Park-avenue, Roundhay, Leeds.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE new air gun, cost £2, for Canaries.—Thomas Cole, Cradley.

EXCHANGE cage frouts, any size, for Canaries.—Jamieson, 48, Howard-st., Glasgow.

SALE or exchange, Cuckoo and O.E. Spangle cockerels; offers, 104, Fisherton, Salisbury.

WILL give 43 art plates, 23 CAGE BIRDS plates, for Crest-bred hen.—Muir, The Ayre, Kirkwall.

WHAT offers in Canaries for two hollow-ground razors, in case? Rt. Bone, 10, Hotspur-st., Maryhill.

FOX terrier bitch, good guard; exchange phon. records, or anything useful.—55, Arthur-rd., Windsor.

TWO good double breeding or flight cages, or exchange Norwich cock.—Grise, Hopton, Thetford.

FOR sale, gold-plated watch, good timekeeper; exchange fowl, anything useful.—Thos. Cole, Cradley.

EXCHANGE Black Pom. dog, good pedigree, for Canaries, or sell 50/-.—Brand, Royal-avenue, Lowestoft.

GENT'S cycle, free wheel, £3; exchange birds; offers.—Particulars, Algar, Whickham-st., Sunderland.

WHAT offers in cash for 20 assorted gold moulded records, all up to date.—Prior, Market-sq., Narberth.

HOBBIES' A1 fretwork machines, perfect condition, 10/6 cash; approval.—Adcock, Aldergate, Tamworth.

92 CAGE BIRDS, 55 "British Battles, Land and Sea"; exchange birds.—Yates, 48, Caroline-st. South, Preston.

EXCHANGE good cushion cycle for Canaries, or offers; sell 25/-.—Hawkes, 9, Regent-st., Wellingborough.

BOOK on "Modern Practical Farriery," cost 25/-, sell 12/6, or exchange Mules.—Prior, 118, James-st., Brighton.

MUSICAL album, new, cost £1; what offers in Norwich hens?—B. Turner, 24, Tadema-rd., Chelsea, S.W.

GENT'S cycle, 25/-; iron cot, 10/6; exchange Canaries, anything.—Smith, 249, London-rd., South Lowestoft.

AMERICAN Lion Zither, new, cash £1; exchange for singing Canaries.—W., 6, Richmond-terrace, Winchester.

SITTING prizo black-red Bantam eggs; Selterzegine fountain pen for Goldfinches.—120, Albany-rd., Cardiff.

AQUARIUM, cost 15/-; what offers in Canaries or cash.—G. Rawlings, 21, Dagmar-terrace, Islington, London.

EXCHANGE zither guitar, cost 45/-, almost new, Yorkshire Canaries.—H. Smith, 87, Hoole-st., Walkley, Sheffield.

WILL exchange pure bred whippet dog, for Canaries, or sell 25/-; no rubbish.—Davis, 940, Garratt Lane, Tooting.

EXCHANGE hand camera, new, for Lancashire or Norwich cock Canary.—Hunwick, 49, Northgate-st., Colchester.

EXCHANGE Dutch Blue doe and Black buck, vhe, for British birds or Canaries.—R. Dunlop, 11, High-st., Irvine.

EXCHANGE razor, value 3/6, for good cock Goldfinch, or good birds.—Tom Holmes, 19, Prince-st. Moor, Sheffield.

HALF-PLATE studio camera, stand and lens, cost over £10; exchange gramophone.—Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme.

SILVER Tabby male Persian cat, a winner, 25/-; part exchange Canaries, or offers.—Clark, 199, Holburn-st., Aberdeen.

EIGHT Flying Homers, just ready for nesting, for hen Canaries, cages, or offers.—Cundy, 5, Priory-avenue, Prittlewell.

WHAT offers birds or cages for drawers and running shoes, 8/-, worn once?—J. Howie, 32, Meadow-rd., Bromley, Kent.

EXCHANGE No. 2 Bull's-eye camera, for Canaries, or sell 15/-.—Gazzard, 16, Alfred Cottages, Kingsdown, Bristol.

WHAT offers in Canaries for Crystal Palace aviary, 3 feet long, good condition?—Freeman, 100a, Mill-rd., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE new fishing rod and tackle, value 10/6, for good singing cock Canary.—Johnson, 2, Glover-st., Redditch.

EXCHANGE twelve exhibition Magpies for Canaries, or sell.—W. G. Napier, Doon Tavern, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

EXCHANGE Parrot cage for healthy 1907 variegated hen, Norwich; approval.—T. Wright, 189, Mill-rd., Wellingboro'.

BASSINETTE, tyres almost new, sell 20/-; or exchange Parrot, birds or anything useful. — 61, Western-rd., Brighton.

EXCHANGE 54 coloured plates, for a songster or Norwich show cages, or what offers?—Robert Slack, 15, Martin-st., Stanhope.

WILL give 10/- and valuable violin and case for good talking Amazon Parrot.—Address, Clara, Wolverhampton-rd., Walsall.

FOUR box, one show, cages, loose fronts, one cock Greenfinch; exchange Borders, or cash.—Hoad, 39, Greenfield-rd., Folkestone.

FLUTE, 14 keys, 8 nickle-plated, new; exchange anything useful; cost 30/-.—Bowden, 5, Withington-st., Pendleton, Manchester.

EXCHANGE thirteen phono' records for Goldfinch or Linnet, full song, with cage; offers.—Jones, 82, Glyn Terrace, Tredegar.

GOOD pedigree wire-haired Terrier dog; what offers in exchange; eighteen months old.—Urban Caltcar, Dawley, Shropshire.

A "DULCETTO" phonograph for sale, 35/-; what offers in exchange? twelve records, good condition.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

FOX terrier bitch, four months old, tan head, clean, take 7/6; or exchange anything useful.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

EXCHANGE tame Squirrel, good hush, for singing Canary; Kesterel Hawk, tame, sell 5/-, or offers. W. Powell, High-st., Dewdley.

SELL or exchange for house-moulted British, two cycle wheels, 28 by 1¾, handle bars and chain.—Rawling, Lofthouse, Wakefield.

GRAND Silver Seabright cock, winner, three3rds, (Donkin's direct), 10/-; exchange Yorkshire cock or Britishers.—Lohr, Carmarthen.

BILLIARD cue and case, value one guinea, exchange exhibition British or yellow Norwich hens; approval.—47, Earle-st., Crewe.

ENGLISH concertina, perfect Lachenal, 48 keys, exchange whippet dog, sell 40/-; bargain.—E. Gale, Police Station, Douglas, I. of M.

TWELVE Norwich, singing, cages nearly new, loose fronts, seen any time, 20/-.—Bowden, 5, Withington-st. Pendleton, Manchester.

GOOD Irish terrier dog, red, £1; or exchange anything, fowls or birds preferred.—Davey, 5, South Milton-st., Cattledown, Plymouth.

EXCHANGE guitar, cost 50/-, with case; accept 25/-; or value Norwich Canaries, two pairs typical. —89, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

SALE, phonograph (just new), flower horn, three reproducers, ten records, 15/-, or nearest offer; sacrifice.—Wright, Limpsfield, Surrey.

EVEN-MARKED, healthy fox terrier bitch pups, nine weeks; exchange singing cock Canary.—Particulars, Pratt, 16, Adelaide-st., Luton.

FOUR years CAGE BIRDS, 17 plates; exchange hen Canaries, cock Goldfinches, or offers.—Curzon, Thorpelywater, Uppingham, Rutland.

EXCHANGE 37 coloured plates CAGE BIRDS, 20 other plates, for breeding cages, Canaries, anything.—Rhydderch, Victoria-st., Cinderford.

SPLENDID portmanteau, full size, for a pair of Yorkshires or Norwich; sell 15/-; originally cost £2; offers.—Loosemore, Torrington, Devon.

EXCHANGE large dark steel-grey Flemish Giant doe, Steven's strain, for pair Yorkshire Canaries, or sell 10/-.—A. Villiers, Long-st., Thirsk.

HALF-DOZEN splendid ivorine knives, pair carvers to match, for pair trousers, boots; offers Canaries.—Leuton, 17, Brightmore-st., Sheffield.

SPLENDID marble clock, good order, sell 30/- or exchange for Canaries, Goldfinches, or Linnets.—Chaplin, 417, Wick-rd., South Hackney.

PHONOGRAPH, cost 25/-, 12 records, two horns, reproducer, sell 14/-; exchango Canaries.—Buffery, 32, Ferdinand-st., Camden Town, London.

EXCHANGE seed potatoes, wanted, cock Canary, four hens, dandelion seed, Bullfie-Greenfinch; genuine.—A. G. Coombs, Paulton, Bristol.

THREE pairs massive prize-bred show Homers, nesting, 7/6 pair; exchange Canaries, or anything useful.—Eales, Maidsmoreton, Buckingham.

ARTIST will exchange high-class oil paintings for Canaries (any variety).—Gay, Wildbrook Cottage, Green Lane, Woodgate, Bromsgrove.

EDISON Gem phonogaph, large brass trumpet, 45 records, latest tunes, sell £2 10s.; exchaugo Canaries.—Drummond, Hutchison-st., Glasgow.

CYCLING suit; exchange for good Buff Yorkshire cock, or sell 12/6; no rubbish given or wanted.—Hood, 80, Charltons Boosbeck, S.O., Yorks.

EXCHANGE Odeon graphophone and records, value £3 3s., for talking Parrot and cage; cyclo offers.—Hawkes, 9, Regent-st., Wellingborough.

WHAT offers in Canaries, or Siberian cock Goldfinches, for ono dozon new phonograph records; birds first.—Fields, Cyclo Depot, Wells, Somerset.

MUSICAL box, eight tunes, six bells, 50/-; 50 yards wire-netting, 4 feet high, 20-; exchange.—Curtis, Industrial Dwellings, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A CHAMPION tricolour collie bitch puppy, 30/-; a grand fox terrier dog puppy, 15/-; exchange Canaries, or offers.—Weedall, Greengrocer, Winsford.

PEDIGREE wire fox terrier dog, splendid house or yard dog, good companion, sell £1; or exchange.—Lambert, 3, Norman-st., Hyde-rd., West Gorton.

I WILL give splendid silver English lever, good timekeeper, cost £5 5s., in exchange for Canaries.—E. Davies, 36 and 38, Sceptre-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

EIGHT foreigners, five British birds, three hen Canaries, lot 15/6; exchange suit case, anything useful, no live stock.—Rose, 132, Folds-rd., Bolton.

FERRETS, splendid brace, good workers, quiet to handle, 7/-; or exchange high-class exhibition mice and rats, from 1/- pair.—Pearson Greenwich Market.

EXCHANGE, Edison phonograph, Gem, and 24 records, mostly Edison's, for Norwich Canaries; stamp reply.—F. Platt, 38b, Armado-st., Deptford, S.E.

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PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting and show of hybrid and muling pairs were held in the Joiners' Hall, Partick, on March 12th. Mr. Graham presided over a good turn-out of members. Entries came up to those of previous years, and quality was good. Mr. A. Wilson judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

HYBRID PAIRS (9): 1, 4, McLintock; 2, 3, Gow; vhc, Graham; hc, McRobbie; c, Noddings. GOLDFINCH CAN (6:) 1, Gow; 2, Noddings; 3, Brown; 4, vhc, McRobbie. LINNET CAN. (4): 1, Graham; 2, Kidd; 3, Miller; 4, Brown. SISKIN, ETC., CAN. (6): 1, Gow; 2, vhc, Graham; 3, Kidd; 4, Miller; hc, Brown. GREENFINCH CAN. (7): 1, Gow; 2, Webster; 3, Graham; 4, McLintock; vhc, Miller; hc, McRobbie; c, Noddings. A.O.V. MULING PAIRS (2): 1, Gow; 2, Miller.—J. HENDERSON, Secretary.

LANCASTER PRIMROSE C.B.S.

An open show for pairs matched for breeding was recently held under the auspices of the Lancaster Primrose Cage Bird Society at the Park Hotel. An excellent committee, with Mr. S. Mulliner as chairman and Mr. W. Brown treasurer, had the arrangements in hand, and the exhibition of a collection of very fine birds. The Norwich class, with 22 entries, was particularly strong; the judges experienced great difficulty in selecting the winner the quality, size, shape, and colour of the exhibits being excellent. In the Any Other Variety class, Mr. Roberts, of Blackpool, was a clear first, the wonderful crest bred cock, which has won many prizes at the shows, and is said by many to be the best of its particular breed, being well supported by its partner, a beautiful hen. The Selling Class was remarkable for the number of good birds, many of which were claimed. The judges were Messrs. W. Mundell (Bradford) and W. Ferguson (Lancaster), and their awards gave general satisfaction. Altogether the show was a very successful one. Mr. H. J. Brown carried out the secretarial duties with much ability.

NORWICH: 1, spl, 3, Dr. Herd; 2 and two spls, S. Mulliner; 4, Winn and Hinde; extra 4, Winn and Hinde, and Bayley and Wilkinson. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 3, C. Roberts; 2, W. Walsh; 4, J. Hampshire. SELL. (30s.): 1, H. J. Brown; 2, C. Roberts; 3, spl, Winn and Hinde; 4, T. Procter. Winner Novice special, Mr. Sewell.

A FEW EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION.

I was greatly surprised to find one of my birds having the honour of being illustrated in the ANNUAL, writes Mr. T. Taylor, the secretary of Gateshead C.B.S. The bird in question is a crest-bred hen, and is a winner of several prizes. She is bred from my old favourite crest-bred cock, "Edward VII." (she somewhat resembles him), and a green crest hen, both grand show birds. Accept my best wishes for your paper and the ANNUAL, as they provide a budget of splendid information for fanciers.

I beg to thank you and your clever artist, Mr. Norman, writes Mr. G. F. Adamson (Kilmarnock), for the pleasant surprise I got, on opening my copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, to find a sketch of my Crest hen which took 1st prize at the Scottish National Show. She was bred by me in 1906, and out of eleven shows she has to her credit, ten 1st and one 2nd. prizes. A few of her wins are: 1st and Scottish Crest Club gold medal for best Crest bred 1906, City and County of Perth; two 1st City of Glasgow; and two 1st Kilmarnock.

Allow me to thank you for the very pleasant surprise you gave me. On receiving my CAGE BIRDS from my newsagent, I found the picture of my sensational Crestbred cock on the front page. It is very life-like and reflects great credit on your artist, Mr. Norman. I also thank him for his splendid drawing. This bird has taken first and special for best in show at the three largest shows, viz., the Crystal Palace, Scottish National and Gateshead shows. It stood first in the pair class at Lancaster on Feb. 22, and there were quite a lot of fanciers from all parts who kept coming in with a copy of CAGE BIRDS in their hands, to compare the living bird with the drawing. Everyone gave Mr. Norman the greatest praise, for the drawing is life-like to a feather and one and all seemed delighted and well compensated for their journey. Some said it was well worth a day's journey to see such a splendid specimen. I tried to buy a few copies of CAGE BIRDS on the way from Blackpool to Lancaster, but failed, as every shop and bookstall had sold out in good time and not one was to be got.—C. Roberts (Blackpool).

I have to thank you and Mr. Norman for the clever and life-like representation of my winning Siberian Goldfinch, writes Mr. L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh). It may be of interest to give its doings on the bench last show season. Its first outing was the Glasgow City show in the middle of October, when the bird was hardly finished, and it there received 3rd. prize, and into the bargain a nasty fright, which it never got the better of all the season, and which caused it to be at times rather unsteady, more especially when confronted with strangers lifting the show box, poking at it with pencils, and all manner of ways and means to get what they thought a proper look at it. Its next shows were the Welsh National 1st, Glasgow and West of Scotland 1st, Perth 1st, Dundee City 1st, Kilmarnock 1st, Gateshead 3rd (in a mixed small foreign class), Broxburn 1st, Scottish National unnoticed, for some reason for which I was unable to account. The Palace, H.C., admitted by Judge Swaysland the best bird in the class, but put back for being unsteady. I only moulted him last year from a wild bird, and still have him; at present he is in an open cage and as steady as a rock. If, with another moult he looks no worse than he did this last season, and I can get him steady in the show box, I expect he will be further heard of on the show bench.

CLUB REPORTS.

GRIMSBY C.B.S.

The members held a most interesting meeting in the Club-room, Forester's Hall, on March 7. We had a most encouraging muster. The business included matters concerning our open show, the affiliation to the C.B.U., and the appointment of Mr. Nightingale as our delegate. Mr. Clews opened a discussion on the 'Rearing, Feeding, and Breeding of Birds," which proved to be most useful. It had to be adjourned until the following meeting.—HARRY EMERSON, Hon. Sec.

BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting was held at headquarters, in the Textile Hall, on Mar. 10. There was a good attendance. Instead of the customary lecture a "pair show" was held, and members had an opportunity of exhibiting what they considered suitable pairs for breeding purposes. Entries were not confined to any particular variety. The Rev. R. P. Hudson (president) made the awards:—1, spl, Fortman; 2, spl, Turton; 3, Clark; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Brough, c, ten. A vote of thanks was tendered to the president.—F. E. HOLDEN, Asst. Sec.

ROCHDALE O.C.

There was a large attendance of members at the Club Rooms of the Rochdale O.C. on March 4th, to hear a lecture on "The Management of Canaries," which was read by the Secretary. The young members seemed very interested and asked a large number of questions, after the reading, amongst which were the following: Which was the best kind of nesting material? How many nests should you get from a valuable pair; How to keep red mite away; when to wean the young; how to prevent sweating the young; slipping perch; which was the best to give to the young, whole egg, or only the yolk; and which is best way to give rape seed, boiled or raw. The questions were answered in a very satisfactory manner and a pleasant evening was brought to a close at about 11 o'clock with a vote of thanks to the reader and also one to the chairman, Mr. J. Naden.—J. BUTTERWORTH, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND N. AND. B.F.C.M.B AND F.B.A.

Annual general meeting was held on March 7th in Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow, Mr. T. A. Boyd in the chair. The minutes were read and approved. The financial statement was also submitted, and was considered satisfactory. The following alterations were made in the rules, viz.: That the annual general meeting be held on the first Saturday in February, and that in future all the british birds and old birds must be one month in the possession of the members before being eligible to compete at the annual show. The office hearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, T. A Boyd; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Hutcheson, and J. Lawrie; secretary and treasurer, G. Smart; committee, Messrs. J. McNicol, C. Hunter, J. Montgomery, J. Strawbridge, A. Muir, G. Henderson, J. Lappin, J. Crawford, and J. Anderson; auditors, Messrs. T. Thomson and J. Young. The following new members were enrolled: Messrs. Butcher, Cooper, Hutcheson, Symington, and Douglas. The first monthly show of British birds will be held in conjunction with our next meeting on April 4th, at 7.30 p.m., in the Templars' Hall, Ingram-street, Glasgow. Class 1, British Goldfinch; 2, Greenfinch; 3, Siskin or Redpoll; 4, Linnet; 5, Bullfinch hen; 6, Goldfinch, Foreign. The judging competition was won by Mr. James Anderson, with 21 points. Mr. Hutcheson was runner-up with 17 points.—GEO. SMART, Secretary.

MORRISTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

To commemorate the last successful show, a social evening was spent at headquarters, the Woodfield Coffee Tavern, on February 29th, and a presentation of an oak writing desk was made to the secretary. Mr. S. M. Powell wished all success to the M. and D.C.B.S. Mr. S. Lewis seconded this. An excellent repast was served, and Mr. Powell (chairman) proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr. Sam Morgan, to Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins for the excellent way in which they catered. Mr. Tom Phillips was proposed as a member by Mr. T. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. D. Jeremy. Mr. Hopkins announced a new vice-president in Mr. Williams, manager of the Capital and Counties Bank. Mr. E. M. Evans expressed his pleasure that he joined the M. and D.C.B.S. He was glad to say that they at Swansea had done very well, but were not to be compared with this society. Mr. Hopkins, treasurer, in making the presentation, said he felt very proud of having the pleasant duty to perform on behalf of the members, commenting on the businesslike way in which the secretary had carried out his duties, especially as both secretary and members were novices at the work. Mr. D. Jeremy, secretary, responded to this. "I appreciate your kind gift of a writing desk," he said, "and when you asked me what I would like I decided on this, as it would be the means of assisting me in my secretarial duties, and I shall think of your kindness when using the same. When a meeting was called here last year I did not attend, thinking that all officials would be selected that year, as I had no intention of taking any kind of office. I attended the second meeting, when I was honoured with your confidence. A lot of hard work has been done, and as a member of a now defunct society in the town I had experience as a committee man. I knew exactly the position, and when I took this office I was bent on bringing the society to a successful issue. We have over £18 to the good, and are thus in a very fine position for our show. This result has not been achieved by myself, for I have to thank you all for assisting me. There are Messrs. Harding, Williams, W. N. Morgan, W. Wilcox, A. E. Taylor, A. C. East, D. M Powell Harry Lewis, and others; in fact, all of you. I think we have not exhausted the area available for working up this society and with your co-operation this year again I think we shall be able to add to our balance. Two of our worthy vice-presidents have intimated their desire again to act as such, and their donations will always be available when working up a cage birds' show." Mr. A. E. Taylor (Swansea) said he hoped that some of their members would do the same for them. Mr. Sam Morgan remarked that he was very proud of being a member of such a good society, and hoped they would hold meetings oftener to encourage other Fanciers [illegible] then made a few remarks on the general management of Canaries. He [illegible] rearing between 50 and 60 youngsters. He thought it was always advisable to pair up about March 17th, if the weather permitted, and that he studied the weather as much as anything. If the weather was not fair, he did not pair up until the beginning of April. After the pairing, and when the first egg was laid, he thought it advisable to take it out and replace a dummy instead; also the second, and when the third was laid he replaced them, leaving the cock and hen for five or six days. He then took the cock out. But if he found him mischievous in any way he would take him out sooner. He never took any eggs out of the nest until they had been sitting for 16 days. He always used the yolk of an egg for the young until they were three days old, and then added biscuit gradually until he gave it as usually advised. With the backward hens in feeding he generally put a pinch of maw seed over the egg food. If the hen sweated her young, he generally gave her a little magnesia in the drinking water in the morning. At 21 days old, if they were on the perch, it was time to put them in a nursery cage, for the old ones to finish feeding through the wires, and place the nursery cage so that the old ones could not pluck them. Mr. Evans then had quite a lively time, for many members took part in questioning him. How did he colour his cages, etc.? He first sized and then enamelled them. What did he think of salts for sweating hens? He always used magnesia, as they were not so liable to catch cold. What was his reason for using biscuit in the egg-food instead of bread, as some of the members were under the opinion that the biscuit would swell in the crops of the birds? Mr. Evans said that bread was more of a watery nature, and not so readily mixed with the egg, and that the birds required their food firmer and of a dryer nature. As a green food he always used cress, but never gave any until the young ones were three days old. Mr. Harding quite agreed with Mr. Evans's method of rearing young, only that he preferred using the bread to biscuits, for the reason that he could rear larger birds on the bread. Mr. Kirby said he always soaked the bread first and then rinsed the water out, and found it preferable to biscuit. Messrs. D. Jeremy, W. E. Morgan, D. M. Powell, and H. Lewis were the chief questioners. A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman.—ALBERT E. EAST, Assist. Sec.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

A very successful meeting and washing exhibition was held on March 5th. Mr. Cruise (Bradford) gave us his method of washing birds for exhibition, which proved to be both instructive and interesting. After he had put two or three birds through the wash, several of the members tried their hands at it, and did very well indeed. The meeting was held specially to arouse some interest in the Fancy, and to try and secure new members. The result proved very satisfactory, three new members being enrolled. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday in each month.—J. BUTLER, Sec.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

The annual meeting was held on March 11, Mr. Williams in the chair. All the office-bearers were re-elected, with the exception that Mr. Williams, treasurer, is now assistant-secretary and Mr. Mevnell chairman of committee. Two Nest Feather shows were arranged for June 13 at West Hartlepool and July 25 at Hartlepool. Mr. T. Hill (Thornaby) will judge both shows. After a discussion it was decided to leave the final selection of judge for open show in the hands of the secretary, with certain recommendations from the meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the secretary for his services to the Society since its inception. After Mr. Woodhead had responded, the meeting, which was of a very pleasant and harmonious character, was brought to a close. Our Society is now open to all. Fee, 1s. entrance, and 4s. per annum subscription, payable half-yearly. All are welcome.—E. WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec.

NORTH SHIELDS AND SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

The Society held a splendid meeting on March 4, at their headquarters, Gregg's Cafe, Laygate Lane, and were delighted to see one of our members from a distance, who was accorded a right hearty welcome. We have fixed on July 29 for holding our First Feather Show. Mr. Gilbespy (Gateshead) has been selected and has consented to place the cards. This year we have added a few British Bird classes, to give those members who only keep this class a chance of airing their stock, and at the same time helping to make a better turnout as regards numbers. There was one item on the agenda paper which caused some anxiety to not a few of our members, although no one seemed to think of attaching any importance to the report which has been so indiscriminately set afloat, viz., that a certain member had been guilty of purchasing a bird from another member, and showing it at our last year's show in members' classes as having been bred by himself as per rule. This business was left over from the previous meeting, owing to one of the members concerned being on the sick-list and unable to attend. Now the matter has been gone into, and a decision given of entire satisfaction and confidence in the member against whom this charge was made. In the light of all the facts it was proved to be a deliberate falsehood, and now that confidence and harmony reigns we give a hearty invitation to all Fanciers to join hands with us. There is no radius limit. Twelve new members have joined this year.—WM. DUKE, Secretary.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD C.C. OF IRELAND.

The first annual general meeting was held in the Avenue Hall, Garfield Street, Belfast, on February 27. Mr. John Cummings, President of the Club, occupied the chair. The first business was the adoption of the balance-sheet, which showed a good working balance after paying all expenses for the year. We have also to our credit for Cup Fund, after purchasing two silver challenge cups and also two gold medals, a sum of £7 5s. 6d., with several promises to be fulfilled. At this stage the Chairman, in a neat little speech, presented Messrs. Tate and Carson each with a cup, and also in the same way a gold medal. These gentlemen having suitably replied, the election of officers for 1908 was then proceeded with. Messrs. Barclay and Teasey were appointed scrutineers, and after the ballot papers were counted Mr. Barclay announced the result as follows:—President, Mr. John Cummings; vice-president, Mr. John Thompson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Jas. Stewart; committee, Messrs. J. Carson, J. Wilson, Wm Gray, Wm. Tate, Wm. Teasey, W. R. Ross, S. Bamford, J. Barclay, W. Connell, and Joseph Lavery. Provincial, Messrs. Jas. Osborne, C. J. Mulligan, J. J. Cloke, and Major W. J. Trotter. There were also two notices of motion to be dealt with; first, a proposed new rule that this Club do not grant patronage to Societies holding shows unless they guarantee to pay prize-money within fourteen days, and also that Societies must distinctly state in their schedule the exact number of entries to secure full prize money. The second proposition was to delete the Crest section from the Club on account of there being no competition for this section this season as far as the Club was concerned. The movers of these resolutions found ready seconders for them, and after several had expressed their opinions on them, they were passed unanimously. It was also proposed, seconded, and passed that we hold a show in connection with the Club this year; the date has not been fixed yet.—JAMES STEWART, Hon. Secretary, 359, Donegall Road, Belfast.

AYR AND DIST. C.B.C.

This newly formed club held their second monthly meeting in Good Templar Hall, on 9th March, C. W. Paterson, President, in the chair. The annual subscription was fixed at 2/6 and the radius at 10 miles, which takes in Troon, Prestwick, Arubank, Maybole, etc. Fanciers desirous of becoming members are requested to send names to Secretary, at 144, Prestwick-rd. It was decided to hold our first members' show in Wallace Tower Hall, on 28th March, at 2 p.m. Judge, Mr. P. McQuiston. Fanciers invited.—CHAS. C. IRVINE, Secretary.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

The fortnightly meeting was held on March 14 to discuss alterations of rules, etc. A good number of members turned up, and we had a splendid meeting right through. We also had a table show of Yorkshires (single birds for novice), a special prize, a good copper kettle, being given by Mr. J. M. Walker. The birds were judged by Mr. J. T. Clarke of Sunderland. Mr. H. Taylor won the kettle, securing first and second prizes, and Mr. T. Smith third and fourth. We hope to see bigger attendances at future meetings.—JOHN COPELAND, Assist. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Second annual smoking concert was held at the Crown Hotel on March 11. The President (Mr Griggs) very appropriately referred to the Hanstead disaster, and advised the Society to give £1 1s. towards the "Daily Mail Fund," which proposition was carried unanimously, the President adding £1 1s. personally. On the termination of a song, "The Miner," sung by Mr. Enser, a collection was made by those present, realizing £1 1s., bringing the total contribution of the Society up to £3 3s., which the treasurer (Mr. J. Harvey) has handed over to the "Daily Mail Fund." An interesting programme was rendered during the evening by several artistes. At the close a vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman.—H. C. WILKIN, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters, on March 9th, Mr. A. C. Burn was in the chair. Mrs. Martin, P. Adamthwaite, H. Robbins, and R. Brownlie, were elected members. Result of ballot for judges for the various shows: Finch, F. Turnber, 44 votes; Young Bird, J. Robson, 44; Annual, J. Payne, 35 (Canaries), and G. E. Weston, 43 (British). A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Pile for the presentation of an exquisite shawl for the Finch Show, and to Mr. J. Porley for a handsome silver-plated teapot. The Pair Show balance-sheet was read and confirmed. As the growing business of the Association does not leave adequate time for questions to be asked after lectures, and with a view to commencing at the proper time, Mr. Whelder gave a notice of motion that the ordinary business be suspended at 9.30 p.m. on the occasion of a lecture. A lecture was then given by Mr. J. Robson entitled "Breeding and Exhibiting." Some questions were asked by Messrs. A. C. Burn, F. Easterling, W. Page, A. W. Curtis, A. S. Wheller, and F. Lathlaff.—V. WYNN, Hon Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN OPEN DERBY O.A.

A meeting was held on February 29th, a good gathering of fanciers being present. This association has now been constituted as an open Derby. There are to be ten classes, namely: Scotch Fancy, eight; Belgians, two. Each member has the privilege of exhibiting ten birds, one in each class, or not more than two in any one class. Before any member can compete, he must have paid his annual subscription, the amount being three shillings, on or before May 31st. This also gives him free admission to show, including judging. There are two cups for competition, one in each section, which have to be won three times, not necessarily in succession, before becoming the absolute property of a winner. Those fanciers who have won these cups at any former exhibitions have the wins standing against their names still to count. All birds are to be of that season's breeding, and must have been bred by the member. The funds, less working expenses, are to be divided into forty cash prizes. A meeting, of which further notice will be given, is to be held on September 12th for booking of birds, and the officials specially request all members who live outside Edinburgh and Leith to have their entries forward by that date. The show will be held on September 26th, 1908. The association has been fortunate in securing Mr. C. R. Drysdale as president, and Mr. William Thurston, sen., as vice-president. Both are very well known in the Fancy, and their names will carry considerable weight. They, with myself, have agreed to give their services entirely free for the benefit of the Association. We extend to fanciers who breed these birds a cordial welcome to membership, and solicit their united support.—J. R. MEIKLE, Sec., 51, Lothian-road, Edinburgh,

HALIFAX O.S.

Members turned up in good numbers on March 14th to hear Mr. W. Cruise (Bradford) lecture on "The Pairing, Breeding, and Rearing of the Yorkshire Canary." Friends were also present from Mirfield, Wakefield, etc. Mr. Cruise dealt with the subject in a very instructive and satisfactory manner, after which several questions were put to the lecturer, and ably answered. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cruise brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The season has commenced with very good prospects, 10 new members having been enrolled. Our syllabus for 1908 comprises monthly shows, lectures, washing exhibitions, and judging competitions, and novice washing competitions.—April 4th Yellow cocks show; May 2nd, Buff cocks show; June 6th, lecture on colour feeding; July 4th, exhibition of Canaries in first feather (the commencement of a series for which the society will give valuable prizes for most points); August 1st second first feather exhibition.—J. F. THACKRAY and H. WHITAKER, secretaries.

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ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

The Society held their monthly meeting on March 4, and after a good discussion on the subject of the clashing of our show with Blackburn and Preston shows, owing to the latter having altered date, we had a good evening on extempore speaking. Several good questions were put to the meeting, and these created a good discussion amongst members, almost all taking part. We have decided to have a ramble on the last Saturday in March, meeting in Town Hall Square at 2 p.m.—SAM M. CLAYTON, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIST. C.B.A.

At the meeting held on Mar. 5, Mr. C. A. House gave a very interesting and instructive lecture, the subject being "The Bird Room." The lecturer, in his opening remarks, said so much had already been said about the birds, that he should confine his remarks to cleanliness. He tried to impress on his hearers the value of ventilation. His remarks were listened to by a good muster of members, who much appreciated them. The lecture was followed by a number of questions, which the lecturer answered to the satisfaction of all. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, who suitably replied, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—J. C. BIRCH, Hon. Sec.

UNITED KINGDOM LIZARD CANARY SOCIETY.

What might be called the first general meeting of this society, held at the Howard Arms, Glossop, on Mar. 17, was a great success, fanciers from all the surrounding districts turning up in force, and over twenty members being present. The rules, prepared by a sub-committee, were very carefully gone through and carried, after which the election of officers took place, the President to represent Glossop, and a Vice-President to represent each district where meetings are to be held. President: J. E. Chippendhaw, Esq.; Vice Presidents, Messrs. J. Hampshire to represent Oldham; W. Cundiff, Macclesfield; Barker Clegg Manchester; and F. J. Green, London and the South. Committee, Messrs. Fisher, Fuller, Dickinson, Smith Senior, Cooper, J. Dewsnap, Harrison, Thompson, Anderton, James Wrigley, and J. Smith; Treasurer, W. Cawton, Esq.; Secretary, F. Greig, Hurst Lodge, Glossop; Auditors, Messrs. H. Harrison and J. Cooper. The next meeting will be held at the Spinners Arms, Oldham, the date of which will be published in due course.—FRED. GREIG, Sec.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

The club held its annual general meeting at 142, High-street, on March 7th, the president, Mr. Dandie, in the chair. The secretary read minutes of previous meeting, which were approved of. Balance-sheet was unanimously adopted, showing a credit balance of about £3, the trophy fund now being close on £6. This speaks well for the members. The following are the successful winners of the medals:—Gold: Messrs. L. J. Arrighi, J. Brown, J. Pendright, R. Bard, Duncan and Logan, A. Buchanan, W. C. Cunningham, P. McQuiston, and T. Brown; silver: Messrs. G. Brown, C. Douglas, W. Cullen, J. Ovenstone, G. Henderson, W. Mather, J. Livingstone (2), W. Miller (2), W. Paton (1), M. Craig (2), and C. S. Crockatt. The president referred to the death of an old and respected fancier, Mr. Samuel, and it was agreed that the secretary write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Samuel. Election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President Mr. A. Cochrane; vice-presidents, Mr. L. J. Arrighi, and Mr. R. Bald; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. W. Watson, with salary, namely, £2, same as in previous years; committee, Messrs. J. Brown, W. Paton, J. Livingstone, R. Watson, jun., T. Erskine, J. Winter, and A. C. Dandie; auditors, Messrs. R. Cray and E. G. Wright. It was unanimously agreed that any club asking for patronage must have as their judge a member of this club. It was also agreed that all foreign Goldfinches and Bullfinches compete for the medals. A discussion on uniform cage resulted in "no finding," and it was agreed to take no step in this matter meantime. A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring chairman and secretary brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close. All information may be had from A. W. Watson, secretary, 8, Commercial-street, Leith, which address secretaries will please note.—A. W. WATSON.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

The general meeting of the Association was held at Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on March 7. There was a fairly good muster of fanciers, representatives being present from Oldham, Stockport, Macclesfield, Middleton, Shaw, Rawtenstall, Glossop, etc. The enthusiasm shown in the endeavour to keep the old, original Society at the top was very pleasing, one and all being eager and willing to do their share. There is evidently a better time in store for both varieties. One prominent feature was the promise of a good number of new members. Mr. Oliver gave his report and balance-sheet, and many congratulations were offered him for his work on the Society's behalf. After the balance-sheet and report had been passed, the appointment of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. President, Mr. John Garner; vice-presidents, Messrs. John Dewsnap, Jno. Vickers, Jos. Hampshire, and Barker Clegg; treasurer, Mr. John Swalwell; committee, Messrs. Wm. Lawton H. Oliver, Charles E. Fisher, John Hamer, Ben Buckley, Nelson, Dickinson, Ollerenshaw, Smith, Buckley, Wynn, and Lee. There was a unanimous proposal that Mr. H. Oliver again take the office of secretary. Mr. Oliver, however, said that he must, for business reasons, resign, as he had not the necessary time to properly devote to the work. After repeatedly asking him to reconsider his decision, the members were reluctantly forced to accept his resignation. Mr. Nelson, in proposing that the resignation be accepted, spoke in a feeling manner of his regret at having to do so. Mr. Rukin seconded, and also acknowledged the services of Mr. Oliver. Mr. Oliver has always acquitted himself well, in what is, at the best, a thankless office. Mr. Rukin was then proposed as secretary, and was unanimously elected. A little surprise was then sprung on Mr. Oliver, as Mr. John Vickers proposed that we make a collection, its object being to purchase something as a token of the respect in which our late secretary was held by his fellow-members. The idea was well taken up, and a handsome collection was the result. It was, however, decided to leave the fund open until our next meeting and give other members a chance of subscribing. The next meeting of the Association will be held on April 4 at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, when after the business has been transacted, the cups and medals will be presented. The presentation to Mr. Oliver will also be made. The rest of the evening was concluded in a sociable manner. We are hoping to see some new faces present. Intending members will meet with a hearty welcome.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon Secretary, 44, Hall Carr Road, Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

BELGRAVE (Leicester) AND DIST. F. AND F.S.

A table show of breeding pairs, Canaries A.V., was held at the usual meeting on March 3rd. Mr. W. Shepherd judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Result: 1st and 2nd, Hurst; 3rd, Coddington; all Norwich. After judging, Mr. Shepherd kindly gave answers to all questions asked him, and birdy members of our society no doubt picked up some very useful items of information.—W. H. RILEY, Secretary.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held at headquarters, on March 4th, when there was a large attendance of members present to listen to Mr. C. E. Brown's lecture upon the feeding and rearing of young Canaries. The lecturer had every item at his fingerends and dealt with the subject in a businesslike manner. Needless to say such valuable information was well received and all present were delighted with the lecture. At the next meeting night, April 1st, Mr. Manley will lecture on Mule and Hybrid breeding.—W. H. MANLEY.

STRATFORD & EAST LONDON F.S.

The annual general meeting was held at Workman's Hall, Romford-road, Stratford, on Feb. 27 The Secretary presented the balance sheet for 1907, which was unanimously adopted. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed by Mr. W. H. Collings, and carried. The Chairman, on behalf of himself and the committee, replied. The Secretary, Mr. S. L. Sheldrick, briefly reviewed the work of the past year, and also eulogised the services of the committee. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Committee, Messrs. Austin, Day, Scott Filby, Benn, Graves, Smith, Wase, Reeves, Mallett, Littleton, Lewis, Ruggles, Mummings, Love, Pounceley, and Croxon; Hon. Sec., S. L. Sheldrick, 86, Grove-road, Bow, E.; Asst. Sec., Mr. T. May; Auditors, Messrs. Mason and Jayne; Treasurer, Mr. Barret.—S. L. SHELDRICK, Hon. Sec.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Meeting held March 9th at Chapel-street Congregational Hall, when there was a very good attendance of members and friends. Messrs. Wellings and Cowgill were elected judges for our next open show on December 11th and 12th next. We had a table show of Yorkshires and Norwich, with a judging competition which aroused a great amount of interest among those present. YORKS.: 1, Atkinson; 2, 4, Jackson; 3, Fish. NORWICH: 1, Jackson, he winning silver medal for most points Mr. Durnford won silver medal for judging competition given by the chairman, Mr. C. W. Lythgoe. Mr. McCann judged.—W. JACKSON, Hon. Sec.

WIBSEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

The monthly meeting took place on March 7, when ten more members were enrolled, making a total of nearly 70 members. We are now in the proud position of being represented by the full complement of delegates on the Yorkshire Union. After the business of the meeting had been concluded, Mr. Fred Allan (Cleckheaton) gave a lecture on the "Yorkshire Canary," about forty of the members being present, and at the conclusion he answered the various questions. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Allen for the very able manner in which he had given his lecture. This was the first of a series of lectures, debates, etc., arranged for the current year. March 14, members' show, birds staged 3 p.m. prompt; March debate on "Cinnamon Marked Canaries," opened by Mr. James Hartley.—FRED PICKLES, Assist.-Secretary.

THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY C.A.

It will be within the recollection of readers who perused the report of this society's annual show in September, 1907, and of those who visited the exhibition, that it was a great success. The National Derby were honoured by having the best turn-out of young Scotch Fancy Canaries, and the executive have been so much encouraged by it that they enter upon the current year's work with confidence that breeders of the Scotch Fancy Canary will back up their efforts and make 1908 a record for membership and quality of exhibits. The society has done much for the Scotch Fancy Canary, and can do more. The members who have joined are: Messrs. Wm. Hart (Paisley), H. Crawford (Walmsburgh), Councillor Hagg (Oakley), R. Wright (Greenock), A. Porteous (Glasgow), and Thomas Smith (Glasgow). This is the first instalment, and we hope fanciers will enable us from this time onward to publish a substantial list weekly until a record is reached. Tickets have been sent to last year's members and we appeal to them to do their best to sell on ticket and retain the other and thus be the medium for the disposal of two each. The membership fee is 3/-, which includes entry money for eight exhibits as well as admission to the show. The society is conducted on excellent lines. The Secretary will be pleased to supply further particulars to any gentleman who can assist the development of the Association. Thanking, in anticipation, all who help the cause of the Scotch Fancy Canary.—T. SMITH, Secretary and Treasurer, 56, Minard-rd., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

ACCRINGTON & DISTRICT C.B.S

At our meeting held on March 12th we had a very instructive and interesting washing exhibition by Mr. W. Dormer, of Rishton. Six birds were provided, the object being to show the skill required in handling the birds while washing them. The six birds were exceedingly dirty ones, being kitchen songsters, and the dirt required a lot of removing. The operator said he did not wish to disturb the feathers, and with skilful handling, and the free use of soap and water, Mr. Dormer succeeded in materially altering the complexion of a pair of Norwich. While he was washing the birds he made a few remarks on the position and handling of them during the process. Mr. A. Hirst then showed us his method of washing. He immediately seized a big Buff Yorkshire, his favourite variety, and with a few remarks about his method and the kind of brushes he used, he commenced the task of making an almost black bird into an almost white one. Mr. Godley was the next to tub a bird. He commenced with a Crested Canary, and gave us an idea how to dress and prepare the Crest for exhibition. There was not much difference in the methods and styles of the operators, but while Messrs. Dormer and Hirst used two brushes, Mr. Godley required only one brush, using a large sponge with which to do the rinsing. A little discussion followed. Other business was then taken. The name of Mr. H. Walsh was proposed for membership, and he was accepted as a member. Mr. D. Bentley (Great Harwood) will give a lecture on British birds at our next meeting, April 9th. The meeting was brought to a close by the passing of a vote of thanks to Messrs. Dormer, Hirst and Godley for their instructive lessons on washing for exhibition. There was a good attendance of members and friends.—JAS. W. PHILPOTT, Sec.

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LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 14, in the Masonic Hall, Mr Wm. Nelson, Vice-President, in the chair. The following new members were enrolled: Messrs. J Carson (Easthouses), A. Jardine (Polton), G. Harper (Bonnyrigg), and D. Small (Loanhead) Medals were next considered, and it was agreed that there be a medal for each section. The Secretary then stated that he had got cup from ex-Bailie Frichael, to be competed for as members thought best. It was decided, however, to leave this matter over till the June meeting. New members will be enrolled up to the end of March.—W. B. SMART, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD AND DIS. C.B.S.

At a meeting held on March 9 at headquarters, Town Gate, Mr. D. Bentley, the well-known British bird fancier and judge, gave a lecture on "Soft Bills." He first dealt with our favourite singing bird, the Thrush, its manners and ways, and how to feed it. The Missel Thrush, Skylark, Woodlark, and others came in for consideration, not forgetting that beautiful songster, the Nightingale He had even gone so far, he said, as Epping Forest so that he might listen to its song. Questions were invited and answered, and the lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, which closed a pleasant evening.—GEO. WADDINGTON, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held on March 5th, in Lockhart's, 65, Grainger-street, when 62 members were present, Mr. J. Currah, chairman, presiding. A letter was read from the secretary of the C.B.U. We also decided to leave the date of our First Feather Show over till next meeting, April 2nd. There were 14 new members enrolled, this making 150 members on our books. Mr. J. Currah having promised to give us a "trip to the Scottish National" by four members of our society, we were all eager for him to get a start, and right well did he do it. He first of all gave us the ride in the train, not forgetting the yarn told by J. R. S. about the trouble his wife and he had had to cook some oatmeal sausage when they were staying in Edinburgh. He also told us of the sights to be seen. Then he gave a graphic description of the show, how it was managed, and how the exhibits were staged. After he had answered questions on same, a vote of thanks was accorded to him. At our next meeting Mr. Crawhall will give us a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, when intending members will be welcomed. Subscriptions are now due. The following are the names of new members:—Messrs. T. Hopkinson, E. Clarke, J. Patterson, T. Marshall, Thos. Floyd Seely Bros., Milling, F. Sanderson D. Young, Whitfield, G. Brown, J. Passmore, and W. Ryles.—CURRY and HUTCHINSON, Secretaries.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

Result of voting on birds proposed to be added to the club's list. 119 voting papers sent out, 47 returned.

Crested Tit	35 for,	12 against.
Woodchat Shrike	22 ,,	24 ,,
Swallow	19 ,,	28 ,,
House Martin	19 ,,	28 ,,
Sand Martin	16 ,,	31 ,,
Golden Oriole	24 ,,	23 ,,
Nutcracker	21 ,,	26 ,,
Hoopoe	30 ,,	17 ,,
Golden Plover	11 ,,	36 ,,
Dotterel	9 ,,	38 ,,
Ringed Plover	12 ,,	35 ,,
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THE SHOWS.

(See also page 301.)

BRIGHTON F. AND F. S.

The annual show of pairs was held on March 5th in the Lecture Hall, the new headquarters of the society. The hall was too small for the very numerous company present. Mr. Walter Swaysland judged. The secretary is Mr. F. Perrin, to whom much credit is due for his able management of affairs.

YORKS.: 1, Mrs. Eyles, fine pair of clears; 2, Pearson, nice pair; 3, Danbridge, very typical pair. NORWICH: 1, Gibbs, a good pair of clears. A.O.V.: 1, Gibbs, a good clear Border hen and a nice even-marked cock; 2, Mrs. Eyles, pair of Crests. HYBRID PAIRS: 1, Gibbs, Goldfinch and Canary; 2, Pearson, Redpoll and Canary. BRIT.: 1, Hollamby, nice Chaffinch; 2, Gibbs, good Redpoll, not much to choose between them.

CROOK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and table show held on March 7 at Horse Shoo. There was a good attendance of members. Messrs. Brown, J. Hutchinson, and Smith were proposed for membership. It was decided to hold a Nest Feather Show in July, the prize money to go towards a cup for members at our open show October 17. The judging being finished, the awards were as follows:—NOR. (8): 1, vhc, Atess; 2, 4, Rutherford and Bright; 3, Clough; hc, Hemmingway; c, Toward. YORKS. (3): 1, 2, Adams; 3, Clough CREST OR CB (6): 1, 3, Atess; 2nd Lady Auckland, 2nd at Crystal Palace, 1908; 2, vhc, Rutherford and Bright; 4 Clough; hc, Hemmingway. CAGE BIRD A.V. (4): 1, 2, Rutherford and Bright; 3, Winter; 4, Toward. BRIT. (8): 1, 2, Rutherford and Bright, nice team Hawfinch, Goldfinch, and Greenfinch, leader winning gold centre silver medal for best in show; 4, vhc, Rutherford, Linnet; hc, Clough; c, Hemmingway. CANARY A.V. NOVICE (14): Strong class: 1 c, Clough; 2, Dawson; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Campbell.—WM. RUTHERFORD, Secretary.

SWANSEA AND DIS. C.B.A.

At the headquarters of the society the members held their annual pair show on March 3rd. The number of entries greatly exceeded that of last year. The quality was also excellent, including some well-known winners. One of the special features of the show was the Novice Border class which contained in all 14 pairs. As competition in this variety is so keen at Swansea, intending competitors are requested to beware. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. J. Hocking, show manager, the birds were neatly staged, and in proper order for judging. The judges were Mr. W. J. Jenkins for the Canary section, and Mr. Phil. Jenkins for Mules and Hybrids. The awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1 and 2, Kirby; 3, vhc, Hitchings; hc, Stock. YORKS.: 1 and hc, Hyett; 2, 3, vhc, and c, A. E. and W. R. Taylor. BORDERS: 1, 3, and c, Hocking; 2, Hammacott; vhc, Evans; hc, Richards. NOV. BORDERS: 1 and 3 Donnell and Saunders; 2 and vhc, Stock, vhc, Richards; hc, Steins; c Williams. MULES: 1, Hocking; 2, Gooding; 3, Evans; vhc and c, Richards; hc, Heal. HYBRIDS: In this class Mr. J. B. Ford took all prizes.—ALF. HITCHINGS, Sec.

SINGING CONTESTS

LEEDS C.B.S.

This Society held their annual table show of Canaries and British birds at their monthly meeting held on March 7, at Locklart's Cafe, there being 53 birds staged in ten classes. This was considered very good, it being the best held for a few years. It was visited by a large number of unknown Fanciers. Mr. King judged open classes for Canaries and novice British; Mr. Chew novice classes and Open British. Several good birds were staged to fight battles over again, and Mr. Hallet came out on top in open classes, winning first in both Yorkshire and Norwich Mr. King almost swept the deck in open British. He staged birds in faultless condition. The novice classes filled well, especially the British. Mr. Owen, a true British bird Fancier, won first in a strong class with his favourite Chaffinch. A medal to the value of 10s. 6d. is given to the winner who scores most points at this show, first feather, and members' winter show in novice sections and a medal value 7s. 6d. to the runner-up.

OPEN CLASSES: YORKS. (6): 1, hc, Hallet; 2, vhc, Farrar; 3, 4, Cobb; hc, c, Hallett. NOR. (6): 1, 2, Hallet; 3, Stead; 4, vhc, Woof; hc, Stead. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, King; vhc, Fox. NOVICE CLASSES: YORKS, YELL., TKD., ETC. (6): 1, 3, 4, Fowler; 2, Lockwood; vhc, Tales; hc, Triffit. BUFF (6): 1, Tales; 2, 4, vhc, Ireland; 3, Fowler; hc, Triffit. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Wilson; 2, Triffitt; 3, Medley; hc, Benje; c, Ireland. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Lloyd; 2, Birkenshaw; 3, hc, Wilson; 4, Benge; c, Ireland. A.O.V. (1): 1, Wilson. BRIT. (14): 1, c, Owen; 2, Triffit; 3, 4, vhc, Fox; hc, Simpson.—A. WILKINS, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON AND DIS. C.B.A.

The annual Finch show was held at the Leyton Constitutional Club on March 2. The judge was Mr. J. S. Clarke, whose awards were well received. Quality throughout was very good. The hon. secretary, Mr. B. F. Forse, is a very efficient and capable official, and Mr. Forse, jun., ably assisted him in his secretarial duties. The show was a grand one, and the attendance was fine.

GOLDFINCH (12): 1 and spl. Ovenden, grand colour, good blaze, shown in perfect feather; 2nd, 3rd, B. F. Forse, fine size and shape, nice condition; 3rd one of the best in class for blaze and body colour, nice substance; 4, vhc, Marley; hc, Billingsly, c, Forse. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Rowbridge; 3, Hellens, all grand birds. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 3, hc, Hellens, 1st large birds, very shapely, good colour, easy win; 3rd on similar lines, but smaller; 2, 4, c, Marley, staged to perfection, 2nd nice bird, worth its place, 4th same description applies; vhc, Burbidge LINNETS (7): Not a bad one among them: 1, spl. best in show, vhc, Morris Bros., 1st lovely exhibit, size, shape, colour, and pencilling; 2, Ovenden, nice shape and rich colour; 3, c, Wood, big bird, good shape; 4, Marley; hc, B. F. Forse. SISKINS, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Marley two Siskins, 1st nice shape and colour, 2nd well up; 3, 4, Hellens, fine Lesser Redpoll and a grand Twite. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC.: 1, Wood, Hawfinch, grand colour, very steady; 2, vhc, Forse, yellow Canary, equally steady, nice colour; 3, Marley, Snow Bunting, good one; 4, Hellens, nice Bramblefinch. A very fine class. INSECTIV. (LARGE): 1, B. F. Forse, very nice Blackbird well shown unfortunately the only exhibit in class. SMALLER: 1, Morris Bros, Bearded Tit, a perfect picture. HENS: 1, Morris Bros, Bearded Tit, companion picture, a charming lady; 2, Ovenden, Linnet, exception at colour, would be hard to beat by one of her own set and specie; 3, Forse, Linnet; 4, Morris Bros.; vhc, Dalton. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1 Ovenden, a beauty, perfect feather, not the first win by any means; 2, 3, two nice birds, little to choose between them.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

The result of our table show on March 11th was very successful, some fine birds being on show, including that very fine Goldfinch which has only been beaten once this season, and that time by the Palace winner. If they had both met the Palace winner would have had to look its best to have beaten it, as it was a perfect picture to look at, and was shown in the best of condition. Mr. Judd placed the cards, which gave every satisfaction.

GOLDFINCH, ETC., BRIT.: 1, vhc, Hunt; 2, hc, Seal; 3, Waadby; c, Ride. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Hunt; 2, Heighton; vhc, Whitmore; hc, Tyler. A.S. PART SEEDEATING BRIT.: 1, Hunt, 2, Tyler. These were two very fine Yellow Buntings, the old one just beating the young one.—J. A. TYLER, Sec

GRIMSBY AND DIS. O.S.

A very successful meeting was held on March 10, at the Hall of Science, Freeman-street, Mr H. E. Stubbs presiding. Twenty-eight members were present. Eight new members were elected, and an honorary member. A pleasing letter was read from Sir George Doughty and Lady Doughty, who expressed their willingness to become patrons of the Society. Sir George Doughty is the President for the ensuing year. It was decided that the annual open show be held at Corn Exchange on October 20 and 21 next, and that the Society again join the C.B.U. Mr. H. E. Stubbs was elected delegate to the C.B.U. At the next monthly meeting on April 7 there will be another table show of British birds, including soft bills and foreign birds. Judge, Mr. W. H. Moore, senr. The Chairman intimated that the Society was in a good financial position, in comparison with many other Societies, having £11 in hand. There was a table show of British birds, when some excellent specimens were exhibited, 12 varieties being represented. Mr. George Dowie judged.

GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Way, grand team; 3, Crowston, fine specimen. GREENFINCH: 1, Drinkall; 2, Ellender; 3, Moore, jun.; vhc, Moore. LINNET: 1, 3, Drinkall; 2, Crowston; vhc, A. Sutcliffe; hc, Moore. A.O.S. BRIT. (12): 1, spl, A. Sutcliffe, fine Hawfinch; 2, Sutcliffe, grand Bullfinch; 3, Way, Blackbird in fine form; vhc, Stubbs; hc, Ellender; c, Moore, sen. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, Drayton, Goldie and Linnet, and Redpoll and hen Bullie.—MOORE and CROWSTON, Secs.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

This Society held their first members' show of the year on March 6, at headquarters, the Crown and Anchor Hotel. Seeing that they are a new Society of only one year's experience, the members are to be congratulated. The quality of the exhibits throughout the show was of high order, and a vast improvement on their first show last year. The entries totalled 80 in thirteen classes, there being some fine specimens among the winners. The Yorks. were a grand lot, some of them having held their own in higher competition. Norwich were a strong class, some grand birds being staged. The British turned up exceedingly well; the Linnet class was very keen, and were very difficult to separate, while the Goldies, Bullies, and the A.O.S. classes were a credit to their owners. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) officiated as judge, and his awards were well received. The staging was in the hands of the chairman, Mr. Isherwood, who had the assistance of a hard-working committee and the secretaries, Messrs. Parker and Atkinson.

YORKS. CK. YELL.: 1, 3, Parkes; 2, 4, Parker; vhc, Brown. BUFF: 1, Parkes; 2, Rothwell; 3, 4, Parker; vhc, Sharp; hc, Kilburn. HEN, YELL.: 1, Parkes; 2, Brown; 3, Rothwell; 4, vhc, Parker; hc, Sharp; c, Bengon. BUFF: 1, 3, Parker; 2, 4, Parkes. PAIRS: 1, 4, hc, Talbot; 2, 3, Parkes; vhc, Rothwell. NOR.: 1, 4, hc, Atkinson; 2, Brown; 3, Midgly; vhc, Meadows. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c Atkinson; 4, Midgley. LINNET: 1, Atkinson; 2, Bengon; 3, hc, c, Walker; vhc, Isherwood. GOLDFINCH: 1, 4, Kilburn; 2, Talbot; 3 Midgley; vhc, Walker. BULLFINCH: 1, Midgley; 2, Bengon; 3, Isherwood; 4, Parker. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Isherwood. FOR. LARGE: Meadows. SMALL: 1, Isherwood; 2, Blakley. SELL.: 1, 2, Talbot; 3, Kilburn. — PARKER, Joint Sec.

ORMSKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The annual meeting was held at headquarters (Buck i' th' Vine Hotel) on March 2nd, Mr C. I. Johnson (chairman) presiding over a capital attendance. The following officers were re-elected:—Messrs. C. J. Johnson, chairman; E. A. Walker, vice-chairman; R. Gardner, hon. treasurer; T. H. Tiffen, hon. secretary. The whole of the members to form a general committee. Messrs W. Moss and P. Mawdsley were appointed auditors. The statement of accounts showed a balance of over £3 to the credit of the society, which was stated to be very satisfactory for the first year's work, and considering that two shows have been held. Rules were revised, and other monthly business transacted. Four new members were accepted, raising the membership to over thirty. A table show of breeding pairs was also held, some excellent birds being staged, especially in the Norwich and Hybrid classes, the latter section containing some very likely pairs for the intended purpose. Mr. Charles Houlton (St. Helens) judged.

YORKS.: 1, Gardner; 2, vhc, Walker; 3, Lewis. NOR.: 1, spl for best pair, 3, vhc, Tasker; 2, Lindsay; hc, c, Hesketh. A.O.V.: 1, Tiffen (Borders); 2, Walker (Borders). PAIRS FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, Moss, Greenfinch-Bullfinch; 2, Lewis, Goldfinch-Canary; 3, hc, Parr, Goldfinch-Greenfinch and Goldfinch Canary; vhc, c, Withington, Chaffinch-Bramblefinch and Greenfinch-Canary. Immediately after judging, Mr. Houlton kindly gave some useful and interesting hints on the mating and breeding of Canaries, describing very minutely the type of birds to mate for producing ideal stock. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded Mr Houlton for his advice, to which he suitably replied, and stated that should it ever be his pleasure to again visit the Ormskirk C.B.S. no doubt they would find him a bit more work. The usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting.—T. H. TIFFEN, Hon. Sec.

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TWITTERINGS.

The date of our next show, writes Mr. James Moyes, secretary of the Thornton and Dis. O.S., has been fixed for December 12.

I consider your paper the best advertising medium for anything appertaining to the Fancy, writes Mr. Morten Dodge (Manchester).

I consider your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, the best paper going, writes Mr. James Holroyd, secretary of the Great Horton O.S.

We have engaged Mr. J. Kershaw to judge the next Carnarvon show, writes Mr. David Roberts, secretary.

Mr. A. Wellings will, we hear, judge Blackburn show on November 6th, and Pendleton and Salford on December 11th.

Mr. W. Simmonite, of Sheffield, has a Linnet Mule which was hatched on the 4th March, writes Mr. H. Timms.

The Penzance and District F.A. have decided to hold their annual show on November 27th, writes Mr. J. Pearce Sampson, the hon. secretary.

Please thank all who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. H. Jordan (Oswestry), as they were too numerous for me to answer each individually.

The secretary of the Glasgow and Western Counties Club, Mr. J. H. Adams, requests us to ask members to note change of meeting hour to 4 p.m. at the next fixture.

Fanciers and others in Manchester district may now procure "Avisine" from Messrs. Dutton, Tib Street, Manchester, wholesale or retail, write the Avisine Co. (Millom).

I have read all the fanciers' journals for the last twenty years, and find nothing better for a fancier than CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. Cave (Ellesmere Port).

Mr. F. W. Hamer asks us to request the members of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. to make a special effort to attend the next meeting of the society.

On and after March 25th my address will be 5, Mysore Road, Lavender Hill, London, writes Mr. W. Lilley, secretary of the South-West London C.B.S.

Am pleased to tell you I was successful in my last advertisement. I could not reply to all; thanking them all the same. I wish CAGE BIRDS further success.—J. T. Howie (Bromley).

A brighter, chattier, or more amusing bird publication than CAGE BIRDS it would be impossible to find, writes Mr. G. C. Mallard (Leamington), and your coloured plates are simply perfection.

From our correspondence columns it will be noticed that a meeting has been convened to-day (Saturday) to discuss the formation of a cage bid society for the Shettleston district of Glasgow.

Kindly state that I have now removed from 71, Dover Street, Anderton, to 8, Primrose Street, Scotstoun, Glasgow, where all future communications should be sent, writes Mr. Jas. Ramsay.

We have decided to hold our third annual open show on October 17th, writes Mr. R. S. Black, hon. secretary Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. Secretaries of societies in district please note to prevent clashing.

Your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, is very eagerly read by me as soon as I can get a copy on a Friday morning, writes Mr. W. T. Munn (East Sheen), and cannot fail to be of intense interest to all lovers and breeders of birds.

I have been elected hon. secretary, and Mr. J. Parker assistant secretary, of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., writes Mr. S. A. Dicken, New Inn, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent. All communications relating to the society should be addressed to me.

The Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S. will hold their open show again in the Co-operative Hall, writes Mr. F. Howes, secretary, and Roller Canaries will be staged in a larger room than the one placed at their disposal last year.

Kindly notify my change of address to 13, Atherton Street, Battersea Park Road, where all communications relating to the Metropolitan C.B.A. should be addressed, writes Mr. A. J. Head, the hon. secretary. Any information concerning the society will gladly be given.

A very fine specimen of the Golden Eagle has been shot on Glensone Hill, according to a Dumfries contemporary. It is said to be three years old, and has been forwarded to Mr. W. S. Seton-Karr, London, the sporting tenant.

Kindly thank through CAGE BIRDS all those gentlemen who answered my advertisement, writes Mr. C. E. Brown (Bristol). I had 55 letters and four post-cards, and it's really out of the question to write them all, much as I should liked to have done so.

The first members' show of the newly-formed Ayr and Dis. C.B.C. will be held on March 28th in the Wallace Tower Hall at 2 p.m., when Mr. P. McQuiston will judge. Admission will be 3d.; all fanciers invited.—ADVT.

The Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S. is having a concert on March 25th, in their club room, at 8 p.m., writes Mr. W. Richinson, secretary, when we hope to see all members, their wives and their friends. We are in hopes of making a few new members.

At the next meeting of the Ealing, Hanwell and District F.S., writes the hon. secretary, Mr. W. Bird, a lecture will be delivered by Mr. C. A. House, entitled "How to succeed in the Fancy." We have arranged a good programme for the ensuing season, and have now six silver cups to compete for.

Owing to my health, writes Mr. A. Ambler, the well-known breeder and exhibitor of the Yorkshire Canary, we have removed from Bradford, to 138, Westminster Road, Morecambe, where we shall be most pleased to see all fanciers.

Writing with reference to a statement made by the sender of a testimonial published by one of our advertisers last week, "Fair Play" sends us an account of purchases made from Manchester dealers, from whom it is evident he has obtained the fullest satisfaction.

We extend a hearty invitation to all fanciers in Birkenshaw, Gomersal, Birstall, Gilderrow, and surrounding districts to join us, writes Mr. J. Smith, secretary of the Tong and Dis. C.B.S. We will be pleased to see any new member on March 24th, at the Holme Lane Hotel, at 7.30 p.m.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, as I am not in a position to answer all by post, having had over fifty letters up to date. I am a constant reader, and shall know where to always advertise in future.—W. WATSON (Chippenham).

The Wibsey and District C.B.S. is having a debate to-day (Saturday) at the "Horse and Groom" on Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires, writes Mr. E. W. Johnson, the hon. secretary. It will be opened by Mr. J. Hartley, the well-known Cinnamon-marked fancier. Friends cordially welcomed.

I beg to call the attention of the members of the Y.C.C., writes Mr. John Greaves, secretary, to the fact that nominations of officers for 1908—9 must reach me on or before the 31st March. Nomination forms will be found in the centre of Y.C.C. handbook for last year.

The Inverness O.A. annual show is fixed for 25th November, writes Mr. Alex. Urquhart, secretary. Secretaries of shows please note. The Music Hall where our show is held was engaged for 18th November, previous to our application, hence the reason for change of date.

That well-known fancier, Mr. C. E. Silk, of Emsworth, has just received an application for birds from a gentleman, who states: "I will favour you with my patronage, as it was with your birds I started my bird life 20 years ago, when I was successful at the shows in our district." Naturally this communication has given Mr. Silk considerable pleasure.

A donation of 6s. has reached us from a reader in far-away Australia, Mr. S. Stubbings, of Perth, W.A., for the fund which has recently been got together, through our columns, on behalf of Mr. Benj. Spiers, who lost his eyesight under such sad circumstances. This we have had great pleasure in forwarding to Mr. Spiers.

The Highgate, Hampstead and Dis. C.B.S. extends a hearty invitation to all fanciers, writes Mr. W. Reynolds, to attend the lantern lecture on British Birds, by F. Kirkman, Esq., B.A., at 8.30 p.m., this Friday, March 20th, in the Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park Hill (nearest station Tufnell Park on the Tube).

At the annual general meeting a large gathering of members expressed themselves very pleased with the result of the past years work, writes Mr. W. Summers, hon. secretary of the Wandsworth and Dis. F.S. Our balance sheet shows a sum of over £4 in hand, and we have two challenge cups value £10 10s. in addition. An excellent programme has been arranged for the coming season.

Many thanks for cheque value 10s. 6d., writes Mr. Fred Hammond (Bradford), prize awarded to me in your recent "Yorkshire competition." I am always proud when I produce a 'winner,' but, in this instance, it is the fact that your verdict places "guid owd Yorksher" in the position of honour that affords me far greater pleasure than any consideration of a personal nature.

Owing to a great many novice Canary fanciers around Oldham (not members of any society) having a desire to see a bird washed, the opportunity is to be provided at the Oldham and Dis. C.B.S. headquarters on March 24th, as we are holding a washing competition then, writes Mr. Fred Steeple, the secretary. All wishing to compete will please bring their own birds. The competition is open to all.

We have received from the composer, Mr. J. A. Douglas (who is a great lover of birds himself, and a reader of this journal) a copy of a charming song, entitled "The Death of a Nightingale." Pretty words by Mrs. W. R. Douglas are given a tuneful and appropriate setting, and musical readers should make a point of adding this song to their music-case. Messrs. Metzler and Co. are the publishers.

The cream of London's British and Foreign Birds, from the Woodpecker and Scarlet Tanager to the Jenny Wren and Australian Fire Finch. Over 160 on view to-day (Saturday) at the Show of the City and Suburban A.C.B., in the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W.; three minutes' from Baker Street (Metropolitan) and Regent's Park (Bakerloo) Railway Stations.—ADVT.

A Treat for Edinburgh.

A lecture entitled "In Bird Haunts with a Camera," with lime-light illustrations, by Mr. J. C. Adam, will be given on March 26th, at the Protestant Institute, Edinburgh, writes Mr. Jas. Winter, secretary of the Scottish National C.B.S. It will be seen the date has been altered from March 25th to March 26th. The lecture promises to be a very interesting one, and I trust the promoters will be rewarded with a good attendance of fanciers and friends. Ladies are specially invited.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 2 and 3.—**Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 3.—**Longton & Dis C.B.S.**
Oct. 7 and 8. **Peterboro' C.B.A.**
Oct. 8 and 9.—**Watford & Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood & Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.**
*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. & C.B.S. T.H.**
Oct 14 and 15.—**Battersea.**
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Hayle & Dis. F.A.** G.G., C.T.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** J.H.R., C.H.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.** W.V. M.N.
Oct. 17.—**Kelty & Blairadam C.B.A.** D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.
*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth & Dis. C. & C.B.S.** W.P.B.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties Plymouth).** C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.**
Oct. 22. **Potteries and Dis.**
*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare.** J.H.P.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C B S.**
Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S** T. McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.
Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** H.W.B., E.B., and J.S
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** J. R.
Oct. 31. **Dysart C.B.S.**
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.**
Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Preston O.S.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and E.E.S.
Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.**
Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.**
Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12. **Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**
Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 18.—**Reading & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven.**
Nov. 21.—**Perth.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
*Nov. 27 and 28. **Leeds C.B.S.**
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.**
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 28 and 30. **Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R
Nov. 28 & 30. **Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.**
Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Liverpool O.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. C.S.**
Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.**
Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H. ., P.R.
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., P.P.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.**
Jan. 7 and 8. **Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**

British Bird Items.

The voting of the members of the N.B.B. and M.C. (as given at the last meeting) showed that the majority of the birds it was recently proposed should be added to the club list had been rejected. Only three, the Crested Tit, Hoopoe, and Golden Oriole, had a majority of votes in their favour. The question of a standard show-cage for Hardbills occupied the attention of the meeting for a considerable time, and when we left, at a late hour, no decision had been come to. The "ideal" cage seemed to be thought a combination of the best points embodied in two or three of the designs submitted.

Yorkshire Union Elections.

Just as we go to press we learn that the elections for the various officials of the Yorkshire Union have resulted as follows:—Vice-President, Mr. F. Halliday. Trustees: Messrs. Brotherton and Mitchell. Auditors: Messrs. Armstrong and Holroyd. Secretary: Mr. S. Dean. The President is Mr. John Greaves, who, as Vice-President of the previous year, moves up to this post. The ballot papers returned only amounted to the small total (considering the membership) of 294. Here are details of the voting:—

VICE-PRESIDENT: Halliday, 125; Sunderland, 75; Armstrong, 35; Clarkson, 28; Johnson, 20; Wellock, 12.

SECRETARY: Dean, 170; Mitchell, 55; Hill, 47; Townend, 22

TRUSTEES: Brotherton, 230; Mitchell, 120; Townend, 104; Ross, 98.

AUDITORS: Halliday, 224; Armstrong, 189; Holroyd, 29; Jackson, 55.

Having been elected Vice-President, Mr. Halliday will not accept the position of auditor. Therefore Mr. Holroyd will be associated with Mr. Armstrong.

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(Continued from page 216.)

My Brother Aviculturists *(continued.)*

The best way to make friends with a brother aviculturist is flattery. Do you know the method of making a cat settle down in a strange place by buttering her all over? The theory being that by the time she has polished off all the butter she feels at home. Well, how true that may be of the cat I don't know, but it acts perfectly with aviculturists. I apply the butter judiciously. It always proves quite satisfactory, and after a little natural repulsion the process turns out quite successful. I believe some aviculturists are almost as bad as fishermen for walking round the truth. I often think when I read some birdy stories, of the words of Mr. Dooley to his friend Hennessy anent the late Chinese crisis: "The Western civilisation, Hennessy—that's us—is a pretty good liar, but he's a kind of rough-and-tumble at it. How i' th' worruld can we compete with a country where ivery labror's cottage projooces lies so delicate that th' workmen ov the West can't understand them? They emulate th' best iv' our canned lies to deceive people that likes that kind, but for artists they have lies that appeals to a more refined taste. Sure, I'd like to live among them an' find out th' kind of bouncers they tell each other. They must be gr-rand. I on'y know their export lies now—th' sample lies they can't use at home." Aviculturists are prone, when things go wrong, to speak, as David puts it, unadvisedly with their lips. Of course, they are in good company, for did not Moses, the meekest of men, do so? And did not Arego remark to a brother astronomer that he was the biggest scoundrel within the orbit of Neptune? There is a comprehensiveness about that observation that I find extremely soothing.

Aviculturists all like encouragement, but be careful how you give it. There is a right and a wrong way of doing things. Last winter I borrowed our doctor's gardener to prune the fruit trees. The doctor himself came one autumn evening and did one of the trees himself. I asked the old fellow his opinion of the doctor's handiwork. "Well," he said, "maester," thoughtfully removing his pipe from his lips, "nowt so pertikler." The doctor seemed quite hurt when I told him next day! Be careful, then, how you give encouragement.

The "Very Superior" Person.

Sometimes I get a visit from the very superior person. Nothing astonishes him. I feel something like the poor Italian guide in the "Innocents Abroad" when Mark Twain innocently asked if the mummy was dead—and had he been long dead? We are all, I fear, even the best of us, just a little bit glad when misfortune comes to a brother aviculturist. It is mean, of course, but then, there are times when a fellow feels a real enjoyment in being deliberately, stupendously mean! We all like a man the better if we can hang over his garden-wall and tell him that his best friend has cheated him in the matter of that horse he has just bought. Undoubtedly there is something very cheerful in a neighbour living in a glass-house, and undeniably it promotes friendliness. When a man goes to visit a neighbour's aviary, he should be very careful of his remarks. In a certain magnificent shrine in Nikko, above the main doors, are carved in open work three apes, one with his hands to his ears, another covering his mouth, and a third blinding his eyes. The monkeys are those who hear no wrong, say no wrong, and see no wrong. You want to be the same when you go on a visit to a friend's birds. See nothing wrong, say nothing wrong, hear nothing wrong.

Sometimes I see aviculturists forgetting the advice of good Dr. Watts, and letting their angry passions rise, and then I always feel inclined to repeat to them the words of an old French wit, "Ah, messiours, aimez vous les uns les autres, car, si vous n'aimez pas les uns les autres, qui diable vous aimera?" I don't suppose they will follow it, but old age, it has been bitterly said, when it can no longer set a bad example—gives good advice. When I meet a very self-opinionated gentleman, I always feel inclined to remind him that he is not an Œcumenical Council, and that some of his edicts admit of discussion. At such times the words of the immortal Mrs. Glegg in "The Mill on the Floss" seem singularly apposite—"Mr. Tulliver doesn't want to know your opinion nor mine neither. There's folks in the world as knows better than everybody else."

Many and many a time I have longed to impart some wonderful little bit of success to a wondering avicultural world, but I dared not. I thought of the poor Swiss guide that a gentleman brought home to his English place in the West of England. Of the glories of that visit Nils was never tired of descanting, but *not* to his compatriots. "It is no goot me telling dem what I see in England," he ruefully remarked. "dey only fink me a liar." Many a wonderful thing I have done in the bird world I have never told to this hour for fear of the laughter of the Fool. What, by the way, were the three laughters of the Fool? It is a Welsh triad. He laughs at a thing because it is good; he laughs at a thing because it is bad; and he laughs at a thing because he cannot understand it.

There are aviculturists who hold their own settled views and glory in them, and are not troubled by any chance waves of criticism; but for my part I pride myself upon an open mind, and try to follow the philosophical, sane method of sifting out the wheat from the chaff of men's advice. The result is that I wobble—indeed, the result of all philosophical methods would appear to be the same. Aviculturists need continually to be warned not to covet their neighbour's goods. It has always seemed to me that Naboth got more cheer from his tight little vineyard than all Ahab's lands could have given, and it was a sense of this, surely, that first set covetousness in Ahab's heart. The vineyard was small enough to love—just as a woman must be small to be loved rightly, and Ahab watched this lowly Naboth going his ways, content, untrammelled, secure in his passion for his bit of land, a passion which would have been dwarfed by the very splendour of his overlord's dominions. So Ahab reasoned faultily but humanly that if he tacked on this little corner to his own possessions, he would inherit Naboth's great tranquility. Alas! there was no one to suggest he should exchange all he owned for this one plot, nor to tell him that the sterile joy of majesty might well be bestowed for a small holder's fruitful days of land-love and land-bettering. Aviculturists should never be too pleased with themselves, no matter how skilful they are in their own sight. Do you remember in the story of Monsieur Reynard the excuse he gave for gobbling up the poor harmless lamb? Was it not that he looked so fat and contented and pleased with himself? That is the way that smug, self-satisfied people always make me feel. Here is a golden piece of advice, though I don't suppose for a moment it will be followed. Never press your aviaries on others. Nine hundred and ninety-nine people out of a thousand don't care twopence for other people's aviaries, though they all pretend out of politeness to do so, and the thousandth will find his own way to them and will be much happier going round them alone!

I know few things so painful as ignorant but well-meant advice. Some people can never come to see you without telling you what they would do in your case. It always reminds me of what Mr. Helliwell Sutcliffe says of a certain parson "Parson were up here yestere'en, an' he axed me how things were goin'? 'Noan so weel,' says I, an' then parson says, 'Don't be downcast,' says he, 'God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb.' 'Parson,' says I, looking slantways at him, 'did ye ever go in for sheep rearing?' 'Nay,' says he 'I thought not,' says I. Sakes, Mister, it fair raffles me whiles, to hear folk talking o' what they dean't understand." Remember in talking to a brother or sister aviculturist that it is possible to make mistakes. Don't say as Mr. Gladstone once said: "That is my opinion; but I *may* be mistaken." Nemo mortalium omnibus horis sapit. And now I think I will end, or you will be saying of me what Sir Frankland Lewis said of his son whose excellent but very serious book did not suit his taste. "I wish to God that George couldn't write or that I couldn't read."

Chapter IX: Some Necessary Precautions.

Be careful to shut all doors after you. The neglect of this simple precaution has before now cost dear. I know a man who carelessly left a door open one evening, and his cock Turquoisine got into the next compartment; the hen came off to see where he had got to, failed to find her way back to the log, and a good nest of youngsters perished. Another time I had left a door open and a very pretty fight ensued between a cock Barnard and a cock Blue Mountain and when it was over neither was worth very much.

Be cautious as to what grows in an enclosure to which nesting Parrakeets have ready access. Elder seems an innocent, though admittedly a strong-smelling shrub in all conscience; who would dream that a Parrakeet would eat its acrid foliage? And yet a cock Turquoisine of mine did so; and not only did so, but fed therewith a nest of five splendid youngsters, which all died incontinent.

Don't leave pails of water kicking about in an aviary; or you will be sure to find the bird you most value floating head-downwards therein some fine morning.

A catching net carelessly propped up against the wall of a compartment full of birds has ere now claimed its victim, and nothing will atone for the poignancy of anguish when you find a dead bird therein—some days dead—the result of your culpable negligence. The place for a net is outside the aviary, except when in actual use.

Traps and Poisons.

A mouse-trap is intended to catch mice, not birds. Be very careful, therefore, when you set it that the birds cannot get in. I always use the patent German affairs where the mice run up an incline and commit suicide. It seems to relieve one of the responsibility of murder. The trap sets itself, and I have caught in it a dozen mice in one night, when times were good. In setting it I always put the trap behind a slanting board, with the opening in the trap as near the wall as possible, so that only a mouse can get in. When I used to put the trap in the open, the very first victim I secured was a poor little baby Chinese Quail, which was about the size of a bumble bee on legs. But it was too late to weep when I found it. I have been always very careful ever since.

Poison is never employed by me now. I will tell you why. Years ago I used to poison the mice with a certain vermin killer, placed on bread and butter. I was very careful, as I thought, and always pinned the bread to a board and covered it well, so that birds could not get at it. I was not careful enough, however, as the sequel proved. Some mouse must have dragged away some odd piece of it, and it got covered over with dry earth. I never noticed it, but many months afterwards, when I went for my summer holiday, I one morning got a letter from home saying that the two big green Parrakeets were dead (they were Port Lincolns); that they were in the most perfect health the evening before, but were laid dead the first thing next morning. I was further told that the day before they were observed playing with something on the floor. The "something" was the unfortunate bit of poisoned bread. This is why I never now use poison in the aviary.

Aloe fibre is sometimes recommended for nesting material. I used to give it to my birds; but one day I found a poor bird hanging by the leg, and since then I have always used some less dangerous material.

When you are giving water always fill each water-pot as you go along. It is very easy to forget one if you go dodging about, and an empty water-pot may cost you very dear.

(To be continued.)

RARE-FEATHERED BULLFINCH.

This beautiful bird, which has the normal-colored plumage intermixed with cream-colored patches, was exhibited at the Crystal Palace Show by Mr. G. EDWARDS, of Leominster, and secured second prize.

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THE LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER.
(Male and Female).
(See Mr. Sandy's Article).

The Woodpeckers in the Field and in Captivity.

By S. A. SANDY.

There are three British representatives of this highly interesting family, the largest and most common being the Green (*Gécinus viridis*), the Greater Spotted (*Déndrocopus Major*), and the Lesser Spotted (*Déndrocopus Minor*), the last-named being the rarest, at any rate in captivity. All the three species are resident and generally distributed in the South of England, but are becoming less numerous, and one might say scarce, in Yorkshire and counties farther north.

The three species are admirably shown in the sketches by that expert bird artist, Mr. Goodchild, who must have studied the birds very closely when making his drawings, and any reader should have no difficulty in recognising a live specimen from them, also the descriptions I am giving further on.

As the name "Woodpecker" implies, the three species frequent well-wooded localities, and I think one of the best places for any London Fancier to get a glimpse of the Green Woodpecker in its native haunts is Ashstead Woods, where I have noticed they are quite common. Particularly is this so in the summer and early autumn, when they may be seen feeding from the ant hills on the outskirts of the wood itself, though, speaking generally, one has to wait until he hears the the loud laughing call and then go very cautiously in the direction from whence the call proceeded. The fancier will, by the exercise of a little patience and the aid of a field glass, be pretty sure to spy the bird busily engaged tapping the bark of some tall tree in search of the many insects concealed in the crevices of the bark.

The Greater and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers procure their food in a similar manner, but are not so exclusively insectivorous as the Green, for in the winter when insects are scarce, they feed largely upon acorns. In captivity they will eat sunflower seeds and pea-nuts (otherwise monkey nuts), while the Green, so far as my experience goes, will not touch anything but insects, or their substitute in captivity, a good insectivorous food. The Green is known in some localities as the "Yaffle" and also as the "Rainbird" as its loud laughing call is heard most frequently when rain may be expected.

Early in April the Woodpeckers commence to pair up for the breeding season, and to select suitable abodes in which to rear the youngsters. Having selected a likely tree, they commence with their sharp bills to drill a hole well into the centre of the tree-trunk, and running downwards to a depth of a foot or more, enlarging at the bottom of the hole where the eggs are to be deposited. It is not a difficult matter to locate a Woodpecker's nest by the many chips of wood that fall at the foot of the tree in the course of the drilling operations. Sometimes, however, several trees are slightly drilled before one satisfactory to the birds is found. To get a glimpse of the eggs or young, which vary from five to seven in number in each species, is, however, a much more difficult matter, for it is no light task to climb a thick tree-trunk and with a keyhole, or small saw, cut a piece out of the tree-trunk from the entrance hole downwards to the actual nest; so that any reader who contemplates exploring a Woodpecker's nest in the coming season will find he has undertaken no light task.

Interesting Method of Feeding.

There are one or two peculiarities in the species to which I should like to call the reader's attention, the most interesting being the method of feeding. Any one who has had the good fortune to be able to watch a Woodpecker (or a Wryneck) in captivity will have noticed that when taking food it draws a small particle up with the tip of its tongue instead of pecking it up after the manner of the Thrush, and, in fact, all other birds. The tongue is long and covered at the extreme point with a sticky substance, and when the bird sees some small ant or other insect in a tiny crevice in the bark of the tree, it simply inserts its tongue, to which the insect adheres, and by which it is drawn into the bird's bill. It is thus enabled to find an abundance of food it could not otherwise procure, especially during a sharp winter. The tail feathers also differ from those of all other birds, with the exception of the Treecreeper, whose general habits are similar, being very stout at the base and stiff at the end, so as to assist the bird in climbing.

The next point I will draw attention to is the characteristic feet, which differ from those of other birds and resemble those of the Parrot family, having two toes in front and two at the back. The legs are short but very stout, and the sharp claws enable the bird to cling to a bough in any position, and one has only to take a glance at the legs to see that the Woodpeckers do not spend much of their time on the ground.

A Personal Opinion.

Personally, I consider the only species adaptable to captivity is the Lesser Spotted. This must be kept in a very large cage, for it is a very restless bird and hardly ever still; in fact, the proper place would, in my opinion, be an outdoor aviary, which would have to be lined with zinc or the bird would soon peck its way out. Although a small bird, it has an exceedingly sharp and powerful bill. I daresay some of my friends will disagree with me when I say that the Greater Spotted and the Green are not suitable for anything but an aviary, for I know that my friend, Mr. Dewhurst, kept a Greater Spotted Woodpecker in a cage of small dimensions for five or six years. But that I venture to think was an exceptional instance. I do not consider a species whose average cage life does not go much beyond a couple of years or so a very suitable cage bird, and I think that would be about the average length of time the Green could be kept by the ordinary fancier. In any case, a fancier who desired to try his luck should most certainly get a hand-reared specimen of either variety, for I doubt very much if a wild-caught specimen would live.

The Green and Greater Spotted are easily reared, but the Lesser Spotted is much more difficult to manage. The young should be taken from the nest when about ten days old and reared on the very best ants' eggs, soaked, with a plentiful supply of mealworms, beetles (cut up), spiders, flies, and any other live insects. As the birds get on, a little crushed sweet biscuit and yolk of egg should be added; but as soon as the birds can feed themselves, the eggs should be discarded or the birds will develop fits, which is the "beginning of the end," for they get very fat and soon die. The last Greater Spotted Woodpecker I kept was a hand-reared specimen and well over its first moult, and as I subsequently learned had been kept on Lark food, mealworms, and beetles. I started it on a good insectivorous food, the same as I use for Nightingales and similar birds, and in less than a month it developed fits and died.

Another very important item to be remembered is never to put two Woodpeckers in the same cage, no matter whether they be male and female or otherwise, or you will soon have cause to regret your folly. They are very pugnacious, and a playful tap by one on the head of his or her companion is usually sufficient to make it a case of "sudden death."

Tips to be Taken.

As a means of getting some useful hints on the keeping and exhibiting of the Wodpeckers, I paid my friend, Mr. C. T. Maxwell, a visit and found him, as I have done in the past, ever ready to give the readers of CAGE BIRDS the benefit of his practical experience. He has kept all the three species, but his special "fancy" leans towards the Lesser Spotted, of which species he said he had, during the past few years, had numerous specimens.

On one occasion Mr. Maxwell had three charming young ones, all of which turned out to be cocks, and in course of time found their way on to the show bench. He, however, was only able to keep them alive for about two years, by which time the last of the three had died. This has been the average length of time Mr. Maxwell has kept this particular species, and anyone who has had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Maxwell's birds, and the conditions under which he keeps them, will, I feel sure, be satisfied that he will have something to do to go one better with Woodpeckers. On the show bench they scarcely receive the consideration they deserve for the care that must of necessity be bestowed upon them, and these remarks apply equally to the other two species.

Mr. Maxwell has kept the Green with the average amount of success, but found it had a large appetite and required a liberal supply of live ants' eggs to keep it in health. This particular specimen had an unfortunate trick of breaking its tail just when its owner wished to exhibit it.

The Greater Spotted species does not find favour with our friend, for although he has been tempted years ago to keep a specimen, any dealer would have to be exceedingly persuasive to induce him to buy another one. I remember a very nice specimen of the Greater Spotted Woodpecker which Mr. W. H. Valo kept for a couple of years on ordinary insectivorous food and a plentiful supply of mealworms. This particular bird was exceedingly tame and interesting, and had a great liking for ale. It would come to the front of the cage on being shown a glass, and insert its long tongue into the liquid, which it drank with apparent relish.

The Plumage Described.

The plumage of all these species is very attractive; the Green particularly so. The upper plumage of the male is a yellowish green, with a crimson crown and nape, and the underparts greyish green. The lores are black with a crimson patch edged with black on each cheek. The female is less gaudily attired, having much less crimson on the head, and the cheek marks black instead of crimson. The young in nest feather are mottled on the back, and have dark markings on the underparts. It is a large bird, measuring twelve inches in length. The accompanying illustration cleverly depicts this bird.

The frontispiece shows the Greater Spotted Woodpecker, which is some three inches shorter than the last-named species. It is a somewhat pretty bird, though not so gorgeously attired as the last-described. The general plumage is black and white. The male has the upper parts black, the forehead and cheeks white, the nape crimson, the wing feathers barred with white, and the underparts a dingy white, while the vent is red. The female is duller in the markings, has very little red on the nape—sometimes not any—and is a trifle smaller.

The male Lesser Spotted (the large figure shown in the illustration) is very similar to the Greater Spotted species. It has the crown of the head pale crimson and the forehead buff, is barred with white on the back, and is only six inches in length. It will be seen on comparison that while this species has the crown crimson, the larger bird only has the nape crimson, and in *D. Major* the forehead is white, while in *D Minor* the forehead is buff. There are other differences in the plumage of the two birds, but space will not permit of my going too fully into them, and I think the points I have drawn attention to would, apart from the variation in size, enable any fancier to distinguish the one from the other. The young of both the last species have crimson on the head when in the nest feather.

Concluding Hints.

In conclusion, I would impress upon any readers who may feel inclined to keep any of the Woodpeckers, that they must keep them in cages—or aviaries—of such dimensions that the birds can take plenty of exercise. If cages, they should be upon the box principle, i.e., open in the front only, and the height should be about twice the breadth, with a depth of corresponding dimensions to the breadth, say 4 feet high, 2 feet wide, and 18 inches deep. The cage should be lined with thin zinc and fitted on the three sides with virginia cork for the bird to cling to. No perches are necessary or desirable.

The food and water vessels should be so arranged that the bird can reach them without going to the bottom of the cage. There should be a deep draw-board, and it should be kept well covered with sand, which I prefer to fibre or sawdust for these birds. As regards food, ants' eggs (fresh when procurable), dried flies, and, for the two larger species, soaked puppy biscuit passed through a fine perforated zinc sieve, with a liberal supply of live food, would answer well, and for the Lesser Spotted, a similar mixture with a little cream cheese added. The latter item is used with great success, and is strongly recommended by Mr. Maxwell.

"WHO SAID CATS?"

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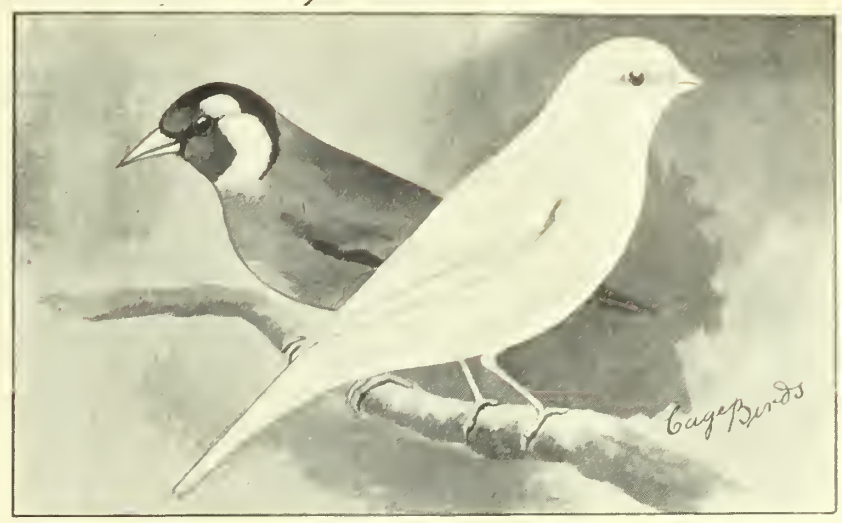
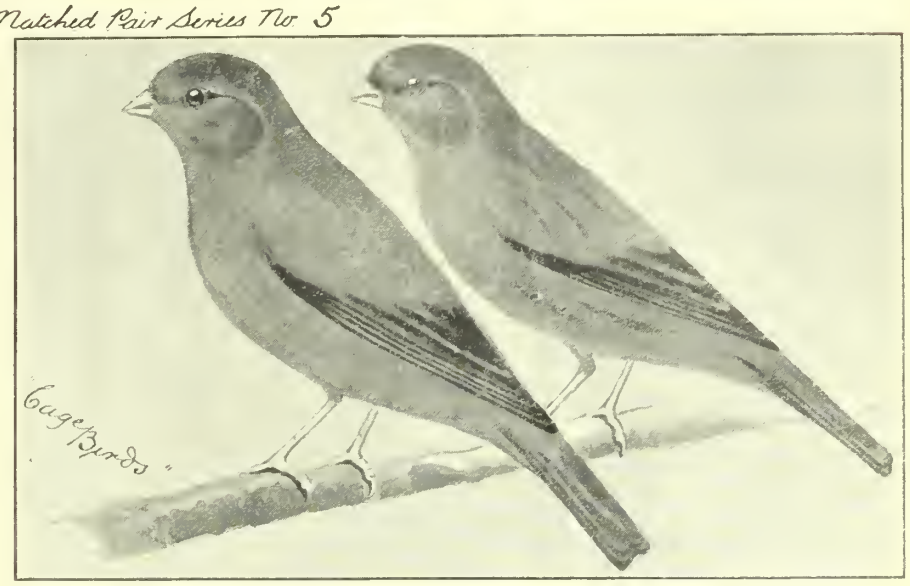


Mule Breeding
Goldfinch. Large richly coloured bird.
Yellow Norwich Hen. Good shape, fine feather.

Matched Pair Series No 5



Cinnamon Canary
Yellow Cock. Rich colour but small, slightly marked.
Buff Hen. Good head, bulky body, sound colour.

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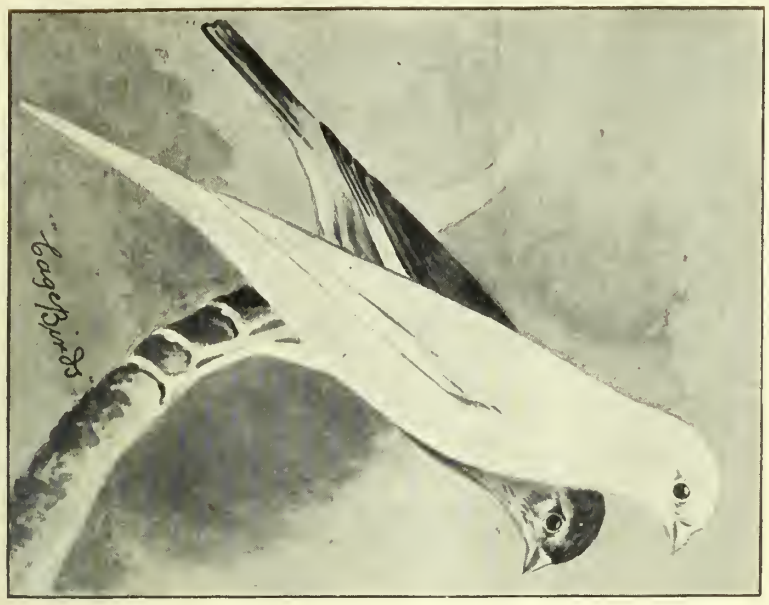

Mule Breeding
Linnet. Large, steady bird
Yellow Yorkshire Hen. Large,
good shape and feather.

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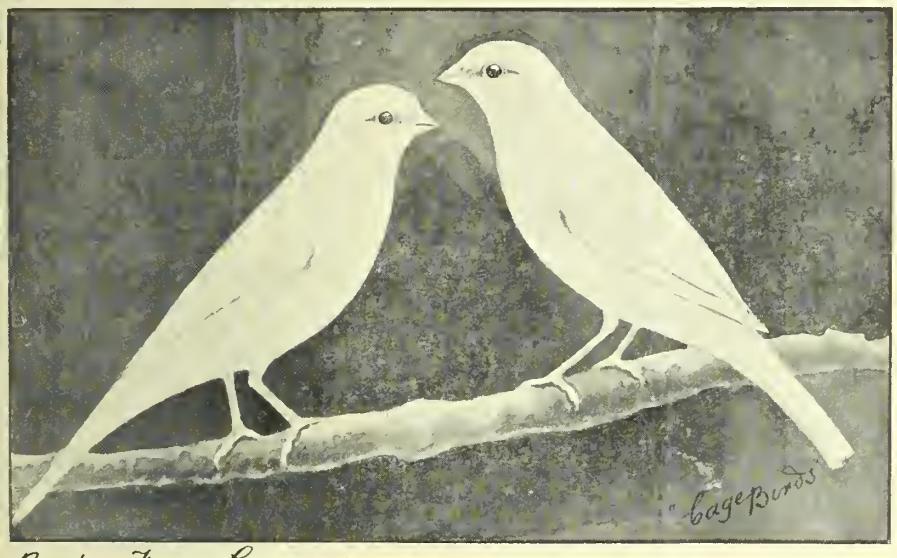
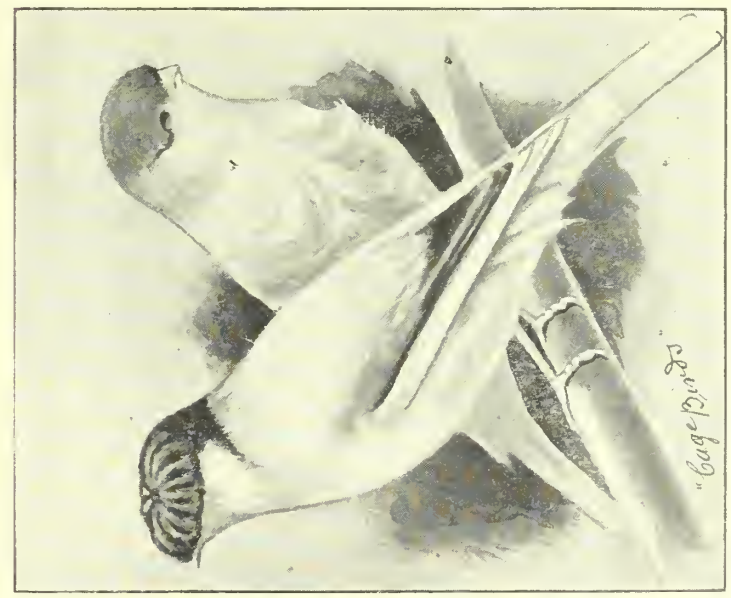


Border Fancy Canary
Yellow Cock. Good shape, fine round head, perfect wings.
Buff Hen. Rather flat head, fails wings.

Matched Pair Series No 3



Crested Canary
Crest Bred Cock. Massive skull,
heavily feathered. Good shape,
Crested Hen. small crest, neat, well, veined.

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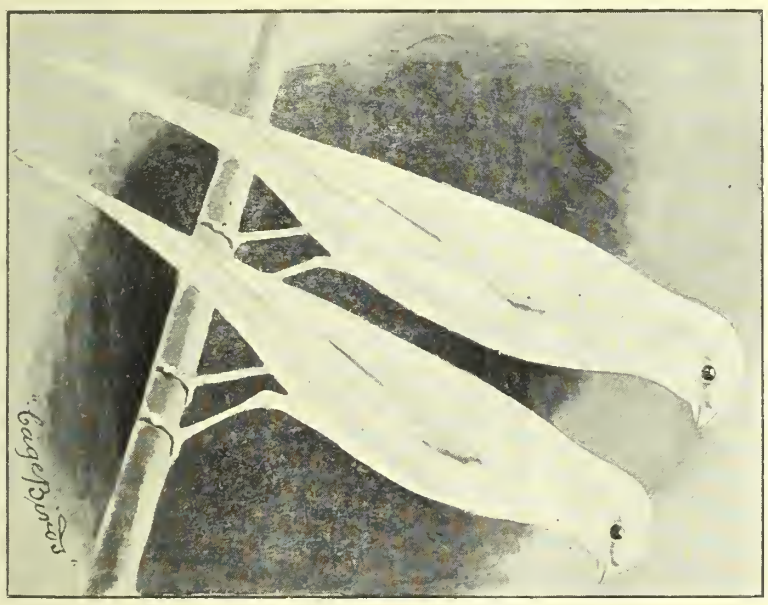
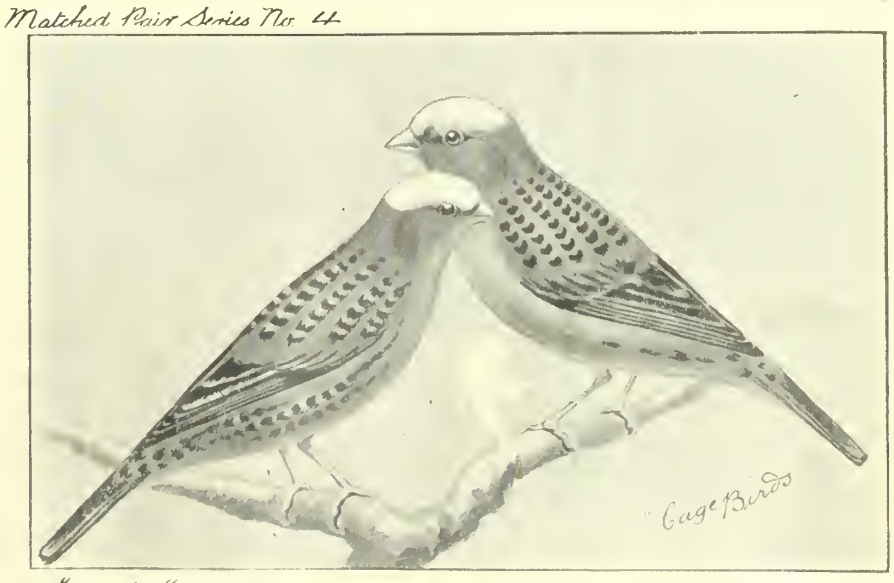


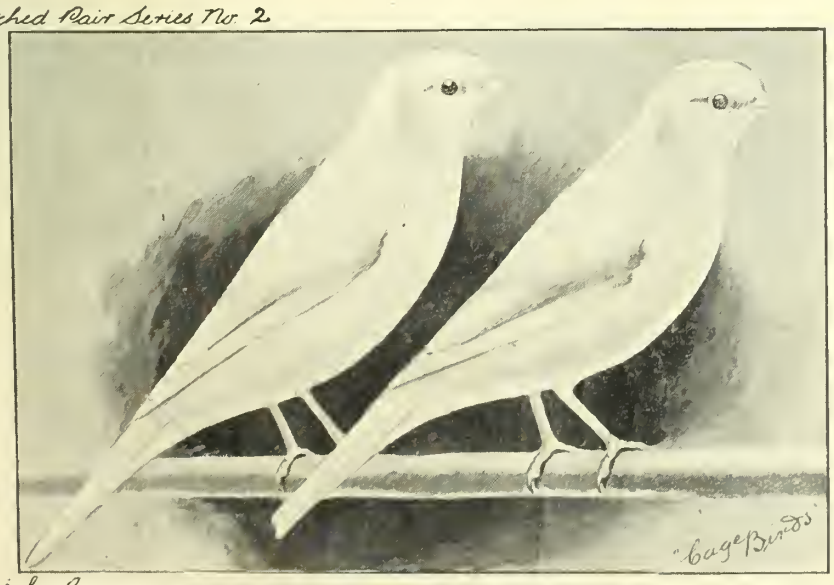
Yorkshire Canary
Yellow Cock. Rather small, but
good bird.
Buff Hen. Large, fails in shape
of body.

Matched Pair Series No 4



Lizard Canary
Gold Cock. Good shape, clear cap, well spangled.
Silver Hen. Broken cap fails in spangling.

Matched Pair Series No 2



Norwich Canary
Buff Cock. Rather long body, shade flat on head, good wings.
Yellow Hen. Round head, stout shapely body.

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Observations on some British Finches.

By J. S. CRAWFORD.

(Continued from page 262.)

The Goldfinch's Excellent Points.

As I have already stated, the Goldfinch a great benefactor to the agriculturist, d this is to be specially noted in fruit antations, orchards, and gardens. Goldches feed their young on a great many sects, and yearly clear off great quanties of the apple aphis and apple sucker, so the caterpillars of that very destrucve moth, viz, the winter moth. They so feed on the flower-heads of dandelion, ickweed, groundsel, etc., as well as weed eds. They also include in their diet istles, plantains, burdock, docks, groundl, sorrel, wild mustard, and many other eeds which are injurious to crops, and nemies of the gardener. So we see that e Goldfinch is of immense value as a deroyer of insects and objectionable weeds. He even excels the Bullfinch as a cage rd, and together with his beauty and leasing note is greatly sought after for omestication. His virtues prove his ownfall, great numbers of these Finches eing caught every year. He is, however, learn, increasing in some districts, but a face of this there are districts where the ird is practically extinct, or only a few airs breed annually. Let us hope he will ncrease more and more every year, for by is beauty, pleasing song, and great useulness, he is worthy of our most careful rotection.

I have noticed that the youth starting in he very interesting and fascinating hobby f British bird-keeping almost invariably egins with a Goldfinch; I presume because he is a songster easily kept in coninement, having a rich voice, being altogether beautiful, and comparatively cheap o purchase, thus suiting the demands of shallow purse, which is, of course, a reat thing of itself. For myself, I would trongly recommend any boy or youth who nticipates starting in the hobby of wild ird-keeping to, perhaps after trying his 'prentice hand at the common Linnet, make the purchase of a Goldfinch, as he nakes a really good pet and a fine house ird.

He will also breed with the Canary in confinement, the young of the twain being called Mules. The Canary-Goldfinch Mule is a really splendid cage bird, and an excellent singer, although the cross-breeding is perhaps rather difficult for an amateur hand, and anyone anticipating breeding Mules should first get a lesson from an old hand. I would here point out that, like the Bullfinch, there is a Siberian Goldfinch, and, like that former bird, he is a bigger and stronger bird than our native Finch.

Some Goldfinch keepers teach their birds, to my mind, the very barbarous trick of drawing their own water and pulling their own seed. The trick is certainly an interesting one, but in order to make the bird accomplish the trick it has to be practically starved, and although some argue it is not torture after the bird has learned it (which is no doubt true), still, to be confined behind cage bars is, in my opinion, quite enough, without having to work for its living, and we must, I am sure, all admit that to draw its own water and pull its own seed is work, though perhaps pleasure to its owner. I understand, however, that the custom is dying out, though still practised to some extent on the Continent.

The bird is sometimes caught in its wild state by means of a hen decoy. This decoy is placed in the bottom half of a partitioned cage, the upper half having a spring door on top; the cage is placed in a prominent position with this flap or spring door opened, and when Goldie comes along he flits over to the cage in answer to the hen Goldie's call, flies in, the spring door shuts down, and someone is the owner of a fine cock bird. This is only one of the many devices of bird-catching, and this mode is also practised with the Bullfinch.

The Charming Chaffinch.

We now come to the Chaffinch (*Fringilla Cœlebs*). This bird has many local names, such as Shilfa, Spink, Twink Shilfa, Chaffy, Shelly, Spinx, Beech Finch, Boldie, Wet Bird, Buck Finch, Dung Finch, etc. One writer asserts in regard to the Chaffinch that if the country were to lose the Chaffinch it would lose its charm, and another writer states, and I agree with him, that if the country lost the Chaffinch it would be nothing short of a national calamity.

When in the country his "pink, pink" greets us at almost every turn. Here we see him tripping down the lane in front of us, while sometimes we see a flash of bright colouring—red, green, and white—before us, and the "Shilfa" lands in that small hedge in front, raps out his "pink, pink," sees us, and with another flash is off again. He is indeed a charm to the country, and worthy of his title as one of Britain's most beautiful birds. He is a very common Finch, and, being nowise shy, is easily approached.

His size is about six inches, and he has a black forehead (or frontal stripe), with nape and crown greyish-blue; back, chestnut-coloured, with a green sheen, the scapulars being similarly coloured; deep red breast, verging into white on the belly or underparts. The wings are black, with two white prominent bands running across them, and the tail is black also. The hen is not so gaudily coloured as her mate, being mainly ashy-grey.

The Chaffinch "At Home."

As the Chaffinch wins our admiration by his beauty, he also commands our attention as the most beautiful nest-builder of our British birds, except, perhaps, the Long-tailed Tit. The nest is constructed of various coloured lichens, moss, wool, lined with hair and feathers, but a good deal depends on the locality as regards the materials chosen. The nest will often be found in the fork of a fruit or other tree—sometimes in a hawthorn hedge. They also favour the fir as a nesting site, and I have also found it built in the ivy growing round the trunks of trees.

It is a wonderful structure, comprising compactness, neatness, durability, and beauty, and the bird will often weave bits of coloured paper, cloth, etc., in among the lichens, and the resemblance of the nest to its surroundings is indeed wonderful, and the whole is a masterpiece of nest architecture.

Some bird lovers form the opinion that it is from a sense of beauty that the Chaffinch builds such a pretty nest, but I, for one, do not share such a view, it being to my mind simply adaption to circumstances and self-preservation. As one can readily understand, any pair of Chaffinches, building such a nest through a sense of beauty on their own part, would only compass their own downfall, and probably that of their young, for being gaudily decorated (as some suppose through a sense of beauty) it would readily attract the attention of the birds' enemies, and if not killed themselves their young would probably be so, and thus the young Chaffinches would not live to inherit the supposed decorative properties of their parents.

To Attract or to Distract?

So from this one can understand that the nest must surely be built to distract and not to attract attention, and from this we see that the bird has no decorative instincts, but purely those of self-preservation, and the Chaffinch shows these propensities in a marked degree.

The Chaffinch lays usually four or five eggs of a pale purple colour, spotted and streaked with dark purplish-brown, these marks being generally towards the larger end; but sometimes an egg is found almost devoid of colour, varying, as most eggs do, greatly.

Like most other birds the Chaffinch is a good parent, and what droll-looking youngsters young Chaffinches are, to be sure. It is, indeed, a comical sight to come across four or five of these young hopefuls perched on a branch waiting, with but little show of patience, on their never-tiring mother.

As already noted, the Chaffinch is of great service to the agriculturist, and, though he will occasionally take a few berries and a little garden seed, still he includes in his diet such destructive insects as cockchafers, moths, caterpillars and chrysalides, crane flies, blight, beetles, and the eggs of insects and the following weeds—groundsel, chickweed, charlock, wild mustard, wild berries, and many other objectionable weeds; so, like the Goldfinch, the Chaffinch is a very useful bird, and deserves our every protection.

In winter the sexes separate and hunt in flocks for food, but whether they resume cohabitation when spring comes round again it is hard to tell, but I would mention I have seen some flocks of these birds with a mixture of both cocks and hens.

Like the Goldfinch, the Chaffinch makes a good cage bird, but, of course, not in such a marked degree as the former bird; but he will, like the Goldfinch, be found at the many bird shows throughout the country, heated competition often taking place between competitors for the production of the best birds.

A point has come up lately in regard to the Chaffinch, and this is, whether this bird walks or hops when on the ground. My experience is that the Chaffinch does both to a certain extent. I have noticed while the Chaffinch is feeding in fields that it hops, but when on the bare ground it will often assume the tripping gait of the Wagtail; but it would be interesting to hear from other naturalists what their opinion is.

The Robust Greenfinch.

We now pass on to the Greenfinch (*Ligurinus chloris*), called also Green Linnet, Greenulf, Green Grosbeak, Green Bird, etc. This bird is familiar to all, being well distributed and very plentiful, and, though common, is by no means an unsightly Finch. If he is not so gaudily coloured and as pretty as the Finches already dealt with, still he is handsome and has a pretty song, and is a bird, to my mind, in his right place.

We could not very well do without the Greenfinch, although the gardener often thinks otherwise, being no friend of that worthy, and almost as much disliked as the much-harassed Sparrow.

The Greenfinch is an active and robust bird, plump, and of a hardy constitution. He is very wary, and not easily approached, as whenever danger threatens he is off to a safe distance with his strange, Starling-like flight reminding one as if he had made up his mind where to go, and was determined to get there with all speed. He is about 6in. in length, and of a greenish-yellow colour, variegated with ashy-grey and yellow.

The hen bird lacks the yellow tinge prominent in the cock, being more of a greenish-grey in colour. The young are dark grey on the upper parts, with the throat and breast similarly marked, the back being brown, but the young Greenfinches soon take on the normal colour of their parents.

Feeding and Nesting.

The Greenfinch feeds on weeds and seeds, such as the charlock, thistle, wild mustard, corn, and the buds of trees. He also feeds on insects, such as crane flies, beetles, cockchafers, caterpillars, blight, etc. As I have already stated, there is not much love lost between the Greenfinch and the gardener, and, of course, it cannot be denied he does considerable damage in the garden; but, like the Bullfinch, I would plead for him on the ground of his being an insect destroyer, and I am of opinion he does more good than harm.

In winter the Greenfinch feeds on hips and haws, and such seeds as are found round the farms and stockyards, and while in search of food he is by no means shy, and is caught in company with the Linnet, etc., in great numbers every year.

Unlike the Chaffinch the Greenfinch is a very untidy nest-builder. The nest, which is generally built about April, is constructed of twigs and grasses, with a large proportion of moss, and is lined with horsehair, wool and feathers. The nest will be found in many positions, but the Greenfinch dearly loves a good thick bush for the purpose.

The eggs, of which there are generally five or six, are sometimes very round and sometimes very pointed, and of a light green colour spotted with red, and this usually round the larger end. He is, like the Finches already dealt with, a good cage bird, and has often been termed the boy's pet. I have seen great numbers of this Finch sold at auction for a few coppers, which proves his plentifulness, whilst his hardiness makes him in every respect suitable for domestication.

The Greenfinch also commands a place on the show bench, and when trained for showing is indeed a lovely bird and greatly admired.

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Habits of Teal.

Although Teal move about in flocks, they have the peculiar habit of spreading themselves over the country, and may often be disturbed in the brooks, reedy dykes or waterways of the marshes. They fly fast and straight, their small wings beating quickly. If undisturbed they are likely to stay, as they have a great partiality for certain spots; in fact in this matter they are almost as conservative as the Snipe. Not being so dependant upon large sheets of water as the Wild Duck, they are not so easily disturbed or interfered with. With Duck if one is frightened the whole flock takes wing and probably moves off to some quieter district. I have during a day put up many Teal singly, over marshland, not more than a mile or two in extent.

THE GREEN WOODPECKER.
(MALE)
See Mr. Sandy's Article.

The Management of Belgian & Scotch Fancy Canaries.

By THOS. SMITH.

(Continued from page 261.)

If the Scotch Fancy pair are to rear their own young, the cock should be confined to one hen, which is essential. Let it be either the Scotch Fancy pair or the common pair; for successful rearing it is necessary to have devoted and undivided attention. It is well to decide at the commencement how the rearing is to be accomplished, not that it is imperative to continue as they begin. We all know that changes have to be made to meet exigencies, but forethought and planning beforehand saves a vast amount of heart-burning, plenty of which comes during the season, and should be avoided as far as possible.

A Tip About the Tail

The tail feathers in the breeding season are apt to become dirty and clogged through running about the bottom of the cage. A good plan with Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries is to clip about an inch or less off the end. This can be done when the bird is in the hand; at any rate, the claws should be pruned. The cutting of the tail spoils the appearance of the bird till the new feathers appear in the autumn, but it promotes tidiness.

Every fancier likes to see a clean, smart, tidy Scotch Fancy or Belgian Canary, and in the busy season life is too short to be daily catching the bird and washing the tail feathers, as has sometimes to be done with certain high-class favourites.

At Commencement of Breeding Season

food may be augmented to the extent of giving the egg mixture three times a week and available green food, which must not be frosted, or a piece of ripe apple every second day. This helps to bring the birds forward, but as soon as the hen has laid the full clutch of eggs, withdraw the egg mixture and green food, giving only Canary seed and a pinch of raw rape seed.

It is of the utmost importance and is absolutely essential to success that substantial and the best of food should be given while the parents or foster-parents are feeding. Cheap eggs are apt to be tainted, and a tainted meal may lead to the loss of the young. Where fresh eggs can be obtained they should be used, and if a fresh supply of egg mixture is put into the pan three times daily, both the yolk an dwhite of the egg can be mixed up with the biscuit. As already indicated, there are various biscuits which are suitable, but I prefer farthing Abernethy. Both old and young birds do well on this diet.

On the Feeding of Young.

On the thirteenth day from the date on which the hen commenced to sit, egg mixture should be supplied and given fresh three times daily, say at 6 a.m. (or earlier, but not later), noon, and 6 p.m., giving at same time fresh green food, removing all old food. In short, the birds should have nothing else to feed upon but wholesome food. Hemp seed should be added. I strongly recommend the crushing of the Hemp seed and mixing it with the egg food. My experience is that the crushed Hemp is a decided help, but it should only be given in limited quantities. If the pair are good feeders, on and after the fourth day the egg pan should be well cleaned out by them; if otherwise, there is cause to feel anxious about the young.

Some fanciers, when they do not see food in very young birds, become alarmed and resort to hand-feeding, which is a serious mistake. In some of the best attended young, food is not visible in the crop during the first two days, and the owner should be pleased if they have a plump, healthy appearance, and keep close together crossed over each other, and he should disturb them as little as possible. Within the first few days, young birds are liable to be pulled out of the nest, necessitating a watch being maintained to see that no young bird is lying about the nest-board or on the bottom of cage. Should a young bird be found out of the nest, it should not be thrown out without testing if there is a spark of life in it, which can be done by holding the bird between the palms of the two hands or before the fire. If there is still life it will move and speedily recover, and should at once be put under the hen. I knew of a cup winner being saved in that way.

Some hens are very guilty of dragging the young birds out, and require to be watched at stated intervals, three or four times a day. By the fifth day a thriving bird will be too heavy to be drawn out, and anxiety on that score will then end.

Delay in Egg-Laying.

This is a subject of annoyance to fanciers at all stages; to the beginners, the matured, and the long-experienced fanciers. It is all the more annoying should it happen with the best hen on which every hope is centred.

The pair should not be separated; rather put the cock into a different cage for the half of each day, running him back into the breeding cage for the remainder of the day. That plan has succeeded where all others failed, and is well worthy of a trial. If the hen is in condition she will set to her mate at once. Plenty of moss is a help, as it encourages the hen to build.

Canaries vary as to when they commence to lay; some take ten days, others three weeks, and others longer. From the date of pairing patience has to be exercised. Nature will run its course. When a pair is tardy, the egg mixture should be curtailed, as the birds will be in danger of becoming too fat, and that might spoil the hen for breeding.

From a Drawing *By R. Jolliffe.*

THE SENSATIONAL ONE-HUNDRED-POUND SCOTCH FANCY CANARIES.

Portraits of the Buff Cock and Pied Buff Hen shown by Mr. McClure (Glasgow), and claimed at the Paisley New Year Show for £100.

A Word on Hand Feeding.

Hand-feeding should be avoided if at all possible. I have known breeders who, because they did not see food in the crop on the first day of existence commenced hand-feeding. This invariably leads to the hen stopping to feed. Nothing equals the natural up-bringing for health and the minimum of labour, and the hen should have every chance of doing her duty. A bird or a nest may be saved by hand-rearing, but a hand-reared bird is backward, and bears a sickly appearance.

A small cage, say with one perch and fairly wide wires, should be available, so that when both or either of the parents or foster-parents evince any disposition to pluck the feathers of the young birds they should at once be consigned to the nursery. The cage should be so placed that the parents can easily feed through the wires.

Plucking of feathers has a bad effect and spoils the carriage of a Scotch Fancy or Belgian Canary until it passes completely through the moult. Preserved with a nursery cage when capable to take care of themselves, the young emerge strong and ready to fight the battle of life.

Plenty of Grit a Necessity

The bottom of the cage should always have a sprinkling of sea sand with grit. Very fine sand is not suitable and should be avoided. Bird and seed shops have suitable sand put up in packets at a reasonable figure, so that no fancier need to be without sand. The hen in particular, the moment fresh sand is supplied, jumps to the bottom and picks at it with great eagerness.

Sea shells should be pounded down and run through a sieve, and afterwards mixed with the sand. The egg shells which the housewife throws out can be used in the same way. Were shells freely mixed in the sand, fewer cases of egg-binding and of eggs without shells would be heard of. Little attentions of this kind reduce the heart burnings which arise in connection with the aviary.

Trouble will come, but it is the duty of every fancier to place helps at the disposal of our pets who are not free like the wild birds to search for what aids nature in the breeding season. A true fancier on a holiday to the coast will bring home something that will be useful for the live stock.

In the event of a hen taking to the nest and not laying, she should be provided with a nest of eggs and allowed to hatch them and bring up the young. Ten chances to one she will lay and give no further trouble.

Failure to Feed the Young.

The failure of hens to feed the young is the greatest vexation of the bird room, and is intensified by the fact that little can be done to effect a cure. Occasionally a hen will feed if the cock is removed, but there is the danger later on. In ordinary cases the male takes the responsibility of rearing from the tenth day or thereabouts onwards, so that when he has to be removed from that or any other cause he should be put back beside the hen when the young are eight days old. As a rule he will take up the feeding of the young until they are in a position to forage for themselves.

In our varying climate March is rather early for eggs and too early for young, and the fancier who has next month to look forward to for a start will have the best of it. Patience at the start brings its own reward, and patience should be practised all through.

(To be continued.)

YORKSHIRES IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND.

A photograph of the magnificent challenge cup belonging to the Northern Yorkshire C.C., reaches us from the hon. secretary, Mr. T. C. Crawhall. It is a splendid trophy, and a credit to so young a Specialist Club. Mr. Crawhall has also been good enough to supply the appended particulars of the work to date of this body of Yorkshire enthusiasts.

About twelve months ago the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club was formed to foster the interests of the bird of length and position in the North of England. Until then there were only a few breeders, in the North-Eastern part at least, who kept one or two pairs of Yorkshires. During the year we have received applications and enrolled thirty members, and have the prospect of many more this coming season, including two of the officials of the Cumberland Yorkshire C.C., who, unfortunately, were too late in applying for registration this last season to compete for the specials offered. We welcome additions to our ranks. We have subscribed for a Challenge Cup, which was competed for at Wallsend, and was won by our esteemed President, Mr. J. W. Cuthbertson; should Mr. C. be successful in winning it next year it will become his own property. It is for the best young bird bred by a member, to be won two years in succession, or three times in all. In addition to this, we have provided three medals for competition at each of the following local shows: Newcastle, S. Shields, Blaydon, and Gateshead. This has created enthusiasm amongst the members, and has increased entries at the shows. We have also given a large silver, gold-centre medal for the most points at the above shows. As regards the type and quality of the exhibits, there has certainly been a great improvement upon last year, and so far as I can hear members are striving to obtain better birds for breeding with, and hope to further improve their stock this coming season. We usually have had to take a back seat when, as is very often the case, some of the "second raters" sent from Yorkshire birds which are not good enough to win in their own district, but are just a trifle better than ours; so they take the plums whilst we have to pay the piper. But the Northern men are waking up. They will not be beaten if it is possible to buy good ones, for they cannot buy them, as many of our members are working men. The classes have filled well on the whole, the shows have been practically equally well supported, and altogether the future of the Yorkshires seems rosy enough in the districts covered by the Club.—T. C. Crawhall, Hon. Sec.

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The ANNUAL is quite a treat for all bird nciers. I may say it is just the thing to our young members good. I wish it ery success.—A. E. Bishop, secretary Worster and Dis. C.B.S.

I must take this opportunity of thanking ou for CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL to hand. You ould have no difficulty in clearing out at n early date such a volume of interesting nd instructivo matter for sixpence a copy. -A. W. CURTIS (Fulham).

The ANNUAL for this year is simply grand, I enture to say is the best ever published. he diary for the year is very handy indeed, nd the illustrations are fine. I must say Mr. orman's work is the very best I have ever en. Good luck to CAGE BIRDS.—A. H. C. GG (Porth).

My CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL arrived some time go, but as it was the first one I have had I anted to read it carefully through before ying what I thought of it. I have studied veral of the items and consider the book a arvel of cheapness. Nothing could be finer; is well worth double the amount charged r it.—JNO. C. SPILSBURY (Stockport).

Permit me to compliment you upon this ar's issue of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL just to nd, writes Mr. J. B. Waterman (East Dulch). I am pleased to see you have reverted the old style, which I think is more popular an the form you adopted last season. The esent number is indeed an excellent one, the strations being splendidly done, while the merous articles are both entertaining and structive. The "Standards and scales of ints" is a very useful feature, and what a eat the article on "Washing and preparing birds for exhibition" will be for the novices! deed, the whole work is replete with valule information to those interested in the ping, breeding and exhibiting of cage birds, d the work is as indispensable to lovers of hobby as "Whitaker" is to the man of siness, or "Dod" to the politician. It is and value for the sixpence you charge, and hope it will command a ready sale.

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To The Manager,
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With Spring's approach breeders of birds will be turning their attention to the rearing season, and Messrs. Spratt's Patent Ltd., 24 and 25, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C., the world-renowned firm of specialists in all kinds of bird, etc., foods, take this opportune moment to again bring to our notice their Cod Liver Oil Cage Bird Food. Last season, we understand, it was sold and used much more largely than ever before, and has superseded the egg and breadcrumb method in many a bird room. If fanciers have not already used it they ask the favour of a trial, and will on receipt of a post-card send samples of this food and, if desired, samples of their ready prepared Red or Orange Colour Foods, Mixed Bird Seeds, etc. A copy of their pamphlet on Cage Bird Rearing they will also be pleased to send all applicants. It is claimed that the Cod Liver Oil Food has passed the experimental stages. It is now widely recognised as a most efficient egg-food substitute for the rearing of young birds, for keeping the hens in good condition during the laying and rearing time, and for assisting the deposition of colour during colour feeding. Its tonic and nutritive properties also render it invaluable during the moult.

A NEW NORWICH CLUB FORMED AT BRADFORD.

At a well-attended meeting of Norwich fanciers and prominent exhibitors, held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on March 14th, it was decided to form a Norwich Plainhead Club. Mr. D. Sunderland was voted to the chair, in the absence of Mr. W. H. Shackleton, and in opening the meeting he spoke of the advisability of forming such a club, which at the present time was a much needed one. This proved to be the case on the enrolling of members, a total of 36 members being down in good time, including prominent Norwich fanciers from York, Huddersfield, Halifax, Accrington, Buttershaw, etc. After discussion it was decided to leave the question of rad us open for the present, and to invite suggestions from intending members. It was moved that a small sub-committee be formed pro tem. to get all in working order and arrange next meeting. This committee consisted of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. W. H. Shackleton, A. Haigh, J. W. Holmes, F. Hammond, J. Wilcock, S. Wilcock (Bradford), J. Mottram (Halifax), T. Boyle and D. Hunter (York). It was also carried that the annual subscription be 2s. 6d. Will all intending members kindly communicate with the secretary, who will be pleased to give all information possible; will they also kindly state if they will be eligible for election to office.—Oliver Mitchell, secretary, pro tem., 13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford.

OUR LATEST SET OF PICTURE POSTCARDS.

"Pairs Matched for Breeding."

With this week's special spring number is included a new and novel set of picture postcards, from the brush of that versatile and clever artist, Mr. H. Norman, which we venture to think will meet with instant and hearty welcome from readers of our journal, both by reason of their educational value, accuracy of drawing and usefulness.

And we may say that it is only by readers making use of them that we can hope to be in some measure recouped for the heavy expenditure involved in their production. Therefore, we ask our friends to make the fullest possible use of the eight post cards, comprising the set, in the course of their correspondence with friends, as by this means CAGE BIRDS may be brought to the notice of someone who delights in birds, yet who has not previously made the acquaintance of our journal. The post office regulations, we may say, permit of at least one-third of the space on front (at left-hand side) being used for sending messages, the name and address being written on the remaining space on the front of the card.

The illustrations require no explanatory remarks from us, the birds and the inscriptions under them telling their own story. That they may assist some of the younger fanciers among our many friends to a fuller and more complete understanding of what is meant by the term, "the proper mating of birds," is our sole wish, and if this object be attained, then our artist and ourselves will feel more than satisfied, for labours involved, in the fact that such a result has accrued from our efforts.

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TYSON *v.* CARL.

A completely misleading and mendacious report of the above case having appeared in a contemporary journal, we have no option but to depart from our original intention of saying little or nothing upon this decidedly unpleasant topic.

Knowing the person in control of the journal in question, we do not expect, and have never expected, even ordinary fair play from it, but after reading the account in its columns it is impossible to refrain from an expression of surprise that any public paper, no matter what its standing, should so completely misrepresent its opponent's case, suppress everything that tells in the latter's favour, whilst distorting and magnifying everything that remains.

Contrasting their report with the verbatim account supplied us by an independent London newsagency, we venture to say that scarcely *a line of the evidence is truthfully reported.*

Whole speeches are put into the mouths of both plaintiff and defendant, and Counsel on both sides, which were never uttered by them. The speech of the plaintiff's counsel is apparently given in extenso, but not a single word of the speech for the defence is published!

They cannot alter the verdict, but they try to make it appear that it was quite a "toss of the coin," so to speak. Whereas, the judge declared that he was never for one moment in doubt, almost from the start of the case, both with regard to the intention of the parties and the actual contract that was made between them. (Vide the judgment, *printed word for word as it was delivered*, given on page 274 last week).

As a matter of fact, the judge saw through the lines and arrived at the secret of the dispute as quickly as anybody. He dismissed the various "red herrings" which the plaintiff's counsel tried to draw across the path, and his shrewd observation to the effect that "the catalogue and schedule upon which our complaint was founded looked as if they were publications issued by our contemporary," went to the root of the whole matter.

Not a single line of the expert testimony is recorded by our contemporary, nor are the names of the witnesses published. Why?

Was it because one of the expert witnesses for the plaintiff was proved under cross examination to be associated commercially with the proprietor of our contemporary, whilst the other witness was simply a printer's foreman who testified to the fact that *the advertisements comploined of* and ordered in the contract as "head-lines," were ACTUALLY BLOCKS SUPPLIED BY OUR CONTEMPORARY?

These and sundry other equally damaging facts we might have published last week had we not desired to show that consideration for a defeated adversary which it is usual and proper to display.

Of this, however, we are certain, that such palpably malicious misrepresentations will always fail of their intended effect. The members of Mr. Tyson's Association, however loyal they may be to Mr. Tyson, are, at any rate, not unanimous upon the question of his attitude towards our paper. Several of them, though subscribers to the fund founded for the purpose of bringing this action against us, have confessed that in their opinion Mr. Tyson made a serious mistake.

We would not have ventured to say anything further on the subject, but for the discreditable tactics of our real opponent, who, having egregiously failed in the Law Courts with Mr. Tyson as a protecting buttress to convince an impartial judge that we were as unworthy as they would have the world believe, vainly seek through the medium of their own columns to set up a Pyrhhic victory for the plaintiff—possibly because they feel they owe him this sop for heeding the "Voice of the Siren."

An excellent programme of monthly meetings has been arranged by the Exeter and District C.B.S., a copy of which reaches us from the Secretary, Mr. R. H. Folley. It includes a pair show during March, First Feather Shows on June 6th and August 1st, washing competitions on October 6th, and a fanciers' ramble on July 4th. Meetings are held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Exeter.

The annual year book of the Brighton F. and F.A., to hand from Mr. Fred Perrin, the sec., is quite a handsome little volume. The secretary's 17th annual report states, among other things that the membership is very good, there being more names on the roll than in the previous year, and that the cash balance £7 7s. is a slight increase on that of last year. The society has now five new Challenge Cups.

CLUB NOTICES: continued.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Mar. 27, Station Hotel, Wallsend, 7.30. Business important. Intending members invited.—J. Johnston.

Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland.—Mar. 23, 65, West Regent St., Glasgow, 8. Committee meeting, first feather show, classification and patronage to open shows, proposal to provide cup for annual competition.—F. Bowman.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Mar. 24., Victoria Restaurant, 8. Lecture by Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) on "Breeding for Colour." Fanciers and friends invited.—B. Head.

Ashton-under-Lyne A.D.O.S.—Mar. 28, P.S.A. rooms, 8. Business important.—H. Foden.

Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S. Mar. 26, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Concert for members and wives. Friends invited.—W. Richinson.

Ayr and Dist. C.B.C.—Mar. 27, Wallace Tower, 8. Committee meeting, final arrangements for members' show, and to erect staging.—C. Irvine.

Admiral Duncan, O.S. Nottingham.—Mar. 21, Admiral Duncan, 8. Very important business. — W. Healey.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Election of secretary and arrangement of syllabus for summer months.—T. Coward.

Barrow and Dist. C.B.A.—Mar. 25, Club-room, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of officers.—W. Willison.

Bradford East O.S.—Mar. 24, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Debate on "The Yorkshire Canary," opener Mr. C. Cowgill. Election of delegates to Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., and other important business.—H. Hill.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Mar. 21, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 5. Members' tea and social.—H. Clegg.

Bramley and Dist. O.S.—Mar. 21, 7. Paper on "Breeding and Rearing of the Norwich Canary" by Mr. Mennard (Leeds).—Jas. Metcalfe.

Burnley and Dist. C.B.C.—Mar. 24, 7.30. Committee meeting.—G. Watson.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Mar. 23, Church Institute, 60, Paddington St., Marylebone, W., 8.15. Lecture by J. M. Norris, Esq., on "The Roller Canary," and payment of prize money. Bird lovers especially invited.—V. Wynn.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Mar. 21, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. To discuss cup rule No. 4.—Parker and Atkinson.

Darlington C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Half Moon, 8. Special meeting; business very important.—E. Brunskill.

Derby C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Victoria St. Congregational Schoolroom, 7. Alteration of meeting time, classes for open show and members'.—W. Stevens.

Dysart C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Normand Hall, 7.30. Business of Importance.—New members enrolled.—J. Logan.

Ealing, Hanwell, and Dist. F.S.—Mar. 26, headquarters, 8. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House on "How to Succeed in the Fancy." Friends and Fanciers invited.—W. Bird.

Glasgow and Western C.C.—Mar. 28, 122, Ingram St., 4. Monthly show, five classes; Goldfinch, Brit., Linnet, Siskin, Greenfinch, and For. Goldfinch. Judge, Mr. P. Pettigrew. Judging competition open to all: members' entry, 6d.—J. H. Adam.

Great Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 23, headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30. Business important.—G. Waddington.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Mar. 28, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Special business.—H. Schofield.

Great Horton O.S.—April 11, Butcher's Arms, 8. First Feather Show, and special prizes for members' shows.—J. Holroyd.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Two Brewers, Greenwich, 8. Very important financial business to be transacted.—F. W. Hamer.

Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 24, Central Dining Rooms, 7.30. Lecture by Rev. R. P. Hudson (Bury).—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Kilmarnock C.B.F.C.—Mar. 25, No. 3 room Temperance Hall, 7.30. Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite judging competition. Members please turn out a good team of birds.—R. McCaw.

Leicester C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High St., 8.15. Table show: Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, Linnet, and A.S. Brit hen. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chick (Nottingham), who will also lecture on "Some well-known British Birds from an Exhibition point of view." Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Liverpool O.S.—Mar. 24, Alexandra Hall, 8. Open show, judges, C.B.U. business, and other important matters, including CAGE BIRDS advt.—J. W. Metcalfe.

Macclesfield and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Daybrook St. School, 7.30. To make final arrangements for Mr. S. R. Compton's lecture on Mar. 28, 7 p.m. Subject, "Canary Breeding and Management." Fanciers and friends invited.—F. Broadhurst.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Mar. 26, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. Important lecture by well-known authority. Fanciers heartily welcome.—A. J. Head.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Business important.—D. Jeremy.

Musselburgh O.S.—Mar. 28, McDonald's Rooms, 7. Issue of rules, general business.—D. Eay.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Mar. 21, at Lockhart's Cafe, Clayton St., 3. Annual meeting. Balance sheet for 1907 will be read and medals presented to successful members; election of officers, arrangements for table shows and patronages. Fanciers wishing to join please send their names to J. R. Slack, sec.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 24, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Paper by Mr. W. A. Bladon, "Management of Bird Room." Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Davey.

Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 24, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General business and washing competition; open to all.—F. Steeple.

Pendleton and Saltord O.S.—Mar. 23, Chapel St. Congregational Hall, 8. Lecture by Mr. Raynes on "The Norwich." Fanciers and friends invited.—W. Jackson.

Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Mar. 21, Danix Temp. Bar, Hannah St., Porth, 7.30. Business of importance.—R. G. Challenger.

Sale Open O.S.—Mar. 28, Sale Hotel, 7.30. Table show of pairs, and lecture by Alf. Wellings.—G. F. Hardcastle.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A. Mar. 21, Station Hotel, 7. Business important.—J. M. Nicholson.

Stockport B.F.A.—Mar. 24, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Show date and alteration of meeting night.—W. Stafford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Mar. 28, The Cafe, Fawcett St. Smoke room, 7.30. Adjourned meeting for judges, rules. Members please bring friends.—F. W. Gordon.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 24, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Paper by Mr. Allen (Cleckheaton) on "The Yorkshire Canary."—J. Smith.

Winsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Mr. J. Hartley will open a debate on "The Cinnamon Yorkshire." Fanciers and friends invited.—E. W. Johnson.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids **G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life **H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Starting Again.

"Fresh Starter." You will doubtless find the notes re converting a shed into an aviary on the Novices' page during the last two weeks very helpful. Most of these remarks would apply equally to your own case. But as your shed has so much glass, it will be best to defer beginning to breed until April has commenced, as the shed is doubtless subject to fluctuations of temperature. Two cocks and four hens, breeding in cages, and running each cock with two hens alternately, should give you a very fair start. Sawdust must not be used for the bottoms of the cages during the breeding season. The fine gravel from the seashore will be very good indeed for the purpose. After the breeding season is over, and in the flights, to which the young are transferred, sawdust is both cleaner and warmer than sand, but a shallow tin of gritty sand must be kept in one corner of the cage. When the moult is finished you would do well to remove the cages and give the birds freedom of the whole shed for the winter. 2: The sample of Canary seed you send is very sweet, and a good sample; but it is very small—that is its only fault. The rape is far too strong for my choice; you should try to get some of the same kind that is mild.

Does Polygamy Pay?

Pedlar.—Yes, two cock birds and six hens would agree together flying loose in a room with plenty of nesting boxes provided, and would doubtless breed successfully. As to whether it would be more profitable to mate each cock alternately with two hens in breeding cages it is difficult to say. Indeed, I should say that only the actual results of each method could decide the point. To a great extent the class of birds kept would influence the matter, and if you had a good, hardy, free-breeding variety or strain, the result of the birds flying loose would probably show the greatest number of birds hatched and reared. But with higher-class stock, if you have already acquired some skill in the management of the birds in cages, and providing you purchased another cock bird to run with the two extra hens, it is quite possible you may produce more birds by breeding in cages. But even if you did, there would be, as a set-off, the extra cost of a third cock bird for the third couple of hens, as well as many times over more work and trouble all the season. With very ordinary luck I should expect the balance to be in favour of breeding with them loose in the room.

Building Aviary.

Doubts and Difficulties. There seems to be really little difficulty in building an aviary on the plot of which you send a rough sketch. The situation and aspect appear to be very suitable. If the parting wall between the premises of the houses marked No. 24, and 26, is high enough, I should utilise that for the back of a lean-to structure, which, by starting from the wall at the bottom of the garden, might be made any length up to twenty-five feet, leaving you then with a clear fifteen feet between the end of the aviary and the house door. The portion of the back end should consist of a solid wooden structure about six feet long for shelter, roosting, nesting, etc. and the remaining fifteen feet of open wire with a wood roof. If the wall is high enough to allow this to be carried out, a similar lean-to aviary would doubtless run all along the wall of the bakehouse at the bottom of garden. For a separate span roof building the space between the two small flower beds near the centre of the open space seems most suitable if it is available. You do not say what birds you wish to breed, but this part of your query, and also that about dimensions, you will find more fully dealt with in the aviary articles published the last two weeks than we can possibly do here.

A Boy Fancier.

P. Brogden.—Never mind being a boy, P.; you'll be a man some day, and, let us hope, a good, big, and successful fancier. The practical way in which you put your questions augurs well for the future. As this is your first year, too, I heartily wish you success; but should fortune not smile, bear her frowns like a man, and—try again. Study CAGE BIRDS carefully; that will help you. Now for your questions. 1. The best birds you could get for feeders would be just the ordinary run of common Norwich. The commonest birds are more likely to succeed than a better class. The common nondescript of no particular breed would also answer the purpose very well. All you require is a vigorous, healthy type of bird, which is boo active and full of life to think of neglecting to feed its young. 2. The pair, or pairs, of feeders must be mated and allowed to go to nest just the same as the birds whose young they are going to rear. They must also be mated near the same time in order to have them nesting as nearly as possible at the same time. Then you can either exchange their eggs for those of the better birds whose young they are to rear, or allow each pair to hatch their own eggs, and transfer the good youngsters to the feeders, if necessary. As a rule, it is only necessary to use feeders for highly-bred birds, which often fail in parental duties. 3. You must not rely upon hen Mules for feeders, for although many cases of their feeding young are known, they must be regarded as exceptions rather than the rule. 4. A pair of the commonest Canaries which might be quite serviceable for feeders might be picked up for 5s. Norwich hens suitable for feeders cost from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. Then there must be a cock to mate with them.

Hens Ready: Cocks Backward.

P.G.—Your difficulty is probably due to commencing to feed up both the cocks and the hens at the same time. You should have commenced with the cocks about a fortnight earlier than with the hens. Now you should cut off about one-half of the mixed seeds you give the hens, and give only a little egg-food twice a week, and for one day six drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water. In the case of the cocks, give a leaf of dandelion daily, and add six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid to the water every second day for a week. Do not be too anxious about starting immediately. The cocks will doubtless be ready in good time now; and the above treatment should prevent the hens getting any fresher. As the treatment you have begun for the Yorkshire that is moulting is doing good, you had best continue it.

Nest Pans and Breeding.

Elm.—1. I should certainly not advise you, when putting up birds in cages, to use the wicker nests. I should give unglazed earthenware pans of a proper size for the birds kept in first place. The ordinary wooden Norwich nest box, second place. The wicker nests I should place last of all, only falling back upon them when no other were available. 2. Yes, you should succeed very well in breeding one cock with two hens in a three-compartment breeding cage. When putting them up ready for mating, place the cock in the centre, and a hen in each end compartment. The centre compartment is then available as a nursery for the young of either of the hens as may be required. 3. As to whether you would be right in pairing up on the third Saturday in March depends solely upon the condition of the birds, and in a minor degree upon the weather. If the birds are in breeding condition, and the day is a fair one, I should answer yes, decidedly. On the other hand, if the birds are not in condition you would gain nothing. Whatever the date may be, birds should not be mated up until they are in the proper condition. I prefer a nice bright day which is making the birds bubble over with life for putting the pairs together, though this may be only a whim.

Three in One.

"X.Y.Z."—1. The fact that your bird-room faces north-east, and thus gets but little sun, is no real bar to your success in breeding, providing the room is free from damp and is not draughty. Given the latter condition it is quite possible to do much better with this aspect during a hot sunny summer than in a room facing south, as the birds are not so apt to get fagged. A cold, sunless season would doubtless tell against it to some extent. 2. I take it your breeding cage is one of the old, so-called London pattern which has one end partitioned off and made into a box-like compartment to contain the nest. If this is so, I should certainly advise you to discard it, and use a modern type of cage, with earthenware nest pans. Better get the lined pan, but give the bird a cowhair nest-bag to line it again to her taste, or she will probably tear out the lining provided for her. 3. Under certain conditions of health it is decidedly risky to allow the birds to bathe freely in cold water at this variable season. If they show any signs of chill after bathing, it is best to make the bath tepid, and give it only on mild days about twice a week.

Various Indeed.

Very Anxious.—1. You would probably do very little good by keeping cocks and hens together in a C.P. aviary. The hens would be almost certain to want to nest, and any attempt to do so would be just as certainly doomed to failure. Unless you wish to encourage them to breed you should keep the sexes separately; and if you do wish to try breeding, you should either mate up in breeding cages, or in a larger aviary than the C.P. type. 2. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary and one part summer rape as a staple. Give a little egg-food, or bread and milk, a few grains of hemp, and a small quantity of scalded rape, each once a week; green food or sweet juley fruit daily, fresh pure water *ad. lib.*, and bathe every second or third day—increased to every day when the weather gets warm; gritty sand in cage regularly. 3. Training Rollers to sing means placing the young cocks, as soon as they are able to do for themselves, under the tuition of old and correct singing birds, or bird organs, in order that they may learn to sing the classical Roller song instead of the harsh screeching notes which are natural to the average domestic Canary. Whilst under tuition they should not be allowed to hear any other bird sing but the pure Roller, or the mechanical bird organ, as the case may be. 4 and 5. The answer to No. 2 will apply equally as well to Norwich and Yorkshire, save that the birds will do better with half the quantity of rape, and it may with advantage be omitted altogether, except a pinch given separately two or three times a week. 6. The answer to No. 1 as regards keeping the sexes separately is applicable here. Even if you had the birds in a large aviary to breed, you could not allow Norwich and Yorkshires to fly loose together if you wished to keep the breeds pure. They would interbreed one with another. 7. If quite sure the cage would be in no draught, there would be no objection to keeping it on table in front of window. 8. From a week to a fortnight hence is a good time to start pairing up if weather is reasonably fair, and the birds in breeding condition. 9. The sexual differences are the same in all varieties. The cocks are more alert, bold, and defiant in appearance, have a bolder eye, and a clearer and more metallic ring in voice when "tweeting." When singing the throat swells out and throbs as the notes are produced very plainly. External differences are very small and quite comparative.

Two Cock Birds.

"Puzzled."—No. 1 cock has had a chill, and you are probably keeping him in a colder place than he has been accustomed to, or where he is exposed to draught. These causes must be removed before you can expect a cure. Stop all the many things you have been giving. Feed on plain Canary seed, and give separately a few grains of hemp once a week, half a teaspoonful of scalded rape, and a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry, both twice a week. In the drinking water give ten drops of glycerine and two of eucalyptus oil every second day until the hoarseness is removed. When you give this you must watch the bird to see if it drinks when thirsty—some birds absolutely refuse it. 2. This bird which "throws up his food" and puts it on the perch, requires another month in which to put it right. In other words, he is in excellent condition for mating, and very anxious to do so; that is all. If you have a hen that is equally forward I would advise you to mate them without further delay.

Is it Asthma?

Evelyn Wright.—Very likely it is asthma that troubles the Canary, which sits bunched up, makes a squeaking noise, and does not sing much. The condition of this bird and the other one which is losing its feathers is strongly suggestive of the birds being exposed to chill or draughts. You say you move them from the gas at night. Is it probable that in doing so you inadvertently place them in a decidedly colder place than they have occupied all day, or in a draughty situation? If so, you must remove these causes first of all. Give the cock that wheezes a small piece of sponge cake, with a few drops of sherry on it twice a week, and in its water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and five each of syrup of squills and tincture of tolu, every second day until better. Give the one that loses feathers a teaspoonful of egg food twice a week, and add to the water twenty drops of chemical food two days in every three for a fortnight.

One Wheezy: Another Mopy.

"Barrell."—See reply to "Evelyn Wright" in this issue, and treat the Norwich hens that wheeze and make a sucking noise as advised for the bird that wheezes. Also carefully examine your cages, and see if red mites are adding to the trouble. Of course you must see that the birds are kept free from all draughts and chills. 2. Treat the hen that mopes about on the cage floor, "re-shelling empty seed husks" as follows:—For two days give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops of lemon juice in drinking water each day, and after that give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid and three of liquid extract of dandelion in the water every second day for a week. At the end of that time give ten drops of chemical food for a few days when it should be in good condition. Give a spray of green food daily, and do not forget to keep it supplied with gritty sand.

Mice, Egg and Rape.

Mrs. E. S. Parker.—1. I would not take the responsibility of saying without so much as seeing a specimen, whether the mice you are troubled with in your bird-room and which have long bristly hair, like miniature badgers, are a new kind of mice. But I will say that it is quite within the range of possibility that they are not mice at all—but voles. These are more in keeping with your description than true mice. Try the Danysz Virus. 2. About two-thirds of a teacupful of bread crumbs would be quite sufficient to add to one egg. Cannot say what would be the result of attempting to rear the young on bread and milk only, as I have never tried this plan. However, I am inclined to think that if the parents fed with it quite freely the method would be quite successful. I see no reason why it should not. 3. I really cannot say whether it is true as your seedsman tells you, that there is no German rape in the country on account of the failures of the crop. I only know that of all the many samples submitted to me the genuine article seems to be conspicuous by its absence.

Four-in-Hand.

'Shellback."—1. It is not necessary to use cages for breeding Canaries when they are allowed to fly loose about a room. The cages would only be in the way, filling up space that might be otherwise occupied. Any of the methods described in the recently published aviary notes might be adopted, or nursery cages, or the small wicker German travelling cages with three or four of the short bars removed, hung about the walls for nesting sites. The two last-named plans are very good, and help to prevent young birds being dragged out of the nests. 2. In putting up bushes and wicker nests as in the bird-room mentioned, you cannot prevent the young being dragged out sometimes. But then you really cannot prevent this happening when breeding in cages in the orthodox fashion, and when the birds have their liberty as suggested these accidents are not nearly so frequent as in cages. 3. No. There is extremely little risk of the birds breaking the necks, as you say. They soon get too agile for that. 4. Yes, the answer is "let 'em rip," if they like. But here again you will not find "tipping" occur so commonly, as to require the use of nurseries.

About Crests.

H. B. Stone.—1. I fear the Crest cock is constitutionally weak, and probably the swollen and red looking abdomen is more apparent than real, and due, perhaps, to the bird being scantily feathered. Try the following course of treatment and let us know the result. For one week give six drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water every second day; at the end of the week give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid for one day. During the next week give fifteen drops of chemical food, and then six drops of the sulphuric acid as before in the water on alternate days. Feed plainly meantime, with a little green food each day, and report result at end of fortnight. 2. Your ill-fortune in breeding Crests was most certainly due to your trying to breed them without any assistance from feeders. It is quite futile trying to breed successfully high-class and valuable Crests, above all others, without feeders. By all means try again. At the same time as you mate up the Crests, pair up at least as many of the common hens as you have pairs of Crests. A still safer plan is to pair up three of Crests. A still safer plan is to pair up double the number of common hens in order to increase your chances of always having a foster parent available for the Crests at any time one may be required. You may either allow the Crests to hatch out their own eggs and transfer the young to a suitable foster parent when a day or two old, or you may exchange the eggs of the common hens for those of the Crests during incubation. The latter would probably be the better plan for you to adopt. If you have plenty of feeders allow them only two or three young Crests each to bring up, in order to give them the best chance for growing.

Rather Varied.

"India" (Partick).—1. The yellow Norwich cock had perhaps been bitten on a claw by a mouse. I had an exactly similar thing occur not long ago, and discovered without a shadow of doubt to my own mind that this was the cause. It was only by catching the bird and examining the claws very closely, that the almost microscopic wound between the scales on one claw were discovered. 2. From the mating you suggest, assuming your birds are bred from clear and ticked parents, you will breed clears and ticked—the majority either clears, or but very lightly ticked. If, however, the parents of your birds were variegated, or one a green, you will have a smaller proportion of clears, more than are ticked boldly, and here and there a lightly variegated one. 3. Sample of seed did not come to hand, so cannot say anything about it.

Result of Post Mortem.

A Bird Lover.—I think the very best advice that could be given you is to clear out all your birds, with chloroform preferably, thoroughly disinfect the place, according to instructions given in the "Note-Book" as before advised, and start afresh with new stock after a time. The fact that you are still losing the birds every week should be sufficient proof that it is infectious, and to dispose of the birds to others would, of course, not be right, as it would certainly spread the disease. If, however, you wish to hold on to them, isolate all healthy specimens, clean and disinfect room and cages thoroughly, observe the most scrupulous cleanliness, keep the cages well strewn with fine sawdust, which burn when removed from the cages. Cremate at once the bodies of any that die. Feed the birds on plain Canary seed with unlimited green food, a teaspoonful of scalded rape, and a few crumbs of sponge cake twice a week. Three times a week dissolve a piece of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the drinking water, and twice a week on days alternating with the above, give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. I should not advise you to breed with these birds.

Are Things Going Right?

R. W. G.—1: Yes, I think your pair of birds which are mated, and have kept having "little tiffs," are doing all right. It is not altogether a bad sign when they have these miniature quarrels, but in your case, as the hen is often the first to break the peace, and you have not yet given them a nest-box, the cause may be that the hen requires that receptacle to work off her energy in building. 2: As answered in the above. Put in a nest-pan, and just a tuft of nesting material. When you see the hen taking the latter into the nest-pan and calling to her mate, give a full supply of material for building. 3: Canary seed you sent is very small and poor, and does not seem to have been well stored. You should have no difficulty whatever in getting a much better sample than this.

Bare-necked Hen Feeding.

"Thirsty for Knowledge."—The hen whose feathers have not grown on the neck since moulting was scarcely in a proper condition for mating. Still, many of these rough plumaged birds are active enough, and as your hen has gone to nest so freely there is no reason why she should not be able to feed her young if any are hatched. You can do nothing to try to bring on the feathers whilst she is breeding. If she fails to bring off any young examine birds and cage well to see if insects are the probable cause. Give a small piece of bread and milk with a few drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it twice a week, and every second day give twenty drops of chemical food in the water for two or three weeks.

Patience Needed.

R.E.D.—The Yorkshire cock seems to be in rather a bad way. He is probably in an overfed condition, too. Limit his diet to Canary seed and green food only for a week or two. Give a teaspoonful of seed daily, not more, and green food, watercress, or dandelion, ad lib. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of whisky every second day for a week, at the end of which time give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid for one day. Continue after that for another fortnight by giving one day a dose of salts as above, but without the whisky; next day twenty drops of chemical food; third day, pure water. Repeat this over again, and again for the time stated. You should not think of mating the bird whilst in this condition.

Sample of Egg Bread.

Feeder.—The sample of food you send contains far too large a proportion of fat, in my opinion, to make it a suitable food for regular use, such as rearing young birds upon it, instead of egg food, as generally understood. For occasional use I see no objection to it at all, as I should imagine the birds would be fond of it, but I do not care to take the responsibility of recommending it as a substitute for properly prepared egg food. The other prepared food you mention I should prefer to the sample you send, if only for having much less fat in it, which I consider the most objectionable feature in your sample.

Mating Query.

W.T.M.—You would be most likely to attain your object in breeding some clear and lightly marked birds by mating the clear yellow cock alternately with a clear buff hen, and the Broken Green hen; and the Broken Green cock mate alternately with the two clear buff hens. In this way you would also get a useful stock of material for next season's mating. Next year you should mate up a pair of the variegated to keep the green blood going strong.

Improving Size of Norwich.

Aylesbury.—You could doubtless improve size of Norwich Plainheads at once by mating with a Crest-bred, as you suggest, but don't do it. What you gain in size you will more than lose in type, feather, colour, and Norwich quality generally. You should be able to get any amount of size you require in your Plainheads by double-bulling a few times; that is, mating buff to buff instead of the orthodox method of buff to yellow. Get a good, typical buff cock or two, as fine in feather as possible, and as large as you can find without sacrificing good Norwich type, and mate them to buff hens. Next year mate their progeny in the usual way, with your own birds, still keeping one or two pairs of double buffs going, and repeat process each year, until you have sufficient size in your stock. You will doubtless see a good improvement in the pro-

ny of the second mating of double buffs. Keep enty of green or variegated blood in the birds nlst mating on these lines to prevent the colour sing too much tone.

Brevities.

Yorkshire and Norwich (Jack).—The Yorkn cock has caught a chill in some way. Once at the cause of this is removed, and give twenty ops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and six sweet irits of nitre in the drinking water for a few ys. Omit the egg-food for the present, and give stead a small piece of sponge cake moistened ghtly with sherry twice a week. For the Norwich m give a little sponge cake and sherry as for ne cock twice a week, and every second day for week add five drops of tincture of steel to the ater.

Age to Breed (Gordon Harrier).—Canaries bred he season are quite fit for breeding themselves he next. There is this exception that it is wise observe, that large breeds, if bred late in the ason, should not be mated early the next year. is best to let them attain ten or eleven months age at least before mating them. As a rule, he best results are obtained by mating two-year-ld birds with one-year-old. From this last remark you will gather that it is quite possible for ou to succeed in breeding with the eighteen-nonths-old Roller cock and the eleven-months-old Yorkshire hen.

Is it too Late (G.G.).—No, certainly not. On he contrary, your Roller cock which is just come n breeding condition is quite up to time, and if ou get a suitable hen, as you suggest, feed her p for a fortnight or so in order to get her in qually good condition with the cock, and then nate them; you will still be making a sufficiently arly start. You may see two good handbooks advertised in our pages every week, either of which he publisher would be pleased to send you direct; or you could obtain them through your newsagent.

Antrim.—A box pattern cage—that is, one with wood back, top, bottom, and ends, with wire in front only—is the best type of cage for breeding generally. For single cages, 20 in. long, 16 in. high, and 11 in. deep is the usual size. Double this length, and the same height and depth for double-compartment cages. 2. Your birds which throw out their seed have probably been fed on a mixture of different seeds before you had them, and throw out the Canary seed now to look after other kinds. The seed you sent is very nice, and quite good. Give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops of lemon juice in the water for two days, and after that six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Veritas.—Your birds appear to be coming on steadily, and will probably be in condition in good time. Give all birds six drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for two days, and then 20 drops of chemical food for a day or two. Give the cocks a pinch of bemp seed, and a teaspoonful of egg-food twice a week; and the hens should have a teaspoonful of egg-food once a week, and a pinch of inga twice a week. You should not mate them until they are ready, no matter what date it is. See other replies on same subject.

W.H.W.—It is not unlikely that your birds' condition may be due to over-feeding, but as you give no details on the subject I cannot tell where you go wrong. Give as much Epsom salts in the water as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. During second week give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid twice, and, if necessary, repeat the two week's treatment over again in same order. Feed on plain Canary seed as a staple, and give the cocks a few grains of hemp twice a week, and a small teaspoonful of egg-food twice a week. Give the hens a little egg-food once, and a pinch of inga twice a week. Give a spray of watercress or a leaf of dandelion each day.

Blood Blister (F. Birkett).—Sorry I cannot tell you what will cure a blister full of blood on the shoulder of your Canary without having some sort of idea as to the cause of it. You should have said under what circumstance, and when, it first appeared. It is just possible the wing may be broken, or it may be an abscess. Keep the bird quite quiet, in a cage by itself, and just lightly touch the blister daily with a carbolised vaseline, or Zam-buk ointment. If the blister breaks bathe in a warm solution of permanganate of potash, and slightly smear with boracic ointment daily.

Removing Canaries Outdoors (W. H. W.).—You have omitted to fill in the dimensions of building you wish to convert into an aviary, and you say nothing about the position and aspect—very important points to consider. If in a reasonably sheltered spot the building should be quite warm enough for the ordinary run of Canaries without being lined with wood. As it has been used for rabbits, I should advise you to give it a good washing down with fairly strong carbolic fluid in order to remove the taint of the rabbits. The door, ventilation, and practically all other points of your letter, you will find dealt with in the aviary notes on our novices' page the last two or three weeks. 2. You may either put a few quassia chips as you buy them into water at night and use it for the bath next day, or you may put a smaller quantity of chips in a vessel, pour hot water over them, and use for bathing as soon as cold. If the infusion is too strong, dilute it with more water.

Wets his Perch (J.S.).—Your Norwich cock, which has started wetting his perch with something out of his beak is only in a forward condition, and ready for mating. The saliva, as you term it, is simply partly digested food which the cocks bring up from the crop, and feed to the hens when mated. Your cock having no mate, puts it about the perch and toys with it instead. It is not a "complaint" at all, and is quite harmless; therefore, you do not need any remedy.

Hen Sneezing (R.H.).—There cannot be much wrong with this hen, as it is so bright and active. Perhaps she feels a little draught sometimes to cause the sneezing. Give her six drops of glycerine and two of oil of eucalyptus in the drinking water for a day or two. Discontinue giving linseed and give a small pinch of inga seed twice a week instead until the birds are mated.

Questions of Temperature (Beginner).—1. If you are using artificial heat at all about sixty degrees Fahrenheit should be the heat aimed at for breeding any variety of Canary. This should be kept as regular as possible, and in any case it is best not to let it drop below fifty-five. 2. This question is incidentally answered in No. 1. I should not care to pair up at this time of the year simply because the temperature reached fifty degrees. It would be much safer to raise it to fifty-five and keep it as high as that at the least as suggested in No. 1.

What are they? (India, Partick).—1. No. the produce of a Norwich Plainhead mated to a Norwich Crest would not be genuine Crestbreds. They would be first cross Crest and Plainhead, and would have to be mated back to the Crest several seasons before they could be called pure. You could gain nothing I fancy, by making such a cross in these days, and would lose a good deal. By the bye, the term "Norwich Crest" is rather a misnomer now. The Crest is simply the Crest, without any prefix. 2. By mating the first-cross as above to Crest you would breed birds with crests and others without crests—Crestbreds—but both would in all probability be inferior to birds which had not been crossed. 3. Yes, the Crest, and Crested Canary are one and the same variety. The Crestbred is bred intimately with the Crest. It has dense and long head-feather, and overhanging eyebrows, but not a proper crest. The usual method is to pair a Crest with a Crestbred, and birds of both varieties are produced by this mating, and in the same nest.

Out of Condition (W.H.C.).—Room is either draughty or damp, or is much colder than the birds have been accustomed to. Both birds may be treated alike. See that the above causes are quite absent; give a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry twice a week instead of egg food, a leaf of dandelion, or spray of watercress daily, and twenty drops of chemical food in the water two days in every three for a fortnight or so. On each third day give six drops of tincture of steel instead of the chemical food. You should not attempt to breed with the cock until it is quite well and in song.

Early Young (Worried).—1: As these same parents had young with deformed claws last year, and now have another in the first nest this year, it is not improbable the deformity may be congenital. You can do nothing for the young beyond putting the usual rubber band over the claws, to keep them in position for a few weeks. If these deformed young become frequent from the same pair, I should discard them for breeding, unless the young are of very good type. You might try giving the old ones a course of chemical food to strengthen them. 2: You should not replace the cock to start a second nest until you can separate young by some means. It should be a very easy matter to improvise a nursery cage out of any small cage, by removing a few wires and attaching it to the front of the breeder.

Recipe for Food (Regular Reader).—I do not care at all for the food of which you send a recipe, which, I take it, is intended to be mixed together, and kept in a dry state ready for use as required by slightly moistening it. I do not care for ground linseed in any food, nor crushed hemp, nor maw seed. All these seeds I prefer to give separately, and in a whole state—except the hemp, which may be cracked, but should not be crushed, when there are young to feed. Candidly, if I were catering for valuable birds, I should much prefer the old-fashioned egg food, with all its dangers, to this substitute.

Two Hens (W.R.L.).—Your hens are overfed, and No. 1 is suffering from constipation in addition. Stop the milk sops and tit-bits. Give a small quantity of egg food once a week only, for the next fortnight, with plain Canary as a staple, and plenty of green food. Give No. 1 hen in the water six drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and twice during the second week, and twice in each week alternate this with six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. Treat No. 2 hen the same as above, with the exception of substituting during the first week only ten drops of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus for the sulphuric acid.

Hoarseness and Biscuits (Roller).—1: As you say the Roller cock is in good song and fine condition, you need not trouble about his "tweet" seeming somewhat hoarse. That will soon disappear now as the weather gets warmer. Still, you might give it twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash in its water for a day or two as will cover a sixpence. 2: Almost any plain biscuit may be used instead of Osborne. Maizena are very good; and the lunch biscuit you mention would probably answer very well. If biscuits are too expensive, there is still the "staff of life," crumb of good household bread, to fall back upon.

Swollen Eye (New Beginner).—As you have just mated the bird, it may be just possible that the condition of the eye is due to a peck, or an accident of some kind, when the birds were having some horse-play. If this surmise is not correct, there is probably a tumour growing close to the socket of the eye. For this you can do nothing yourself, but when the growth is ripe for removal, if it is a valuable bird, and worth risking something on, a veterinary, or even your medical man, might be prevailed upon to remove it. You might leave the cock bird with the hen until she has commenced to sit, then remove him, and let the hen hatch and rear by herself.

Roller not Well (Roller, Leeds).—I do not think you will do much in breeding with this bird just yet. It is most likely going into moult, and the probability is after its performance the last few months that it will not survive the ordeal. You did wrong to mate it up yet awhile, knowing that it had not moulted. I should advise you to move him to a cage by himself as soon as the hen has commenced to sit. Feed on plain Canary, with a half-teaspoonful of egg food twice a week, in which four or five drops of cod liver oil emulsion have been well mixed, and twice a week give about same quantity of scalded rape. Give a spray of watercress or leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give a few drops of whisky and as much Epsom salts for two or three days as will cover a sixpence, and after that give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid two or three times a week.

Cold in Eye, and Moulting (Moulting).—1: See that no draughts find a way into the cage and dissolve a teaspoonful of boric acid in a breakfast cup of hot water, and when cold, allow a few drops to trickle on to the bird's eye each day until better. Add half a teaspoonful of whisky and a little Epsom salts to the water for a day or two. 2: It depends upon the age of the bird, and whether it moulted at the proper time, whether a bird that is moulting now will moult again this year. If it is an old bird, and did not moult in the autumn, then it will probably go on moulting in the spring in future.

Seed Samples (J.P.S.).—No. 1. Canary; is a very nice, bright, good-sized seed. Not quite so plump as some samples, but for all practical purposes equal to the very best. It is cheap at the price you give. No. 2 and 3 are practically the same quality. Both are very sweet and clean samples, but very small, and much dearer at the price quoted than No. 1. No. 4 is not a good sample of rape. The grains are rather shrivelled, and it is much too strongly flavoured for my approval. No. 5 is certainly a mixture, and not pure rape, and is inferior to No. 4. I should reject both samples of rape myself. No. 6 contains only two kinds—the light brown, which is gold of pleasure, and the shiny black, of which I do not know the name. The dull black which you thought was seed are particles of dirt. A pinch of this given to Canaries occasionally does no harm as a change, but it must not be used liberally.

The Usual Pest (Avis).—See replies to "South Devon" and "Don't Know" in this issue. Your cage will probably now want a thorough overhauling. It is perfectly useless trying to eradicate insects by catching them on cloths, etc. Nothing short of drastic measures will accomplish that object. This matter has been fully dealt with on the novices' page. Many weakly birds are affected by cold baths this weather, and doubtless your hen is one of them. Give her tepid baths only, and be careful she does not get a chill afterwards. You may use essence of quassia for destroying insect pests in two ways—either by brushing over the ends of the perches, joints of door, and any likely harbouring joint, with the strong essence once or twice a week, adding a few drops of the essence to the bathing water, or by soaking a few quassia chips in the water for the bath a few hours. If made too strong some birds will not use it, in which case a little may be sprayed over them, and a weaker strength given in the bath.

Mate for Cinnamon-mark ("A Novice").—You omit to say what class of birds you wish to mate. As the Cinnamon-marked Norwich is probably a very fair specimen for breeding purposes I should advise to mate her to a clear yellow, pink-eyed cock. If you know it is bred from a Cinnamon marked strain so much the better. The object of this mating will be to produce even marked Cinnamon-marks, for which your hen seems well adapted. I cannot tell you the price, as that depends upon the typical points of the bird and upon its value as a breeder to the vendor. You might get such a bird from a dealer at from 10s. 6d. upwards. I should, however, advise you to get one from a known breeder of Cinnamon-marks, who would be able to tell you how it was bred.

Hen Out of Condition (C.S.).—You are feeding up too well. You should be giving the egg food not more than twice a week, a pinch of a mixture of rape and niger twice a week, and a spray of watercress, or a dandelion leaf, daily. Examine the cage carefully to see if the bareness is caused by insects. If the feathers have dropped out, give twenty drops of chemical food in the water every second day for a fortnight, and add five drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the egg food each time.

Training Rollers (Jones, Walsall).—It will be far the best to remove the young cocks as soon as they are able to do for themselves away from the hearing of the old birds, or of any other birds. Keep them in a room by themselves where they will hear only the strains of the organ. For a few weeks, whilst the birds are in the first stage of tuition, and during the moult, you should partly draw the blinds, so as to concentrate the bird's attention upon the organ sounds. The only really correct way to describe the young when advertised would be as "English bred and trained Rollers." You might add the name of the strain, if any, your birds were believed to be. The price would depend solely upon the vocal abilities acquired by each individual bird.

Uses of Seeds (No name).—Too big a question to deal with here. Better watch our novices' page for a few weeks. There was also a lengthy series of articles on seeds in CAGE BIRDS about two or three years ago which might interest you. Probably the Editor could send you the back numbers.

Samples of Seeds (B.P.).—No 1. Is extremely small, badly flavoured seed, dear at any price. No. 2, also very small, but sweet and good, and quite fit for use, although a larger grain is much better. No. 3. Practically the same as No 1. No. 4. Not quite so sweet as No. 2, but otherwise is practically the same. No. 5. This is a very fair sample, the quality equal to No. 2, and the hulk of seed much larger in grain. It is decidedly the best sample sent, though better may be obtained. But this is quite good enough for all practical purposes. No. 6. The mixed seed. As an occasional tit-bit for Canaries it would be improved by reducing the linseed one-half, doubling the quantity of hemp, and reducing the gold of pleasure two-thirds and doubling or trebling the quantity of rape if rape is not given in the staple food. In case it is then no further increase is necessary.

Remedy for Red Mite (Don't Know).—The best way to keep red mite down during breeding season is to start with as clean a sheet as possible, by thoroughly overhauling the cages and the places where they are kept before starting, as was described in detail in the novices' page a few weeks ago. For regular use dissolve an ounce of camphor in half pint methylated spirits and touch the ends of the perches, and other places where mites are likely to congregate, with a brush dipped in the fluid once or twice a week. Brush nest box over with it when giving fresh nests.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Linnet-Canary Muling Couple.

Mid.—1. The stock seed mixture of your Linnet and Canary couple (if you are keeping the two birds together) should be Canary and teazle, one and a half pints each; summer rape and charlock, half a pint each. Then make up three mixtures as follows:—(a) Hemp, two parts; niger, one part; linseed, half a part by measure; (b) maw, thistle, dandelion, gold of pleasure, and lettuce equal parts of each, likewise by measure; (c) a good wild seed mixture. A heaping teaspoonful of one of these three mixtures should be given the birds every day (in a separate vessel; not with the stock mixture), taking them in turn. This treatment will bring them into the best possible condition, providing the birds are in good health, and are being kept under proper conditions. Egg bread should not be given unless your Linnet is very near breeding condition, which you can tell by his song and the colour of his beak, as it will only bring your hen to nest before the Linnet is fit. All the early, young, tender dandelion leaves you can find should be gathered, likewise shepherd's purse and chickweed, and a good feed be given the birds daily. If they don't breed under this treatment, they will never breed at all. If you are keeping the hen Canary apart from the Linnet, let her have plain Canary seed one day, and the above mixture the next. You need not give her the wild seeds, but she should have a little of the other two (a and b). 2. The birds you caught (if the size of big Chaffinches) would be Bramblefinches. Your description is very meagre, though; you don't even state size.

Keeping a Nightingale

Daulias luscinia.—Personally, I consider a Nightingale quite an easy bird to keep. The great essentials are a high-class insectivorous mixture, properly prepared, and a liberal, regular supply of live-food (varied as much as possible). They cannot be kept alive "cheaply"—that is a point to be borne in mind. I am speaking of properly "meated off" Nightingales, of course, as the getting of fresh-caught birds on the artificial food successfully is no easy matter, takes time, and costs more than a little in live-food. Just when you seem to have got them safely through, they are most liable to "go into a decline," as the old writers put it—that is, after you have spent some three laborious weeks on them. The best time to purchase is just after they arrive in the spring; but make sure the bird is properly "meated-off," as you seem to know nothing about them. It would probably be best if you got a hand-reared specimen, though their song is not so good. Any first-class cage-maker will supply you with the correct pattern of Nightingale cage—one with swing-in inside food and water vessels. A newly-caught bird should be kept in a cage with a canvas (false) top. They should be kept in a warm room in winter. Briefly put, my own methods of keeping Wagtails, Blackcaps, Nightingales, and similar small insectivorous birds are as follows. As a stock mixture:—Powdered Osborne biscuit, three parts; best ants' eggs and dried flies, two parts each; powd red silkworm pupæ, one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, green-fly, live ants' eggs, etc.) one can possibly obtain; mealworms given regularly are indispensable. To the above stock mixture I occasionally add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, more occasionally still, a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too; give a little, finely chopped, and mixed, of course, with the above biscuit food, or just laid on top of it. Maizena wafers may be used in place of Osborne biscuits; or, for economy's sake, the "broken biscuits" (sweet) obtainable very cheaply from most grocers. Excellent ready-made foods, too, may be bought through our columns.

Identity of Bird.

J. R. Slack.—Don't go running away with the idea that you have caught a Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid, or even a rare-feathered bird, for the strange specimen you captured is only the Redwing, a member of the Thrush family, which visits us from the far North in the winter-time. The distinct white eye-brow, orange colour on the under wing coverts, and reddish patches on the flanks, reveal its identity at once. Redwings are not uncommon on the show-bench.

Unknown Crosses.

E. Jones.—If you want to try for something startling how would the Cross-bill-Hawfinch mating do? Other unknown crosses that would "pay" to produce are either Hawfinch, Crossbill, Siskin, Chaffinch, or Bramblefinch-Bullfinch Hybrids. I am trying for the first and third myself; and a friend tells me he is trying the Crossbill-Hawfinch mating. Your "fondness for experimenting" could not be better employed than in endeavouring to breed the above.

Aviary Breeding for Profit.

A. Sawer.—Don't remember seeing your query before. I really couldn't undertake to tell you how to stock your aviary to "breed Mules for profit." I am not at all sure it is possible to guarantee there shall be a profit, no matter how you mate the birds. Of the hens you enumerate, the Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, and Bramblefinches are unlikely to be "profitable"; the same may be said of the cock Yellowhammers and Bramblefinches. The best advice I can give you is to put in mainly hen Canaries, with two or three hen Bullies and one hen Chaffinch, and to turn in to them the Goldfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, and Greenfinch cocks, with one cock Bramblefinch. Twelve to fifteen birds (not pairs) will be plenty.

Mealworm Breeding.

G. Morris.—It takes from six to 12 months to get a breeding box of mealworms into full swing. A very big tin box (such as an extra large biscuit or tea tin from the grocers) is suitable, and should have two rows of holes bored with a bradawl right round the sides close to the top. Fill two-thirds full with alternate layers of pieces of dry coarse sacking and bran. Turn in a pint of good, healthy mealworms, and store away in a warm spot (this is important), adding fresh bran from time to time. By getting a supply of mealworm beetles, time may be saved.

Some Aviary and Other Matters.

"Agnes."—If your outdoor aviary, which you say is 4 ft. wide, 4 ft. from back to front, and 6 ft. high, had a second floor midway between the top and bottom, so as to make it into two separate aviaries, one above the other, you would be able to breed with just about twice as many birds. As it now stands, being quite small and with a limited floor space, I should scarcely advise you to put more birds into the whole space than you might reasonably expect to keep in each section if it were divided as suggested—that is, one cock and three hens, for which five or six nesting places should be provided. This replies to your first question as well as your prefatory remarks. 2. Yes, you could put three hens with one cock in such a place as yours, but the cock should be a strong, healthy, and vigorous bird. 3. You say the Yorkshire became blind through a chill; I should hardly expect that to be the real cause. If he is quite blind you run a very great risk of failure by attempting to breed with him. Unless he is a very superlative specimen I should strongly advise you not to do it. 4. You could breed Mules with the Goldfinches in the aviary just as easily as you did in cages, perhaps more so, and there would be no necessity for removing the Finches whilst the hens were nesting. 5. It would be preferable to move all save one or two of the swing perches, and put in a firmly fixed one for breeding birds. Keep the fixed perches near the nesting sites.

Hybrid Breeding Cages.

A. McWatt.—The single Hybrid breeding cages I myself use are about 30 inches long, 17 or 18 high, and 14 deep (one or two are larger). I am dead against smaller cages, for they get very dirty in next to no time, and occasionally it would be very bad policy to disturb Hybrid-breeding couples by cleaning them out, and in a large cage a few days' neglect in this respect makes no matter. I have two perches in, on the crossbar, the birds feeding from the cage bottom. There is one door in the centre of the front, at the bottom (as usual), and another at the right-hand side of the front, above the crossbar. Both are made extra wide. A "platform" of wire-netting runs from the crossbar near the latter door to the back of the cage. It is 5½ to 6 inches wide, and the netting is tacked to a piece of wood, which is screwed to the cage back, and wired to the crossbar at front. This "platform," if thickly interlaced and strewed with sun-dried grasses, or chickweed, etc., affords a fine place for the hen to lay her eggs on; or on which to lodge the favourite old Thrush or Blackbird nest, [illegible] to recline (some don't trouble to do the latter). A more or less cup-shaped depression is easily contrived in the dry grasses, and the latter may be easily removed (or so much as is necessary) as required, being get-at-able through the [illegible] door. My hens, and have no fear of eggs dropping on bottom of cage, I cover the latter with finely teazed-out peat-moss litter. If a strange

hen, or one which behaves doubtfully, I use a thick layer of dried grasses, as above. The latter has great advantages over sawdust, etc., as it is not easily swept aside by the movements of the birds, thus leaving patches of the cage-bottom uncovered. It is very "springy," too, and catches an egg safely. The crossbar and the perches, by the way, ought not to be placed very high up in the cage. My favourite way of screening the resting site is to bang a strip of thick, stiff brown paper over the particular corner of the cage. In our last Birthday Number two excellent photographs of a "screened" Hybrid-breeding cage appeared.

Which shall the Lady be?

Novice.—It is really a matter of little moment whether you pair the German hen with the Goldfinch, or whether you make the buff Yorkshire hen over to him. Both will produce you excellent singing Mules, especially if reared under a free-singing, good-noted Goldfinch or Linnet, or both. A "mixed" song is very pretty, to my mind, providing nothing beyond "good songsters" is desired of the youngsters. In all probability the Mules bred from the Yorkshire hen would be the larger. As regards singing qualities, there would be nothing to choose between the two. So you had better, all things considered, use the hen it best suits your other plans to set aside for Mr. Goldfinch. Feed the young Mules just the same as you do the young Canaries, but allow the seeding wild plants, such as chickweed and shepherd's purse, in liberal quantity daily. A cage 30 by 18 by 12 inches is a splendid size for a Muling couple; I wish every breeder had the good sense to adopt such. Thanks for your kind remarks; always pleased to help.

Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid.

W. Scott.—You are mistaken—I certainly know of the reputed specimen you mention. I was the first judge it was exhibited under, as a matter of fact (at Dulwich and Peckham Show), and, after careful inspection, I came to the conclusion that it was a rare-feathered Chaffinch and not a Hybrid at all. You yourself seem unaware of the fact that this bird has been exhibited at two shows since then (including the Palace) under other judges, but without securing any prize, which, had the judges considered it what it is stated to be, they would have been bound to have awarded it.

Many Birds Lost.

F. Nunn.—I see nothing whatever in the structure and fitting-up of the aviary to account for the extraordinary loss of birds you have met with. The only possible explanation seems to me that you have inadvertently introduced some contagious disease into the place with one or other of your purchases. You should have the dead body of one of the birds examined by our Mr. North, who would tell you whether some infectious complaint was responsible for its death. Sorry to hear of your experience, which I agree is disheartening.

Goldfinch's Tail.

A.H.L.—The tail of a bird is very easily extracted by anyone not used to the handling of birds, or in the least "clumsy-fingered." You don't want to "hang on" to the tail—or even catch hold of it in such a way that the bird is left free to struggle. Still, accidents will happen. Another tail should be fully reproduced in from five to six weeks from the day the last one left home. It will not affect the Goldfinch breeding, as soon as it is fairly well grown, providing he is, of course, in the right condition.

Concerning the Skylark.

Larnov.—1: The best possible kind of house cage for a Skylark is that known as the "Lark runner." It should be as large as possible, say from 24 to 30 inches long by 9 high by 10 to 12 wide, food and water vessels hanging on the outside. 2: A good and economical stock food, the ingredients of which you can get from any up-to-date seller of bird foods or through our advertising columns (through which, too, many excellent ready-put-up foods may be had) is made of: Game meal (without grit) or crushed puppy biscuits, three pounds, finely ground silkworm pupae, half-a-pound meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, a quarter pound each by weight. It will keep a long time. A few mealworms and other insects should be frequently given; also a little seed in a separate dish. This food can be moistened with a little water (it should be made crumbly moist, not into a sticky mass). But a little finely minced greenfood (chickweed, lettuce, watercress, etc.), or grated raw carrot, or mashed cold boiled potato are by far the best. Clover grass (either a turf of it or some chopped fine and mixed in the food) is one of the best possible things to give a Skylark to make it sing, and keep it healthy, also to assist it during the moult. 4: Larks do not require fruit, but should be given live insects freely, according to season—mealworms are very much liked. 5: To deal with contest singing here would need far too much space. Send the necessary cash to our manager for the back numbers of Cage Birds which contain a splendid article on this subject written by that "old hand," Mr. Allaway.

Brevities.

Wild Seeds (Succory).—Both are good samples, and quite suitable for use with birds in an aviary. If I had to make a choice, I should select No. 1, which has had some thistle and dandelion seed added. No one could name the weeds which have contributed to the mixture, except by sowing some and identifying the plants when they grew.

What Is It? (A. Novice).—The bird you have got hold of is evidently a Bramblefinch—no other Britisher answers the description you give.

Feeding Goldfinch When Breeding (M.L.).—This seems a point I am often explaining. The "high diet" of the Goldfinch will not hurt the hen Canary when she is ready for nesting. One needs to avoid getting her too fat and "podgy" before egg-laying time comes round. As your Goldfinch has been used to it almost entirely, let him still have unlimited hemp seed, by all means; many of my own Finches will eat little else. Try him with teazle and niger, however; he is unlikely to refuse them entirely. Give flowering and seeding dandelion and groundsel, certainly.

Linnet Losing Feathers (B.S.).—I can't tell you what to do, because you state nothing likely to help me to arrive at the cause of the loss of feathers on the head. Is the bird in a cross moult—that is, shedding feathers freely—or is it troubled with red-mite? Do you keep it in a heated living-room? Is the bird singing, or does it sit mopy-looking and unwell? If you will give me a few details, shall be glad to try and assist you.

More Puzzlers (Ruby).—1. A Buff Mule bred from a Yellow hen, would probably be smaller than one bred from a Buff hen (everything depends on the hens, of course), but it would of a certainty carry a better colour. 2. Ordinary dark Mules, probably rich in ground colour, but a little indistinct in marking. 3. I have never seen either a Twite or Siskin-Bullfinch Hybrid—should like the opportunity. I should imagine the young of the latter cross would be very pretty.

Linnet-Canary Couple (C.F.).—The couple you describe ought to produce you some Mules in due course. A window is not a good place in which to place a breeding cage—it is usually draughty, and possibly passers-by may disturb the birds. A corner near a window is better. You must wait until your birds are ready; feed up as advised another querist this week.

Linnet and Canary (J. Lambourn).—The feeding is dealt with in reply to "Mid" this week. Hen Linnets most certainly sing in captivity when "fed up" into high condition, but not with the strength and continuity of a genuine cock bird. I really have no knowledge of the advertiser you mention. It is no use pairing up your Linnet until in "stout" song—that is, singing freely—and with a beak blue all over.

Larks "Weak" (Gordon Harrier).—I think your feeding is at fault (it is dealt with in another reply this week), and until you make their menu a little more generous and varied (introducing live-food and chopped green food, or suitable vegetable), you cannot look for permanent improvement. In two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for a fortnight (fresh daily) stir a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. Don't mix your queries (note rules).

Three Things (Dubious).—1. This certainly looks like genuine gold of pleasure seed. Possibly the first you had was cress seed, or some other resembling it. 2. The Chaffinch will take mealworms later on, I feel sure. Try small ones to commence with. 3. The state of the plumage will not affect the Linnet breeding, if his condition is otherwise favourable.

Chlorodyne (P. Blaxland).—Yes; I use chlorodyne with my birds whenever I think it advisable to do so, and am never without a bottle handy. The trouble is that fanciers generally give it too strong. Four to six drops stirred in two tablespoonfuls of water are ample to commence with, and its effects on the bowels should be noted, and the dose afterwards regulated by this. Try your bird with a course of chlorodyne, by all means. Stop the linseed, and give Canary, teazle and maw seeds only, with a few cracked sunflower seeds (shelled, if necessary), now and again.

A Thrush Trouble (G. Hewson).—The method of feeding is at fault, I am sure. Imagine yourself on dry bread always. You must vary the food with minced hard-boiled egg, and give some chopped green-food (lettuce, chickweed, etc.), or grated carrot, or cold mashed boiled potato, amongst it; also get the bird some suitable live-food frequently. Then you may expect to get some song out of your Thrush.

A Robin (A. H. Johnson).—A Robin is very easy to cater for, a good insectivorous mixture, properly prepared (see reply to "Daulias luscinia" this week), and some live-food regularly being all "Bobbie" asks. It is quite possible to keep one through the summer indoors. I have one at the present moment singing beautifully, and delightfully tame. The Robin's merits as a cage pet seem to me seldom properly appreciated. Probably sentiment is the bar.

Loss of Goldfinches (Querist).—Try a course of chlorodyne, as advised P. Blaxland this week. The seeds seem just fair. You should add niger and linseed to the stock mixture; it might help. The hemp is not as I like it, and this it is very important to get good, as Goldies feed so largely upon it. If you will send me your address I can let you know respecting the other matter.

Mate for Cock Bullfinch (Express).—You will find it difficult to beat a heavily green-marked Yellow hen of Norwich type, one of good size and build, as a mate for your cock Bullfinch. A hand-reared bird, the latter should be a good subject to try breeding with. I presume you know that the cock Bullie is generally held to be a bird unlikely to produce Hybrids? It is difficult to see why this should be so; yet no well authenticated case of its doing so appears to be on record in England.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Parrot with Wasting Growth.

M.E.D.—Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia, every other day for a week or ten days; soak in a piece of plain biscuit or Madeira cake. Wipe out the bird's mouth (using a camel-hair brush) with the following mixture: Chlorate of potassium, 10 grains, glycerine 1 drachm. The brush must be well cleansed, and a fresh portion of the mixture used for each occasion. If the bird will let you handle it, keep swilling clean by bathing with warm water; wipe dry afterwards. Clean cage daily, and diet bird as advised regularly. The glycerine and chlorate of potassium should be well mixed together. Of course, if the bird's bowels should become very loose, you must cease giving the aperient. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

Foreign Birds with Canaries.

J. McGregor.—I must caution you against overcrowding. One square foot of floor space for each bird the size of a Norwich Canary must be allowed; the same space will be sufficient for two Waxbills or small Ornamental Finches. Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Java Sparrows, grey and green Singing Finches, long-tail Grassfinches. Saffron-finches, the chaste and minute Diamond Dove, Zebra, grey, St. Helena and Orangecheek Waxbills, and common and green Avadavats. Any of these will thrive on the seeds you name, with the addition of a few oats and a little paddy rice (rice in the husk), a liberal supply of green food, and during the breeding season some such soft food as you give the Canaries. Put up an ample supply of husks and nest-boxes, high up under roof, in shelter, and put plenty of perches there, too, and the birds named should take no hurt during the cold weather.

Aviary for Parrakeets.

P.W.R.—The shed will make an admirable shelter for the birds, and with such birds as the larger Parrakeets, covering all woodwork with ½-inch mesh (larger mesh permits the birds to get at the wood) is a necessity, or unexpectedly you will find your birds at liberty. If you have space, add a 12-ft. by 6-ft. or more high flight to your shed. Half of this should have a roof over it, and the remaining half open wirework. It should not be costly, the wire netting being the greatest outlay. Furnish with two husks, or nest-boxes (see advert. columns) for each pair, and plenty of tree branches, both in shed and flight, ranging from two inches thick down to about ½ inch, or less, in diameter. As to diet, supply a mixture two parts each Canary and millet seed, and one part each dari, wheat, oats, and hemp, with green food, cuttlefish and ample provision for a supply of clean water for drinking and bathing, would suffice for keeping Budgerigars, Cockatiels and Rosella Parrakeets in health. Get one pair green, and two pairs yellow Budgerigars, with one pair each Cockatiels and Rosellas. All would agree, but the two latter may not breed till next year.

Sexing Java Sparrows.

"White Java."—I should say the hen Java died egg-bound. This frequently happens with birds nesting at this time of year, and it is always advisable to remove the nest-boxes if they show any inclination to nest, and not replace them till early in April. It is not easy to sex a single specimen of Java Sparrow, not even for those thoroughly acquainted with them. The hen bird has got a narrower and more tapering beak than the male. This can clearly be seen when the bird is viewed in profile. As regards singing, as a rule, the hen is almost silent compared with the male, though this rule is not absolute, as I have possessed singing hens; but they are the exception and not the rule, and I am of the opinion that you have two cock birds. If there is no difference in the size and shape of their beaks, you may take it such is the case.

Sick Baby Parrot.

"Pretty Polly."—If this bird is eating freely of the dry seed mixture, do not give the boiled maize. Grey Parrots are better without it, so soon as they are able to take the seed mixture—you must decide this by observation. Give two doses of Dinneford's magnesia, half a teaspoonful in one tablespoonful of water. There should be a two days' interval between the doses. Afterwards put bird on a course of Parrish's chemical food, half a teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls of the drinking water, which give for a month, at least. In addition to the seed mixture, give plain biscuit, crust of stale household bread, ripe fruit, a little boiled potato (dry), and a small piece of small carrot occasionally. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in cage. If the bird is eating heartily of the dry seed mixture, it is better without the boiled maize. You had better write again with fullest details, if the sickness becomes more pronounced.

Java Sparrows.

E. Wright.—If you will tell what kind of cage yours is, and what position it occupies, I shall be in a better position to help. Meantime, make drinking water just saline with Epsom Salts for one day, and afterwards lightly colour with Parrish's chemical food. Are you supplying bird grit? If not, do so. Also give a little green food, leaf of lettuce or stick a slice of ripe apple between wires, Canary, millet, oats, and paddy rice. But the first two will be the principal portion of their diet. If you give me the information asked for above, I will try and help you further.

Rearing Parrots in England.

"Maconochy."—Yes, Parrots can be reared in England, but you must understand that it is not like breeding Canaries. Once they begin to breed, they are less trouble to rear than the common Canary, but it does not follow that if you get a true pair of birds, and put them into an aviary they are going to commence forthwith. With the best of arrangements, they are often two or even three years before doing so. There is nothing to do, but to procure a true pair of birds, put them in an aviary, and wait their pleasure with what patience you can command. A pair of any large species of Parrots should have an aviary consisting of a 6 by 6 feet shed, and a flight of about 12 by 6 feet, furnished with suitable log nest and branches—all woodwork to be covered with wire netting. For the larger Parrots, it ought to be of thicker gauge than the netting usually retailed by ironmongers. See reply to P.W.R. Diet according to species, and as regularly advised in this column. If you give no particulars as to what species you require to keep, I could possibly be a little more definite.

Feather Plucking Cockatoo.

C. E. Western.—It will not be easy to cure your bird of this habit, which I have no hesitation in saying is due to the unwholesome diet you have been feeding it on, when, as regards the diet, it is stated almost weekly—"Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food." For your staple diet, get the following mixture: two parts each Canary seed and oats, and one part each hemp, dari, wheat, maize, and sunflower seeds; in addition, supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits (dry), nuts, boiled potato (dry), and a little green food occasionally, such as lettuce, or other simple salad. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and supply clear drinking water regularly. Give it three or four doses of Dinneford's magnesia, with a two days' interval between each dose—one teaspoonful of magnesia to two tablespoonsful of water—letting it have nothing but this to drink during the day. Spray the parts it is plucking with quassia solution, guarding against draught till it is dry. You must persevere with this treatment, but recovery will not, I expect, be rapid. The purpose of the quassia is to make the plumage taste bitter, and so check this annoying habit.

Another Feather Plucker.

Constant Reader.—Stop the mixed Parrot food. The seed mixture you are giving is ample, but for a time have half its bulk Canary seed. Also supply a piece of plain biscuit occasionally in addition to the ripe fruit you are giving. Something has caused the bird's blood to be heated, and its skin is in an irritating condition, hence the plucking. Note other replies. Give a few doses of Dinneford's magnesia—one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water. Continue to use quassia solution regularly; this certainly will help by making the birds' plumage bitter and distasteful to it. Give it cotton reels to play with, and rotten wood to chew up. Keep it where it will hear general conversation, and also teach it by constant repetition, it most certainly should both talk and mimic.

Treatment of Budgerigars.

G.M.—You do not say how many Budgerigars you have, but with the number of birds in your aviary, there ought to be at least six husks, and also a fair supply of other nesting receptacles to give any chance of successful breeding with any of the species. To the diet you are giving add oats, and in the summer as much grass in the car as they will eat. The husks, etc., should be fixed under the roof. They will undoubtedly breed a little later, providing you have a true pair, and also very probably mutilate and possibly murder some of your Finches for you. Be forewarned, and do not overcrowd. If you part with the young as soon as they can fend for themselves, very probably no harm will arise from such a mixture. They are omnivorous as to green food, and any non-poisonous garden weeds and hedgerow herbage may be given them.

Grey Parrot with Cramp.

P.H.B.—I fear it is more like paralysis than cramp. Keep it quiet and in a warmish room, but not in a vitiated atmosphere. You cannot do better than continue to give bicarbonate of soda at intervals, and between times, when not giving this, well colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Give it the regular seed mixture: Canary, oats, wheat, dari, small maize, hemp and sunflower seeds; with ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and a little boiled potato, dry. I should also advise the perch being placed quite low down in the cage, and the food hoppers the same, so that the shock may be less when it slips off the perch. Unless the bird has caught a chill owing to being in a draught, I don't blame the bath. If it is actually cramp, I should advise fomenting with a decoction of hot (not scalded) camomile flowers; dry with a cloth, and keep quiet and out of all draught. If it is really paralysis, I fear but little can be done for it, as each attack will become worse, and the end soon come. But we must hope it is not so serious as this. Please report progress shortly.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Management of Goldfish.

H. Morrison.—In managing goldfish, the great thing is to keep the water pure. Don't overcrowd. Your tank, 2 ft. by 1 ft. by 1 ft. deep, should not have more than four three-inch fish; less, if they are larger, though you could put in six two-inchers. Dip out some of the water every day or two, and put fresh in to fill up, but don't have more than eight inches of water in. Shallow water is best for fish. Put in a few large water-snails to act as scavengers. Keep the aquarium out of the sun. Feed on watercress, sprouting sprays of which, well provided with roots, will live floating for some time; also on dried ants' eggs—only just as much as they will eat daily. A few small worms and a little crushed vermicelli may be given, but nothing should be allowed to get stale. Water insects of small size, and water-shrimps, are good food. Your tank is small for breeding, but you might get them to spawn by keeping large sprays of water-weed in it. The males can only be distinguished in spring by a roughness on the cheeks, so these fish are hard to sex. If you get any spawn, remove the weeds, on which it is deposited, into another vessel, or the old fish will eat it.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Chaffinch-Canary Mule (F. Harrison).—We published a letter from the present owner in our Correspondence columns some few months ago, calling attention to this bird. We believe our Mr. Weston has been written to by another correspondent this week. The bird has been exhibited several times without result.

Various Matters (H. R. Stone).—The term "flighted" is here used to denote a hen that is two years old, at least—i.e., that has moulted her flight feathers. Swansdown linings for nest-pans you can obtain cheaply from any of the fanciers' specialists advertising in our columns. The centre of the cage at the back is the place indicated.

Which Room (R. Manwaring).—1: We think the choice rests between the 2nd and 3rd room. If the latter (the attic) is cosy, and free from draughts, it should answer admirably, being quiet, and, as you say, fairly well lighted. Put the cages, of course, where they will best catch the light, whichever room you adopt. The living-room might not be quiet enough; but you are best judge of that. The "dullness" of a room would hardly kill any healthy bird in but a "few days." 2: Yes.

Photographs (J. Rukin).—Many thanks for the very successful photographs, for which we will try and find a corner in one of our supplements.

An Anecdote (G. Loosemore).—We receive on an average anything from a dozen to a score items every week, so it will be obvious to you that all cannot find a place in the Young Naturalist's column. "Uncle Peter" has to select those which seem, in his judgment, the most suitable. We will, however, look into the matter you mention.

A Hen and Her Foster-Children (Dan Bassett).—Items concerning poultry are not suited for our Young Naturalist's Column. Try again.

Officials (Novice).—It is usual to have one president, but the vice-presidents may be any number. Many societies call all these latter gentlemen simply "patrons," and there is much to be said in favour of the adoption of this course.

Social at Portobello (Leach and Leckie).—You will note that we had already received an account from a local correspondent, which was in type when yours came to hand.

Stamp for Reply (T. Atkins).—There is much to be said in favour of your point of view, we admit. Still, one cannot convince others against their will, and this matter was quite recently dealt with in our columns.

Allow me to congratulate you on the excellence of your paper, Cage Birds, writes Mr. E. Wm. Thornley (Bristol), which I look forward to weekly.

I would like again to express my continued delight in Cage Birds, writes Mrs. Francis B. Alexander (Greenhithe). I look upon Friday as my happiest day of all the week, and when evening comes have to actually halve the copy with my husband, although there are daily papers about. I have got you several new readers, who say it is splendid for all bird lovers. The plates are quite perfection. I wish Cage Birds every success.

Those keen judges of a good Plainhead, the fanciers of the city of Norwich, are very sweet on a young yellow cock-bird owned by Mr. W. M. Gaze, of Aldeby, and seem to have found it difficult to understand this bird's low position in the prize-list at the last Crystal Palace Show. Commenting on the fact in the "Eastern Evening News," the writer says: One journal connected with the Fancy described the bird as being grand in shape and substance, but inclined to be a bit browed. I accepted an invitation to view this specimen previous to his appearance before the public, my opinion being that he could hold his own with whatever company he met on the show bench. As regards the browing of a specimen, sometimes it may happen that the show cage may be responsible for a bird appearing at times a bit browed through the wires being so placed as not to allow the specimen to drink without disturbing his feathers. However, the owner of the Norwich ten-guinea champion should be in no way discouraged, as, should the bird be above ground next year, it will be plainly seen.

THE SHOWS.

(See also page 291.)

NEWPORT AND MONMOUTHSHIRE C.B.S.

The first members' matched pair show was held at Plimsoll Arms, March 5th. Entries were very good considering the time the club has been in existence. The quality throughout was of great merit, and the members are to be congratulated on the excellent turnout. The general management was all that could be desired. Messrs. Allen and Simmonds judged.

CRESTS: 1, Larcombe; 2, Maher; 3, Lewis. NOR.: 1, Larcombe; 2, 3, 4, and 1, 2, 3, spls, Barnes; vhc, Lynch; hc, Hitchings; c, Brown. YORKS.: 1, 2, Larcombe; 3, hc, spl, Edwards; 4, 2 spls, Hughes; vhc, 3 spls, Hayes; c, Brown. A.O.V.: 1, Larcombe; 2, Barnes; 3, Lowe. MULING PAIRS: 1, 4, Edwards; 2, Wyatt; 3, Hughes; extra 3, Lowe; vhc, Lodge; vhc, Maher; hc, Wyatt, Hughes, Smith; c, Hayes. MULES: 1, Larcombe; 2, Smith; 3, Lynch. —W. H. BARNES, Secretary.

CITY OF HULL C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters on March 2nd, and also a table show for British birds, for which there were 56 entries in four classes. Mr. Harland judged. He has successfully bred and shown Yorkshires in the past, and by his awards in the British classes, he evidently knows how to sort the right ones out. Two new members were proposed, and Mr. Calam was elected as delegate to C.B.U. Some little surprise was expressed at the Leeds C.B.S. appropriating our Open Show dates, November 20, 21. We have kept to these dates for a number of years and have tried to avoid clashing. However we hope the Leeds friends will try and find a new date, so as to prevent the C.B.U. having to re-arrange matters. A very interesting discussion on "How and when to pair" was afterwards gone into by most of the members present, and I noticed several novice members taking mental notes, which should result in the Nest Feather Show having full classes.

LINNET, ETC. (28): 1, 3, vhc, Perkins; 2, Potter; hc, Calam; c, Frith. GREENFINCH, ETC. (18): 1, Perkins; 2, hc, Brumby; 3, Potter; vhc, Hope; c, Walker. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, Whiteside; 2, Calam; 3, hc, c, Pepper; vhc, Perkins. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Brumby; 2, Perkins; 3, Frith; vhc, Whitesides.—F. H. STAMFORD (Minute Sec.).

LOWESTOFT AND DIS. C.B.S.

The last show of season was held on March 2nd, at Fox and Hounds. Norwich Plainhead cocks were the variety chosen for this event and some beautiful specimens were staged in both sections. Members and entries turned up well (considering the bad weather) and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Hart again gave great satisfaction in picking out the winners. We noticed he had a difficult task, as some of the best were out. In the champion section, Mr. Kirk's variegated yellow headed the list; it was a real tip-topper and a general favourite. The winning buff also came in for a share of the praise; Mr. Nichols (the owner) was offered £5 for him, but refused. Other exhibits all worthy of special comment were staged by Messrs. Lang, Disney and Blackburn. The novices kept the ball rolling by bringing up a fine team, and we congratulate them on the quality and type of their selected stock for the coming year; if these are a sample, look out for the First Feather Show.

CHAMPION YELL. CK.: 1, Kirk; 2, c, Lang; 3, vhc, Disney; 4, Nichols; hc, Nichols and Blackburn. BUFF: 1, 3, Nichols; 2, hc, Disney; 4, c, Lang; vhc, Blackburn. NOVICE YELL.: 1, Hatch; 2, Catchpole; 3, Clarke; 4, Munford; vhc, Cooper; c, Holly. BUFF: 1, Hatch; 2, Munford; 3, Holly; 4, Clarke; vhc, hc, Catchpole; c, Cooper.

LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.

Annual members' show was held on February 22nd, in the All-England Show Room, at the White Swan Hotel, Market Place. Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton), officiated and his awards met with general approval. Competition was very keen, many birds that have stood the test of open competition turning up. Messrs. Needham, Kilsby, and Colver took specials for most points in show in each section. Mr. H. Smith was steward and had cards up and show open well to time.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Neal; 2, McCarter; 3, Sandars; vhc, Needham. MARKED, ETC. YELL.: 1, McCarter; 2, 3, Needham. CLASS 3: 1, 2, Needham; 3, McCarter; vhc, Neal. MARKED, ETC. BUFF: 1, McCarter; 2, Needham. NOR. HEN YELL.: 1, Needham; 2, Hales; 3, vhc, Gibbons. BUFF: 1, 3, Hales; 2, Needham. BRIT.: 1, 3, Sandars; 2, Essex; vhc, Kilshy; hc, Neal; c, Letts. NOVICE SECTION: CL. ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, Hunt; 2, Colver; 3, Pole; vhc, Smith; hc, Peberdy; c, Buck. MARKED, ETC. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Gamble; 3, Kilsby; vhc, Buck; hc, Gamble; c, Hunt. MARK. ETC.: 1, Kilsby; 2, Pole; 3, Boulter. NOR. HEN YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Wood; 3, hc, Kilsby; vhc, Pole; c, Colver. BUFF: 1, Boulter; 2, Essex; 3, Wood; vhc, hc, Colver; c, Smith. NAT. COL.: 1, 3, Peberdy; 2, c, Buck; vhc, Kilsby; hc, Colver. OPEN A.O.V. CAN OR MULE: 1, Neal; 2, Sandars; 3, Mothersole; vhc, Kilsby.—C. DRAPER, Sec.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

The proceedings of the monthly meeting of this society took the form of a table show for Britishers and pairs for Hybrid breeding. The society having now offered silver and bronze medals to be competed for throughout the year, on the points system, the result was a largely increased entry, all the classes filling up splendidly, with the exception of that for Hybrids, and here a neat specimen of the Siskin-Greenfinch cross was shown by Mr. A. Hinson. The first prize card in the Goldfinch class fell to Mr. A. E. Edwards' bird, a rattling good Goldie, with a clean-cut blaze, whose only fault seems to be in lacking the rich "tanning" of the typical Britisher. Both the second and third birds were shown in beautiful condition. Special prizes were given by Councillors Starr and Arnold and Mr. R. Smith, and this was probably the most successful table show ever held by the society. Mr. F. Doggett and Mr. W. Linsey (in the classes where he was not showing) judged the birds, and their awards appeared to give every satisfaction. Previous to the judging it was resolved that the society become affiliated to the Cage Bird Union, and also that the next monthly night be devoted to a smoking concert.

GOLDFINCH: 1, Edwards; 2, Williams; 3, Hinson. BULLFINCH: 1, King; 2, Lambert; 3, Jeeves. HAWFINCH, ETC.: 1, Watson; 2, Linsey, Hawfinches; 3, McQuarrie, Greenfinch. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Lambert, Linnet; 2, King Siskin; 3, Linsey, Redpoll. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Lambert, Bramblefinch and Chaffinch; 2, Ridgewell, Chaffinch. A.V. HYRID: 1, 2, Hinson Siskin-Greenfinch and Greenfinch-Canary. PAIRS FOR HYBRID BREEDING: 1, Bye; 2, Rogers; 3, Edwards.—T. S. MOORE.

A YORKSHIREMAN AND A SCOTCHMAN.

CINNAMON MARKED YORKSHIRE. First Prize Crystal Palace Show for Messrs. Ogden Bros. (Bradford).

NATURAL COLOR NORWICH PLAINHEAD. First Prize Scottish National Show for Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch).

WIBSEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

A members' show was held on March 14, at the headquarters, "The Horse and Groom Inn," Wibsey. Owing to the closeness of the breeding season the number of exhibits was not so large as is generally seen at our shows, but the quality was fully maintained throughout. Forty-eight birds were staged, and Mr. J. Wilman (Sandy Lane) placed the cards, to the full satisfaction of all.

YORKS. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Ormondroyd; 2, Chapman and Bateman; 3, vhc, Crowther; hc, Wright. BUFF: 1, Crowther; 2, Bastow; 3, hc, Mann; 4, vhc, Norton; c, Taylor Bros. TICKED, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Chapman and Bateman; 2, Crowther; vhc, Thornton; hc, Norton; c, Sutcliffe. BUFF: 1, Crowther; 2, Wilman; 3, Chapman and Bateman; 4, Stott; vhc, Mann; hc, Thornton; c, Ormondroyd. FOUL-MARKED CK.: 1, D. Wilman. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Crowther; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, hc, Thornton; vhc, Bastow; c, Norton. BUFF: 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, Crowther; 3, Thornton; vhc, Bastow; hc, Wright. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN: 1, vhc, Sutcliffe; 2, Bastow; 3, Taylor Bros.; hc, Ormondroyd; c Norton. YORKS. STOCK BIRD: 1, Thornton; 2, Crowther.—E. W. JOHNSON, Sec.

Have you given the notice respecting CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL for 1908 your attention?

GREAT HORTON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The second members' show for this season was held on March 14th at the meeting house. A good number of exhibits were staged. Mr. Wm. Cruise awarded the prizes and gave general satisfaction. Amongst the visitors was Mr. H. W. Battye, of Huddersfield, who came to see if we had any of those 7½-inch birds staged we have read so much about; but I don't think we had.

OPEN SECTION.—TICKED YELL. YORKS.: 1, Waterworth; 2, 4, hc, Young; 3, Mann; vhc, c, Lister. BUFF: 1, Brayshaw and Jowett; 2, 3, Self; 4, Blakey; vhc, Young; hc, Waterworth. CINN. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Blakey. BUFF: 1, Brayshaw and Jowett; 2, Blakey. TICKED, ETC., YELL. HEN, GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Mann; 2, 3, Self; 4, Blakey; vhc, Barraclough; hc, c, Young. BUFF: 1, 2, Blakey. A.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Lister; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Dean and Jowett. NOVICE SECTION.—TICK. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Simonett; 2, Richardson; 3, Oliver; 4, Hargreaves. BUFF: 1, 2, Oliver; 3, Simonett. CINN. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, Barraclough; 2, Simonett. BUFF: 1, Oliver; 2, Richardson. TICKED, ETC., YELL. HEN, GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 2, Gudgeon; 3, 4, Richardson; vhc, Barraclough; hc, Hargreaves. BUFF: 1, Hargreaves.—JAS. HOLROYD, Sec.

[Kindly write on one side of the paper only.—ED.]

PATELEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT F. AND F.S.

The second annual show of the above society held on March 14, at the Oddfellows' Hall, proved a great success. Entries were numerous and quality throughout was excellent. The cage bird classes were a source of much interest and attraction. The Sec. is Mr. W. Lawson, to whom considerable credit is due for his careful conduct of affairs.

YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Pullan; 2, J. W. Brown; 3, Shuttleworth. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Richmond; 2, Barfe; 3, Pullan. MKD. ETC. CK. (5): 1, Knibbs; 2, Barfe; 3, Richardson. YORKS. HEN (5): 1, J. W. Brown; 2, Pullan; 3, Shuttleworth. NOR. (1): 1, Richmond. BREEDING PAIR (4): 1, Richmond; 2, Shuttleworth; 3, J. W. Brown.

RUGBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A members' show was held at the Castle Auction Rooms on March 10th, when, considering the lateness of the season, a very good number of birds were staged. Mr. T. G. Hough placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CK., YELL.: 1, spl, Leng; 2, Brooks; 3, Savage; vhc, Westley. BUFF: 1, Leng; 2, Savage. HEN, BUFF: 1, Leng; 2, Savage; 3, Brooks; vhc, Jennings. A.O.V. CK. CAN.: 1, Westley. HEN: 1, Webb. MATCHED PAIRS: 1, Brooks; 2, Towers. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Skipwith; 2, Westley. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Skipwith; 2, 3, Clarke; 4, Westley; vhc, Brooks; hc, Fann and Labraham. £1 SELL.: 1, 4, Towers; 2, Hands; 3, Bushwell; vhc, Skipwith; hc, McMicken. 10/-: 1, Hands; 2, Westley; 3, Boseworth; vhc, Towers; hc, Clarke.—C. F. SAVAGE.

LEWISHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The society held their first pair stock show at headquarters, the Rochuck Hotel, Lewisham, on March 3rd, when Mr. J. Robson judged. The exhibits, numbering 39, were well staged, and many of them were birds of exceptional merit. Both the Yorkshire and Norwich Plainhead classes were well filled, and provided some very keen competition. The Norwich would possibly have shown to better advantage if they had been exhibited in double cages, as, being late in the season, many were in a very forward condition. Crest and Crestbred Muling and Hybrid pairs might have been improved upon both as regards numbers and quality, but all were shown in faultless condition, the exhibitors having shown good judgment in their selections for mating.

YORKSHIRE (11): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Edwards, a grand team, the 1st pair birds of splendid quality, both typical show specimens in lovely condition, run very close by the 2nd pair, another grand couple; 3, c, Pitcher and Fann, two fine pairs, hardly so well up or clean cut away, both pairs splendidly matched; hc, Males. NORWICH (9): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Bellinger, another grand team, 1st pair well away from any in class, in grand form, full of quality and type, 2nd another fine pair; 3, Lneg, both good pairs; hc, Sullivan. YORKS. NOVICE (4): 1, spl, 2, spl, 3, Scott, three good exhibits, well matched, shown in capital condition; vhc, Wraight. NOR. (4): 1, spl, 2, Wraight, two fine typical pairs, good quality, well shown; 3, vhc, Phillips, 3rd close up, very typical pair. CREST AND CRESTBRED: 1, Stevens, nice exhibits. MULING (5): 1, Wall; 2, Lugg; 3, Steed; vhc, Dowling. HYBRIDS (4): 1, spl, Phillips; 2, vhc, White; 3, Stevens. SELL. PAIRS: 1, Wall. Seven new members were duly elected, and a very pleasant evening terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr. Robson for his kindness and patience in answering the numerous questions asked him.—H. THOS. LUCAS, Hon. Sec.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet singing contest was held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on March 14th, when 20 birds sang. 1st prize, T. Summers; 2nd and 3rd shared by C. Biss and T. Stead. Judges, S. Hardcastle and G. Towers. Also on March 15th, when 30 birds sang. 1st prize, T. Johnson; 2nd and 3rd shared between C. Biss and S. Hardcastle; 4th, T. Summers. Judges, T. Hineson and C. Cooper.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Usual contest at the Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, March 14, when thirty birds faced the judge. Result:—1, Kendray; 2, 5, A. Chaplin; 3, Asheroft; 4, Moley Wark; 6, Evans; 7, Lightfoot. Judge, Mr. T. Raver; timekeeper, Mr. T. Limbert.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual contest held at "Crown Inn," North Street, March 14, when 30 birds sang for seven prizes. The following were the principal prize-winners:—1, Stothard; 2, 4, Horwell; 3, Lee; 5, Bean; 6, Lambert; 7, Massheder. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. J. Firth.—J. W. SMITH, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD.

A Linnet singing contest was held at the Don Inn, Carbrook, Sheffield, the contest being for two minute hangs. The prize-winners were:—1, Booker, 53; 2, Knight, 42; 3, Knight, 39. Judges, Messrs. Ballington and Brown.—H. TIMMS, Secretary.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Linnet S.A. held week-end contest for quality singing on March 14 at club headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, Blackburn. The winners were:—1st prize, Topping; 2nd, Rostron; 3rd, Harrison. Judge, W. W. Rench; timekeeper, R. Topping.—R. HAYHURST, Secretary.

The first club and cup sing in connection with the Blackburn and Dist. L.F.A. was held at the Good Samaritan Inn, Grimshaw Park, on March 14. That good old veteran, Jesse Hunt, once more came out with flying colours, his old bird doing 9.33. After the contest thirty members sat down to a good potato-pie feast, provided by Mr. D. Bentley, to which all seemed to do full justice. This was followed by toasts, etc. Our President (Mr. David Bentley) presided, and a right good and merry evening was spent. Songs were given by Messrs. R. Airey, Bentley, and Sheffield, and recitations by Messrs. Jesse Hunt and J. Walmsley. A vote of thanks to the chairman and the the host ended a most enjoyable evening.—JOHN SHEFFIELD, Sec.

DARLINGTON.

A Linnet singing contest will be held at Mr. Brownlees's "George Hotel," Darlington, on Saturday, March 28th. Two prizes, copper kettle and silver medal. First bird up at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Entrance fee 6d. per bird.—(Advt.).

ELSECAR.

The Elsecar S.S. held usual week-end contest on March 7 at Barley Corn Inn, when 17 birds competed for three good prizes. The prize-winners were: 1, W. Lofthouse, 3.45; 2, T. White, 3.42; 3, S. Vaines, 3.17. Mr. W. White was called on to mark for W. Lofthouse's bird. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Denton; marker, Mr. W. Lofthouse.—E. CHARLES, Secretary.

FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.

A special meeting of a delightful character was held on March 10th in honour of three of our members who have been successful in winning their respective competitions, viz: Messrs. W. Wadsworth (Ramsden's Challenge Cup, which carries with it teapot and gold medal), J. Helliwell (Brotherton's Cup and Ramsden's teapot), and H Lodge (Novice Gold Medal), which we think in design excels all novice medals previously presented. After inspecting the magnificent trophies, we took our seats and did justice to the choice variety of good things provided for the occasion. As our society is neither favoured with talented vocalists nor public orators, after having fully gratified the desires of the inner man the rest of the evening was devoted to a smoking concert. Several interesting topics were freely discussed, mostly relating to the Fancy. During the evening one thing was mentioned in particular and evoked a spirit of severe criticism. This was that so few of the societies in connection with our Union were represented on the show bench at our annual show. Interesting games were freely indulged in. Mr. Dyson gave expressions of his humour by reciting his old favourites. Toasts having been proposed to the successful competitors, an evening long to be remembered by those present was brought to a close.—J. Lodge, secretary.

Liverpool Bird Fanciers' Annual Dinner.

The annual dinner under the joint auspices of the Liverpool Bird Breeders and the Green Canary Association was held in the Milbourn Assembly Rooms, St. Anne's Street, Liverpool, on March 3rd. The President of the G.C.A. G. R. Johnson, Esq., presided, and letters of apology were read from Councillor Muirhead and John Henrickson, Esq., patrons of the Green Club. The President of the Breeders, R. Bolton, Esq., was also unavoidably absent. After an excellent repast had been done full justice to the President presented the prizes in connection with the Green Club's season's competitions, and congratulated the members on the handsome list of specials they had had in competitions also saying a few well-chosen words to each recipient. Mr. Ryno, on being presented with the Norwich Champion Cup, said he was getting quite used to the game of receiving cups; they came quite as a matter of course, whilst the President, on presenting Mr. Deacon with his sixth prize of the evening, remarked that he was quite tired of seeing him come up so often and taking away so many beautiful prizes. Mr. Deacon, in thanking the President for his kind remarks said that he would have much pleasure in presenting the Norwich Novice Cup for next season's competition. The company showed their appreciation of Mr. Deacon's generosity in no half-hearted fashion. Mr. Clayton (Halifax) wrote regretting his inability to attend (through illness) to receive his cup, but sent a handsome donation to next season's cup, also towards the refreshment fund. This latter, whilst not compensating for Mr. Clayton's absence, certainly helped the members to (?) drown their sorrows. A new feature in connection with these presentations was the attendance of a lady (Mrs. Harrison, Altrincham), who made her curtsey to the President on being presented with the two specials won by the absent Tommy. Mrs Harrison got a grand ovation, but very prettily declined to make a speech. A very notable absentee was the always smiling and popular Mrs. Ryno, wife of the member for "Cash" and friend Tommy had a lively time answering the expressions of regret at her absence. After the presentations, Mr. Handley took the chair, the President having to leave to catch his train home. The toast list was then proceeded with. Mr. Metcalfe proposed "The Breeders," to which Mr Handley suitably replied. Mr. Barratt proposed "The Prize Winners," and this was replied to by Mr. Deacon. "The President" was responded to by the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow." Mr. Isaac (treasurer) proposed "The Green Canary Association," and said how much pleasure it gave him to be associated with such a popular and growing society; he wished the society every success it deserved. The secretary Mr. S. Halwin, in replying, gave a sketch of the year's working, pointing out that something like £40 had been in competition during the year, and that the patronage had been given to a larger number of shows and more widely spread than in previous years. After the toasts had been duly honoured, a capital musical programme was gone into. Mr. and Miss Crellin and Miss Gilbert very ably supplied the piano and violin parts, and the vocal parts were opened by the old veteran, Tommy Ryno, telling us how the "Village Blacksmith" sat in the "old arm chair"—a turn always eagerly anticipated at these gatherings. Mr. Billy Hales gave a capital rendering of "The Old Brigade," and looked the part to perfection. It was very amusing to see all the men making towards the piano when Miss Gilbert sang "Love me, and the world is mine"—a repetition being loudly called for later in the evening. The same lady also sang a "A Dream of Home," a lot of the fellows remarking they wished there was not so much "dream" but more of the "reality" about it. Mr. A. Thompson made the shillelagh rattle and the feet jingle with "The Christening." Mr. Goodman, thinking the company getting too frivolous gave a good rendering of the "Miserable Man," and Mr. Seaton Milroy brought tears to every eye by the pathetic manner in which he recited the little Emily's letter scene from "David Copperfield," afterwards raising every hair on every head in the room by "Svengali." A very enjoyable dance, lasting till 2 a.m. brought the most successful gathering ever held in Liverpool to a happy close. Amongst those present we noticed: G. R. Johnson, Esq., President; Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe Mr. and Mrs. Handley, Mr. and Mrs. Barratt, Mr. and Mrs. McMartry. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker, Mr. and Miss Hadwin. Miss Harding Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Harrison. Miss Casey (Altrincham) Mr. and Mrs. Brabertou Messrs. F. E. Hawkes W. Walker Crooks, J. H. Isaac. W. Hales. Thornton. W. R. Johnson. D. Young, Braithwaite, senr. and junr., Rowlands, Dixon. F. J. Isaac W. Thompson, A. Thompson. Deacon, Ryno, Gore, H. Humphreys, Espley Slater, Beattie, Rogers, and Seaton Milroy.

Nottingham and Notts Ornithological Society.

The annual dinner was held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on March 4th, when 40 members and friends of the society assembled to do justice to the good things provided. Mr. R. Rhodes occupied the chair and Mr. G. C. Ley the vice chair. Amongst others present were the following:—Messrs. Alton, Burrows, Bemrose, T. Barker, J. Bertie Cutts. Cottingham, J. Goode, A. E. Carton, E. Hampston, Hill, Holmes, Kerry, J. H. Northage, J. Onion, A. Onion, A. Onion, junr., J. S. Smith, J. H. Scothern, W. Vardy, G. White, W. Wolfe, and G. E. Wilkinson, the secretary. The Chairman submitted the toast of "The King" and "The Society," Mr. G. C. Ley "The Donors and Subscribers" Mr. J. H. Scothern "The Fancy," and Mr. J. H. Northage "The Visitors." A very attractive musical entertainment had been arranged, to which Messrs. A. Ogen and J. Harrison contributed, sharing between them the honours at the piano in addition to rendering each several songs, which met with the very hearty appreciation of those present, as did the songs contributed by Messrs. J. Asher, W. C. Gillott A. Nisley, and G. C. Ley. all of whom contributed in a very pleasing and acceptable manner to a programme of exceptional merit. Mr. J. Bemrose also rendered a clarionet solo, which was also much appreciated. The gathering was one of the most enjoyable in the history of the society.—G. E. Wilkinson, secretary.

Portobello Cage Bird Society.

In the Masonic Hall, Tower Street, on March 9th, the members met for a social hour or two, and to do honour to their late secretary, Mr. John Bell. The chair was occupied by the genial President, Mr Matthews, who opened the proceedings with a few appropriate remarks. Mr. Dunn, vice-president, who was entrusted with the event of the evening, in a few well chosen words said it gave him great pleasure on behalf of the members to present their late Secretary with a handsome oak timepiece as a mark of the esteem in which he was held and in recognition of the services he had rendered to the society, which by his efforts had risen to be one of the foremost in the district, if not in Scotland. Mr. Bell feelingly replied thanking the members for their kindness, the company singing "For he's a jolly good fellow." Mr. Miller proposed the toast of "Kindred Societies," and in a racy speech full of sparkling humour, said he was pleased to see so many representatives from the neighbouring societies. Mr. Jas. Winter, secretary of the Scottish National, replied on their behalf. The toast of the 'Fancy Press" was given by Mr. Leckie, to which Mr. E. G Wright replied. The company being rich in musical talent, the harmony was well sustained. Mr. W. Gibbon, in his rendering of "We parted on the shore" and "Mary, my Scotch bluebell," was doubly encored. Mr. Davis (comic) gave two songs in character. The others contributing songs were Messrs. Bolan, Bett, A. McLean. MacGibbon, and Jenkins, Mr. Cairns favouring the company with two violin selections. Mr. May presided at the piano. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very happy evening to a close.—Geo. Brown.

Stockton-on-Tees & District C.B.S.

The members met on February 25th at Tate's Café, the occasion being the annual dinner and smoker. Over 25 members and friends sat down to dinner, which was served in the very best style by Mr. Tate. After a good set-to at the tables, we laid ourselves out for a good evening's amusement, the arrangements for which were in the hands of Messrs. Nicholson, Bean, Freeman, Acheson, Lowes, and Burton. Mr. Bean occupied the chair, and several toasts were submitted. Mr. Carr proposed the "Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S." in a very good speech, in which he said he hoped a good feeling would always prevail amongst members. The Secretary, replying, said he would always do his best for the society as long as he was a member. He presented the balance sheet with a balance in hand of £15—not bad for a young society. Mr. Marwood proposed "The Visitors." Mr. Hope replied and said they were always ready to help the society, and he hoped they would be there again on some future occasion. A vote of thanks to the chairman by Mr. Nicholson brought the evening to a close one of the best we cage bird fanciers have spent.—J. W. Lowes.

City of Bradford O.S.

The annual dinner and social evening was spent at headquarters the Flying Dutchman, on March 14th. Seventy persons sat down to an excellent repast. Mr. T. Forman presided in a very genial manner. Members' prizes for 1907 were presented by Mr J. S. Clarkson to the successful exhibitors. Open classes: 1st, F. Ludbrook (82 points); 2nd S. Lingley (79 points; 3rd, P. Stansfield (66 points); 4th, Whartons Bros. (53 points). Novice section: 1st, T. Fortnam (95 points); 2nd, E. W. Pollitt (73 points); 3rd J Horsfield (53 points; 4th, W. Helliwell (38 points). Mr. E. W. Pollitt is leaving this country on March 27th. He responded by wishing the society every success, and said he would not forget the society if he was at all successful in the new country. An excellent programme was gone through. Songs were sung by Miss C. Leach (soprano), Mr. J. H. Hawley (humorist), and Mr. Denninson (baritone). Mr. W. Croft officiated at the pianoforte. Mr. F. Ludbrook proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes and the host and hostess. Mr. Hirst seconded. The host responded, and wished the society every success. This brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—F. Rhodes, secretary.

Cheltenham C.B.S.

The annual supper was held at headquarters, the Sydney Arms Hotel, on February 12th. The president, Mr. W. W. Theobald, occupied the chair, and was supported by Messrs. Grant (vice chairman), T. J. King, (Kilmister) Hiles, Hamlin, Hope and a large number of members and friends including Messrs. Payne and Houghton, of Gloucester. After supper a very enjoyable time was spent. A brief toast list having been duly honoured, the evening was devoted to a concert. During the interval the President on behalf of the members presented the Hon. Sec., Mr. A. S. Treasure, with a purse containing £5 and the following letter: "We the undersigned do hereby convey our best thanks to you for the able manner in which you have carried out our interests, and brought the Bird Society to such a successful issue; you will perceive by this, that you have our best wishes for your present and future welfare." The list of subscribers included a donation from the Gloucester C.B.S. Mr. Treasure in returning thanks, said how much he appreciated the kindness of all the subscribers, and especially how he valued the good feeling and fellowship which had prompted the getting up of the testimonial, which had been a great surprise to him.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.

A smoking concert was held at "The George Hotel" on February 19th, when there was a large attendance of members and friends, including Messrs. H. Brownless and R. Graham, vice-presidents. Mr. Cuthbertson, chairman, occupied the chair, and in his speech mentioned the objects of the Association, stating that it was only in its infancy, having been formed in April of 1906. Two Open Shows had been held, and he was pleased to say that they had both been carried out successfully, as after paying all prize money and expenses in connection with each show, we had a balance in hand. He was pleased to say that the balance sheet for last year showed us to be in a good position, as we had a balance to the credit of the Association of £9. He said he thought it was a credit to the members to have such an amount in hand, having only been in existence for such a short time. He was also pleased that two of our members, Messrs. W Lismith and Hawkins, had had the honour of winning a first prize at the Crystal Palace with their Starling, and also a v.h.c. card with a Linnet in a class of 30. During the evening the President, Mr. H. Pike Pease, M.P. (Member for the Borough), presented the Secretary, Mr. R. S. Black, on behalf of the members, with a handsome dressing case, for the way in which he had carried out the duties of secretary since the Association was first formed. Mr. Pease said he was very pleased to hear the speech which the Chairman had made, and congratulated the members on the position of the Association. He was a fancier himself, and thought that every man should have a hobby of some kind, as he thought that when a man to occupy his spare time with, things fell very hard to retire from his business and had nothing heavily on his hands, whereas if he had a hobby of some kind he could always fill in his spare time. It would also be a pleasure to him to attend to the wants of his particular fancy. Mr. Pease congratulated us upon having two such fanciers amongst us as Messrs. Wildsmith and Hawkins, and thought it was a great credit to them in taking such high honours at the Crystal Palace Show. He hoped that they would have the same success in exhibiting at future shows. The Secretary replied in a suitable manner, and thanked the members for making him such a handsome present. Messrs. Simpson, Wildsmith, Black (senr.), and Felson also spoke. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, the following contributing to same:—H. Barwick, J. Cuthbertson, J. P. Cuthbertson, J. O'Connor, J. Martin, J. McLeish, T. Oliver, and W. Wennington. H. Barwick and H. Hawkins were the accompanists. The singing of the National Anthem brought the very pleasant evening's enjoyment to a close, the whole of which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. R. S. Black.

BRADFORD (EAST) O.S.

Hints to Yorkshire Fanciers.

A good number of members turned up at Park Chapel School on March 3rd, to hear Mr. R. Halliday's lecture on "Hints to Yorkshire Canary Fanciers." We were well repaid by hearing one of the most useful and instructive lectures it has been our lot to hear. Mr. Halliday dealt with all the most important phases in connection with the breeding, moulting and exhibiting of Yorkshires, and gave freely of the knowledge that he has acquired during the years he has been a breeder and exhibitor of this variety. Dealing first with the room and cages, he gave many causes for failure; where the cages are facing a direct light, for instance, when a hen has been sitting and some object has flitted past the window, and perhaps scared the hen off the nest. Things like these seem paltry, but when we come to study the matter, it was mostly these little things that made all the difference between success and failure. A good plan to prevent an occurrence such as this, is to put a piece of cardboard in the wires, directly opposite the nest, to shield the hen whilst she is sitting. I have tried this myself, and have found it to answer very well. The lecturer then gave some good advice on the selection of stock, and urged upon all to use their very best judgment in their selections, as this was one of the most essential stepping-stones to the coveted goal. He also laid special stress on getting the birds into proper condition before pairing up, as, if we neglected this most particular item, it was likely to end in disaster. Turning from this point, he advised all to try and get the confidence of their birds, as they could then take far more liberties in the breeding-room than they could otherwise, but on no account must you betray that confidence once you have attained it. The lecturer said he would like all those present to try and copy a few lessons from the British bird fancier, as it was remarkable how soon they could tame a bird that had been in its wild state. This reminds me of a visit I paid quite recently to one of our British bird fanciers in the Bradford district, one who is undoubtedly a master hand at taming wild-caught birds, and nearly every variety that he had in his room would come and take seed out of my hand, and this visit created a desire on the part of one fancier to try and do likewise. Mr. Halliday then cautioned us about pairing up too soon, and said that he thought the first week in April was plenty soon enough to begin operations, as he did not think that the young ones which came as the result of pairing up too soon were the most desirable. After describing his method of feeding, etc., during the time the hen is sitting, he dealt with the young birds, and here Mr. Halliday advocates crushing the seed for young birds when they are taken away from the parents, and trying to get them on to hard seed as soon as possible, his reasons for this being, that he thinks that by crushing the seed for them they get on to the staple diet gradually, and thereby gain strength much quicker than by giving them so much egg food. The lecturer then dealt with the moulting and colour-feeding of birds, and said that this was a most critical time in the bird room. Every care should be exercised, to keep the birds free from all draughts and colds. Good sound food only should be given at this period, along with the best colour feed we could buy. Whilst dealing with the question of colour I would strongly advise every fancier to try and breed for it, as this, combined with the use of artificial colouring in the shape of colour-food, was the result of birds being put down with that rich colour and bloom which everyone desired to see on the show bench. Mr. Halliday then gave his method of washing birds for exhibition, and many expressed their satisfaction of his idea. The lecture was then brought to a close. Many questions were put, and were all answered to the satisfaction of those present. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Halliday for his kindness was afterwards proposed by Mr. Lightowler, seconded by Mr. Cowgill, and supported by Mr. Cruise, and this brought a most instructive evening to a close.—H. Hirst, Secretary.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held on March 4th at Palmer Hall Market. There was a large attendance, which included two members from Guildford and one from Thatcham. Three new members were elected—Messrs. Read and Oliver, of Guildford, and Mr. Brooks, of Reading. A fine instructive washing display was given by an old friend, Mr. Yates, who was afterwards accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness.—C. A. Charles, Sec.

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE Norwich Plainhead Club, which has been talked so much about in Bradford and Yorkshire generally, has now been brought to a successful issue, the meeting convened at the Market Tavern on Saturday last having brought about this desirable end. The membership radius has been left open for the present, as some think this should extend beyond Yorkshire, but the promoters do not wish in any way to interfere with any existing club, their sole object being to promote the breeding and exhibiting of the Norwich Canary generally.

A point which had a lot to do with the formation of the club was the problem of what to do with the novices who had been enlisted in this variety by the introduction of Novice Norwich Classes at Yorkshire Union shows. It was felt that so few shows would provide open classes (unless something was done to assist them) that those who had taken the Norwich up would not stick to the bird if they could not exhibit without sending their birds to outside shows. The British Bird Club has shown what can be done, and very little fear as to the success of the newest offspring is anticipated—to make 36 members at an inaugural meeting speaks well for the enthusiasm of the promoters.

THE discussion on the length of the Yorkshire ended in favour of the present standard being adhered to. All present were confirmed in the belief that a bird 6¾ ins. in length, with all other properties combined, is quite enough to work upon, and that few, if any at all, at the present time are up to the standard length, the majority being under that length. It is certain that nothing will be done in Yorkshire circles to attempt to alter the standard in any way.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S. are considering the question of withdrawing from the Yorkshire Union, the reason being non-support of their shows by the Union members. They have been very hard hit certainly with their last few shows, but the question comes, What are they going to do if they leave? Will it be a case of "out of the frying-pan into the fire?"

GREAT Horton and Wibsey each had members' shows on Saturday last, and both were fairly well patronised. Bradford City O.S. held their annual dinner and social. About 70 members, with their wives and friends, sat down to the repast, and spent a convivial evening amid the best of good fellowship.

AN interesting subject in connection with the C.M.Y.C.C. is likely to be brought forward at no distant date, and I take the liberty of broaching the subject in this column so that those interested can study the thing over and then air their views when the time is ripe for the discussion. The point is: Should Cinnamon Ticked birds be shown along with the marked birds, or should they be shown in the ticked classes? In some people's minds there is a thought that the ticks should not, but that the classes should be for marked birds only, as the object of the club is to propagate the breeding of marked birds, and not ticked ones. The ticked birds are with us, however, and will have to be provided for somehow. Where?—that is the problem.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.
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* Fat and Juicy.

A Jackdaw that had been made a great pet of by a lady, often sitting on her shoulder and eating from her mouth, one day flew into the room, and, perching on her shoulder in the usual way, dropped a fat green caterpillar into her mouth, no doubt thinking he was giving her a choice tit bit. It was very kind of him, but the gift was not appreciated as it ought to have been.—J. Terry, age 15, 29, Benson Road, Croydon.

Illuminated Nests.

The birds that build hanging nests are at Cape Cormorin numerous. At night each of their little habitations is lighted up, as if to see company. The sagacious little bird fastens a bit of clay to the top of the nest, and then picks up a firefly, and sticks it on the clay to illuminate the dwelling which consists of two rooms. Sometimes there are three or four fireflies and their blaze of light in the little cell dazzle the eyes of the birds, which often kill the young or chase birds. Taken from "Familiar Birds" by H. G. Adams. Sent by J. C. Milcott, (ago 11 years), Arundle Drive, Westfield Road, Mansfield, Notts.

** That Imitative Jay.

My friend has a Jay, a very saucy fellow. This Jay is now about two years old, and his name is Tommy. He has been taught to say almost anything. He will imitate cats, dogs, chickens, and even human beings. He is let out of his cage every morning for about half an hour, and he hops about the garden in search of something to eat. His food consists of bread and butter and bits from the table. One morning we were surprised to hear the call of "Mabel, dear, are you coming out?" Thinking it was a friend we went into the garden to discover who it was. When we came back we found it was Tommy imitating some children over the wall. One day we quite forgot to feed him, and he at once began to shout "Tommy wants his dinner." We fed him, and we have never forgot to feed him since.—Sent by May Walton, ago 11 years, 14, Abney Street, Leicester.

A Docile Cormorant.

A Cormorant, kept by Colonel Montagu, was extremely docile. It was taken by surprise under the banks of a rivulet running into the British Channel by a Newfoundland dog. After it reached the Colonel it refused all food offered it, and food had to be crammed into it, to keep it alive. The Colonel having retired to the library, after seeing the bird fed, was surprised in a few minutes to see it walk boldly into the room. It unceremoniously placed itself by him at the side of the fire, and began to dress its feathers. This practice it continued till removed to an aquatic menagerie. Taken from "Scholar Library." Sent by J. Weighell, 31, North Terrace, Bedlington.

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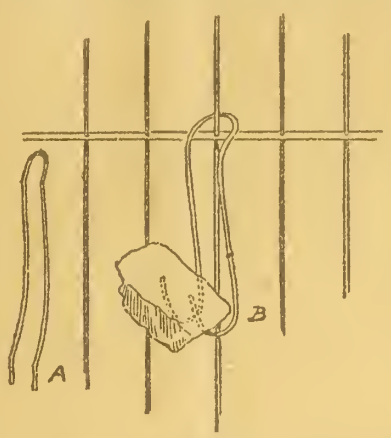
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 189.
AN EASILY MADE APPLE, ETC., HOLDER.

Sent by W. H. Huxley, 1, St. Thomas's Pathway, Queen Street, Chester.

The enclosed sketch shows a holder for apple, carrot, etc., which I have had in use for six months now. It is simple and efficient. It is made simply of a lady's hair pin, bent as in Figure A, and placed in a convenient position, as in Figure 3. The apple or carrot is pressed on the turned up points from the inside of cage, and there you are. It is neither elaborate nor costly.—W. H. HUXLEY.

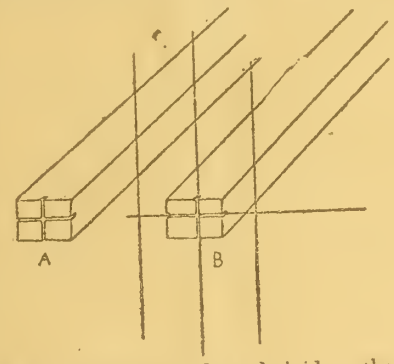


No. 190.
FIXING PERCHES ON WIRE FRONTS.

Sent by W. Crook.

Will Sender Communicate his Address?

Enclosed sketches show a method of cutting the ends of perches, so that the perches remain perfectly steady and rigid on the wire front of the cage. No explanation is needed, as a glance at the illustrations will tell the fancier all that is necessary. The perches can easily be removed by just pulling the wire front out of the grooves.—W. CROOK.



CORRESPONDENCE.

A SUGGESTION re PRIZE CARDS.

SIR,—Having noticed Mr. W. P. Jones' letter re the above, I think that there is a better kind of prize-card used by some societies. For instance, the small slips, 2½ inches by ½ inch, gummed at the back for sticking, on the front of the show cages is about the best I have seen. This kind was adopted by the Porth C.B.S. at their last show. The prize-cards (the large, ordinary ones) were sent with the prize-money; therefore the cards were clean for exhibitors to keep in their bird room for anyone to see. But when they are stuck in the wires of show cages at some of our shows, as Mr. W. P. J. says, you cannot see the birds; and I consider this a very poor plan. If Mr. W. P. J. is living anywhere near here, it will pay him to visit our next show, and if he should enter any birds in the show to be held on December 2nd and 3rd, he will see some of the finest ornamental prize cards that any exhibitor has ever seen. The society has paid a good figure for about 500. These are the prettiest cards ever printed. If Mr. W. P. J. will furnish me with his address I will send him a sample of the small gummed slips.—ARTHUR H. C. LEGG, 44, Primrose-terrace, Llwyncelyn, Porth.

ROLLER CANARIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Norris, in last week's issue, I enclose you a copy of the letter that has been sent him direct by me. His views and my own differ so much that I wish every fancier to pass his own judgment.

W. WHITTAKER.

[COPY.]

Bolton, March 14th.

Dear Mr. Norris,—I see in CAGE BIRDS to-day you state I had not replied to your last letter. How came you, then, to return my money, as per your letter of the 10th inst? I will ask you a few more questions. Who is the mysterious member that accepted my challenge, and when did he put his money down; also how comes his final offer, when he has never made an offer at all? Am I not even to know his name? Why did he not make that offer to me? I put it in plain English, both in my letter to you, and in the Fancy Press, that there must be a side bet or no match. Why, then, do you ask me to turn on my own words, and sing for the funds of the club? Just one more very interesting question, Mr. Norris. How could I arrange and pick my own judge from March 6th to the 10th, when I knew not who would be at the meeting, or who the mysterious man was who was going to put his birds against mine? Why have you taken the whole thing upon your own shoulders? Finally, I must admit that I have not had a college education, but if any unbiassed mind can make it out that I have "wanted it all my own way," then I must have forgotten all that I ever learned.

W. WHITTAKER.

THE BULLFINCH: AN APPRECIATION AND A PLEA.

SIR,—I have no hesitation in saying that as a cage bird pet the Bullfinch has few, if any rivals. One of his chief characteristics is his charming sociability; I have had many a one which would take some tempting morsel from my hand on the very first day after it was caught, and it is a well-known fact that many become so attached to those who have charge over them, that they actually fret, and have even been known to pine away and die when their mistress or master has left them for some considerable time. Then what a handsome fellow he is when in full dress! His deep, glossy, black head, his ashy-grey back, like that of a Dove, and his brilliant red breast make him a picture to be admired. His imitative abilities too are somewhat remarkable, and when properly trained to pipe, his notes are sweet and melodious, and when able to pipe one, two, or three tunes correctly, his monetary value is greatly enhanced. As an exhibition bird he occupies a very prominent position, as at nearly every show of any importance a separate class is provided for master Bullie. Then again, how valuable mistress Bullie is becoming in connection with the breeding of Hybrids, and although not so brilliant in plumage as her lord and master, yet what charming specimens of her young are now to be seen at most of the shows! Who that has visited such places have not admired the marvellous blending of colours which have been produced from the Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, Canary on the one side, and the hen Bullfinch on the other? And now, sir, allow me to make a most earnest plea on behalf of this bird, which I love very much, and which I am sorry to say in some districts is in danger of being exterminated, on account of the supposed injury they do in orchards and gardens by devouring the flower-buds of fruit trees. Is it not a fact that buds generally are superabundant, and so far as my experience goes, very little (if any) actual harm is done even when disbudding has been quite extensive. The fact is, "Nature furnishes a new supply of bu near the basis of the old ones, and the tr appears to suffer no appreciable harm." Me fruit trees, however, produce several tim as many blossoms as they are able to mato so that the pruning of them by the birds, taking away a portion of them, is a positi benefit, inasmuch as the fruit which comes maturity is of a much higher class, and as consequence a higher marketable value. Th then is my plea on behalf of one of the mo beautiful of our feathered friends, and herewith appeal to all readers of your val able paper to do their utmost to prevent th extermination of our old friend, by counte acting the prejudice which now exists, b appealing for mercy and justice on behalf those who cannot make the appeal then selves.

J. C. WILMOT.

A STANDARD SHOW CAGE FOR BRITISH HARDBILLS.

SIR,—When "A Well Wisher of the S.B.B and M.C." can muster sufficient courage t sign his own name (and I hope he has one to his communication, I will then conside the advisability of replying to his letter but not till then.

LOUIS J. ARRIGHI.

SIR, — Having read the report of the National British Bird and Mule Club, and Mr. Arrighi's proposition re the uniform show cage for British Hardbills, I think i this proposition stands it will be very hurtful to the exhibiting of British birds, as most British bird men like to make their own cages, which I consider an encouragement in the Fancy. I consider if a fancier likes a colour to suit himself, if he wins or not, it an encouragement for him to be able to pleas himself; but if he is compelled to show in a cage which he has to purchase, and which h does not like, there is no doubt shows wil suffer. The uniform cage will suit the jea lous exhibitor, but we are not all that way inclined. The entries in British bird classe have increased wonderfully, but I am afrai the proposed stipulation will put up th "bar." I myself make my own show cages and I consider them thief-proof. If the wire top comes in we shall visit a show to see a lot of twirlers.

S. E. JONES.

HAWFINCHES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Permit me to inform Mr. Ramsde that in my letter I did not intend any mi representation against Mr. Hills about hi judgment at the Palace Show, but to give him all credit due as an adept in the Fancy The main point in my letter was my askin Mr. Hills or any visitor at the Palace sho to give his opinion on my Hawfinch. It seems now as if an unrehearsed part of the proceedings had been reached. I have no got an answer to my question so far. A per son who signs himself "Scottish Hawfinch, makes a sorrowful spectacle of himself be fore the Fancy. I would like to remind him that Bathgate was a soft-bill class, and no a hard-bill class, as he seems to think Without his name to the letter, it is no worth my notice. So far he talks about things he knows little or nothing about. Mr Chick is very grateful indeed. He would like to test my ability on the points of a Hawfinch. I can give him what the points of a Hawfinch ought to be, if needs be, but I don't think he needs such—he talks as if he had all the wisdom on earth, and as if no body knew anything but himself. Mr. Chick simply states that there was not a bird in any of the classes that could beat his bird for shape and condition. He is coming out stout here. What does he mean? Was it the only bird in the Palace? He has surely employed an artist since I saw the bird last, and had it re-moulded. Both birds were examined at the National show by both Scotch and English exhibitors. Mr. Chick makes out Scottish judgment to be very indifferent indeed. I can assure him that there are as good judges to be found in Scotsmen as there are to be found in Englishmen, and, further, those that saw his bird and mine at the Scottish National Show can best judge. I can assure him I pay no heed to reporters for my information in the British Bird Fancy. I hope Mr. Axe will now try and study the normal type of a man, and tell the truth in future. I never said he saw my Hawfinch, but does Mr. Axe mean to tell me that he never sent a telegram asking my lowest price for my Hawfinch, on the second of January, and prepaid the reply? Now, Mr. Editor, I beg to inform you that I have still his telegram in my possession, and can send it on to you if required. His telegram reads:—"Gilmour, 18, Bank Street, Kirkcaldy.—Lowest offer for winning Hawfinch at Edinburgh; reply paid.—Axe, Market Place, Doncaster." I don't think my statement about this is "untrue" or "absurd" or "based on untruthful grounds," as Mr. Axe accuses. I would not lower myself to such work as this.

R. GILMOUR.

PROPOSED CAGE BIRD SOCIETY FOR POPLAR.

SIR,—A meeting will be held at the School Rooms, adjoining Poplar Town Hall, Newby Place, on Thursday, March 26th, at 8 p.m., when I hope all those wishing for the above Society will do their best to attend.

T. G. HUNT.

AN AMAZON PARROT'S STRANGE DEATH.

SIR,—A few days ago a lady brought me in an Amazon Parrot, to see if I could save its life. She had had the Parrot for over 50 years, and it was a great pet, besides being a very fluent talker. It had been fed on Canary and hemp seed, with a small portion of the small kind of maize. She had been in the habit of giving it buttered toast and tea, and bones to pick, besides other "dainties," as she called them. During all those years, she had never known it to be ill or ailing at any time, but on that morning it had sat with its feathers all up, and appeared to be ill. After much straining it passed a shell-less egg, and in so doing, a large lump came from it the size of a walnut, and quite hard. I tried all means to return this, but found I could not, neither did I dare to remove it for fear of killing the bird. A friend of mine who is a "vet." called in, and he tried to cut it off, but on further examination he found that would be the means of killing the bird, so dared not do so. We then let it take its chance, and in 24 hours it died, greatly to the sorrow of his lady owner. This was the first egg it had ever laid. Fancy, to lay one after 50 years! The bird was very fat, which no donbt caused the shell-less egg. These facts may interest your foreign bird keepers.

T. H. KINCH.

LENDING BIRDS AND OTHER MALPRACTICES.

SIR,—Having noticed in CAGE BIRDS letters signed "Fair Play" and "J.W.," I think the following will interest your readers, and will take some beating. During the past show season a certain Midland Society has held four monthly members' shows, offering a special prize for the member gaining most points in the Yorkshire section throughout the four shows. After the first show a certain official, seeing he would stand no chance of securing the special prize offered, took a visit to a well-known Bradford firm and arranged for a case of birds to be sent down, on what conditions your readers will see. The birds duly arrived, note, just previous to the second show; of course, got up in tip-top condition. The best of them were exhibited at this show, getting well amongst the prize list, also at the two following shows, and capturing the point special. These winners were exhibited at Derby, Ilkeston, etc., and did fairly well. The winnings of these birds soon found customers for the cheaper ones, which purchases were of course, as anyone can see, a kind of payment for the loan of the winners. Now the show season is over these winners have been returned to their owners, but not before the borrower had tried about Christmas time to get a nest from the best pair before returning them. I need hardly say he did not succeed. I think it high time stricter measures were adopted to stop these fraudulent practices. In my opinion, both lender and borrower are equally to blame.

LOVER OF JUSTICE.

A HALF-DAY RAMBLE ON THE FYLDE.

SIR,—'Tis Saturday, and a day in February, and the Town Hall clock is just striking a quarter to two, as I close the door behind me, my object being to ramble as far as Poulton, which is situated some four or five miles from Blackpool. After twenty minutes' brisk walking, I am soon on the outskirts of the town. Before reaching the country proper, I have to thread my way through hundreds of hen runs; people round this district (Layton) seem to make hen farming their special hobby. After leaving the hen runs, I turn down a short lane, over an old stile, and am at once in the country. On my right, I notice an old Tree Sparrow's nest in a tall willow, which, by its looks, has braved well the winter's gales. Everything seems still and quiet, but the silence is at length broken by the scream of several Gulls passing overhead, which are evidently making towards the coast. Taking a short cut across a field I enter a lane called "Robin Lane," which derives its name from the number of Robins' nests which are found there every summer. I do not stop in this lane long, for turning quickly to my left, I am soon on the main road from Blackpool to Poulton. At the first far I come to a farmer and his boy are busy chopping trees in the orchard. After chopping a few down, one lops off the branches, while the other saws the trunks up into logs. No doubt the branches will be used for training peas up, and the logs will be for burning. I move away from here, for they seem to eye me up and down as if I were after taking something. I still keep on the main road, and looking over the hedge on my right, I notice five Starlings (called "Shepsters" round here). I crouch near the hedge to get a better view. What lovely birds! All as clean as new pins, shining like satin, and spangled to perfection. The noise of a farmer's cart passing behind me causes them to take flight. Lower down the road a Lark rises over the hedge but drops down again on the other side without a murmur. I am now on the boundary of Poulton, birds being more plentiful about here. At the foot of a hedge which runs parallel with the road, is a Blackbird, showing itself off, but being a hen bird it is not proper black, but more of a brown shade. But look higher up the hedge, there he is, the proper "Black" bird, his amber beak showing up well against his plumage. After a few short hops, he utters a loud shriek, darts through the hedge, and is lost to view. At the opposite corner of the same field is a solitary "Tu-wit," who seems to be waiting for someone to come round with a gun and shoot him. I now quicken my steps; the sun having gone out of sight, it has made it a bit colder. Starlings keep flying past overhead, and several Crows seem to be winging their way towards Singleton Park, where there is a large rookery. But look over to the left, what is all that flock of birds doing, first rising in the air, then settling down again in another part of the field? After a little watching I see what the disturbance is about. There is Mr. Hawk, with all the smartness of a Fakir. As soon as they alight, he darts down as quick as an arrow, and if he does not kill one of them at the first attempt, sooner or later, one of them will fall a victim to his practised method of meal bunting. I now pass a whole flock of "Tu-wits" on some marshy land, but they don't take any notice of me, for if one is disturbed he only flies about twenty yards before he settles down again. The air now rings again with the noise of "Chack, chack chack," and before I have time to look where it is coming from a flock of Fieldfares rises up in front of me. The fields round here are alive with Throstles, who seem to be very busy looking for worms, while a solitary Robin is trying to welcome me with a little song; he is perched on a hedge to my right. I now reach the village of Poulton, with its old-fashioned stocks and whipping pillar, and after having a look round a friend's birdroom, I retrace my steps homewards, but do not land home before night's shadows have made their appearance, and heaven's lamps have shone bright above me.

"JACK BROWN."

WHY NOT WILD CANARIES IN ENGLAND?

SIR,—This subject I have often thought over. I have an aviary in my garden with a large wire flight in front. It is wired on three sides and at top. My birds have a closed aviary at the back which they have free access to. I keep them out all the winter, and I would not wish to see a more healthy lot of birds. They are all Norwich. Now, what I want to bring to your notice is, that some of them will insist upon roosting out in the open wire run. I have frequently to go out and put a piece of board over them on the top of wire to keep the snow off them. Sharp frosts they do not take any notice of. I had one hen which built her nest in the wire run. A heavy snow storm came on, so I put a board on the wire over her, to keep the snow from her nest. She had four eggs and hatched them all out and reared the young. Now if they can stand this, they are more hardy than we give them credit for being. And I am fully persuaded they would stand our winter. If some of our gentry who have large grounds, or anyone living in the country, would take the matter up, I feel sure they would succeed. But nothing but pure Green Canaries must be tried, as any yellow or splashed birds would be sure to be shot or trapped. My idea is, put the Canary eggs under the Linnet, Goldfinch or Greenfinch (or how would the Redpoll or Siskin do?), first taking their eggs away. They would rear them and teach them to find their food. Being Green birds, they would not be noticed. The following spring they would nest and rear their own young, or some gentleman might try turning out a few pairs of old birds about the end of April, or the beginning of May. I have stated my views, and will now leave it in the hands of a more practical fancier. I am a novice at the business: I have only been at it fifty years. I do hope the matter will be taken up in all parts of England, and at the end of the season, fanciers will send you word how many they have had hatched, and the number flown. I would just mention you must not put them under the Hedge-Sparrow, as I have seen that tried. They hatched out all right, but the parent bird choked them with worms.

H. PETTIT.

BEGINNERS READ THE ANNUAL

PROPOSED SOCIETY FOR SHETTLESTON AND DISTRICT (Glasgow.)

SIR,—A meeting of those favourable to the formation of an Ornithological Society for Shettleston and District (Glasgow), will be held in the Railway Mission Hall, Station Road, Shettleston, this Saturday, 21st March, at 3.30 p.m. prompt. A large attendance respectfully requested.

W. DEVLYN, Secretary pro. tem.

WHERE DOES THE COLOUR COME FROM?

SIR,—"Past Novice" refers me to the "making of the Yorkshire and Norwich" for the origin of the Cinnamon mark. According to his own ideas the green mark must have originated at the same time, but that does not say they introduced the Cinnamon for colour. Now, about this bird that has won all along the line; "Past Novice," kindly tell me what bird you are illustrating and who owns it; I can then perhaps tell you how it was bred. It might surprise us all. The pencilling on a Green is one of its chief characteristics, and by introducing the Cinnamon these pencillings are blurred and smoky. It is, indeed, news to me to hear of the best Greens possessing so much common blood. It is great news for the Green Canary breeders. Respecting the colour in Greens, there are so many shades that the majority of us differ. Maybe, "Past Novice" himself would not agree with everyone. I still maintain that 95 per cent. are bred in Liverpool. There are some come in, but don't forget we do send a winner out now and again to compete against ourselves. With reference to Mr. Thompson's Buff; as I happened to be at the show when this bird was bought, if "Past Novice" says this bird was bred from Cinnamons, I think there is a serious mistake somewhere, because Mr. Thompson and I were given to understand it was bred from pure Norwich. Maybe, "Past Novice" is the breeder of this bird. The Yellow Green hen "Past Novice" speaks about, I will admit is the best Yellow Green hen in existence: but she did not win the special for best Green at the Scottish National, so "Past Novice" should speak from facts. This hen was also supposed to be bred from pure Greens; so somebody must have been misled. The birds from Cheshire are included in Liverpool and District, and I am sure where these great winners come from is also included in Liverpool and District. It is very funny how all these toppers find their way into Liverpool. Do the breeders of these toppers not know their value?

J. W. METCALFE.

THE AGE OF BIRDS.

SIR,—I noticed in "Le Matin," the great French journal, a letter on the age of birds which contains something that may interest your readers. The writer says: Birds of very small size and slender build not only live to a very old age, but in their old age are freer from accidents and sign of senility than is always the case among animals. It used to be said that Crows and Carrion Crows lived over a hundred years. If this statement seems rather exaggerated, there is no question that well-known naturalists speak of Crows of fifty, sixty, and even of seventy years old. Eagles, Horned Owls, and Herons attain similar ages, and Mr. Gurney, the English naturalist, cites a Condor of fifty-two years old, a Horned Owl of sixty-eight, and a royal Eagle that died in its fifty-sixth year. But the record of longevity undoubtedly belongs to the Parrot. Mr. Abrahams declares than an Amazon Parrot reached the ripe old age of 102 years, and M. Levaillat, tells us of a Parrot, Jacko by name, that had lost its memory at sixty, its sight at ninety, and had died at ninety-three. Tame birds live just as long. A Swan reached the age of seventy—a tidy length of days, though considerably short of the 300 years which legends give to the age of Swans. The birds that live the shortest, and are the tiniest, live at least eight or nine years. But this short duration of life is the exception, and not the rule. A life of from fifteen years to fifty is the more common. Canaries have been kept alive for seventeen and twenty years. Nightingales live up to twenty-five years; Bullfinches and Blackbirds over twenty. What can account for this remarkable longevity, which places the ages of birds in general next to that of reptiles? For an answer we must turn to the learned Professor Metchnikoff, of the Pasteur Institute, who has devoted so many years to the interesting study of old age and longevity. M. Metchnikoff says that the reason for this extraordinary long life is to be found in the constitution and the mode of living of these birds. It is known that the large gut is absent in birds. This prevents the accumulation of digested matter, and explains why the crop of certain birds contains but one "microbian flore," and that a very poor one. Thus, they do not become fermented and inflamed by the toxins secreted by those injurious microbes which generate while the excretaries travel through the large gut. It is, therefore, owing to the construction and the condition of their intestines that birds live to such great age.

M. PAILLOT.

THE BORDER FANCY CLUB AND ITS JUDGES.

SIR,—I am pleased to see you have been good enough to allow a fancier to enter this discussion although not a member of the B.F.C., which is right, because your valuable paper has many readers that breed and exhibit the Border Fancy Canary that take no interest in the B.F.C. And I hope that fanciers of this active little bird, whether members of the B.F.C. or not, will have the courage of their convictions and express themselves freely (but firmly), and weed out the dissatisfaction that at present prevails. I am also pleased to see Mr. Patterson have the courage to strike out for freedom. He is acting more admirably, I think, than the few fellow judges he refers to, providing he is not acting as the mouthpiece for them (and I think not). But while I am forced to admire Mr. Patterson's straightforwardness, I am also struck with the tone of his epistles, as he seems to hold that only a very few members of the B.F.C. are capable of judging Border Fancies. Now might I ask Mr. Patterson if he has never met fanciers outside the B.F.C. capable of judging Border Fancy Canaries, or is it the B.F.C. that confers the qualification for judging this variety?

ROBERT LAMBIE.

SIR,—May I, as a member of the B.F.C.C., say that I am very sorry to see Mr. Patterson taking so sorely to heart the passing of the rule which has been and is now under discussion. But he will have to give in to the majority, the same as I have had to do. I don't believe in one man ruling the whole affairs of such a big club, as he was trying to do when he wrote to Mr. Jamieson to call a special meeting, after he had received notice through CAGE BIRDS of what was coming up at the meeting, the same as I did. I was at the meeting and heard it thrashed out, and was satisfied with the result, which was almost unanimous. Mr. Patterson said in his last letter that members of the B.F.C.C. were mostly members of the committee of our annual shows, but he forgets that most of the shows are mixed, and we Canary hands have very little chance to get those we want. We have to give in to the majority. We are all mostly working men; we cannot go on showing at every show under the same judges, and never getting our expenses out of them. But if there were a greater number of judges, we could risk a little. There is a committee of nine appointed from the different districts with power to appoint whom they think capable of judging. So I don't see where the novices will come in to judge our shows. I wish to hear from more capable penmen than myself.

W. H. REID.

[Correspondents must confine themselves to the points at issue. Several purely personal and irrelevant remarks have had to be deleted from this letter.—Editor.]

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THE NIGHTINGALE IN MID-DEVON.

Sir,—Being a reader of Cage Birds, I see one of your correspondents asks whether or not the Nightingale has been heard to sing in Mid-Devon? Twelve years ago I heard it in the woods at Coombe Raleigh, Honiton, East Devon.

Honitonian.

THE HEATING OF BIRD-ROOMS.

Sir,—In reading Mr. Wear's article in Cage Birds' Annual, I notice he speaks of a simple contrivance for heating a bird-room, and incidentally mentions an attic as a likely bird-room. As the majority of flats have no fireplaces, I should very much like to learn of the apparatus, presuming it is not a secret. Noting that no apparatus is advertised for the purpose, I feel sure there are many Fanciers who would be glad to know of it, and probably there are others besides Mr. Wear who would be glad to have some advice. Henry Tomsett.

[Our correspondent will find some hints on the above subject in the "Novices' Note Book" this week.—Editor.

THE HYBRID CLASSES AT DUDLEY SHOW.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. A. Lees' letter in last week's issue, No. 5 and No. 6 in Class 17 were quite in order. When Schedule was prepared, Class 17 was put to read: "Dark Canary Mule, any variety." How the word Hybrid got there I cannot say. It was not intended, hence my birds being entered in Class 17. This I hope will explain all Mr. Lees wants to know as to No. 5 and 6 in Class 17, at Dudley show.

E. Hingley.

Sir,—I notice in your valuable paper a letter from Mr. Johnson, in which he states that Mr. Ward is labouring under a delusion in supposing that a bird bred from a Canary and a Finch is a Mule. If this is so, what about the National British Bird and Mule Club? Are they under a delusion also? In the report of the Foreign Bird Section of the Palace Show, I noticed that when a rare bird was left out of the prizes, Cage Birds said: "Hard lines." Rare foreigners cost a lot of money, but Redpolls and Bullies are cheap enough, and if a fancier should be lucky enough to breed one, I think he should be encouraged. If Mr. Johnson would buy a Redpoll and a Bullie with the money he is spending on stamps, he might get to the top next show season.

Scotia.

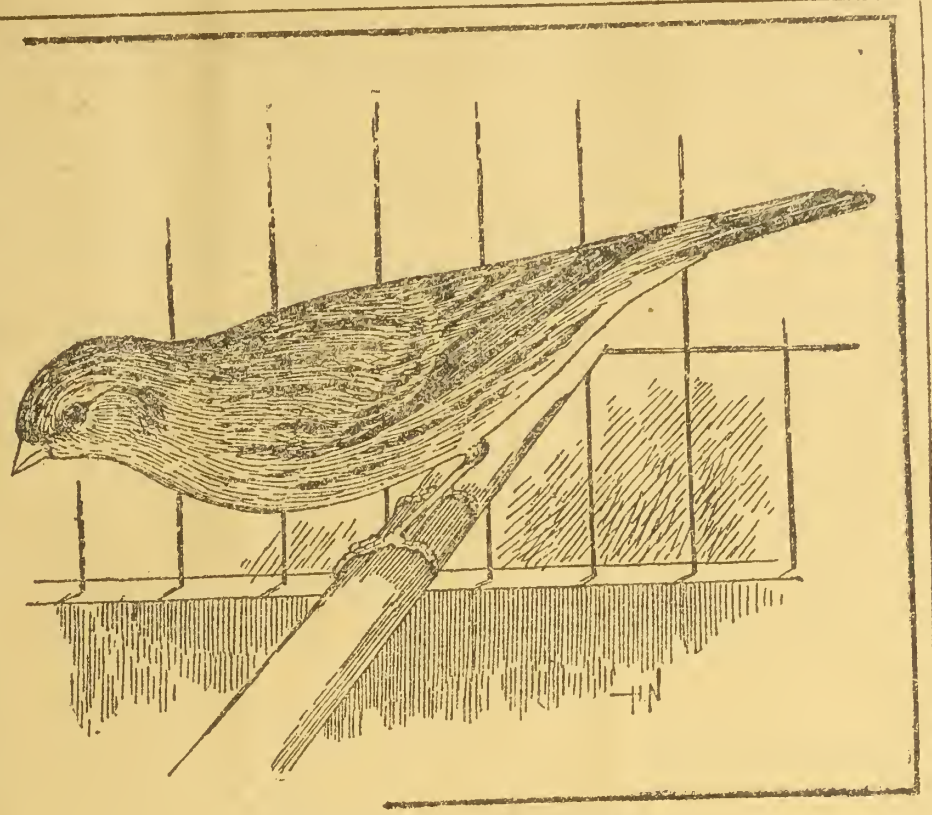
THE FUTURE OF THE BELGIAN CANARY.

Sir,—Mr. Robertson, in his note in last week's issue, deals with the past of the Belgian Canary; but what of its future? It is not bright, but black. The men who have judged, either did not know them, or shut their eyes to the fact that there were a lot of first-crosses being palmed off as Belgians, which must have been visible to the eye. These birds are destroying the Belgian. It was very good of Mr. Robertson to write to your columns and have the bungle thrashed out in public. If a leading fancier shows the same bird in two separate classes, what will others do? The example was bad, and all Belgian fanciers should combine and put an end to this caper. Breed pure Belgians, if they can be bred, and pay good prices for pure Belgians. In the Belgian classes show pure Belgians 'and down with mongrels.

Pure Belgian.

Sir,—The Belgian Canary of 1860—large, erect, heavy-shouldered, massive in frame and rough in feather—is still in demand. But the question of to-day is—where can it be got? Search has been made for the Scotchman's typical Belgian, to assist in putting on heavy shoulder to his favourite, the "Bird of Circle," but it has not of recent years been found. The Belgian of 1907 was small and close in feather, and had become so rare that crosses from the Scotch Fancy were put into cages with one perch, and passed as "Belgians," actually winning prizes. I have seen the day when birds which appeared in the Belgian classes in 1907 would not have been judged, but put aside. The judges have been blamed; but what could they do? They had to deal with what was entered. How the present state of matters is to be remedied is a problem not to be easily solved; the foundation is gone. If, however, a good reliable strain can still be founded, then the founder will be a benefactor. The Belgian in itself and for itself is worthy of cultivation. A really high-class Belgian is a specimen to be desired. Apart from its value (and it is very valuable), an ideal Belgian will attract anywhere. Many breeders would prefer a pair of good Belgians to anything else in the feathered tribe. All honour to the few who are devoting their time and attention to the breeding and rearing of the pure Belgian. They have a task before them. May their efforts be crowned with success is the wish of

A Scotch Lover of the Breed.



TWITE-CANARY HYBRID.

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GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Sir, — We notice a report of the new Society just formed in Grimsby, which has taken a very similar name to that just relinquished by the old society. We should like to point out the fact that the old society has changed its name, as reported in a previous issue of your valuable paper, and is now called the Grimsby and District Ornithological Society. Financially and numerically we are strong, and having secured Sir Geo. Doughty, M.P., as president, and the distinguished patronage of Lady Doughty an several other wellknown ladies and gentlemen, we feel assured that our success will be even greater in the future than in the past. Moore and Crowston, hon. secs.

A HINT ABOUT CAGE-BACKS.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. John Gillott's Illustrated Idea, published in your issue of February 15 re the joining of boards for a cage back, I have an idea that will be very useful to the working-man cage-maker. My friend would not be bothered gluing his cage backs together, as the wood is all in one piece, and he can get five or six good and light cage backs for three pence. This, you will agree, is not at all dear. Go to any tea dealer's shop, and ask for a tea chest, 3d., which is made of compressed wood. Saw off the lengths required for the cage back. As for red mite or any other insects, they cannot get into it anywhere. The cages I make with them I can fill brimful without losing a drop of water. When enamelled they look very neat.

Ralph Jackson.

A LINNET OF MANY PRIZES.

Sir,—A Linnet, the property of Mr. Thos. Brown, Edinburgh, has been in his possession five-and-a-half years, and been exhibited nearly sixty times. Although it has only three first prizes to its credit, it has only been out of the tickets some half a dozen times. It has also won numerous specials. For superb colour and lacing it would be difficult to find a better. Its only fault is that it is a wee bit on the small side, which no doubt has told against its taking premier honours many a time. It has been once at the Crystal Palace, and has travelled three times to Swansea. It has also been exhibited at the Scottish National five times. The first year it did not get into the tickets, but the next four years it had three thirds and a fourth to its credit, which, considering the strong competitors and large classes, is truly a remarkable performance. No little credit is due to the wife of the owner for the care and attention she bestows on her husband's birds. She is a great believer in keeping the cages clean, and feeding the different varieties of Hardbills on their proper seeds; also in giving the bath and spraying, for keeping British birds in show form. I may mention that its owner has often been offered a good price for it, but always declined, with the remark that a "bird in the hand's worth two in the bush." At present the Linnet is looking in splendid form after coming through a heavy show season.

Thistle Top.

CAGE BIRD UNION MATTERS.

Sir,—Personally it was with feelings of satisfaction that I read the report of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the C.B.U. The workings of a society will, under its influence, be made to run on smoother lines, and what has hitherto caused an anxious time, viz., the fixing of show dates, promises to be a rough place made plain. I should like to see an arrangement some to with regard the Y.C.C., as I know there are others besides myself who have had to sever their connection with that body since the formation of the C.B.U. If the Union allows a person to exhibit at an affiliated show one week, and the next is powerless to prohibit him from exhibiting at a show held under no other conditions and rules except those devised for the occasion, surely it is possible to come to an arrangement with regard to to the Y.C.C., as I know there are others besuch a body as the Y.C.C., whose end and aim are identical with those of the C.B.U. When a member of the Y.C.C. exhibits at a Union show he agrees to abide by the Union's rules, and the Y.C.C. does not seek to restrain him from so doing. Why, then, should not the members of the Union be allowed to exhibit at the Y.C.C. shows, where they would be practically under the same regime in all respects but one? I am in favour of Rule 17 as it stands, but, at the same time, I think a notable exception could be made in respect to the club referred to, and an intermembership agreed upon. It would certainly be a step in the direction of eventually bringing the two into one fold.

E. Woodhead,
Hon. Sec. Hartlepools C.B.S.

Sir,—I would like through the columns of your popular paper to congratulate the thirty delegates, also the chairman and secretary, of the Cage Bird Union, on the successful meeting they held at Manchester on February 22nd. The amount of business got through, and the manner in which it appears to have been performed, are alike a credit to everyone concerned. Before I got far through your splendid report I discerned what I considered an indication of business tact in the proceedings. I refer to that part of the programme which dealt with the appointment of secretary. Yes, gentlemen, I again congratulate you on the fact that you managed to make an arrangement whereby the valuable services of Mr. Lythgoe are to be retained for another year at least. I can imagine this good stroke of work so early on putting the delegates in a good mood, and the better fitting them to cope with the business that was to follow. In regard to the new rule, re clashing of dates, may I be allowed to say, as the author of this suggestion from No. 1 District, that, as Mr. Brown ably stated, it was never intended that such a rule should act arbitrarily at all. But the cases of unnecessary clashing that took place in this district last year so well presented to the meeting by Mr. Brown, I think prove the desirability of such a rule being brought into operation. I am not so sanguine as to think there will be no difficulties to contend with at first, but I firmly believe, if this rule is properly taken advantage of, it will reduce clashing to a minimum, and need not act harshly in any case, but may mean to some societies a successful show which otherwise would have been a failure. The case instanced by Mr. Bradshaw, of Manchester and Altrincham, is somewhat striking, I'll admit. In fact, I believe most of the difficulties to be met with will be found in similar cases where two societies are situated but a few miles either side of the line dividing any two districts. Where such cases do occur, however, the districts concerned might reasonably be expected to arrange that such an occurrence was not repeated. With Mr. Curtis I quite agree that this year preference should be given to those societies who have dates already fixed, and which are possibly of some years' standing. The additional powers given to district committees in regard to cases of fraudulent or discreditable conduct constitute, in my opinion, another move in the right direction, as the local committees are most likely to know, or get to know, the circumstances surrounding such cases. The Executive Council, however, have the veto in all cases, and I have no doubt they will use it with discretion. From Mr. Lythgoe's statement re railway charges, etc., it is quite evident there is only one remedy, but to name it here would probably be considered out of order. The question of late entries I am afraid will not be settled at annual meetings, but by persuading the general body of exhibitors that it is absolutely necessary for them to be in at the date fixed. Rule 17 has the appearance of becoming a hardy annual, but I think the delegates took a wise course in leaving it alone for the present, although I believe the time will shortly come when none but affiliated members will be allowed to exhibit at shows held under C.B.U. rules. That the Council justified their action in allowing advertisements on show and other rules I think the majority will agree. I should have objected as strongly as anyone did I for a moment think there was any favoritism in the business; but such does not appear to be the case at all, competition for same being open and above board. Had they (the Council) not accepted the highest tender, then I could have understood some noise resulting. And to say, because every advertiser cannot be accommodated at one and the same time, or because of petty jealousy on the part of someone, that we should forego this lucrative source of revenue, seems to me financial folly.

Blaydon. D. A. Ogilvie.

THE DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Sir,—I would thank you to allow me space to give publicity to the present position of the above society. It has been such a source of gratification to us to find that we have the support and confidence of such a large section of the Fancy, that we feel we shall now be able to weather the storm, and prove that we are deserving of the trust reposed in us. Several influential gentlemen have come forward with handsome subscriptions to a fund to wipe off the liabilities left us by a section of the late committee, who, after landing the society in grave financial difficulties, leave the burden of debt for others to liquidate, found an opposition society practically upon our doorstep, canvass our members, and make a strong point of the fact that they start with a "clean sheet." Comment upon such action is superfluous, but I would like to call the attention of members to a remark from Mr. Crisp, in a letter which accompanied his donation, as follows: "I, as a unit of your society, consider myself at least morally responsible for my share of the loss incurred." If all members would look at the matter in that light, our task would be considerably less. If they would at least send on their subscriptions, it would materially strengthen the hands of the hard-working committee, the chairman of which is

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The Novices' Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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Later on, when the moulting season is over, the cages might be removed and stored out of the way, the wire partition taken down, and the whole space in the room again converted into one large and substantial flight for all the birds to winter in.

The hardier class of common Canaries would succeed well in the complete structure of shed and open flight with unrestricted freedom of both sections.

For mule-breeding, it might be used in several ways. First, there is the haphazard method of introducing a cock Finch of some kind into a group of Canaries flying loose, which no practical and thorough-going fancier should tolerate for a moment. It is true that Mules might be bred even though they were really genuine mules; this loose method of breeding them is quite certain to throw a shadow of doubt upon their parentage. Really practical and scientific men cannot as a rule recognise them. Mistakes are so easy to make, and it is certainly a little curious that most of what we may term mythical Mules are produced by some such loose plan of mating. It would be wisest to have a definite method in trying for Mules in this way, by which the parentage of the young could be guaranteed.

It is a simple matter after all if one limits one's desire to, say, two different Mules in each season. If one really good bird is produced in each of two different varieties, the fancier has no cause to grumble. To try for two varieties, say we take the Goldfinch-Canary and the Goldie-Bullfinch. All you need do is to introduce the required number of hen Canaries and hen Bullfinches, and three or four cock Goldfinches, and rigidly exclude all other birds, and different sexes of these birds. Then, whatever young are bred, the parentage could be vouched for as certainly as if they had been bred by an exclusive mating in a cage. Practically all kinds of Mules and Hybrids could be bred safely in the same way. Hen Canaries, hen Goldfinches, and cock Siskins would make another interesting combination, as well as forming a pretty collection in themselves, and in this group, if one could not limit the desires to the two varieties, a cock Linnet or a cock Bullfinch—one or the other, but not both—might be added, and thus increase the chances of breeding four varieties, without seriously decreasing the certitude of identification. Still I should advise anyone to be content with two varieties.

A Heating Apparatus.

We spoke above of a heating apparatus, which should render the aviary we have been dealing with capable of successfully housing any type of bird. Fortunately, the materials for the aviary were placed in an ideal position for heating, if one desired to do so without in any way endangering the health of the birds. The system to which the situation lends itself so admirably is the flow and return hot-water pipes, with the furnace and boiler placed outside. A small apparatus could easily be bought to fit the place, but any handy man might construct the bed for the boiler and furnace himself.

If only the wooden shed part was used without the wire open-air flight, I should place this part against the wall at the right-hand side of the shed so that it fits into the angle formed by the front of the aviary and the wall. Of course, this must be built with bricks and mortar to avoid the possibility of fire. The boiler being fitted in that corner, the water pipes should be carried through the front of the aviary, along the end wall opposite the door, to the far corner; then, by means of elbow pieces, turn the pipes and continue them right across the wall which is opposite the window into the next corner, where the connection of the flow and return pipes may be made. By this means the pipes will go just half way round the room, which will be enough for all purposes.

To vary this plan to suit the double shed and open-air flight, as these extended notes have made it, will be quite easy by simply reversing the heating apparatus altogether. In this case you will build the furnace and bed for the boiler in the left-hand back corner, in the angle formed by the wall, and the end of the shed, on the same side as the door into the shed is placed, and carrying the pipes round the back of the house and the end opposite the door, and making the connection in the corner immediately opposite the door.

A Trite Note.

Looking over some old notes recently I came across a note from a prominent Yorkshire breeder which struck me as being so forcibly convincing that I feel it would bear repeating here at this time. Here it is:—"The Spring quarter came in auspiciously. March 22nd, thermometer in any bird-room 46 degrees. March 25th, 40 degrees, and wind blowing north-east." Then the writer adds significantly, "Look out for bright eggs and hens forsaking nests. I have not paired up yet. Shall see what first week in April does, and shall be content with two nests." Let the novice read and digest these laconic remarks thoroughly. They were written some few years ago, but are just as applicable to one year as to any other; and coming as they do from a tried and practical breeder and exhibitor of no mean standing should carry great weight.

The writer of this original note is indeed one of that happy class of fortunate fanciers whose position on a high pinnacle in the exhibition world was at that time and for many years before invulnerable; he was a breeder whom the novice fondly hopes to emulate in his most successful years. Yet let the novice note this well. The dates mentioned extend as late as March 25th, but this experienced breeder had not paired up his stock.

See how this compares with the tyro and the novice whose experiences are still somewhat of a primitive kind. This class of breeder very often feels he is "too late to start" when the middle of March has arrived. On the other hand, this expert and practical hand, who has drunk in success to the full, does not seem to mind it in the least if he gets his birds together during the first week in April. In a very great number of cases the novice has had a round of eggs from the birds by that time. Very often these eggs prove nothing more than mere eggs after incubation, being unfertile, and the energy of the birds has been taxed for no good result—in other words, simply wasted.

Mating Birds too Early.

One of the greatest mistakes the beginner could make is to let his patience become exhausted in waiting for the birds to get into nice fresh breeding condition before putting them together. It matters not what the date may be, whether it is the end of March or the end of April; if the birds are not ready it is utter folly to put them together just because the year is so far advanced on the supposition that being together will make them come forward faster. When it has any effect at all it is in practically every case to cause the hens to dally about and make a pretence of nesting, which never culminates in anything more serious than play or pretence; or perhaps nesting may be accomplished and a clutch, or several clutches, of clear eggs produced, which might just as well never have taxed the powers of the hen.

In the latter case it is the cock that may be suspected of being unfit, and a change to a good, vigorous, stout, singing cock might cause second and subsequent clutches to be filled. But in the vast majority of cases such as these, it may be taken as an axiom that if the birds have not shown signs of coming into breeding trim by the end of March, they are not really in sound, vigorous health, and in all probability there is a screw loose somewhere in the management. That being so, it certainly does not augur well for success in breeding with birds that are in a condition wholly antagonistic to such success.

The novice cannot, therefore, do better than start out with a grim determination not to mate up until his birds are ready, and in such an improbable circumstance as the birds not getting fresh all through the year, to defer any attempt to breed until another season. This last remark may seem a foolishly drastic one to an enthusiastic novice who is all agog to begin, but he may rest assured that it is for his own ultimate good to observe it. Not all temperaments can continue to persevere in the face of a bitter disappointment, so it must be a wise policy to avoid disappointment as far as possible.

A Difficult Question.

To what extent the pedigree of given birds should be taken into account when mating up stock is a question which often arises. It is eminently a difficult one to reply to off-hand. Quite recently we saw a reply to a query which had a distinct bearing on the subject, viz.:—Whether it is best to breed with a good prize-winning bird which had been bred off inferior parents, or a faulty specimen, which had come off typical parents that were great prize-winners. To reply to such a question fully, and with any degree of certainty, it would be absolutely necessary to know the antecedents of the parents in both cases. Thus, in the case of the inferior specimen which had come off good prize-winning parents, it would be necessary to consider first of all whether these winning parents were the product of a carefully arranged plan of pedigree breeding, and possessed in their turn good typical and winning parents and grandparents, and that the side branches—brothers, sisters, uncles, and aunts—showed a good proportion of fine specimens, and that the majority were more or less above the mark of mediocrity, with only a small proportion of inferior specimens. In short, it would be necessary to see that the bird came of a strain that had been bred up to that degree of perfection, when it is usually bred true to type. I should have no hesitation in mating the inferior bird with another which excelled in the particular points in which the bird in question failed.

On the other hand, if this inferior bird's ancestors beyond its own parents were also mostly of a poor type, so that the parents in question were merely a "stray chance," to coin a phrase, among a mediocre lot of wastrels, then nothing should tempt me to waste a season in breeding with the bird in question, and producing, as would be almost a dead certainty, a further lot of useless wasters similar in type to the bulk of its progenitors.

But in the case of a prize-winning bird which is bred off inferior parents, we should have to consider whether this bird is merely a lucky hit from a chance mating, or whether its inferior parents, although not good enough to win themselves, belonged to a strain of carefully bred birds of good type, and were in themselves simply a temporary reversion to an old ancestral type which helped to build up the strain. In the latter event I should not object to breeding with the bird mated to any good, all-round specimen of a suitable type, but, for choice, I should prefer going back to the same strain and mating such a bird with a good, all-round specimen which was also either an aunt or an uncle, as the case may be, or a cousin of the bird. By going back into the same strain in this way after the temporary reversion of the parents of the bird in question, you will be most likely to fix the type that has been formed anew, and prevent this chance tendency to reversion breaking away and becoming permanent, which would inevitably result in the rapid degeneration of the strain.

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After the Norwich Club business had been disposed of, at the meeting called for the purpose at Bradford on March 14th, a discussion on "The Length of the Yorkshire," ensued, Messrs. Shackleton and H. W. Battye taking opposite sides. Mr. Sunderland (Chairman) gave Mr. Battye preference, probably on account of his being armed with the shorter weapon.

Mr. Battye opened his remarks by stating that he was on the wrong side of the hedge, and that his offer was in reality a slip of the tongue. What he had meant to say, and what he had wished to say, was that if any individual would take the "short" side in a discussion, he would take the "lengthy," but having been caught napping, he would have to make the best of it. However, in his opinion, if the members of the various societies would only discuss the matter and get to the bottom of the question, then if the standard was not what was desired, steps could be taken with regard to it. He did not see that there was anything wrong with it. Few birds, if any, were over the standard length, and fanciers would be acting unwisely if they did anything to alter that standard.

The Standard Considered.

At the commencement of the Yorkshire Union's career the standard was formed in order, not to lose the long birds, but to stamp out the strong, coarse-feathered, ugly ones that some were showing at that time—birds that were deficient in type, position and quality, these being the most essential points of the true Yorkshire Canary.

In regard to judging to the standards of the specialist clubs, Mr. Battye thought that if a bird met the requirements as to condition, type and quality, and was not too much on the long side, he should put it in and leave it to other exhibitors to object to it if they thought it was over standard length. If, however, the bird was coarse, large-bodied, with slovenly wing carriage, it should certainly be left out. No judge who knew his work would put in a bird on account of its length alone. He often got blamed for putting long birds in; but fanciers should remember that a bird of 6¾ inches in length (fair measurement) was a big one, and it was hard to leave out a bird on account of length alone, if good in all other properties. He, at least, did not like to leave such birds out.

Type and Positio Essential.

Mr. Battye spoke strongly on the matter of type and position. Many birds, he said, had been put in at this season's shows that utterly failed in position, and as 20 points are allowed in the standard of points for position, he thought it wrong that they should win. What he liked was a bird that stood in the position of the hands of a clock at five minutes past seven, not those that were what he termed the ten minutes to four birds. He had also heard many complaints of drop tails. Many were, however, at the other extreme, standing across the perch with tail sticking up between the wings. Others had snaky and flat heads. All these defects were as important as length, that, in his opinion, not being of such vital importance as some would have them believe.

The bird of type, position and quality, should prevail, length being of quite secondary importance. In fact, the standard only allowed ten points for length and symmetry, and on this alone quality and position should rule. Judges now went in more for type than they did years ago, at the time of the formation of the Union, and the Union had done much good work in connection with the Fancy. Mr. Battye closed with the remark that he could not keep on his own side of the hedge.

6¾ Inches a Normal Length.

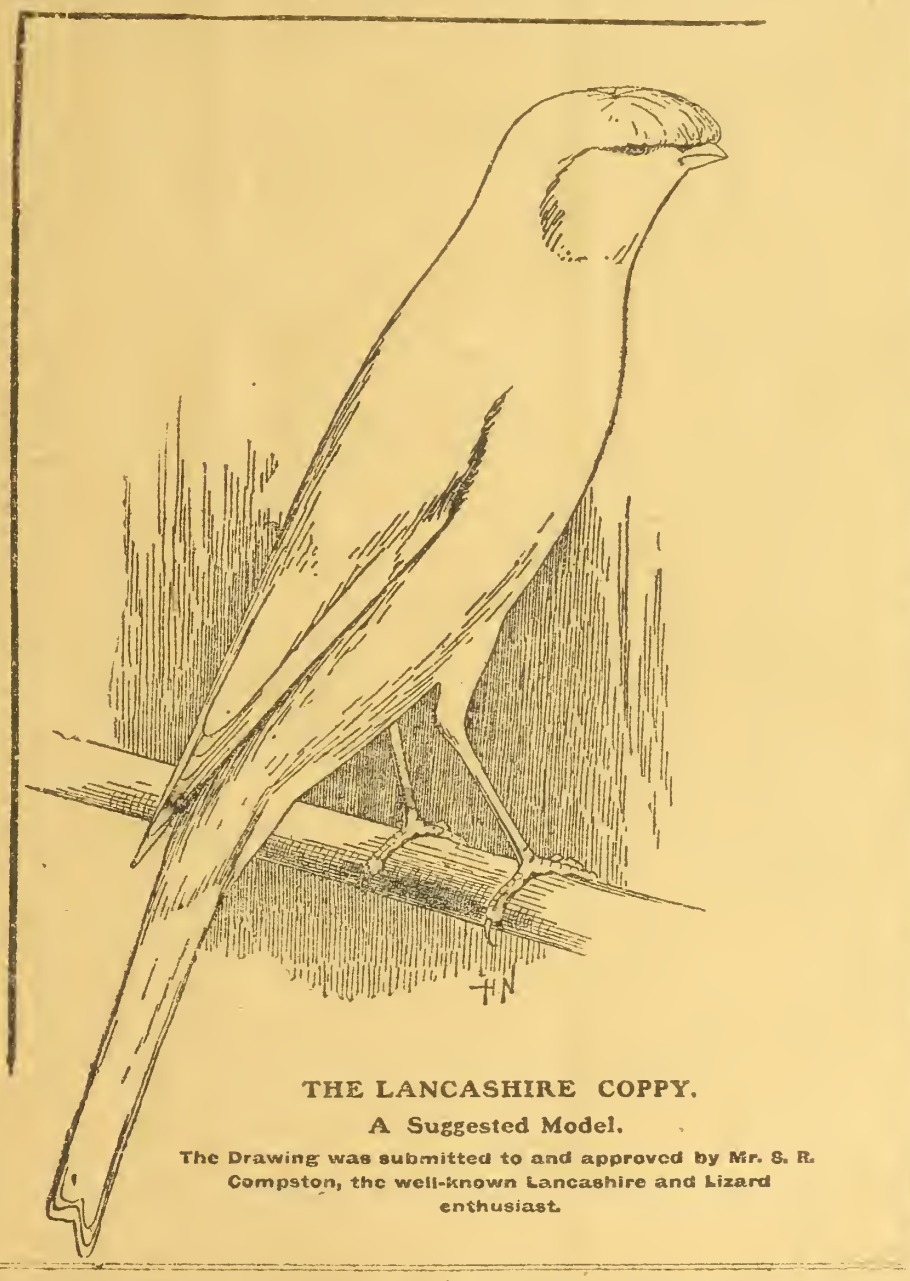
Mr. W. H. Shackleton sets little store upon his propensities for public speaking, and craved indulgence from those present, asking them to take the will for the deed. Proceeding, Mr. Shackleton stated he had been connected with the Fancy (not always Canaries) for from 30 to 40 years, and had spent 20 or 30 years in trying to reduce size, and 10 or 11 years in trying to increase size, so that he could claim some little experience at both ends of the matter.

In his opinion, it was the Southern fanciers who were trying to upset the Yorkshire people, who had been sailing on for a number of years. Very little fault could be found with the birds shown, and those people who complained were those who thought that if the shorter ones were going they would have a chance to win, never thinking that those who had the longer ones also had the shorter ones. In breeding any stock, strict note should be made of the restrictions of the laws of nature, and any fancier ignoring them would have to pay the penalty sooner or later.

Most novices wanted plenty of length, and he himself, in his novitiate days, had birds fully half an inch longer than he had to day; but they did not possess either the quality or style required. In his opinion the fixing of the normal length at 6¾ inches, "not over," was a wise and far-seeing policy, but the mode of measurement was a trifle uncertain. You can measure a horse as it stands, he said, but you cannot measure a bird.

What about the Minimum Length?

If the standard were to be strictly adhered to, a minimum length should also be made.



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We heard a lot about the maximum, but the minimum was never mentioned. We could not breed all birds 6¾ inches long, nor yet use all stock birds of 6¾ inches and even then 6¾ inches was only approximate and should only be adhered to in a literal sense, not to exact wording of rule. If larger birds were required and length was to be the chief characteristic, the Lancashire Plainhead would have to be used to keep it up, and this would necessitate the keeping of extra stock birds.

There was no need to bind the judge, and, moreover, to do so was a great injustice, and ought not to be. Also there was no need nor yet any reason why they should be bound down to 6¾ inches. The open door should be as before. Some imagined that large exhibition birds could be bred at will; but no man could go beyond the normal size for any length of time, and birds, in his opinion, were never shown above 1-16th or 1-8th at most over standard length. One standard one type, and we should always try and breed them as long as possible, but those which come unevenly balanced must be thrown out. Fanciers who breed for length only must get their coarse and ugly birds, and they may do it at once with the Lancashire. There are a few isolated cases where "ugly birds" have been put in.

"My policy," he concluded, "is to keep to the standard as near as possible, and there's plenty of scope for work to maintain that size, with type and quality, with the birds I have to-day."

What are those 7½ inch Birds?

Mr. W. A. Cowgill: I quite follow Mr. Shackleton's remarks, and think it a pity we have not the 7½ inch birds from London here. I shall always try to breed as large as possible, and if Bradford cannot exceed 6¾ inches London cannot, especially taking into consideration size, with characteristic feather, position, etc. I have found it impossible to get the essential points on a bird over 6¾ inches in length. Generally such are coarse and drop their "wagger," and one can get a pencil between their wings and tail. Then the one who has to measure them can make them ¼ inch more in neck. Some birds, when caught, throw out neck, others draw in neck, and cannot be measured exact. But we all like a good big one in preference to a little one.

Mr. Chittenden: One thing I would like to ask: Which is easier to maintain, length or shortness?

Mr. Shackleton: I'm sure it is far easier to breed small. Fancy going to the Palace show and hearing visitors ask, "Which are the Yorkshires, and which are the Borders?"

Mr. Battye: I should like to be on the other side; providing 6½ inch birds could win, what price should we get? Plenty of little ones are perfect in quality. What we want to try and get is a good long bird. There is always room to improve and a good big one should always go in. In my opinion, if the standard length was altered in any way we should be standing in our own light and the bird would deteriorate and not improve. Birds cannot be put in for length only; the bird itself must also suit.

Mr. Chittenden: In applications for birds, what is usually asked for?

Mr. Shackleton: I have at present a letter from the South, from a gentleman who after 3 or 4 years' breeding is disappointed and must have length. He requires hen 7¼ inches long (langhter), plenty of leg, etc., etc.

"Pa" Speaks to the Point.

Mr. Sunderland now asked Mr. Mundell to say a few words. "Pa," like Mr. Shackleton, apologised for not being a public speaker, but he can talk when he gets off. Mr. M. thinks the question one of vital importance, and stated that the Yorkshiremen should endorse the standard of 6¾ inches length, and publish it for the benefit of the various societies having the Yorkshire bird at heart in different parts of the United Kingdom. The standard was brought up for the benefit of outside judges—to knock out the large coarse bird of Lancashire Plainhead type. His opinion was th[illegible] shire bird was a made bird, and th[illegible] to-day were qualified to judge t[illegible], etc. It would be a shame to limit birds to 6¾ inches. In fact, no birds shown to-day were above 6¾ inches. The 7 inch birds were not fine enough, and this was known 20 years ago, the 6¾ inch bird being then considered the finest bird and the best moulded, whereas the 7 inch bird was strong in back and had a broad chest. The Yorkshire Clubs would do well to endorse the 6¾ inch standard for the bird, and nothing else.

Mr. T. Ogden (Ogden Bros.): Many birds have been too short, particularly hens during the past season.

The Happy Medium.

Mr. H. W. Battye: When the standard was formed, 6½ inch, 6¾ inch and 7 inch birds were mooted as standard types, and they took 6¾ inches as the standard, and very few birds are over that length. The best bird should win, and those that are thought to be over length should be objected to. The birds to-day are truer to type than those of 20 years ago. Then, big, strong stuff was shown; birds, if not big, were of no use; meetings resulted, and the Yorkshire Union was formed, and a power of good has been achieved since that formation. The stamping out of the big, coarse birds was the chief object of its formation, but no satisfactory manner in which to measure a bird has been devised, and the 6¾ inch stands as approximate only.

Mr. Mundell: So many points are given to each, quality, type, wing carriage, etc., etc., that length and length alone should not win, but must be combined with the other essential points.

Mr. Hammond thought the Yorkshire standard should be strictly adhered to. Anyone, he said, who has seen the stock bird classes, cannot but feel that the true interests of the Fancy were kept at heart when the limit of 6¾ inches was fixed, as, in his opinion, the birds in the stock bird class could not compare in any respect to those shown in the regular classes. They lack,, he said, that symmetry of form so essential to the Yorkshire show bird, are coarser in feather, and lose many of the foatures so well liked in the bird of to-day.

Yorkshire Union Standard Approved.

A lot of minor points were discussed, but the general opinion was that the standard as laid down by the Yorkshire Union was all that was required; that the judges who officiated should do all in their power to judge on the merits of the birds as near to the standard as possible; and also that exhibitors should do their utmost in the same direction, by showing the birds that fulfilled those requirements, and should not expect one feature to outweigh all those other features of the "King of the Fancy," the Yorkshire.

Mr. Sunderland moved a vote of thanks to the leaders of the discussion for their services, giving as his opinion that the 6¾ inch bird was the bird to show, and that all should endeavour to breed up to the standard.

Mr. R. Halliday seconded, and the vote was carried amid loud applause.

Messrs. Battye and Shackleton responded to the vote, Mr. Battye apologising for the poor show he had made on the "short" side. Mr. Shackleton proposed, and Mr. J. Wilcock seconded, that the best thanks be given to Mr. Sunderland for the very able manner in which he had conducted the discussion, thus bringing to a close a very interesting meeting.

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BY A. W. CURTIS.

(*Continued from page* 148.)

It is an easy matter to place a plane on a piece of board in a proper position, but it is not so easy to keep it there when in motion. There is the right and the wrong way of using a plane, and the wrong way appears to be more often adopted than the right one, especially by those having but little, or no knowledge on the matter of planing.

The Proper Attitude for Working.

Now to plane up stuff properly, one has to be master of his tool, that is to say, you must persevere to make the plane do as you want it, and not to leave it to chance to take off shavings, just where and when it likes. Always make it a point to keep well behind your plane when using it, and keep it as straight as possible on your board; see Fig. 25 and 26. Do not push your plane in a circular or curved direction, as if you were using a scythe to mow grass, for you cannot expect to get a nice level surface on your wood by adopting this method.

Always keep a firm hold on your plane when working it, putting a fair amount of pressure at front and back of same, and keep it close to surface of wood. Start to plane at end of stuff farthest from head of bench, and before starting, see that you have front of plane down quite flat on your wood, not allowing it to tilt up, or you will dub the end off your stuff. When finishing off other end of board, be sure to keep heel, or back end of plane, flat on surface, or you will again dub end off.

I would suggest to those not having had experience in planing up, to get a piece of soft pine, about three feet long by nine or eleven inches wide by one inch thick, and to practise planing up; never mind if you plane your board nearly all away, as it will be good exercise for you. By laying a straight edge on the edge of your jack plane across your board occasionally, you will be able to tell whether you are keeping your board nice and straight across it. If your straight edge rides on the centre, you will know that you require to plane more from where the straight edge rides. If, on the other hand, your board is hollow, you will have to plane more off towards the edges. If your board is of even thickness, mind not to take more off one surface edge than you do the other, or you will have your board feather-edged, that is, one edge thicker than the other.

Don't be afraid to extend your arms when planing; by this I mean, take off good long shavings, instead of hacking them off in short lengths, but in attempting these long shavings, don't lose control of your plane, by allowing it to jump, or you will find nothing but unsightly notches instead of the nice even surface so much desired.

The jack plane is used to take the rough off wood, and the smoothing, or hand plane, is to finish off with. You will find it necessary to have a little more iron out, or in other words, to set your jack plane a little coarser than will be required for your smoothing plane.

I would here advise my readers not to lose heart, if they find planing not quite so easy an occupation as they anticipated. It may appear quite easy when looking on, to see a joiner fetching off shavings with every stroke of the plane, but novices must not lose sight of the fact that the joiner's easy method is acquired by practice and a knowledge of how to sharpen and set his plane correctly. So a novice must not be discouraged if he fails in his first attempt to prepare his material with the finish of a practical hand.

Fig. 28.

On the Use of the Saw.

I will now proceed to give instructions to those not already in the know, as to the proper way to use a saw. This is a tool that has been used, at some time or other by most men, and I have no doubt but what the majority know that to cut lengthways, or with the grain, is called ripping, and to cut across the grain is called cross-cutting.

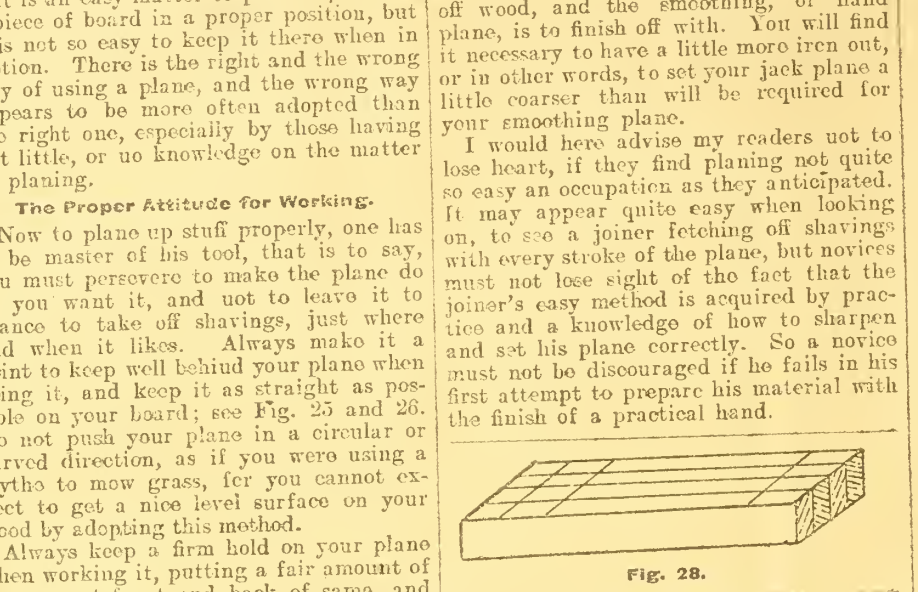
When attempting to rip a board there are not a great number of novices who can successfully cut down a line two feet in length, without running out of it, and when once out, will try all ways but the correct way to get right again.

When starting to rip a board, don't use both hands on your panel saw to start a cut, but with your right hand take a firm hold on handle of saw; your left hand should grip end of board, and your thumb should be raised so as to touch side of saw, and should act as a guide or fence.

Be careful to keep your thumb high enough up to clear teeth of saw, or you may find your wood stained with a colour you had not bargained for.

Having got your saw in the the right position, don't start with one mighty push as if you were going to cut half the length of your board with one stroke, but begin quietly, making sure to keep your saw as upright as possible. When sawing, if you find your saw running out of line towards your right, don't pull the saw over towards you to try and get in the line again, but gently twist the teeth of saw towards the line you have left, still keeping the saw in an upright position. Don't overdo the twist business, or try to regain in an inch or two what you have been losing in a foot, or you may damage your saw.

Here, again, a good plan would be for a novice to get a piece of board and put several straight lines down it, and to practise a few cuts before attempting to cut up good stuff. Any waste pieces of board, such as egg-box boards, will do to practise on, for either ripping or cross cutting. The same advice given for ripping applies equally as well for cross-cutting, but when marking off your board for cross cutting, use your long square and endeavour to keep to your lines, even if you are only doing practise cuts.



UPPER ROW: 1: Commencing a cross-cut. 2: Ditto, with a Back Saw. 3: Starting a Cut for Ripping.

LOWER ROW: 1: Method of using Brace and Bit. 2: Way to Hold 12 in. square on a flat surface. 3: Ditto, 3 in. square on edge of wood.

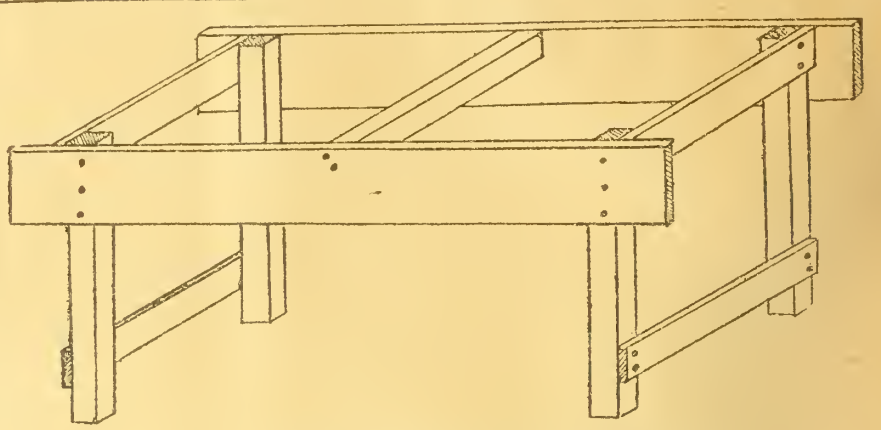


Fig. 30. Fitted Framework of Bench.

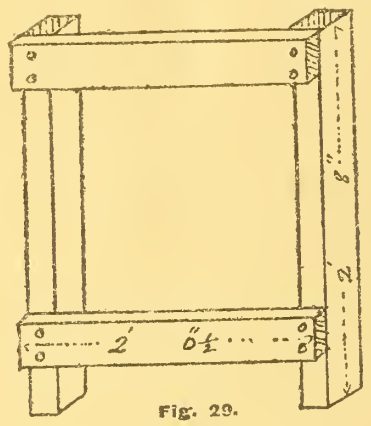


Fig. 29.

Concerning the Bench.

For the benefit of those wishing to make themselves a cheap bench on which to make their cages, I would advise them to have a bench about six feet long by about two feet two inches wide. This can be made very cheaply and easily by working to the following instructions. Of course, space will have to be taken into consideration, and it will be folly for a fancier to start making a bench without satisfying himself beforehand that he will have plenty of room to stand it in when finished.

It will require for the bench legs four pieces of 3in. by 2in. scantling, each piece two feet eight inches long; one piece for centre bearer, 3in. by 2in., two feet and an half an inch long; five 9in. by 1in. prepared, or planed boards, six feet long, three of these being for top and other two for sides of bench; two 9in. by 1in. prepared boards two feet and half an inch long, ripped down the centre to make four rails. As a rule, 9in. by 1in. prepared, when purchased, seldom runs more than $8\frac{3}{4}$ins. wide by $\frac{3}{4}$in. thick, so if legs are kept to width figured on sketch, the three $8\frac{3}{4}$in. boards together should be the exact width of board required to cover top of bench.

First of all mark off the length of four legs to the length given, using your square on face and edge; cut them off to squared lines, and then lay all four of them side by side, with 2in. edges uppermost as shown in Fig. 28. Next measure four inches up, for under edge of bottom rail; now put another mark, four and three-eights of an inch from your first mark, and then at top end measure and mark four inches and three-eighths of an inch down. Now take your 12in. square, and place on your wood, making sure stock of same is touching side of wood next to you, and then put a pencil mark across all four pieces. See Figure 28: this will show you required position of rails.

The next thing is to screw or nail your cross rails to legs, as shown in Fig. 29. I would advise the use of screws in preference to nails, as by using screws the bench could at any time be taken to pieces without damage being done to same, it being very convenient for storage or removal to be able to easily take out the screws.

Put one screw in each end of your two rails and then take your square and place stock of it on top rail, allowing the blade to run in same direction as leg. By doing this you can see if leg is at right angles or square from rail. If out of square, rack it until it is square, then put in your other four screws, as shown, when it will be ready for your side boards.

Having got your two pairs of legs ready, stand them on one side. Next place your two side boards together, face side to face side, keeping them quite level at end. Now measure six inches from each end, make a mark and square over as before. This will give you the distance side board has to project or run past legs. Now take your legs and lay them on their sides, then lay on your side board and put in screw nearest to top edge, making sure to keep mark on edge level with outside of top rail. Now try on your square and set legs square from side rail, and then put in your bottom screws to hold legs in required position.

The centre screws can now be put in. Turn the other sides of legs uppermost and proceed to put on your other side board, going through the same routine as you did with your first. Having finished this, turn your frame over on its feet, then equally divide distance between legs and screws in centre bearer, as shown in Fig. 30, and the frame will be ready for top.

This should be screwed down on to cross bearers, also along edge of side boards. It will require sixty-three 2in. No. 12 screws to put bench together properly, and it would be as well to have a twist gimlet (a little finer than screws), with which to bore your screw holes. Use your rose bit and brace to countersink for screw heads, and your wide pointed screw-driver to turn in screws.

By nailing two or three rough boards to the bottom edge of side rails, a very useful shelf can be formed on which to put your tools when not in use. If required, a drop door could be hung to bottom edge of shelf, and with a lock at top would form a very neat lock-up for tools.

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The Feeding and Rearing of Young Canaries.

By C. E. BROWN.

A Lecture Delivered before the Members and Friends of the Bristol C.B.S. on March 1st.

I will endeavour to do my best to inform you how I rear my young birds at that most critical period from the nest. My chief aim is to keep up the spirits strength and vigour of the birds I intend to breed with; yet, on the other hand, I take great care not to strain them, or get their nerves too high by overfeeding on soft food, until they are busy feeding their young. It is not so dangerous then, providing it is wholesome and sweet; but even then I feed very judiciously.

Treatment of Egg-bound Hens.

When I am expecting my hens to start laying, I watch them very closely, and if I see one showing signs of distress I give her a little maw seed last thing at night, and if she is no better in the morning, I treat her for egg-binding in the following way. I very carefully catch the bird and, taking her by the flights and tail, blow up the feathers and drop a little sweet oil into the vent. I also scald a small piece of bread in new milk and give to the hen, putting plenty of castor sugar over the bread. This has generally put matters right with my hens.

I don't like steaming the hens, if I can possibly avoid it. Last year I had one hen that I was bound to steam, and although I held her over a jug of boiling water (with, of course, a piece of muslin over the top of the jug to catch the egg) for fifteen minutes she could not pass the egg. So I took her in my left hand, put a drop of sweet oil into the vent and then placed my finger and thumb on either side of the bird's abdomen behind the egg, gently pressing towards the vent, and so got the egg away; it was a large double yolk egg and very thick shelled.

If any of my hens lay a broken eggery, I keep the eggs, as she lays them, in bran, turning them twice a day. Of course I put a dummy egg in the nest in place of each egg taken away, and if she finish laying her batch of eggs in a week, I allow her to sit. If not, I mark the eggs she has laid and place them under another hen or hens.

I always take the eggs away as soon as they are laid, putting a dummy in its place, until the third egg is laid, keeping them in bran and turning them every day. On the evening of the third day I return them, and by adopting this plan I find the chicks hatch out all together and therefore get their proper share of food from the parents, which they would not get if hatched two or three days after the first chick.

A Remedy for Unfertile Eggs.

If I get a batch or two of unfertile eggs, I part the birds for a few days and feed up again in the usual way. I give them a few extra dandelion leaves, and also from 7 to 10 drops of tincture of steel in their drinking water. I consider this the very best remedy for unfertile eggs.

I always feed on plain Canary seed when the birds are sitting, until about two days before the eggs are due to hatch. Then I give them a little richer food on the evening prior to the date on which the eggs are due to hatch. I put a little hemp seed in the cage and also a very small quantity of egg food.

Great care should be taken in boiling the eggs intended for the birds. I never use a new laid egg if possible; I keep them a few days before using same. I boil them for twenty minutes, and allow them to get quite cold before using them. But if you have to use a new laid egg, you must boil it for at least half an hour, as it takes much longer to cook than an egg which has been kept for a day or two.

When the Young Arrive.

When the young arrive I give the yolk of egg only for the first two days, and on the third day I give equal parts yolk of egg and bread crumbs or Osborne biscuits. Afterwards I use the whole of the egg and its weight in bread crumbs and Osborne biscuits put through a Sandiford mill. The last two years I have used, by way of a change, a certain prepared food advertised in the Fancy Press, with very good results. In fact, I think it is much better than home-made egg-food for rearing young birds as it is not so rich. I also give plenty of crushed hemp and rape, with, of course, plain Canary seed hung on the cage all the time.

When the young are three days' old, I stop the crushed hemp and give it whole, as it keeps the old birds off the nest longer, they having to crack the seed. And this gives the youngsters a little more fresh air than they would have if the seed were crushed for the old birds. I also add a little more bread or biscuit to the soft food and a teaspoonful of castor sugar. On three days a week I mix a teaspoonful of cod liver oil with the soft food, and also a little maw seed.

I give my birds fresh soft food three times a day; the last feed I give them is at night, so that they have food to feed the young with as soon as it is light in the morning.

Soft Food and Green Food.

I very seldom make my soft food up more than once a day; every morning I make up the day's supply, and I have never found it go sour. But perhaps I have an advantage over some of you, as I have a very cool dairy (next to where the milk is kept) in which I keep my soft food. Of course it would never do to put it in a dairy where the milk was cooling, or it would soon go sour. I never leave it in the bird room, and it is a great mistake for anyone to do so, even if they make it twice or three times a day.

For green food, which I start to give the birds on the third day, I have never found anything better than dandelion and chickweed; these I give my birds quite fresh three times a day. Here, again, perhaps, I have an advantage over the town fancier; I never place the green food in water inside the breeding cage (as some fanciers advise), but gather it fresh every time I require it, taking care to wash it and thoroughly dry it with a cloth before giving it to the birds.

If I find a nest of youngsters not going on as well as I should like them to, I transfer them to another hen or hens, if I have others about the same age. Another good idea and one which I have found very useful in the case of a bad feeding hen, is to scald some rape and mix with the soft food. Last year I had two hens start to feed immediately by this method, when they would not do so on anything else.

Sweating of Young.

If I find a hen sweating her young I immediately give her a pinch of Epsom Salts in her drinking water and take the cock bird away from her. If she still continues to sweat her young, I lift her off every day. But I find you have to be very careful with such hens, as frequently the real cause is nervousness, which makes them sit very closely on their young; and the greatest tenderness and patience must be bestowed on such hens until they get over such nervousness.

Some hens are always (by some means or other) pulling their young out of the nest, especially those who jump off the nest instead of steadily rising off the nest. I always look into the bottom of the cages when I enter the room, and if I find a chick there I hold it in the palm of my hand and continue to breathe on it until I can see some signs of life. I have often restored to the nest a chick which, when I took it from the bottom of the cage, was quite cold and appeared to me to be quite dead.

Sometimes you will find the young make no progress, although the old birds pay them every attention. The very best thing I have found for these delicate and wasting youngsters is a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food mixed with their egg food, and although given through the old birds, I have found this very beneficial. In giving this I have often saved a valuable nest of youngsters. If I find the old birds are feeding mostly on hard seed, which, of course, the young cannot digest properly, I scald the seed for them one day and soak it the next.

Some Hints on Feeding.

One very important thing with me at all times of the year is the use of clean and fresh water. During the breeding season I change the water twice and sometimes three times a day. Perhaps some of you have noticed when you have given fresh water the hen comes down and takes a slight bath, which is found to be very refreshing to her.

When the young are ready to leave the nest I place a numbered ring on each bird's leg and enter the number on the ring in my stud book. Of course, previous to this I number the old birds and also the breeding cages. By these means you can easily keep a pedigree of your birds, which you will find very useful later on. When the young leave the nest, which is the most critical time of their lives, I draw the wire slide between them and the old birds, for should they be something out of the common and get plucked by the old birds, they will be of no use for showing purposes that season. After the wire slide has been drawn between the old and young birds a few days I place a little crushed hemp inside the nursery cage, together with a little plain soft food, for them to learn to feed themselves.

Plain Food for the Young.

As soon as the youngsters can do for themselves I give them very plain food for this reason: The food they have been having has been masticated for them by the old birds; therefore you have to be exceedingly careful. If I use egg I only use half to quite the same weight of bread crumbs and Osborne biscuits that I have been using to a whole egg. But, as I have mentioned, I have used with success a prepared soft food, and I much prefer it for the young birds as it is more natural, and nothing like as rich as egg. I also give them crushed hemp, whole hemp, and Canary seed mixed together, for a time.

I do not force my birds on to hard seed and I certainly think it a great mistake for anyone to do so. I get my youngsters on to hard seed by very slow degrees, as I have found, to my sorrow, that young birds, when they commence to crack the seed, never know when they have had enough. This, of course, makes them very thirsty, and they drink more water than is good for them, the end being inflammation of the bowels, and more than likely a dead bird or two.

I continue to give my young birds soft (or egg) food, very poorly made, until they become thoroughly accustomed, by very slow degrees, to hard seed. In fact I really never leave off giving soft food, and since adopting this way of feeding I have not lost a single young bird, after they have left the parents, through overfeeding.

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My Experiences in the Hobby.

By DAVID PEDLOW.

Since I was a boy I have always been fond of animals, birds, etc. This was unfortunate for the poor birds, for they came into my possession when I was very young and did not quite understand that the little things needed every care and attention to make their little homes a pleasure. I have always inclined to keeping foreign birds, and have had a good many pass through my hands. I have found a lot of very useful information in CAGE BIRDS week after week.

How to breed Budgerigars; what birds one should keep together in aviaries, etc., are questions that are frequently cropping up. Breeding Budgerigars is the simplest thing in bird life. The beginner should always start with a couple or three pairs of good, strong, healthy birds. But I should advise getting the cocks and hens from different dealers, as in-breeding with birds I strongly object to, after getting your stock. Of course, I am writing of bird-breeding in aviaries. Put up a number of husks and always see that you have two husks to one pair of birds. Give plenty of good, sound seed, such as millet, Canary, hemp, and corn; I always found my Budgerigars very fond of the latter, and being so cheap, it saves a lot of the other seeds. Keep a piece of Cuttlefish in the aviary and also plenty of sand and clean water. Some say that Budgerigars don't drink, but I have seen mine drink.

Often they are very fond of grass in the ear when ripe, and also of spray millet; it is a pleasure to watch them clinging to the spray and picking out the seeds.

Success in Breeding.

My first season in breeding these lovely birds was a successful one. I reared from three pairs about 45 young ones, and I believe I had only two deaths in that season. One hen I found egg-bound, and as she had hidden behind a box, I did not find her until she was nearly dead; death occurred shortly after. I have never experienced much trouble in the way of egg-binding in my aviaries, and find no difficulty after applying one of the usual remedies. I prefer to put a little oil on the vent and then hold the bird over a teapot with hot water. I have a soft, porous cloth to rest it on, and I cover it with a glass dish, so that I can see how it is doing.

Anyone wanting a pet bird could not do better than get a young Budgerigar just beginning to feed, and with a little patience one can teach it tricks. I have often stood in my aviary with 10 young Budgerigars on my hands, one on each finger. It is quite a treat, too, to watch them in the grass. I used to take them out and let them off in the garden before they could fly very well. But, mind you, should you try this, keep a watch on them, as they have a habit of crawling into holes, and if the grass is long, you might have some trouble in finding them.

My next season was also a lucky one; I reared about 30 young ones by two pairs. They laid from five to seven eggs to a clutch, and as they begin to sit, after they have laid the first egg, the young appear in successive days, so that the first hatched are about a week old before the last appear. Although the early hatched ones seem to fill the husk in a short time, I never found a young one killed in the nests.

A Varied Collection.

I might say I always kept in the same aviary three pairs of Cockatiels, two pairs of which reared young just as well as the Budgerigars. I had wooden boxes put up for these, which seemed to suit them very well. They gave no trouble with the same kind of food in the aviary. I often gave them a piece of loaf bread, sometimes dipped in water, which they liked very much.

The other pair of Cockatiels laid eggs and hatched out young, but something was wrong with these, as they died in the nest after a few days. I think this hen was a bad feeder, as she always had most of the feathers off her breast; otherwise she seemed healthy enough.

I also had Weavers and Bullfinches in this aviary; the Weavers never made any attempt at building in my aviary. The Bullfinches did, however, and brought out young which died, I think, for want of more natural wild seeds and buds. Speaking about the Weavers, reminds me of a visit I paid to the late Mr. Abrahams. I was purchasing some Weavers from him, and he advised me to get some wool of various colours, cut into short lengths, and tie it up loosely about the aviary. The Weavers, he said, would use it instead of hay, etc., and would weave most beautiful nests. I have not tried this yet, but I hope to when I build an aviary for Weavers alone, as I believe the other birds would only pull these nests to pieces.

Eggs, but no Young.

Other species I have kept are the Zebra, Green Singing Finch, Gouldian Finch, Avadavat, Silver Bill, Nun (various), Orange Cheek, Corden Bleu, Pekin Robin, Ribbon Finch, Bengalese, Java Sparrow, Ring Neck, Rosella, Rose Cockatoo, the various Doves and also the Californian Quail.

I have obtained plenty of eggs from these, but have only successfully reared Zebra Finches. I have also had the Yellow Budgerigars, but the pair I had were not quite up to the mark, as out of six eggs they only reared one young one. The cock bird died, and the hen paired up with a Green Budgerigar, with the result that in one nest three young Green and two young Yellow Budgerigars were hatched out and reared, which disputes the theory that, when paired together (green and yellow), they will breed back to the green only.

I found the above-mentioned Finches quite hardy; they lived well out of doors, but I never kept them out in winter. I must make the Corden Bleu an exception, as I always found it delicate. I have bought many pairs of these birds, with the usual result—they shortly "kicked the bucket."

I have also kept the usual run of British birds, but have not tried my hand much at breeding. This year I have a lot of hen Bullfinches, with which I intend to run Greenfinch, Redpoll, Linnet, Siskin, Canary, and Goldfinch cock birds in an aviary in order to try my luck at Hybrid breeding. I have also paired together hen Redpoll and cock Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch and cock Siberian Goldfinch, hen Canary and cock Green Singing Finch and also hen Canary and cock Redpoll.

My two favourite birds, a cock Siberian Goldfinch, which I have had for over three years, and a cock Green Singing Canary, are both beauties.

Pekin Robins at Large.

I have also reared and stocked Golden Pheasants, Amherst and Reeves; these I found very beautiful, and no trouble to keep, the usual fowls' seeds and plenty of green-food being their staple diet.

Before closing, a word or two to the inexperienced with regard to purchasing will perhaps be useful as coming from one who has been "bit." I find the deposit system works exceedingly well, but some dealers will not send on this system. There are amongst dealers very many fair and honourable men; these I find out; after which I will buy from no others.

My aviaries have no doors leading directly out; I have to pass through a summer-house, which arrangement I find is very useful, never yet having had one bird escape. I gave liberty to three pairs of Pekin Robins last summer, as an experiment. I kept one in the aviary however, for a few weeks, so that the others hearing its call, always came about the aviaries. After I liberated it, I saw them for about two weeks, after which I lost sight of them altogether. I should like to know what happened to them, and whether they would live in our winter. No doubt being soft-billed birds they would find no difficulty in getting food about gardens in the summer.

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The Strange House-Keeping of my Firefinches.

By G. CHATTO.

My aviary is twelve by sixteen by six feet in dimensions, slightly raised and covered in at one end. It faces south. I have in it, besides a lot of other different kinds of birds, a pair of Fire Finches. When I bought them, the cock was out of colour, and had lost a lot of feathers, which have since grown in red, so that he is now half in colour and half out!

Not a Marrying Sort.

He evidently had a great desire to set up housekeeping, but his little wife had no thought in that direction. My little cock Fire Finch commenced by building a nest in a cokernut shell. Perhaps he thought his little mate might change her mind about nesting, if she found a snug and cosy little house all built ready for her. He flew on to the entrance of the nest calling to her; he crept in and out of the deftly woven passage way, and I do not know what he did not say to her in his little birdie language. But all to no purpose. She took no notice of him.

What was he to do? Ah! now he has it. She does not like the situation. He immediately pulled the carefully-made structure all to pieces and started to build in another shell. This little game was repeated about a dozen times I should think. Sometimes he would sit in his nest for quite an hour or more, but he could not persuade his gentle wife to take possession of it. I really felt quite sorry for him, although he seemed to enjoy himself.

Papa is pleased.

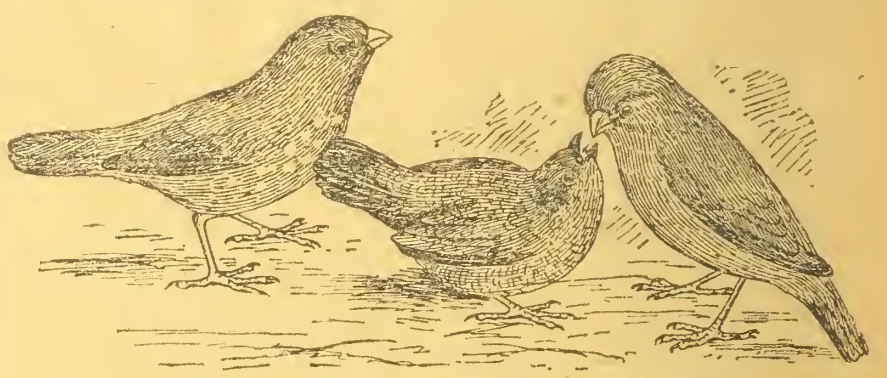
One day while feeding the birds in the outdoor aviary, I picked up a small white egg, the shell being so transparent that the yolk inside made it look pink. The bird that laid it evidently had no nest and did not wish to have one. I did not know what to do with the egg, so I put it into the Fire Finches' nest and waited outside to see what would happen. The Fire Finches were hopping about together, foraging at the time. Presently the cock bird found a pretty green feather, picked it up and flew to the nest with it. He looked rather surprised at first, and then went in to inspect.

By-and-bye, he came out again, chirping joyfully. He seemed very pleased and quite excited: he hopped round his astonished mate and flew to and from the nest taking in feather and hay. Of course, the poor bird thought his wife had laid the egg. The hen still took no notice of the nest. I do not know what the cock thought about her, or whether he thought about anything at all but that egg—anyhow, he incubated it himself.

I never saw the hen bird ever go near the nest during incubation. She may have slept in it; that I do not know, as I never go near the aviary at night, for fear of disturbing those birds which have eggs and young, and it being dark or nearly so they might not find their way back again.

What it Was.

Well, I am losing the thread of the story. The little one hatched out. The male bird fed and tended it most carefully, and when it was twelve or more days old I noticed the hen going into the nest two or three times, and after a day or two she seemed to take as much interest in it as the cock bird did. I, too, was interested in it—in fact, quite anxious to see what kind of bird it was going to be! The first hint was given to me by its lead-coloured legs and feet. You see, I looked at it every day to see how it progressed. Then the brownish feathers were covered thickly with narrow darker lines, the underparts showing a rosey pink. The feathers round the eye appeared crimson.



Firefinches Feeding Young St. Helena Waxbill.

Is It Unique?

There was no doubt left now; it was a St. Helena Waxbill. At length it left the nest. It is full-grown now, and flies about with the other birds. It has become so accustomed to me (looking at it every day, as I did) that it is quite tame, and allows me to stroke or handle it, without taking much notice of me. It is not fond of me personally, but has grown used to me as it has to its feathered companions in the aviary. It's real father and mother took no more notice of it than they would of any other new arrivals in the aviary.

I have heard of the eggs of certain birds being exchanged for others or other birds' eggs being added to their own and the result being satisfactory, but I have never heard before of a case similar to this which I have just related. I wonder if it is unique?

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"Who said Cats."

Some Facts about Macaws.

By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

The Great Macaws, for all Macaws are not large, some being only as big as the common Grey Parrot, may be said to represent Nature's last word in the evolution of colour-effect in animals, for no other living things display such brilliant hues distributed over so large a surface.

Take the ordinary Red Macaw (such as is depicted with such fidelity on the coloured plate, skilfully caught by the artist in a characteristic and delightfully pleasing attitude)—what a wonderful bird he is, coloured in the three primary hues of red, blue, and yellow, and those alone—not a feather of any meaner tint, except a few spots of green sometimes diversifying the great blaze of yellow on the wings. No other bird in the world can show such a display; the Peacock's purples, blues, and irridescent copper-greens are dull by comparison, and though the Gold Pheasant has the Macaw's colours, and a far richer and glossier quality of feather, Nature seems to have run short of the material to finish him off, and so he ends in a speckly-brown tail which rather comes as an anti-climax to the glowing gold of his silky crest.

A Living Banner.

Then the Macaw, unlike these, his rivals, is a bird of powerful, lofty, and vigorous flight. No groundling like them, he haunts the tops of tall forest trees, and flaps, a living banner, above the forest from one haunt to another. Sometimes he may play and wheel about in the air with his friends; at other times the pair alone may be marked high overhead, too far for their splendid vesture to be seen, and heard even before they can be seen at all by reason of their loud screams. Some faint idea of Macaws in flight may be formed by watching the Zoo specimens in their great aviary on the Canal bank; but even in this large space it is evident that they cannot get fairly under way, and need more room to show their wing power to advantage, though the mere heavy flight from one side to another is a revelation of colour-effect.

Not a Match for Cocky.

I have noticed that in this aviary the Cockatoos are masters of the Macaws; the long-tailed bird is much too slow in his movements, and his length of rudder makes it a dangerous handle for ill-wishers. Once I saw a mischievous Lemon-crested Cockatoo seize a Blue-and-yellow Macaw by the tail, and in spite of the piercing shrieks of the victim, who could not get at his aggressor because of the said tail's length, though he did his best to turn on him, bite off about a foot of the feathers attacked. However, on the whole, the large Parrots have done well together and the show has been very fine, though just now there are not many Macaws on view as some have been sent away. I noticed that some of the Red Macaws, after a season outdoors, showed a yellow lacing on the red feathers, especially about the head and neck, evidently the effect of climate, although they were in fine feather, and stood the cold well.

Macaw Mules.

The Blue-and-yellow Macaw has been bred season after season by an amateur in France, who kept his birds in an outdoor aviary; and some years ago some one in Italy raised a brood of hybrids between a Red and a Green Macaw. These found their way to our Zoo in time, and fine birds they were, of large size and great vigour of voice. They followed the green parent in colour, except in having the underparts red, thus showing the cross well. Mule-breeding in Macaws ought to be a really high flight in aviculture, for goodness only knows what colours one might get by crossing, say, the Blue-and-yellow with the Red, or either of these, or the Green, with the Purple Hyacinthine species. There should be a fine fight of colours in the crossing of the Green and Purple kinds!

Management of Macaws.

Macaws are not difficult birds to keep if you have room, and if your neighbours will stand the noise. They are too big for cages, for in no reasonable-sized one can they get wing exercise, and should always be chained, unless, of course, kept in an outdoor aviary, which should have a shelter shed and wired flight so arranged as to give as much flying room as possible. Given space for exercise, they are quite hardy. If they show signs of wanting to breed, a barrel with a good-sized hole in one end and plenty of sawdust inside should be provided as nesting quarters and fixed high up. Although there is no sex difference in plumage, the smaller and rounder head of the hen makes it possible to pick out pairs; young birds can also be distinguished by their darker eyes. Of course a young one is best for a pet, but sex does not matter if one wants a talker, as hens will talk as well as cocks. Macaws seem generally to speak plainly, and talk freely. They need large grain, such as maize, oats, and sunflowers as food, and also nuts, with any green food and fruit available. Water should not be forgotten, and they will benefit by a bath in a shower of rain.

The Leading Species.

Two Red Macaws are imported, the Red-and-yellow (*Ara macao*), and the Red-and-blue (*A. chloroptera*). The former is the one usually seen; the latter is larger, darker red, has green instead of yellow on the wings, and some lines of dark red feathers on the bare face not found in the other. Then there is the splendid Blue-and-yellow (*A. ararauna*), the tightest and glossiest in feather of all of them, and perhaps the most general favourite. The great Hyacinthine (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*), with his self-purple robe, is rare; he has a prodigious beak, and makes no more difficulty over Brazil nuts than a Canary does with hemp. Rare also is the Green, or Military (*Ara militaris*)—though why on earth this is called Military I can't imagine, for I do not know of any nation which favours grass-green as a uniform. These are the most familiar kinds, and a splendid series they form; all come from the warm parts of America, where they are among the greatest of Nature's ornaments.

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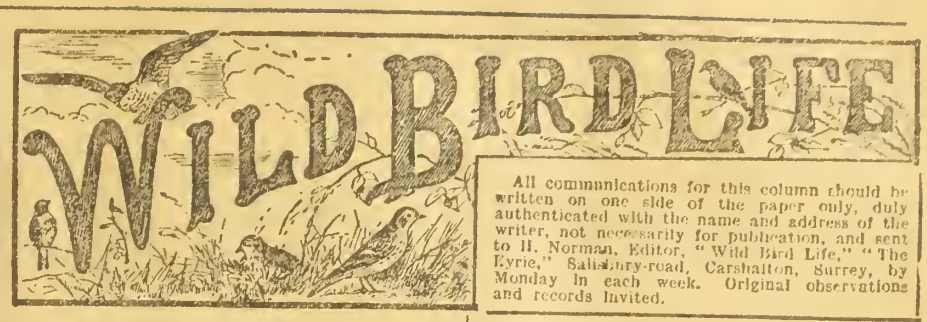

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The Pairing Season.

Winter still lingers, with sharp frost and snow. All nature is ready to exhibit the beauties of spring as soon as the weather permits. No doubt the continuance of severe conditions has saved many a lovely flower from being cut off by later frost, and many a brood of feathered songsters from an early death. One cannot but notice the progress made by the wild birds towards carrying out their summer task. Upon every side we see them in pairs, and if during our rambles we disturb a single specimen we quite naturally look round for its partner. This condition of bird life was very apparent the other day when we stood at the corner of a wood quietly watching the doings of the inmates. Up the green glade the Thrushes were busy among the grass; they were apparently single birds, searching where the few dead leaves had been scattered by the wind across the clearing. But later, when they were disturbed, the half-dozen birds quickly took flight, settling in pairs out in the open field. In the bushes at the foot of an elm tree the Greater Tit, in all the glory of his spring dress (and few birds show more beauty of colouring), was busy as usual. We say "as usual," for one never sees a Tit actually still for any length of time. Other birds will rest and preen, and bask in the sunshine, or in some sheltered nook, for quite a long time, but the busy Tit never has time for idling; he has generally something on hand, and must be an enormous eater, for he appears to be constantly in quest of food. He keeps up a chattering note, his mate answering from the higher branches of the tree. These birds generally manage to rear big families, and to launch them safely upon their own little sea of life. And yet they never appear to increase. There are always a few round the gardens, and a family party or so to be met with in the woods. Who or what are their enemies? They are certainly small birds, but are quite equal to the task of taking care of themselves, although they occasionally form a titbit for the Sparrow Hawk; but not more so than other species. Probably they are short lived, and so the young birds simply fill up the vacancies constantly occurring. We have no means of knowing the actual life of a wild bird, and possibly, for all we know to the contrary, the period of existence of some of the smaller species may be short, much shorter than we imagine. The Chaffinches just now frequent the hedgerows and small plantations. As we wander up the cart road by the edge of the wood we see them, for some distance ahead, shuffling along the ground just out in the field; but as we near them they quickly return in pairs to the shelter of the trees. There is something about the habit of the Chaffinch when on the ground which makes him very different to other birds. He has a peculiar shuffling gait, a cross between the mouselike creeping of the Dunnock and the hop of the Finch. So different is this to the bearing of other Finches that one never has any difficulty in identifying the bird, even when the light is bad so that his colour is not discernible. Further along the road we disturb numerous other birds, the wing-flapping of the big Wood Pigeons startling many smaller species. A tiny Wren accompanied us for some distance and then returned to a big heap of refuse at the corner of the field, where we found him an hour later. Upon the hill there is an acre or so of rough uncultivated ground, where many of our rarer Warblers can be found during the summer. At this visit a single Goldfinch was the only find. He was feeding in the long grass, and rose with his usual twittering call and flew off with that peculiar jerky flight so characteristic of the species. Across the lavender fields we put up a huge flock of Linnets; they will probably nest in this rough patch as they did a few years since, when every bush and bramble contained the cosy home of this little songster.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

The Eagle and its Chick.

The Golden Eagle, and other large rapteral birds which lay two eggs, rarely hatch more than one. If one parent is killed or trapped the survivor will rear the nestling alone.

London Pigeons.

It is said that the London Wood Pigeon is not the same as our wild Ring Dove, but a Foreign species, brought over by the Duke of Edinburgh after a visit to the Czar of Russia. He brought several pairs with him, it is said, which were liberated in Hyde Park. It is also said that these birds are more stoutly built than our own wild ones, although similarly marked.

Rare Variety of the Redwing.

The Rev. Murray Dixon, in the "Field" records the fact that on December 15 he shot a beautiful variety of the Redwing. The plumage was of a pale biscuit or fawn colour, but with the usual markings very pale and indistinct. The flank feathers, however, retained the usual orange-red colour. Varieties of this colour are rare, but the Hon. Walter Rothschild has two similar specimens in his museum at Tring, and Mr. Frohawk states that he has also an example of this variation.

A Colony of Owls.

We clip the following interesting note from a contemporary:—A short time ago I visited the hamlet of St. Botolphs, near Shoreham. In the tower of its quaint old church, standing next to a large farm, is a colony of short-eared Owls. It is a charming sight to stand close by concealed in an old outhouse and watch these graceful birds on a moonlight night seeking their food of mice, etc. It is delightful for bird-lovers to know that two old ladies who reside in a little cottage close by the church most carefully guard these Owls, and woe be to the collector who, gun in hand, should attempt an assault on them. Surely this shows what can be done even in these days for our feathered friends. It is a useless errand, therefore, for anyone to go in search of these birds, so would-be collectors can stay at home."

Return of the Whinchat.

I saw a splendid Whinchat to-day, March 13th, and thought it might interest you to know, writes Mr. G. E. Smith. (This is certainly rather early for this bird, as he does not generally arrive until April.—H.N.)

A Grey-backed Warbler in Kent.

Mr. J. B. Nichols, in a contemporary, gives a short account of a male Grey-Backed Warbler (*Ædon familiaris*), which was killed at Hythe, Kent, on July 15, 1907. This makes the first recorded occurrence of this species in Great Britain.

Bird Life in Italy.

Martins, Swallows, Nightingales and small Warblers are regularly caught and killed while migrating across Italy, and at other times the country is almost denuded of feathered life. At last some of the scientists are beginning to recognise the importance of protecting these benefactors of the agriculturist, but so strong is the habit of bird catching during certain periods that it is very doubtful if even the Government of the country can do much to stop this wholesale destruction. Anyway, it will possibly take years to entirely prevent it.

Nesting Boxes.

Now is the time for bird lovers to fix up boxes for the use of the wild birds visiting the gardens. Many people are under the impression that birds have no difficulty in finding suitable spots to nest in. But this is quite a mistake, for during the Summer we frequently see them attempting to build in places quite unfitted for the purpose, and we frequently hear of them selecting old hats, boots, etc., which they would not do if Nature's nesting sites were more plentiful. Almost any kind of box will do for the purpose (those with a sloping lid to be preferred). They should be placed out of the reach of cats and somewhat sheltered from the elements.

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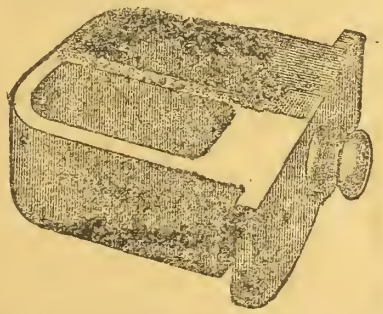

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They include some grand Hens with dense crests, and by some would be sold at four times the price I am asking; also see a few prices below from my large stock. All on approval. Cash or deposit. Cages 3d. extra, and I PAY CARRIAGE BACK if not approved.

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GOOD crested cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; crested hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; crest-bred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; crest-bred hens, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; stamp reply; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich.

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CREST AND CRESTBRED HENS.

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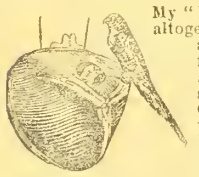

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WANTED 1907 large Norwich cock, Yellow, typical bird, on approval, for stock purposes. State lowest price to S., 33, Preston-avenue, Higham Park, Chingford.

WANTED, for cash, British, Cinnamons, Crests, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; best prices given; quote prices required.—Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire.

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WANTED, first-class 1907 Yorkshire Canary in exchange flying Homers, show Homers, Dragoons, Macclesfield Tumblers, or best offers in cash.—Wray, 420, Anlaby-rd., Hull.

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WANTED any quantity hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each; and hen Canaries, give 1/4 each; and any kind of birds bought, cocks or hens.—Perkins, No. 1, Blewett-st., East-st., Walworth, London.

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EXCHANGE two steady cock Goldfinches and little cash for good unflighted Norwich cock.—Bayliss, Princes-st., St. Ebbes, Oxford.

THRICE house-moulted Goldfinch cock, proved muler; accept large, well-bred crest-bred hen, or offers.—Brown, 22, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

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HOUSE-MOULTED Greenfinch Linnet Redpoll Chaffinch cocks, or exchange for yellow Norwich cock.—Mayes, Clifton-st., St. Anne's-on-Sea.

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EXCHANGE six ivory handled knives, or pair carvers, best quality for one cock or three hen Canaries; approval.—Joseph Royles, 260, Beet-st., Sheffield.

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GRAND exhibition cock Chaffinch, 3rd Tamworth, 4th Walthamstow, etc., also Bramblefinch, vhc Tamworth, only time shown; what offers; or will exchange for good pair Norwich; no rubbish offered or wanted.—D., 32, Langley-rd., Watford.

TWO hand-reared cock Greenfinches, mated with Cinnamon mark Norwich, or Sib hens, 7/6 pair; two hen Greenfinches, large, steady, 2/ -each; Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, 5/- each; exchange breech-loader gun, boots, size 9's, fishing tackles; offers.—Salmon, Kilgerran, Pembrokeshire.

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NO time for breeding; will exchange four hen Canaries for good Norwich or Roller cock.—Brown, 310, Kensal-rd.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Linnet S.A. held week-end contest March 21, at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, Blackburn. Winners: 1, W. H. Topping; 2, G. Rostron; 3, R. Topping. Judged by Mr. J. Dobson.—RD. HAYHURST,

DURHAM.

A Linnet sing took place at the house of Mr. J. Grey, when a very large company attended. The judge gave every satisfaction, and some grand singing took place. A silver cup and two splendid pipes were offered as prizes. Winner, Machin; 2, Minns; 3, Blenkison.—D. HANN.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on March 21st, when 14 birds sang. 1st and 2nd prizes shared by C. Biss and S. Hardcastle; 3rd prize, C. Biss. Judges, Messrs. Crane and Fisher. Also March 22nd, when 24 birds sang. 1st prize, C. Biss; 2nd, T. Summers; 3rd, T. Johnson. Judges, Messrs. Cooper and Crane.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

ELSECAR.

The Elsecar L.S.S. held usual week-end contest on March 14th at the Crown Inn, Elsecar, when 16 birds sang, a novice member getting first prize:—1st, G. Newton, 3 min. 57 sec.; 2nd, T. White, 3 min. 30 sec.; 3rd, S. Vaines, 3 min. 29 sec. Timekeeper, Mr. A. Watkin; marker, Mr. J. Denton. Another contest March 21st, at Barley Corn Inn, when 17 birds entered:—1st, S. Vaines, 4 min. 5 sec.; 2nd, T. White, 3 min. 57 sec.; 3rd, A. Marples, 3 min. 49 sec. Timekeeper, Mr. E. Charles; marker, Mr. J. Denton.—E. CHARLES, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest held at Don Inn, there being a large attendance and 24 competitors. First winner, Coleman, 55; second, Watson, 54; tie for third place, Booker and Knight being 52 each. Judges, Blackhadder and Roberts.—H. TIMMS, Secretary.

YORK.

Usual Linnet contest held at Crown Inn, North Street, March 21, when 30 birds sang. 1, Firth; 2, Buckle; 3, 6, Stothard; 4, Lambert; 5, Bean; 7, Horwell. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, J. Mason.

Usual Linnet contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, on March 21, when 28 birds faced the judge, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. Result:—1, Chaplin; 2, Massheder; 3, Moley Warp; 4, Sykes; 5, J. Limbert, jun.; 6, Laverick. Judge, Mr. Jno. Paver; timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert, senr.—WM. EMPSON.

SKININGROVE.

Skiningrove Linnet S.S. contest was held on March 7, when 15 birds faced the judge. The champion singing of the season was heard, birds singing their full five minutes. 1, Leng; 2, Hodge; 3, Fox. March 14, 12 birds put in window. Winners: 1, Jackson; 2, Dobson; 3, Fox. March 21, cup contest; time singing, best bird in five minutes: 1, Jackson; 2, Whelford; 3, Fox; 4, Leng; 5, Dobson; 6, Womack. Timekeepers, Havelock and Jackson; judge, F. Deadon.—M. DOBSON, Secretary.

HULL.

The Hull L.F.A. held a dominoe match at the North Bridge Hotel on March 18, the proprietor, Mr. Sam Saul, being known as a real lover of the quality singing Linnet. The first prize, a beautiful Roller Canary, was presented by another real lover of the Linnet, Mr. R. Dearlove. The room was literally packed. The Linnet King, Mr. Harry Allen (Leeds) was especially invited. The first prize was won by a gentleman representing Oxo; second prize, J. Scarfe, who caused great amusement in the match; third prize, the Linnet King; 4, R. Dearlove; 5, Mr. Saul; 6, F. Brackley; 7, R. Mawer. After the match Mr. H. Allen sang some of his songs, his rendering of "Coming in and Going out" causing roars of laughter. Everyone present, including 40 members, spent a very pleasant and delightful evening.—R. DEARLOVE.

THE SHOWS.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

A very successful table show was held at the end of the last meeting. Over 30 birds faced the judges, and a very instructive discussion took place afterwards. Mr. Grant judged Crests, and Mr. Hiles the other varieties.

CRESTS: 1, 2, Hands; 3, Hayling. NOR.: 1, 3, Harvey; 2, Child. BORDERS: 1, 2, 3, Lewis. BRIT.: AND MULES: 1, 2, Pounsett; 3, Stevens.

GUISBROUGH PRIORY C.B.S.

A members' pair show was held at monthly meeting, March 14. Mr. G. Jobling judged, and placed the awards as follows:—YORKS: 1, 2, Cook; 3, Hall. NOR.: 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, Jackson. HYBRID: 1, Atkinson; 2, 3, Jackson. BRIT.: 1, Cook. A.O.V.: 1, Chappell. CREST.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, Blackburn.—H. HOOD, Secretary.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

This association held a most successful show of British birds in the Temperance Rooms on March 17th. Mr. J. M. Moss judged. The quality was good throughout, many of the exhibits being noted prize winners. The majority were well shown, and in the pink of condition.

GOLDFINCH: 1, Richardson; 2, Tweedle. LINNET: 1, 3, Richardson; 2, Morton; vhc, hc, Whittington; c, Dyson. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Richardson; 2, Lloyd; 3, Morton; vhc, Dyson. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Morton; vhc, Richardson. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, spl, Morton; 2, Lloyd; 3, Dyson; vhc, Lloyd. LINNET (WILD CAUGHT): 1, Dyson; 2, Richardson; 3, Tweedle.—J. RICHARDSON, Sec.

NEW BILTON AND DIS. F.S.

A members' show was held at the Royal Oak, New Bilton, on March 16, when there were some nice exhibits staged. Mr. E. Tysall secured silver medal for best British bird, with a nice Bullfinch, and Messrs. Farn and Laburham silver medal for best bird in Canary, Mule, and Foreign bird classes, with a nice Bishop Finch. There were many Fanciers and friends present. Mr. T. G. Hough judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CAN. A.V.: 1, Jones; 2, Tysall; 3, Wood. BRIT. (except Greenfinch): 1, spl, Tysall; 2, Farn and Laburham; 3, Tysall; 4, Smith. GREENFINCH: 1, 4, Wood; 2, Harris; 3, Farn and Laburham; vhc, Tysall. MULE OR FOR.: 1, spl, Farn and Laburham; 2, Smith; 3, Jones.—JOHN GREATREX, Sec.

SWINDON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held March 14th in Chorus Room (Mechanics' Institution). Mr. Manley (Horfield, Bristol) was the judge at the matched pairs show. He also read an interesting paper on "The Breeding and Management of Canaries." The birds turned up in goodly numbers, and keen competition occurred in most classes.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, Greenwood and Burson. NOR. P.H.: 1, 2, 3, Bywater; vhc, Pinnell; hc, Smith; c, Dodd. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Smith. A.O.V.: 1, Dodd. MULES OR HYB.: 1, Greenwood and Burson; 2, Hopkins and Allsopp; 3, 4, vhc, Fulbrook; hc, Brewer; c, Mackay. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Fulbrook; 2 Leavers; 3, vhc, hc, c, Hopkins and Allsopp. LINNET, ETC., 1, Fullbrook; 2, Pennell. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Fulbrook; 2, Leavers. Mr. Manley's Paper was most interesting, and much discussion took place, Mr. Manley answering all questions satisfactorily.—E. ALLSOPP, Sec.

COVENTRY O.S.

A members' A.V. Canaries Pair Show was held on March 18th. Members judged, and awards were decided by points, every member giving the reasons for his decisions. A pleasant and instructive evening was spent. The following were the awards:—1st, W. Davis; 2nd, G. Turrell; 3rd, J. A. Lucas; reserve, G. Peters; vhc, F. W. Harris; hc, W. J. Rowley; c, J. Hadley.—G. PETERS, Hon. Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, Public Library, Stoke Newington, on March 18; also a table show for Britishers. Unfortunately, entries were short, owing to the misinterpretation of a new rule regarding entry fees, many of those present having misread same. This was all the more regrettable owing to the fact that all points gained at these shows were counted in conjunction with young stock and annual shows for point specials, which this Association offer for each section. Great interest is taken in these shows, and it was very gratifying to see such a splendid muster of members present. Mr. G. Mortlock judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction, although in the Goldfinch class it was a difficult task to separate the winners, several noted winners being shown in this class. The same remarks are applicable to the Linnet class, where Mr. Pike's bird secured first, being the sixth occasion of receiving that award under some of our best judges. After judging, Mr. Mortlock gave his reasons for placing the awards, to the general satisfaction of all present, it being well-known that he is a past-master in this branch of the Fancy. Special for best bird in show was secured by Mr. S. Williams with a grand Chaffinch, and steady as a rock. GOLDFINCH: 1, Williams; 2, 3, Pike; res, vhc, Hale; vhc, Marley. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Marley; 3, Pike; res, vhc, Williams. LINNET: 1, res, Pike; 2, 3, Marley; vhc, Hale. A.O.V.: 1, Williams; 2, Marley; 3, Neal; res, Williams.—R. P. HARPER, Hon. Sec.

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CLUB REPORTS.

STRATFORD & EAST LONDON F.S.

A committee meeting was held on March 12th at headquarters, Workmen's Hall, with Mr Smith in the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. Smith; vice-chairman, Mr. Croxon; treasurer, Mr. Reeves; and Mr. Marshall on committee in place of Mr. Reeves. Will members who have removed since last year's book was issued, notify the secretary, Mr. S. L. Sheldrick, 86, Grove-road, Bow, E. Next meeting, March 26th.—G. MAY, assist.-secretary.

RUTHERGLEN AND DISTRICT O.A.

Monthly meeting took place on March 16th, Mr. Manson, vice-president, in the chair. A very interesting conversation took place, mostly regarding pairing matters and prospects for the coming season. The secretary reminded the members that at next meeting the preliminary arrangements in connection with the first feather show would require to be made, so as to have everything in order in good time. As the date of next meeting falls on the spring holiday, it will be postponed till Monday, 27th April.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN OPEN DERBY O.A.

This Association is now in full working order, and since the 17th inst. there has been sent out per post a very large number of our membership cards, giving full explanation of rules, etc., to Scotch Fancy and Belgian breeders. We anticipate that the outcome of perusal will be that many will decide to become members. Already we have a good number, which is always being added to, and should we continue to progress as we are doing the success of our Association will be assured. If any Fanciers have been omitted, will they kindly forward name and address for copy of rules per return?—J. R. MEIKLE, Secretary, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

LONG EATON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

General monthly meeting was held on March 14th, in the Co-operative class-room, Station-street, when Mr. O. Clark, chairman, presided over a good attendance. It was proposed and seconded that Messrs. S. R. Turner and J. B. C. A. Caunt be on the committee. Mr. H. Schofield was elected treasurer for the forthcoming season. It was then decided to hold the members' show on December 26th. The society has gone well ahead, and great credit is due to the past committee for getting the society into such a good, sound condition. Several of the members offered to give lectures; we hope the younger fanciers will gain much interest from them. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, and this brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—E. BARKER, Joint Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

First committee meeting was held on March 20 at 65, West Regent Street, Glasgow, the President, Mr. R. Eastman, in the chair. It was decided to have four classes at first feather show, viz.:—Clear or ticked Yellow; clear or ticked Buff; var. or Cinn. marked Yellow; var. or Cinn. marked Buff. It was also decided to grant patronage to the following open shows, provided they give Yorkshire classes, open to Scotland only:—Glasgow and West of Scotland, Perth, Bathgate, Aberdeen, Ayr, and Paisley. The meeting approved of a proposal to open a subscription list to provide a cup for annual competition, to be held by the member gaining most points at shows under club patronage, the club to present the winner with a gold medal. Four new members were elected, these being Messrs. J. Smith (Partick), A. Hendry (Garnethill), T. Mackie (Hill of Beith, Fife), and A. Jardine (Kirkcudbright). —F. BOWMAN, Secretary.

ROCHDALE O.C.

A large number of members attended to hear a lecture on the "Pairing and Breeding of Lancashires, Lizards, and Yorkshires." After the reading, questions came on, and the following are some of them:—Lancashires: Would you advise double Buff coppying, and what benefit do we get by doing so? Is there any advantage in pairing Buff Coppy cock and Buff Plainhead hen? Is it advisable to pair two Plainheads? What benefit should we get by pairing two Yellows together? Is the Lancashire a good feeder? Lizards: What should we get by pairing two Silvers together? Would you advise putting two Golds together? Which do we get the best spanglings from—Golds or Silvers? Are dark-bodied birds the best to breed with? Would you pair two Clears, or pair Clear and Broken? How old should the young be before you start colour-feeding? Which colour-feed do you consider best? And then someone asked which came first—Canary or the egg? This question was not answered. These lectures are becoming so popular that we decided to have another on March 25, at 7.30, on "Pairing and Breeding of Norwich Plainhead; also Mule Breeding."—J. BUTTERWORTH, Secretary.

YORK C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meeting, held on March 9, the Chairman (Mr. T. Wright) gave a paper on how he fed and reared his Norwich Plainheads. There were a large number present. The lecturer said: First, I must mention my cages. I am in favour of double breeders. My own are 34in. long, 17in. high, and 11in. wide. This makes a nice double breeder. I like placing the cock in one end and the hen in the other for a week or two, as I think by this means they get used to each other, and you prevent a lot of unnecessary fighting. As soon as I see them feeding each other through the wires I then draw the slides. The nest pan is best fixed between the perches. If put here the old birds have a much better chance to feed all round the nest. I always take away the eggs as laid, and replace them on the evening of the day when the third egg is laid. Just before sitting the hen, I give the nest a good dusting with insect powder, and feed the birds on Canary seed only up to the evening of the thirteenth day. Then I give the yolk of an egg mixed with three Osborne biscuits for the first three days. I then put in the whole egg and five Osborne biscuits, and feed at this strength right up to the time of taking away the young, which I usually do when they are about 28 days old. I place them at one end of the cage, and the cock will finish them off, while the hen is busy with her second round. Along with egg food I give German Summer Rape and hemp seed. For greenfood, personally, I like chickweed, and give a little two or three times a day. One thing you have to be particular about, and that is, leave no stale food about, and also see that everything is kept scrupulously clean. Follow this very simple method, and new beginners will not go very far astray. Questions from the novice and amateur came thick and fast, which shows how keen they are to learn all they can from a man of wide experience. Mr. T. Wright answered all the questions to the satisfaction of all, and a hearty vote of thanks closed the first lecture of the year, everybody having spent a most enjoyable evening.—A. WAND, Hon. Sec.

CROOK ORIGINAL C.B.S.

At a meeting held recently, Messrs. T. Hill (Thornaby) and T. Wallace (Durham) were elected to judge the first feather and young stock show on July 25. A vote of sympathy for the widow and family of the late Jno. Trevor, recently killed in the pit, and who was a member of the Society, was unanimously passed.—A. BOWES, Secretary.

BATH AND DIS. F.A.

A general meeting was held at the Foresters' Hall, Bath Street, Bath, Mr. Tom Stone presiding over a good number of members. After a long discussion, it was unanimously decided to extend the radius for membership from five miles to fifteen miles. This will tend to increase the number of members, and also to make the competition keener at the two half-yearly members' shows. This radius will include Bristol and suburbs, thus bringing the Bath F.A. in line with the Bristol F.A. in regard to membership. It was also decided to hold a smoking concert on the next meeting night.—HY. TURTLE, Hon. Sec.

WELSH C.B.C.

The Club will hold their annual meeting early in April; date and place will appear in these columns later. If any member has a proposition to bring forward, will he send it on at once, to be placed upon the agenda? Otherwise it cannot be dealt with (as per rules). Two silver medals will be given for best washed birds, one open to champions, the other to those who have not won more than three first prizes in open competition; competitors to find their own birds. Cups and medals and the balance-sheet will be presented. The annual subscription is now due; kindly forward same as early as possible. Fanciers wishing to join can do so by sending 2s. 6d. at once. They will be eligible to compete in washing competition.—D. H. TEDSTONE, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Mr. Norris's lecture upon the "Roller Canary" drew a large gathering on March 23, at headquarters. Mr. R. J. Watts (Watford) was nominated for membership. The notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. A. C. Burn, viz., that the case of the rejection of Mr. Pile for membership be referred back to the Council for reconsideration, was unanimously carried. In consequence of the growing nature of the ordinary business it was decided that the same terminate at 9.30 p.m. on the occasion of a lecture taking place. The payment of prize-money and presentation of special prizes won at the recent British and Foreign Bird show took place, and a pleasing feature was the return of 11s. 6d. by several generous winners, and a donation of 3s. by Mr. F. Wyse towards the heavy expenses. The chairman presented to Mr. J. Pooley a lovely oil painting of a Crest, given by Mr. A. J. Marley for the best pair at the recent pair show.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

The annual meeting was held on March 21, a good gathering of members being present. Balance-sheet for 1907 was read and adopted; it showed a nice little balance on the right side. The Club has also £3 7s. 6d in hand towards Cup Fund. It is intended to raise three cups, one for each section, to be competed for this 1908 season. Also we shall give three medals to each show where patronage is given. The President (Mr. J. W. Taylor) kindly offered to make up the deficiency in Cup Fund, should there be any. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. W. Taylor (Newcastle); vice-presidents, Messrs. J. T. Porteous (Hexham), Wm. Nicholson (Stockton), W. C. Duncan (Coldstream), G. Davidson (Carlisle), Dr. O'Niel (Sunderland), T. Robson (Newcastle); chairman, Mr. J. Sheppard; vice-chairman, Mr. Wm Curry; committee, Messrs. J. Maddison, A. Story, W. McKenzie, Wm. Curry, G. Taylor, J. Irving, Bailey, and Lockyer; treasurer, Mr. J. Bertram; auditors, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Curry. It was decided to hold another table show at our next meeting, April 15, having three classes, Soft Bills, A.O.V., Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Chaffinch or Bramblefinch, and A.O.V. Hard Bill, field-moulted. Entrance, 6d. per cage. There was also an alteration in Rule 13, re partnership, where father and son living together and having one stock of birds, only paid one subscription. Medals were presented to successful members present. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to chairman, treasurer, and secretary for their services during the past season.—J. R. STACK, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHERN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

A committee meeting was held on March 16th, Mr. Crisp in the chair. Eight new members were elected. Specials for 1908 and 1909:—Champion section: £10 10s. silver challenge cup, to be won three times, not necessarily in succession; £3 3s. trophy, to be won outright, for most points in the season (no member to win this trophy more than once; members that have won this trophy before 1908 and 1909 abide by Rule 5, 1907, but all members that have won, or will win, the £3 3s. trophy must compete for £10 10s. silver cup and £1 1s. trophy afterwards in each season until challenge cup is won three times); £1 1s. for second most points, to be won outright in the season; 15s., 10s., 5s. trophies for 3rd, 4th, 5th most points in the season. Points that count for silver challenge cup will count for £3 3s. trophy. Novice Section: Teapot value £1 1s. for most points at each show, providing there are not less than four club members exhibiting, no member to win more than once in a season; 2s. 6d. for 4th prize winner at each show; 2s. 6d. for vhc winner at each show; Mr. Ramsden's specials—handsome teapot, value £1 1s., for most points during season for birds moulted on R.P. Pepper; miniature goblet for second most points; Mr. F. S. Matthes' special for novices winning most points during the season; £1 1s. cup, electro on nickel silver (conditions as to counting points will be up to novice entering champion section as per C.B. Union definition). Patronage to be given at six open champion shows and six open novice shows during the season. Cages are to be 12 inches long, 11½ inches high, 4½ inches wide, perches of club pattern, samples supplied by secretary at cost price, which must not be tipped or marked, drinkers painted black, usual size. Canary seed only to be used in the bottom of show cages. Mr. Newley has been appointed cage-maker to the club. All contest arrangements will be issued in Press, and money prizes will be allotted by the N.P. Club and ourselves. Members who have not paid their subscriptions will not be entitled to partake of any of the benefits of these specials as per rule book. A vote of thanks to chairman and Mr. Pretty concluded the business. Any Norwich fancier wishing to join the society kindly send on name to the secretary before May.—F. S. MATTHES, Hon. Treas. and Sec.

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TWITTERINGS.

Kindly note my change of address from 29 to 47, Toxteth Street, Liverpool, writes Mr. T. Ryno.

The annual show of the Leith O.S. has been fixed for 31st October, writes Mr. George Brown (secretary).

We hear that it is the intention of the Kendal and District Society to hold a show before the year is out.

I have removed to 11, Albert Square, Clarence Street, Old Trafford, writes Mr. W. Jackson, hon. secretary of the Pendleton and Salford O.S. Will fanciers please note.

Kindly notify that I have removed to 54, Welbeck Terrace, Dunstan's Road, E. Dulwich, writes Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, where I have increased facilities for my hobby.

Mr. J. W. Jones is the secretary of the Carnarvon show, writes Mr. David Roberts. The next meeting of the committee is on March 30th, at the usual place.

The attention of members of the London and Counties A.C.B. is directed to the Extraordinary General Meeting called for Monday next, March 30th.

We note that at the next meeting of the Yorkshire Union Council, the question of a working arrangement with the Cage Bird Union is down for consideration.

The judges for our annual show, writes Mr. W. Quantrell (secretary, Watford and District C.B.S.), are Messrs. C. A. House for Canaries, etc., and J. Frostick for British.

The next show of the Cockermouth and District F.S. is fixed for Friday and Saturday, December 4th and 5th, under C.B.U. rules, writes Mr. G. Oglethorpe.

We have appointed Messrs. T. Heath and J. H. Payne as judges at our annual show, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. secretary, Cheltenham C.B.S.

I have been appointed secretary of the Burnley and Dis. C.B.S., and all correspondence must be addressed to me, writes Mr. G. Watson, 6 Kirkgate, Burnley.

The Lowestoft Fanciers' Society has fixed upon November 11th and 12th as the dates of their annual show, we hear, and engaged Mr. J. H. Payne as judge.

We are requested to ask Mr. Stevenson, late of Key Hill, Hockley, Birmingham, to communicate his address to Mr. W. Eyears, 2, Angel Square, Briery Hill, Ebbw Vale.

Mr. J. McGillivray (Boness) writes that Mr. Thomas Scotland has bred a fine young Siskin Mule, which is now on the perch and doing well.

I claimed the first prize Cinnamon Marked Cock at the Palace Show that you gave such a good illustration of in last week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. R. Philpott (Guildford).

Our advertisements in CAGE BIRDS have have always proved satisfactory, writes Mr. W. S. Bennett (Cambridge). Answers to same keep coming in by every post.

Kindly let fanciers know, writes Mr. C. Baker, that after 17 years in Herbert Street, Bedminster, I have changed my address to 8, Clarence Road, Bedminster Bridge, Bristol.

No person who keeps birds should be without CAGE BIRDS each week, writes Mr. S. Hill (Belfast), for it always contains such valuable information.

Messrs. Cowgill and Wellings will judge our open show on December 11th and 12th, writes Mr. W. Jackson, hon. secretary Pendleton and Salford O.S., and Mr. W. A. Bladon our First Feather Show, June 27th.

According to a daily contemporary, a Humming bird's nest containing three dead fledglings was found in a stalk of bananas which formed part of a consignment received at Kettering.

My birds are all sold out for this season, and I thank my many patrons, and wish CAGE BIRDS every success, as it is the best paper going for advertising in.—George Walker (Walker and Stirling, Brechin).

The Accrington and Dis. C.B.S. have engaged Mr. H. W. Battye and Mr. A. G. Davis to officiate as judges at their open show on October 23rd and 24th, writes Mr. J. W. PHILPOTT, secretary.

My address is now 15, High Street, Manchester, writes Mr. S. W. Birchley. I shall be most pleased to do anything in my power to help exhibitors or societies in the county Palatine by way of information, etc.

We have elected as judges for our open show, on November 28th, Mr. W. Vardy (Canarics), and Mr. W. G. Poole (Mules, British and Foreign), writes Mr. W. H. Bray, hon. secretary of the Coventry Godiva C.B.S.

Report of the Lancaster Primrose C.B.S. pair show did not credit me with the honour of winning the Novice Special. I won 2nd and Novice Special in A.O.V. class.—William Walsh (Great Harwood).

Will you kindly convey through your paper, CAGE BIRDS, my thanks to all who wrote me for my birds, as the letters are too numerous to answer, writes Mr. H. Goodland (Bournemouth). I sold all my birds the first week. Letters came from all over the country. This speaks well for CAGE BIRDS.

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I have to acknowledge receipt of your handsome framed painting, writes Mr. Wm. B. Cobb (Leeds), which I won for most points in Scotch Fancies at the recent Palace Show. It is a worthy tribute from both donor and artist.

The schedule of the Vale of Conway and Dis. F.A.'s members' show, to be held April 18th next, at Conway (to hand from the secretary, Mr. A. T. Johnson), provides an excellent classification, and there are some very good specials, including cups and medals.

We were very pleased to see the reproduction of our Palace first prize winning Yellow Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire cock in your excellent Spring Number, and I am sure we esteem it a great favour.—T. Ogden (Messrs. Ogden Bros., Bradford).

Please thank all who have answered my advertisement, writes Mr. J. Cue (Pendleton). I am unable to answer all cards and letters. The hen Siskin is sold to a Mule breeder at Higher Crompton, near Manchester.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. A. Lawrie, of Roslin Midlothian, has had the misfortune to lose through fire the whole of his stock of Border Fancy Canaries, together with his outdoor bird-room. The cause of the conflagration was the over-heating of the stove-pipe.

The Wath and District C.B.A. (near Rotherham) have arranged for a lecture by Mr. Wadsworth, on "Canary Breeding," this Saturday, March 28th, at 6.30 p.m., at the Cross Keys Hotel, when they will be pleased to welcome all fanciers and friends who can attend.

Mr. S. Drake (of Halifax) is once again advertising his well known marking rings for Canaries and other birds, and from the samples we have seen we anticipate these thoroughly practical articles will be as popular as ever during the coming season, some special improvements having been made in them.

Owing to an oversight, in the names of winners of silver medals for the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, writes Mr. A. W. Watson, the secretary, Mr. Barclay should be credited with two, also the Mr. G. Brown mentioned should be G. Thomson, which please correct.

At a general meeting of the Troon and Loans P.P. and C.B.S., held on March 23rd, our show was fixed for 29th August, writes Mr J. Ferguson, secretary. With the number of new members enrolled this year the show promises to be quite as successful as those of the past two years.

A members' show in connection with the Tunbridge Wells and Dis. F.A. will be held on April 1st, in the Camden Hall, Camden Road, writes Mr. H. G. Whibley, hon. sec. The prizes will consist of: First, 40 per cent. of receipts in each class; second, 25 per cent., and 3rd, 10 per cent. Judge for cage birds is Mr. A. Goddard. Entries close March 28th.

A magnificent catalogue of seeds, plants, and appliances reaches us from Messrs. Rogers and Co., the Royal Leamington Seedsmen, Leamington Spa. In it is listed everything the gardener requires, and the prices are extremely moderate indeed, especially so seeing that every article is guaranteed of the highest possible quality. All readers fond of gardening, or who possesses an allotment, should send a postcard for a copy of this excellently got-up booklet which is beautifully illustrated from photographs. Messrs. Rogers offer a £100 cash prize in connection with their Leamington Giant Onion Seed, in addition to sixty other

I have been a reader of your valuable paper for three years now, and can tell you I look very eagerly for my copy on Friday mornings. I have it to thank for my knowledge of Canaries, as it has been very beneficial to me, I can assure you. I have had two advertisements in CAGE BIRDS recently and had very good results.—J. Thorpe (Sheffield).

The following gentlemen have been appointed to judge Kirkcaldy C.B.S. show on November 14th, writes Mr. J. Wilson (secretary): Scotch Fancy section, Mr. D. Brown (Edinburgh); Border Fancy section, Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso); Norwich section, Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch); and British and Foreign sections, Mr. Pettigrew (Glasgow). With these popular judges we hope to have a good entry.

The North London C.B.A., the secretary of which is Mr. R. P. Harper (26, Brighton Road, Stoke Newington, N.), have issued a tasteful manual for 1908, containing an excellent programme of coming events of interest to lovers of the hobby, and this booklet reflects credit on those responsible for its production. The membership roll is a very good one.

It may interest many fanciers in this district, writes Mr. J. Tristem (Bristol), to know that when I was paying a brief visit to Bath I was informed that the Bath Fanciers' Association had decided to extend their radius from five to fifteen miles, which will take in Bristol, Frome, and district, in which there are fanciers of all kinds. I think the Bath fanciers may reasonably be congratulated upon their venture. Although an association heard little of, I was surprised to hear they have a membership of upwards of 100, and as on their cage bird section they have such whole-hearted fanciers as Messrs. Andrews, Biss, Tayler, Folwell, Jones, Russell, and others, I think we may look forward to seeing some of the finest shows of the West being held in the little city known as "Bristol's Sister."

Southern Yorkshire C.C.

I should like to inform members of the S.Y.C.C. that the annual general meeting will be held at the Napier Tavern, High Holborn, W.C., on April 10th, at 8 p.m. sharp. Presentation of prizes and important business, as per agenda.—J. W. RENNIE, hon. sec.

A New Book on British Birds.

There is now due to be issued a most comprehensive and beautifully produced book dealing with the order *Passeres* of the Birds of Great Britain and Ireland. This is an event of considerable interest to our readers, because this sumptuous work not only deals fully with the wild life of the birds concerned, but supplies first-hand, up-to-date information on their keeping in captivity, a plan never before carried out, we believe, in a work of this class. The letterpress is by that well-known ornithologist and bird-keeper, Dr. A. G. Butler, and the book comprises well over 100 full-page, specially-prepared coloured plates of the birds, and 255 coloured figures of eggs, by those noted exponents of the art of bird delineation, Messrs. H. Gronvold and F. W. Frohawk. The beauty of the plates and the scope of the accompanying matter can be judged by readers themselves on filling up the form found in the advertisement of the work appearing on another page (or by sending a postcard, mentioning CAGE BIRDS on it) to the publishers, the Caxton Publishing Co., Clun House, Surrey Street, London, W.C. The two volumes comprising the work can be had for a first payment of 4s., the balance of price by monthly instalments of 5s. The birds dealt with cover practically all species of interest to bird-keepers—Thrushes, Warblers, Finches, Tits, Larks, Pipits, Wagtails, and other familiar birds. Readers should make a point of seeing the prospectus and specimen plates; write for them at once.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 2 and 3.—**Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 3.—**Longton & Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 7 and 8.—**Peterboro' C.B.A.**
*Oct. 8 and 9.—**Watford & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood & Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.**
*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** T.H.
Oct 14 and 15.—**Battersea.**
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Hayle & Dis. F.A.** G.G., C.T.
*Oct. 15 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** J.H.R., C.H.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.** W.V., M.N.
Oct. 17.—**Kelty & Blairadam C.B.A.** D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.
*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth & Dis. C. & C.B.S.** W.P.B.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth)** C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.**
Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.**
*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare.** J.H.P.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C B S.**
Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B., and A.G.D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S** T. McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.**
Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** H.W.B., E.B., and J.S
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** J. R.
Oct. 31. **Dysart C.B.S.**
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** T.H., J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Preston O.S.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and E.E.S.
Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.**
Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.**
Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkealdy C.B.S.** D.B., P. McK., A.C., and P.P.
Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 18.—**Reading & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven.**
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.**
Nov. 21.—**Perth.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
Nov. 25. **Whitby F.S.**
Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
*Nov. 27 and 28. **Leeds C.B.S.**
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.**
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., and W.G.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 28 and 30. **Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R
*Nov. 28 & 30. **Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.**
Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 4 and 5. **Cockermouth and Dis. C.B.S.**
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Liverpool O.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.**
Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.R.
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., P.P.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.**
Jan. 7 and 8. **Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**

The ANNUAL for this year is grand, and I must say it is the best ever published; very useful to secretaries and everyone in the Fancy. It is simply A1.—J. Smith (Mansfield).

I am very pleased to see the ANNUAL back to its old shape, this being much more convenient. It is brimful of interest and information invaluable alike to the beginner and the old hand in the cage bird Fancy.—E. L. A. CROW (hon. secretary, Lowestoft F.S.).

One of the post-cards comprised in the "Matched Pairs for Breeding" series, given away with last week's Spring Number, soon returned to us embellished with the following neat verse by Miss H. B. Rutt, of Folkestone:

"I do not like you, sir," she said,
And looked the other way;
But when an hour or two had passed
She coyly named the day.

I was greatly surprised, and no less pleased, to see the illustration of my Twite Canary Mule in your issue of March 21st, writes Mr. W. H. Macdougall (Fort William). It is a 1906 bird, hatched in August and bred of a large Buff Yorkshire hen. The father Twite is the oldest bird I have, and a great favourite. After many attempts to get a cross from him I had almost given up hopes, as he was so anxious to know what was inside the eggs, and smashed many before I could get them away. I left him with the hen for the last nest (two eggs), and strange to say he did not touch them. In due time I tested them, and found them fertile. I removed him, with the result, one dead in shell; the other is the bird shown in your valuable paper.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is really invaluable this year, and it teems with information.—E. S. Lugg (Lewisham).

I have received the CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. It is the best I have ever had, and a grand sixpennyworth for any fancier.—David Roberts (Carnarvon).

A very neat and efficient egg and soft food mincer, very cheap at sixpence, the price asked for it, is being advertised in our columns this week by Messrs. Cox and Son, Guildford Street, Lozells, Birmingham. The specimen mincer sent us well justifies the claim that it is "clean, strong, and simple," and we anticipate it will find a place in a great many bird-rooms.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. P. Harrower (Alloa). I had letters from all parts of England and Scotland, and I answered all who sent a stamp. The rest being so many, I had not time to answer. All birds I advertised have been sold, and I could have sold three times as many, if I had them. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS since the first number, and would not be without it.

Some residents in a house near the top of Washington Street, Bradford, are having some trouble with a pair of Rooks, who have taken posssession of the chimney top on which to build their nest, writes Mr. Samuel Dean (Great Horton). Several ineffectual attempts have been made to smoke them away, but without result. Cayenne smoke made the hen rather dry, but after adjourning for a drink to the spout she returned to her nest apparently none the worse. This warfare is being watched with interest by the birdy men of the district.

How surprised I was on opening my CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. G. Edwards (Leominster), to see my Pied winning Bullfinch so well drawn. I think it a true picture of him, and reflects great credit on the artist. His exhibition at the Palace show was his first attempt out, and I think that at such a show he did well. I hope with care and attention during his next moult we shall hear more about him. He is admired very much by all who have seen him, and think him a most beautiful bird. I may say I am trying him with a Pied Cinnamon hen, and they seem to agree very well and look like settling down to duties, and I trust I may be able to have a little luck with them.

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OUR NORWICH PLAINHEAD COMPETITION.

The Result.

In our Crystal Palace Show Number it will be remembered that we published a Puzzle Picture, containing half-a-dozen Norwich Plainhead Canaries, and that among these six birds were hidden certain parts which, if cut out and pasted together, would make one good exhibition specimen. A prize of 10s. 6d. was offered to the reader who could solve this puzzle, and in the event of two or more being correct, the nearest attempt was to take the prize. Another competition in connection with the same picture specified that all the entrance fees of sixpence each sent in by competitors should be given as the prize (less five per cent.) to the winning attempt, conditions the same as above-mentioned.

To our regret, these competitions seem to have met with considerably less favour from readers than the one previously promoted in connection with the Yorkshire Canary; the entrance fee competition, in fact, can only be written down as a complete failure, but 26 entries being received for the same. The competition on the ordinary lines attracted a very large number of competitors, it is true, but the huge entry received for the "Yorkshire competition" was not nearly approached. We are afraid the "puzzle" set was of rather too difficult a nature, and its complications calculated to deter readers from sending in solutions. In this opinion we are borne out by the fact that

NOT ONE SINGLE COMPETITOR IN EITHER COMPETITION SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THE BIRD CUT OUT AND PASTED UP CORRECTLY.

Under these circumstances the task of adjudication became one of exceeding difficulty, and the only way out lay in taking a tracing of our artist Mr. Norman's key picture, and awarding the prizes to the two attempts which came nearest to it.

In competition No. 1 the winner is :—
Mr. H. W. Tomsett,
34, Endwell Road,
Brockley, S.E.
to whom a cheque for 10s. 6d. will be forwarded in due course.

This gentleman was run very closely by Messrs. T. Robson (Newcastle-on-Tyne), and H. G. Brooks (Leamington).

In competition No. 2 the winner is :—
Mr. E. J. Checkland,
4, Buxton Road,
Norwich.
to whom a cheque for 13s. (no deduction being made from the entry fees), will be sent in due course.

Mr. Norman's key to the exhibition specimen was as follows :—Beak from No. 1, head No. 3, chest and one leg No. 2, back and wings No. 4, lower part of tail and one leg No. 5, upper half of tail No. 6.

CLUB NOTICES: continued.

Reading and Dist. C.B.S.—April 1, Palmer Hall, 8. Remarks on the Breeding Season: Introduced by Mr. C. J. Howlett.—G. A. Charles.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Mar. 28, College Inn, 7.45. Special business; election of judges for First Feather and Open Shows.—W. Brotherton.

Reigate F.A.—April 1, Lucas's Tea Rooms, High Street, Reigate, 8. Annual General Meeting, and election of officers, Cage Bird members specially invited. Business important.—A. W. Bacon.

Rochdale O.C.—Mar. 30, Club Room, 8. Committee Meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. — Mar. 28, John Bright's Statue, Town Hall Square, 2. Ramble in Littleboro' district; all fanciers welcome.—S. M. Clayton.

Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.—April 2, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Night of questions.—Lindsay and Bingham.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Mar. 31, Devonshire Square Church, Stoke Newington Road, N. Lantern lecture, entitled "British Birds and their Nests," by Mr. J. Robsou; fanciers invited; admission free.—G. Dowden.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—April 2, Leeds Hotel, 7. Election of judges for Open Show and Members' Pair Show. Mr. Hill (Thornaby) judge; fanciers and friends invited.—J. W. Lowes.

Torbay O.S. (Paignton).—April 7, Newman's Room, Committee meeting: business includes drawing up of classes for the First Feather Show; samples of Cage Bird Foods; with booklets, will be distributed.—J. N. Jeffery.

West London F.A.—April 2, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, 8. Mr. J. Rohson will read lecture on Breeding and Exhibiting.—J. Dewhurst.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 31, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Fixing date for Annual Show, etc. —T. Duffield.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A. — Mar. 28, Cross Keys Hotel, 6.30. Lecture on Canary Breeding, by Mr. W. Wadsworth (Skelmanthorpe).—H. A. Watson.

Widnes and Dist. O.S.—April 2, Grosvenor Hotel, 7.30. Meeting room and other important business. —S. Andrews.

Wombwell Darfield D.C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Royal Oak Hotel, Church-st., 7. Business important, for the election of committeemen.—J. Hill.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. — Mar. 28, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6.30. Old Council meeting. Working arrangement with the C.B.U., etc.—F. Hammond.

OUR ESSAY COMPETITION RESULT we hope to announce next week.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S. — April 9, Central Conservative Club. Young Show, and lecture on British Birds, by Mr. D. Bentley (Gt. Harwood). Fanciers cordially invited.—J. W. Philpott.

Ayr and Dist. C.B.C.—April 4, Wallace Tower Hall, 8. Enrolment of country members, etc.—C. C. Irvine.

Blackburn and Dist. C.B.S.—April 2, Meliora Restaurant, 8. Business important; classification.—J. W. Marsden.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 31, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Belgrave (Leic.) and Dist. F. and F.S.—Mar. 31, New Inn, Loughborough, 8. Table Show of Canaries A.V. (Non-fed). General business.—W. H. Riley.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—April 1, Baker's Room, King Street, 8. Staging for Open Shows on October 10.—R. Whitton.

Bingley and Dist. O.S.—Mar. 31, Co-op. Rooms, Chapel Lane, 8. Business important.—A. Livesey.

Battersea Open C.B.A.—April 1, Duchess of Devonshire, 8. Table Show of Finches. J. Dewhurst, judge; all fanciers welcome.—F. Easterling.

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dist. C.B.S.—April 4, Co-op. Hall, Blaydon, 7.30. General business.—D. A. Ogilvie.

Cambridge C.B.S.—April 1, Forester, Burleigh Street, 8. Smoking Concert.—T. S. Moore.

Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—April 4, Horse Shoe, 7.—W. Rutherford.

Clitheroe and Dist. C.B.S.—April 2, Bennett's Tea Rooms, Moor Lane. Business important.—R. Lambert.

City of Bradford O.S.—Mar. 28, Fying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Mr. C. Whiting will open a debate on the Yorkshire Canary. Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—F. Rhodes.

City of Dundee and Dist. N.M. and B.B.A.—April 1, Doig's Rooms, 8. Nomination of judges for Open Show.—A. Miller

Carlisle and Dist. O.S.—Mar. 31, Viaduct Hotel, 8. Business—Selection of judges and correspondence re next show. Members please attend. — W. H. Wright.

Crook Original C.B. R. and P.S.—April 1, usual place, at 7. Business, First Feather Show, and nomination of judges for Open Show.—A. Bowes.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—April 2, Montpelier Hotel, Choumert Road, Peckham, 8. Leaves from the Diary of a Well-known Breeder of the Norwich Plainhead. Fanciers and friends welcomed.—W. Hodson.

Darlington C.B.S.—April 1, Half-Moon, 8. Table Show of British Birds, 8 classes. F. Marwood, judge. Go die, Bullie, Greenie, Linnet, Chaff., or Bramble, Siskin, etc., A.O.S. Finch, A.O.V. Cage Bird.—E. Brunskill.

Edinburgh Western.—April 2, Reigo Street Hall, 8. Election of judges, booking of hens, prize cards, and other business.—J. Thomson.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Mar. 28, Barley Mow, 7. Lecture, by a friend; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Hudson.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—April 2, 142, High Street, 8. Booking of hens, notice of motion that we consider part of the minutes of last general meeting, last meeting for new members.—J. Welsh.

Forfar and Dist. C.B.I.S.—April 4, Airlie Arms Hotel, Kirriemuir, 6. Passing of Rules, dates of members' first feather shows and appointing judges for same. All invited.—W. Grewar.

Greenock, Port-Glasgow and Gourock O.S.—April 1, Victoria Hall, 8. Business important.—W. H. Stodter.

Glossop, Hadfield and Dist.—Mar. 31, Howard Arms, 7. Table Show, pairs matched for breeding. Classes for Canaries, and Mule or Hybrid; also judging competition; the whole open to novice members.—Fred. Greig.

Hetton-le-Hole and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Crown Inn," 7. Arrangements for Nest Feather Show, and other important business.—A. J. Notley.

Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S. — April 4, Royal Hotel, Room 5, 7. Business important. Fanciers invited.—A. Cant.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—April 1, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 8. Balance sheet and other important business.—E. Woodhead.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Mar. 28, Gothenburgh Hotel 7. Handing out of books; also general business.—J. Ford.

Keighley and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 31, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Selection of specials and lecture on Yorkshire Canary, by S. Dean, Esq. (Gt. Horton).—W. Wright.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—J. Simon.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. —Mar. 31, White Swan Hotel, 8. Smoking Concert; friends cordially invited.—C. Draper.

Longton and Dist. C.B.S.—April 7, 8. Mr. C. Birks' Paper on "The Breeding and Rearing of the Norwich Canary." Judges for the Annual Show to be chosen.—T. J. Siers.

Lancaster and Dist. C.B.S.—April 4, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Business important.—C. J. Cafferty.

Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Fox and Hounds. Please note alteration in date. Important business, 8.30.—W. Nichols.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Mar. 30, "The Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, 8.30 p.m. Extraordinary Special General Meeting. To discuss motion moved by Mr. P. Adamthwaite, and alteration of rules, as suggested by the Committee. The attendance of all members is requested. — R. J. Pretty.

Larkhall C.B.C.—April 4, Miners' Hall, 7. Reconsideration of Rules.—G. Kirk.

Loughborough and Dist. C.B.A.—April 1, Cross Keys Hotel. Lecture on "Selecting, Muling and Exhibiting British Seed Eaters." By H. J. Chick (Nottingham), 7. All interested cordially invited.—W. P. Foster.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—April 1, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle. First Feather Show, specials, classification for patronage; novice classes.—T. C. Crawhall.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—April 1, Cobden Hall, Nottingham, 8.30. Election of judges, and other important business. G. E. Wilkinson.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—April 2, Lockhart's Monument, 7.30. Lecture on Yorkshire Canary, by T. C. Crawhall; intending members and fanciers invited; subscriptions now due. Curry and Hutchinson.

Northern Crest Club.—Mar. 31, Cafe, Fawcett Street, Sunderland, 7.30. Subscriptions due; new members invited.—J. G. Hutchinson.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—April 2, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Paper by Mr. F. Easterling: Subject, "Is it Bird Fever?" Visitors cordially invited.—J. C. Birch.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct nome of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Doubtful Question.

New Beginner, Liverpool.—The Canary hatched last May ought certainly to have sung long ago, but perhaps the fact that "it has never heard another bird sing," by which I assume the bird was isolated from others when quite young, may partly account for its silence. Had not you said that it had commenced singing fairly well in the last month I should have doubted its being a cock. Anyway, you would have done better to have kept it unmated until it was stouter in song. From your suggestion that the cock is continually chivvying the hen about I imagine they are progressing all right. By the time you see this they will probably be settled down, and perhaps busily occupied with nesting. As soon as they have gone to nest cut off the egg food and mixed seed, and give a little of the former only twice a week. (2) Certainly the cock will get his full voice without hearing others sing, but he cannot be expected to become a good singer. He may not sing at all when nesting has progressed a little further.

Temperature for Breeding.

"Temperature."—As you are not using any kind of artificial heat, it is more a question of time to mate than temperature that affects you. And now the weather may be reasonably expected to keep up at least a mild temperature indoors you may mate up the birds as soon as they become ready. If you were employing artificial means to maintain a certain heat, then from 55 to 60 degrees would be best for you to aim at, and not lower than this. Your experience of birds improving in condition and throwing off troublesome colds on their removal from a room where the heat was very variable to a cold room where the temperature was unvarying, but low, is quite a usual one. As I am fequently pointing out, a low temperature that is regular is infinitely preferable to a temperature that is always banging up and down between "summer heat" and "freezing point."

Laying Pure White Eggs.

"The Cuckoo."—It is certainly very unusual for a Canary to lay pure white eggs, and more especially so for her first nest of the season. The tint and density of the grey speckling varies a good deal, and usually gets decidedly paler at the end of the breeding season, but pure white is, I imagine, extremely uncommon. The most remarkable clutch I ever had was laid by a yellow Norwich, and h a distinct band of hedge-sparrow blue around the centre of each, the two ends being of the normal colour. Of course, I am assuming that your bird is a Canary. Coming as it did to you there is just the possibility of its being an escaped foreigner of some kind. In any case, it would be interesting to hear the result of these pure white eggs. Glad to hear of your success, and that you attribute so much of it to the guidance of CAGE BIRDS. That is encouraging to us.

Got the Dry Moult.

Adam McBride.—I'm afraid I do not quite know what "dry moult" is. It is, or the term is, new to me. But I do know that your Canary appears to be the victim of mismanagement. The Fancier who advised you to put him in the entry as a means of curing him was probably in a facetious mood, or was "pulling your leg." Try the following treatment for a month. First of all examine the cage for red mite—it is no use looking about the bird for this pest. Keep free from draughts and chills, and comfortably warm, but do not overheat. Give tepid baths every second day if it will bathe. Slightly anoint bare places about the head twice a week with boracic ointment, and keep eage perfectly clean and provided with gritty sand. Feed on Canary seed only as a staple, give a little green food daily, and twice a week give a small piece of bread dipped in milk, squeezed nearly dry, and a few drops of cod liver oil, emulsion for choice, dropped on it. Sprinkle it with maw seed if the bird does not take to it at first. In the water give for the first week as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece and six drops of lemon juice every second day; for the second week give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day; third and fourth weeks, give twenty drops of chemical food every second day. Shall be glad to hear result at end of this time.

Mating and Colouration.

No Name.—Your questions are not very clear. You ask what would be the best mates for a "Norwich cock (orange) and two Yorkshire hens," and go on to say you would like to breed a few Hybrids. If you mate Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries together the young will be neither Mules nor Hybrids, but cross-bred Canaries. Hybrids are bred by mating two distinct species, such as a Goldfinch and Bullfinch. You might breed cross-bred songsters by mating the Norwich cock alternately with the two Yorkshire hens. If you wanted mates of their own varieties, then if the Norwich is a clear, mate him with a ticked buff; if he is himself marked put him to a clear buff. You do not even say whether the Yorkshires are yellows or buffs, so I cannot even guess what mates might be suitable. 2. You cannot influence the colour of your Norwich now by colour food. Wait until the moult is about to commence, then begin to give a little tasteless red pepper daily. You will see plenty of advice on the subject in our columns at the proper time.

Egg-Binding Troubles.

J. W. French.—One reason for your birds being so badly troubled with egg-binding is that you paired them up too early. As you do not appear to use any form of heat in your attic bird-room—rooms by the way, which are usually very cold, and subject to great fluctuation of heat at this time of year—you ought not to have mated the birds before the end of this month at the earliest. Another cause is that the birds are not very strong. Any birds that do not yet show signs of mating I would advise you to separate for a fortnight, or until they are ready for mating. Meanwhile, treat as follows: Omit the linseed from your staple diet altogether. Give the cocks a little egg food and a few grains of hemp twice a week and a leaf of dandelion daily. The hens, give a little sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry, and with four or five drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it twice a week, and also twice a week half a teaspoonful of inga seed per bird, and a spray of watercress daily. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of buckthorn every second day for the first week, at the end of week six drops aromatic sulphuric acid for one day only. During second week give on alternate days: First, twenty drops of chemical food in the water, and next day ten drops of glycerine and ten of whiskey. When the hens begin nesting again give a small pinch of inga every second day until the clutch of eggs is laid.

Got the "Pip."

J. Chamberlaine.—What you call the "pip" is simply the bird's gland for secreting the oil wherewith it dresses its plumage, as Nature intended it should. I do not expect there is anything at all the matter with it. Your feeding is decidedly bad, as you give too much egg food and too much hemp and niger. Put the bird on the treatment advised to "Amateur" in this issue, but give the hen watercress instead of daudelion for green food. In the drinking water give as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence, and a few drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and the following week give fifteen drops of Chemical Food every second day. Do not interfere with the oil gland at all. To clear out the grey lice, well dust the bird with pyrethrum powder, blowing it well into the feathers; wrap the bird up in a small handkerchief, leaving just the beak and nostrils free, and keep it thus for a few minutes. Afterwards give a bath daily with a few drops of quassia extract in it. Also give the cage a good cleaning, as there may be red mite about as well as lice.

An Egg-Eating Hen.

W. Noon.—When a hen commences this vicious practice, unless she is a valuable specimen and specially useful for breeding, the most satisfactory treatment is to despatch her to that bourn whence no traveller returns. Chloroform is best; more humane. But if you wish to keep her, it is probable you may find some advice on our Novices' page. Give her a couple of mealworms daily while nesting, as these may help to gratify the unnatural craving which causes her to devour the eggs.

Shell-Less Eggs.

A. W.—You mated the birds much too early, and probably before they were ready, which is largely the cause of your ill-luck with the first nests. You did quite right to separate them under the circumstances. Keep them separate for another fortnight, and feed on Canary seed only as a staple, with a half-teaspoonful of rape seed twice a week. In addition to this, give the cock a similar quantity of hemp twice a week, and the hen a small pinch of niger every third day. A small quantity of egg food may be given twice each week, and a spray of watercress daily. Do not give the hen dandelion, as it will only aggravate her trouble. Keep her well supplied with cuttlefish bone, and twice in each week add as much Epsom Salts to her water as will cover a sixpence, and on each of the other days during the fortnight give twenty drops of Chemical Food in the water. After this course of treatment she may breed all right this year, but if she has a similar experience with her next nest do not try her again this season.

Preparing for Mating.

"Amateur."—As you have yet to acquire the most elementary knowledge of Canary breeding, you would do well to invest in a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.), from this office. Also read up our Novices' page since January. Providing your birds are in good health, all you need do now is to feed on a staple diet of two parts Canary to one part summer rape; give a teaspoonful of egg food twice a week, a pinch of hemp twice a week to the cock, and for the hen give the egg food as above, and a pinch of inga twice a week. Give both birds a leaf of dandelion daily. If you have a two-compartment breeding cage, put one bird in each side, separated by the wire slide, and keep thus until the cock is in good song, and the hen, responding promptly to his calls and popping to the slide for him to feed her through the wires. Then put in a nest-pan and withdraw the parting slide. A few days later when you see them going in and out of the nest pan and calling to each other, put in a nest bag. Stop giving egg food when the hen has laid. If you cage in a single compartment put the hen in it, and hang the cock close by where he can see the hen and feed her through wires. As soon as this takes place put him in with the hen. On no account put them in different rooms before mating them. Any time now, when the birds are in the above fresh condition, you may mate them.

Birds out of Condition.

W. H. P.—I do not think the samples of seed you send are likely to cause your birds to be out of condition through being fat. The sample of Canary seed is a very poor, badly flavoured quality, that I should not care to use at all. It is also very small. The paper marked No. 2 arrived quite empty; its contents being distributed in the wrapper amongst portions of other samples; therefore, I cannot give an opinion about it. Samples should either be sealed in small envelopes or have the package tied round with cotton, to keep the paper from coming unfolded. Get a better quality of seeds for the birds, and for the next week treat them as advertised to "W.F.," for bowel trouble. At the end of the first week, continue to feed in the same way, and give twenty drops of Chemical Food in the water every second day. Examine the cages well to see whether red mites are at the root of the trouble. A bath should be given two or three times a week, and in this mix a few drops of quassia extract, if you find any signs of mite. I presume you keep the cages supplied with clean gritty sand.

Gone off Song.

A New Reader.—Certainly I could give you a reason, or a dozen reasons, why the Canary you bought when it was "supposed to be in song" has not sung since. A change of diet, for the worse; or temperature, ditto; or it may be kept in a draught; and many other suppositions might account for it. I note you say it was "supposed" to be in song, so perhaps after all it was not, and perhaps also it will never sing through being of the wrong gender. See that it is kept quite free from draughts, and feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape. Give a spray of watercress, or a small dandelion leaf daily, and once a week a small piece of bread dipped in milk. You may vary this last item occasionally by giving a pinch of hemp, or inga, instead. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey and ten of glycerine for a few days, and if it is a cock it should soon begin to make the fact known.

All Seem too Fat.

"Dirty Dick."—No. 1: You must limit the quantity of Canary seed, and give only a small teaspoonful each day, supplementing this with an unlimited supply of green food-watercress, or chickweed preferably, if you could get the latter. Continue giving the Epsom Salts every second day, adding twenty drops of whiskey to the water twice a week, and at the end of each week omit the salts one day and give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid instead. Treat both Nos. 2 and 3 the same; but No. 3 will probably require a shorter course of treatment, and No. 2, a rather longer course than No. 1. In a general way, see that your birds are protected from chills and draughts—the former either resulting from cold currents of air or excessively cold baths. If the birds do not improve on the above treatment in the course of a fortnight, write me again, and say how and where the birds are kept—that is, whether in warm, or cold room, indoors or outdoors.

Hens out of Condition.

W. E., Hull.—If the diet you mention is what you have been giving all winter, it is probably the case that the hens are overfed. The mixed seed and egg food should only be given twice each in one week. For the present drop the egg food altogether for the hens and give the hens three times a week for a fortnight a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn every alternate day for a week, and on the intervening days six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. During the next week give twenty drops of Chemical Food every alternate day. The cock, of course, you will not treat at all, as he does not seem to require any treatment. The drug you enquire about is a very useful tonic to brace up the system generally; you will most frequently notice it prescribed to follow a course of purgative treatment.

Brevities.

Roller Not Singing (Novice No. 40).—If the Roller is not an "alderman" now, he is probably doing his best to become one. Feed him plainly, and give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in his water two days in every three for a fortnight, and at the end of each week give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid and ten of whiskey in the water for one day. Give a little green food daily—watercress preferably.

Seed Samples (Novice No. 40).—No. 1 Canary is an excellent all-round sample. A proportion of the grains are rather small, but all is very plump and of good quality. No. 2 Canary is also of very good quality, but is very small in size. Its small size is the only point against it. I should prefer No. 1, the bulk of which is of good size, even if it cost a trifle more per peck. No. 3 Summer Rape: This again is an excellent sample all-round. No. 4 Niger or Inga: Is just a trifle rusty in colour, but is of good size, plump, and quite sweet. Altogether, you have got hold of a very good sample of seeds.

Crest Dropping Out (Constant Reader).—Examine the bird well to see if it is troubled with grey lice, and the cage to see if red mites are present. In either case they must be eradicated. Add a little quassia to the bath once or twice a week. Anoint the bare places slightly with sulphur ointment twice a week, and give the bird twenty drops of chemical food in the water every second day for a week or two. If the bird appears healthy and vigorous in all other respects, save for the crest feathers dropping out, I should not hesitate to breed with it. But do not be in a hurry to mate it. Wait and see the effect of the above treatment before doing so. Glad you like "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and think it "a good sevenpennyworth."

Roller Moulting (H. Holderness).—The kitchen is probably subject to great fluctuations of heat, which keeps the bird continually moulting. In your case it would doubtless be better in a room without a fire, and free from damp and draughts. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary and one part rape as a staple. Give a small piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it twice a week, and a dandelion leaf daily. Discontinue all other foods. In the water give for the first day twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn. Afterwards give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and as much ammoniated citrate of iron as will cover a threepennypiece every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary. Stop it when the moulting ceases. A couple of mealworms a day would do this bird good.

Feeding Rollers (E. B.).—As a staple give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part rape. In addition, give the cock a few grains of hemp every other day, and twice a week a small teaspoonful of egg food, and a leaf of dandelion daily. A pinch of gold of pleasure seed would help him further if he still keeps backward. Give the hen a little egg food, and a pinch of inga twice a week, and a spray of greenfood, watercress preferably, every second day. As the birds are in a cold room you will probably be the gainer by their not coming very forward just yet. If they are fit to mate by the end of the first week in April you will still be in good time to get two broods of young.

A Mixture (P. S. Pratt).—Unless your aviary is a very small one it is not necessary to remove the two Mules whilst the Canaries are breeding. They will probably not interfere at all. Leave them in, and keep your eye on them during the first nest, and remove them if they appear very meddlesome—not otherwise. Do not attempt to breed the Budgerigars in the same aviary as Canaries, unless the aviary is a very large one. The mixture may succeed, but the chances are all in favour of the Canaries being found with broken legs and missing scalps.

Prospect not Rosy (F. Yardley).—Am afraid you will do little good with the Green Crest hen. Your management is not good, or you would not have mated them so early. The bird is probably over-fed. Give plain Canary seed only, with plenty of green food, for next fortnight, and during first week give six drops syrup of buckthorn in the water every second day. At the end of week give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid for one day, and continue the next week with twelve drops Chemical Food every second day. After that, treat as advised to "Amateur," giving only one-half the quantity of egg food, named; using watercress instead of dandelion, and let the hen come into breeding form gradually. Do not try to hurry matters, even if it is late before she can be paired up again. But do not expect much good from her.

Not Breeding (A Regular Reader of "C.B.").—Am inclined to think the cause of your birds not attempting to breed is that they are all hens. Do the supposed cocks sing at all? You might give them six drops of syrup of buckthorn for a couple of days, and afterwards twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day, for a week, and meanwhile feed and treat as advised to "Amateur." If they show no signs of wishing to mate by the middle of April, at the latest, I should advise you, considering the birds' ages now, to get rid of them at once and start afresh with one or two undoubted pairs of birds.

Sample of Sand (A.R.W.).—The sample of sand you send is quite suitable for either cages or aviaries, and if breeding pairs are well supplied with cuttlefish, as they should be, you need not trouble to supply any other kind of grit, as this sample contains plenty of grains quite as large as the birds require for digestion. For use in small cages it would be an advantage to give it another rinsing in clean water to prevent it soiling the birds' tails, as I expect it would do otherwise, as it stains the fingers a little when rubbed between them in a moist state.

Soon Gets Tired (Glasgow).—Give the Border cock five drops of syrup of buckthorn one day, and ten drops of Chemical Food the next, and continue to repeat them on alternate days for a week. At the end of a week give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid for two or three days. Of course, give all these things in the bird's drinking water, not direct into the beak. Drop the linseed and niger out of the mixture you mention. You do not say how often you give this mixed seed; but about twice a week, every third day, would be sufficient.

Bowel Trouble (W. F.).—Such elaborate mixtures of seeds and biscuit as you send a sample of are not suitable for regular use for caged birds. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary seed to one part summer rape, and give a very small piece of bread dipped in milk once a week, and a spray of green food daily. In the drinking water give as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence, ten drops of glycerine and twenty drops of whisky every second day for a week. At the end of that time give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid for two or three days.

Seed Samples (G. Tate).—The sample of seed you send is quite sweet and good, but it is very thin, so that the quantity of husk is rather out of proportion to the size of the kernal. A plumper grain would come cheaper, even if it cost a little more to buy. Give the birds that shell the seed and not eat it a little Epsom Salts for one day and afterwards give five drops each of tincture of gentian and dandelion juice every second day for a week.

More Seed Samples (F. L.).—1: Spanish Canary is a very fair sample. Its only fault is in being rather small. Still the quality is all right, and it is not dear at the price you name—2s. 10d. per stone. 2: Summer rape is also a nice mild sample, but seems rather new. It should be improved by a few months' proper storage.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid.

F. Harrison.—No doubt you saw my reply last week to another querist concerning this bird. The fact that it says: "Pink, pink," "unmistakably like a Chaffinch," as you put it, does not go to establish its genuineness, as you appear to consider, but exactly the contrary—it makes me more convinced than ever that it is a rare-feathered Chaffinch, purely and simply.

Feathers Coming out by Dozens.

E. H. Jones.—It certainly is not the proper time for moulting. Your bird is deep in what fanciers term a "cross moult." You can do nothing now except wait patiently until the renewal of the plumage is completed. Stir a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water every other day; this will assist. Feed him generously (see reply to "Mid" last week and follow the advice there given). Possibly you bought a Linnet which had been previously kept in a hot room, and yourself kept him in a cold room (or vice versa). Changes of temperature like those are practically certain to induce cross-moult. Sometimes even the changeable weather will cause a bird to start dropping feathers. You should now keep the Linnet in a not too cold room (a little heat would be beneficial), and quite out of draughts. The box cage is the best you could use. What do

you want to use the hen Canary for? I must know this before I can advise you how to feed her. If for Linnet-Canary Mule-breeding, then I gave the information in our last issue.

An Aviary, and a Lark.

R. S. Dawson.—It is quite correct that British Finches are, on the whole, not suited for keeping in an aviary of the Crystal Palace type. The only way to get any satisfaction out of them when housed in this way, is to obtain very steady birds at the beginning—and these are expensive, more or less, as a rule. Even then, between one or another of the ought-to-be-happy family there is sure to be bickering, and perhaps serious fighting. If anyone asks me about the stocking of a Crystal Palace aviary, I am conscientiously compelled to advise them to avoid Britishers, and go in for a varied collection of the smaller Foreign seedeaters. My friend Mr. Page will, if you write him, gladly give you a list of cheap and suitable species. You could venture to keep a Goldfinch, Linnet, and Bullfinch with them, I feel sure (you should have stated size of aviary, however). Your feeding of the Lark is fairly good; but it would be vastly improved if you gave the stock mixture advised "Larnov" last week. German paste, bread-crumbs, and crushed hemp are things I only occasionally offer Larks of my own. If your bird is steady, and does not sing in a week or two under the new regime, then I should certainly think it is a hen.

Sunflower Seed.

W.P.—I do not invariably give my Goldfinches a daily feed of sunflower seed; often only three times or so a week. Siberian Goldfinches I give it oftener and more liberally. About a dozen (not less) seeds form my average offering to one bird. My Bullies I give it to practically regularly, as they get no hemp seed (except the hens up for breeding). Whether the sunflower should be cracked depends on the individual bird. Some British Goldies won't crack it; others do so readily. The same remark applies to Bullies, though they, as a rule, are devoted to sunflower once they taste of it. It is only necessary to roll a jam jar lightly over it. It need only be shelled (or shelled and broken) while one is trying to coax a bird to taste of it.

Is it Thistle Seed?

Jack.—No; the sample you send is certainly not the kind of thistle seed that should be used as food for birds. No bird-seed merchant ought to sell it to you as such. If anyone has done so, probably they themselves are not aware that this is not the right seed, for it is a kind of thistle after all—one of the ornamental thistles, I understand. The proper thistle seed is similar in shape to that you send me, but not more than one-third the size, and a light gray (a warm gray) in colour; further, *it is never ribbed*, but always smooth. Send for a small quantity of the latter from one or other of the seed-dealers using our advertisement columns, and you will be safe for the future. You can congratulate yourself on the Linnets and Goldies refusing to touch the other. One or two correspondents have assured me that they have lost birds by reason of giving it to them.

Concerning Linnets.

F. Yardley.—1: There are some Linnets of a fidgety disposition that no treatment can make really steady ("finger tame," as the phrase goes). But these "always on the move" Linnets are not necessarily bad singers (that is, not free singers), but on the contrary are often very fine singers indeed, though oft-times inclined to be shy while human beings are near. From the description you give I should say the "slim, Yorkshire-Canarylike" Linnet you describe is a hen. If it seems to be thickly pencilled (heavy, streaky-looking lines) on breast and flanks, then you can take it as a certainty. Many hen Linnets are very nice-looking birds—much nicer looking than most cocks, so far as markings go. 2: Yes; it is quite possible to breed Mules from a Linnet whose beak does not turn blue-black; some birds' beaks get a much deeper colour than others. But a deep blue-black bill is a grand sign that the bird is properly "sprung"—give me a bird which possesses it.

Wheatear's Leg, etc.

J. P.—I have found Zambuk a very good dressing, and recommend you to use it twice daily on the leg of your Wheatear. Provide two perches, at least, and a dish of water for bathing on suitable days. The best food is that described in reply to "Dahlias lucinia" last week. I think highly of cold boiled (mashed) potato to mix into the food of insectivorous birds, and use this (and carrot) freely personally, and with the best of results. Use very coarse-cut pine sawdust for the cage bottom (free from the fine dust) if you cannot get peat moss litter broken up very small.

Goldfinch Ailing.

W. H. P.—Never mind about the Finch living almost entirely on hemp-seed; let him eat what he will. You should supply good teazle, and maw and niger in plenty. Give him a day on sulphate of soda—as much as will just lie on a shilling, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Place this in his cage at night (last thing), and replace it with plain water the next night. The following morning well stir 6 or 7 drops of chlorodyne into the same quantity of drinking water, and give fresh daily for 3 or 4 days. This may quite likely pull him round. You should keep your eye on his excreta and regulate strength of chlorodyne (it is very powerful) by the state of the bird's bowels.

Concerning a Goldfinch Mule.

F. S.—Nothing in your letter affords a clue to solve the mystery. I should say, off-hand, that the behaviour is simply due to old age—or, at any rate, to weakness. Do you know the age of the Mule? You could give a teaspoonful of mixed maw and niger seeds (equal parts), now and again, as a special treat. A good tonic and recuperative medicine is the quinine wine (or orange and quinine) sold at most chemists, or high-class grocers. Stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water every other day (plain water in between), for three weeks or so. Any wine left over you will find personally "comforting," if not exactly "grateful."

Four Questions too Many.

A Boy.—As you are a new recruit, I will forgive your overdose of queries this time. 1 and 2: I should mate cock Greenfinch and cock Goldfinch with the two hen Bullies; cock Linnet with hen Goldfinch; cock Goldfinch No. 2 with the hen Canary No. 3. You could very well divide the flight cage in the centre, and use it for two pairs. Let a Bullie hen have it, if you devote the whole to one couple. 4: The packet seeds put up by any good firm are "reliable" enough. 5: The Bullies should have the same stock mixture as the Linnets, but a dash of sunflower seed should be added. The Greenfinches will also do well on the same, with plenty of sunflower and a little hemp. 6: I doubt if they will eat mealworms now, though when in the moult British Finches often show a great partiality for them. Hide a few tiny ones in thistle heads, or in knapweed knobs. They may eat a few good ants' eggs soaked in new milk and drained before being offered. See they are always fresh and sweet. 7: Note the reply to "A. McWatt," which appeared in last week's issue. Thanks for good wishes.

Brevities.

Sex of Thrush (Skib).—From what you say, I am of opinion the bird is a male, and will sing out as soon as you get any "balmy spring" in your quarter of the globe. Hang him in the sunshine (when available), by all means.

Hemp Seed (W.H.P.).—I overlooked this sample when making other reply. It is only a just fair sample of hemp, too many of the corns being old and stale; cut through, the kernel shows discoloured and dried up. It is not clean and bright looking seed, as it should be.

In-breeding (C.K.).—As "in-breeding" is not unknown, under given circumstances, in a state of nature, I don't think you need have any scruples on the ground cited. If there be anything in your objection, then some of the Royal families will have a deal to answer for.

Concerning a Linnet Mule (W.E.W.).—Try gently anointing the place with a light smear of Zambuk twice daily (morning and evening). It will at least remove the irritation. Let me know in 10 or 12 days' time if the place does not seem improving. Thanks for kind remarks.

A Mixture (Railway).—The following seed mixture will suit the birds you name admirably: Canary three pints, teazle two pints, hemp one pint, summer rape, charlock and linseed half a pint each. Reduce the linseed to a quarter-pint during summer; or drop it altogether, if you like. Give the packet Finch mixture for a change; also a little wild seed mixture, maw, niger, thistle, dandelion, etc.

Thrush's Spoilt Plumage (Daily Mail).—Alas! I know many more "disreputable looking" Thrushes, and some of them, like your own, "whistle lovely." But their disreputable appearance is not always caused by their wildness. Unless your Thrush is steadied, he is likely to always have broken plumage. To do this you will have to take him indoors to a room wherein people move about freely, and endeavour to overcome his shyness. The broken plumage could only be remedied by extracting the damaged feathers, and this I advise you on no account to attempt. He will come slick and span at the moulting season. Let him bathe freely.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Rearing Young Grey Parrots.

"Parrot."—So long as the birds are kept out of draught the temperature of any ordinary living room will be ample. Note: The losses among young Greys are very numerous and discouraging owing to the insanitary conditions existing during importation; and the deaths usually occur from septic troubles, which are infectious, so that after a death a cage must be thoroughly sterilised before being used again. As soon as young Grey Parrots can eat freely of the following seed mixture—canary, oats, hemp, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds, of the four latter kinds only use half the bulk of two foremost kinds—stop all soft food; till this happens you must feed on boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day, and food vessel must be kept strictly clean), gradually weaning off this when the seed mixture is being eaten freely. In addition, you must supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and keep a clean piece of cuttlefish continually in the cage. The Amazon is more hardy than the Grey, losses are not so numerous, and the treatment is practically the same.

Seed Eaters for Outdoor Aviary.

J. McG.—All seed-eaters, or nearly all, need some soft food when rearing young, and some species will not rear without insects also. However, the following will thrive well and breed if treated much the same as Canaries during the breeding season, and get in addition a liberal supply of millet and spray millet; fresh green food is very important, and a fresh supply should be given twice daily during the summer. You do not give me the size of your aviary, nor yet your county, so I can only suggest a few of the more hardy species, and state that each breeding pair should be alloted two feet of the frontal measurement of aviary. Zebra, Ribbon, Yellow-rump and Ruficanda Finches, Java Sparrows, Diamond Doves (very beautiful and minute for Doves), Spice Birds, and for display of colour, say odd males of Madagascar, Napoleon and Orange Weavers. If you require rarer species, please supply your county and size of aviary, and I will try and help you further.

Breeding Cutthroats, etc.

Novice.—(1) There is no reason why the Cutthroats should not breed in your cage. Do not lose patience if they do not do so early in the season, as they often defer breeding till autumn in this country; supply ants' eggs and soft food, in addition to seed, when they have young. The nest in a cage is apt to become infested with lice, so it must be removed and a fresh one inserted as soon as the young begin to perch. (2) A C.P. aviary is too limited to expect two pairs to breed therein; at the same time, such is not impossible. I do not think the Spice Birds will breed in a cage, but the Zebras will do so. Put in one of the wire partitions and leave the Zebras the larger space. (3) If you have a spare room, that is the best place for them, as they are more likely to be quiet and undisturbed there, and breeding will be more probable. They must have plenty of fresh air without draught. It would disturb breeding birds too much to lift them out and bring them in daily. Wish you luck.

What Parrot?

E.J.H.—It is either a female Ring-necked Parrakeet or a young male of the same species in immature plumage. Most of these birds talk very clearly, are good mimics, and also many of them, alas! good screamers into the bargain. However, properly trained, and checked while young, they should not become a nuisance in this respect. Keep it where it hears plenty of conversation; see that it is not irritated in any way, and it should do well. You will find the full diet given in replies to other correspondents in this issue, with this reservation that your bird does not require any drugs. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

Pekin Robins, Rosellas, etc.

"Sorosis."—(1) There is but little outward difference in the sexes of the birds, the chief difficulty arising from the variation as to degree of intensity of colour, which is more or less common to all species birds. I can only say that the bill of the female is slightly narrower at the base, and broader at the tip than that of the male, but the difference is not striking; hen plumage is also not quite so brilliant as that of the male, the yellow areas round the eye or chin and throat being paler. This is also the case with the red edgings to the wing feathers. (2) As regards the Rosella, I know of no constant outward distinction between the sexes. It is claimed that there is a small green spot on the crimson of the nape of the female. While this may be so, and is with some individuals, it certainly is not constant; providing the birds were of about the same age, I should pick a larger and small bird, and also, if possible, secure the small one with colours not so intense as that of the larger bird. The beak of the female is a little broader at the base, and also slightly shorter than that of the male. At the same time, I must confess that if I came across a bird with the small green spot aforementioned I should accept it as a female. I have a true pair at the present time, neither of which possesses the said green spot. They do not always settle down to breeding at once; will probably not do so till next season. Cockatiels and Rosellas agree well together. (3) No, I do not think the Necklace Dove hardy enough for the conditions you name; in a larger aviary, with a suitable shelter shed attached, they would be all right. They would be all right in your outdoor cage from May to September, but would then require to be brought indoors for the winter.

Java Sparrow in Poor Plumage.

E. Wright.—I should cage this bird up separately, and lightly anoint the bare parts with clean vaseline; make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day, and follow this by well colouring the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. If it will eat a little sponge cake that has been slightly damped and dipped in flour of sulphur, this will help matters a little. Supply it with Canary, millet and spray millet, a few crushed oats, green food; this must be fresh, and not gathered at this season till the sun has cleared away all frost. Crush some cuttlefish to the size of millet seeds, and scatter a little over sand tray daily. Gas will not harm birds, providing they are kept below the level of the lights. Sudden changes of temperature, such as from a warm room to a cold one, are very bad for all species of birds.

Rearing Grey Parrots.

Maconechy.—If you have a spare room, and could erect a strong cage, say six feet square, and of the same height, or a little higher, you should have a reasonable chance of success, but you must protect walls and woodwork with wire-netting. Other conditions and furnishings would be the same as given in previous reply. If out of doors, they would need a sound and weather-proof shelter shed to retire to when they felt disposed. These birds, some years ago, where given their liberty in the grounds of a gentleman in one of the Northern counties, and they did well till they began to wander further afield, and then they soon suffered the fate of all uncommon birds at the hands of so-called sportsmen.

Java Sparrows, Waxbills, etc.

Distressed.—(1) Treat this bird as per our reply to E. Wright in this issue, and there should soon be an improvement if the bird is not really diseased, which does not appear to be the case. With your bird try crumbling the sponge cake, very slightly moist it, and then dust it with flour of sulphur. (2) It all depends on the size of your aviary, and as to whether there is a sound and weather-proof shed attached to your aviary. If that is so, they should be perfectly safe out of doors, providing the aviary is sufficiently spacious for them to take plenty of exercise; it is this latter condition which enable Foreign aliens to combat the vagaries of English weather. The shed should also be well lighted, so that food might be placed therein during the winter months, though there should always be an outlet so that the birds can have ready access to the flight when they so desire. Half-inch mesh wire-netting is plenty fine enough to confine even Zebra Waxbills, but see that you get this, as ¾-inch mesh is often innocently sold as ½-inch by many dealers.

Budgerigars Outdoors.

"Aigburth."—Your aviary is rather narrow, but you can put in it one pair each of Green and Yellow Budgerigars and Cockatiels. It will be necessary for you to dispose of any young reared as soon as they can look after themselves, as your aviary does not provide accommodation for more than three pairs. You must have double the number of nesting husks you have pairs of birds. As regards water fountains, you cannot do better than get one of Jones' sanitary water fountains (see advt. columns), and for seed hoppers I shall not attempt to advise you as to one to fix on the outside, as I don't believe in them at all for an outdoor aviary; and for the birds named ordinary glazed flower pot saucers answer as well as anything. Far better than hanging a hopper outside the wire netting is a small flap door in front of aviary, just large enough to get food and water vessels in and out.

Baby Parrot Ill.

E.P.—I much fear your bird is suffering from some malignant septic malady contracted during importation, and also fear that in its present weak state, but little can be done for it. However, unwholesome it may be, you must perforce give it a little milk sop (rather sloppy) and put a teaspoonful of Benger's or Mellin's food with its daily supply. Continue to use the glyco-thymoline and cold mixture. If it lives, as soon as you can, get it on to the diet regularly advised in this column. Give it a few drops of castor oil, not more than six, direct to the mouth. You had better report progress in a week or ten days' time, but I very much fear the bird will be dead before this reaches you. It is always best to ascertain when purchasing a bird how it has been fed, and even if this is somewhat unwholesome to continue with it a short time, gradually weaning it on to the correct diet.

Budgerigars with Others.

A.M.M.—It will be safer if you keep the Budgerigars for a week in the coldest part of your dining-room; then you can with safety remove them to the top-room mentioned. It is the sudden change from warm to cold that has to be guarded against, otherwise these birds are quite hardy. Choose a day when it is warm and sunny and appears fairly settled, and if you make the change early in the day no harm should result. Your treatment is correct, but I do not expect they will attempt breeding while the male is out of condition. Get from your chemist the following mixture: Oxymel of squills, Ipecacuanha wine and glycerine in equal parts. To two tablespoonfuls of water, add one teaspoonful of the mixture; supply this daily for a week or more, not supplying any drinking water during such period. I have never found the Pekin Robin interfere with any of its companions however small, and though I have never kept it under such conditions, I know those who have, and nothing amiss came from their association with smaller birds in such a cage. But there is so much individualism in birds, that where large and small birds are kept together in a cage they should be watched and any pugnaciously disposed individual caged separately. I do not care to mix Softbills within the limits of a C.P. cage, and should not care to hazard a selection; though a pair each of Grey Cardinals and Pekins would be most likely to agree together, or one or two odd cock Weavers with a cock Pekin would make a bright display.

Feather Plucking Cockatoo.

Western.—Your diet is all wrong, stop milk sop, tea and table scraps at once, and possibly the bird may leave off this annoying habit. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking-water (two tablespoonfuls) twice a week, giving 3 or 4 doses in all; when not giving the magnesia, well colour its drinking-water with Parrish's chemical food and continue same for some time. Spray the parts the bird is in the habit of plucking with quassia solution; this will make the plumage taste bitter and so act somewhat as a deterrent. If the day be cold or raw, see that no draught reaches the bird after spraying till it is thoroughly dry. There is nothing for it but patience; this habit of plucking is not readily given up. Diet: A seed mixture of Canary, oats, hemp, small maize, wheat, dari and a little sunflower seed. Also give ripe fruit, little boiled potato (dry), green food, nuts, plain biscuits, and keep a clean piece of cuttlefish continually in its cage.

Brevities.

Breeding Javas (Anna Duke).—Javas usually prefer a box, say about 6 inches square, with a circular hole cut in it for entrance; or a box similar to the one figured under "Illustrated Ideas" In a recent issue of CAGE BIRDS would fully meet the case. I have had them successfully rear young in a husk, but when they have the choice my birds have usually chosen a box. Leave the husk in the cage, and put in a box at the other end, and they should settle down in one or the other, and successfully reprodnce their kind.

Song of the Pekin Nightingale (Lover of Song).—The song of a good performer is nearer that of the Blackcap than the Nightingale. I do not think the most ardent admirer of these lovely birds would think of comparing their song with that of the British Nightingale. The merit of individual birds in this respect is very variable, but even a moderate performer is a beautiful and entertaining pet, and not difficult to keep in condition, providing its cage be a roomy one.

Treatment of Grey Parrot (Constant Reader).—As a constant reader you are aware of the diet we advise for Grey Parrots regularly in these columns; diet yours on same lines. You do not say how you are feeding. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food. Make the bird's drinking water quite saline with Epsom Salts for one day, repeating same after a three days' interval. Put a few chilies with its seeds daily. Keep it warm and out of draught, but not in a vitiated atmosphere. If the cough gets no better, put one teaspoonful of the mixture, as below, in drinking water (two tablespoonfuls) daily until relief is given. Mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts.

Feeding Singing Finches (Jerome).—Both Grey and Green are natives of Africa, as also are Silverbills. The treatment of all three is similar—Canary, millet, and spray millet, with greenfood, grit and water ad lib. for drinking and bathing should suffice to keep them in health. Greenfood must be fresh, clean, and thoroughly sound. It must not be given when covered with frost; grit must also be supplied freely, and a piece of clean cuttlefish kept hanging in the cage. I cannot call to mind any recent article, but my book on Foreign Birds will be published very shortly.

A Feather-Plucking Roseate Cockatoo (Binley).—Your diet is correct, but I much fear it will be a work of patience, seeing it has now become almost confirmed in the habit. I can only advise you to persevere with the remedies advised to "Western" in this issue, of course, in your instance, not altering the diet in any way.

A Feather-Plucking Ringneck ("Roller").—I am of the opinion that your bird will be all right again in a short time, and so long as there are no sudden changes of temperature it is immaterial whether you keep it in your living or sitting room. Otherwise treat your bird as advised to "Western" in this issue, but make no change in its diet.

What Bird? (B. J., Burnley).—It is a female Ringnecked Parrakeet. It is a freely-imported species, and in the company of rarer birds would stand but little chance. At the same time when in finest condition there is no reason it should not catch the judge's eye where competition was not too keen.

A Ringneck Not Recovering Plumage (G.W.).—Diet the bird on the seed mixture advised to "Parrot" in this issue, and give, in addition, for variety, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, and a little boiled potato or cabbage or brocoli stem (without any gravy), cuttlefish, grit and water ad lib. As to medicinal treatment, see reply to "Western" in this issue, persevere with same, as recovery cannot be rapid in a case of such long standing. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

Grey Parrot Rather Loose (Restall).—Your dietary cannot be improved upon, but it will be well for a time to crush some cuttlefish to about the size of millet seed and mix this with its seed mixture; also keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in its cage. As the looseness has been almost chronic, it cannot be diarrhoea, and I should simply try the effect of putting it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food—half a teaspoonful to one tablespoonful of water—and continue this for a time. Both the chemical food and cuttlefish have a slight tendency to induce constipation, and should prove effective; if not, please repeat query, and I will try and help you further.

Grey Parrot Eating Only Sunflower Seed (H. C.).—There is little doubt but that such an exclusive diet of sunflower seed will ultimately ruin the bird, however well and finely conditioned it appears at present. Diet it on equal parts oats, hemp, small maize, canary and sunflower seeds, put a hopper in its cage each morning, and do not renew same till next day; it may sulk a bit at it at first. Give also for variety ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and a little boiled potato or cabbage stem (without gravy); keep a piece of cuttlefish in its cage. So treated, even if it sulks at the other seeds for a time, it will not be on really "short commons," and should ultimately take to the other seeds.

Amazon Parrot with Indigestion (E.W.).—Dissolve six grains each of sulphate of soda and chlorate of potash in two tablespoonfuls of water and give this at intervals of two days, say three or four doses. In between you can give the cold mixture, if necessary. In all other respects treat as per previous reply. The bird should certainly get over it.

Breeding Budgerigars (Esperance).—(1) These birds are very modest in their wants; Canary, millet, and spray millet, with greenfood (as much

grass in flower as they will eat), cuttlefish, grit and water, a few oats occasionally, and these latter regularly with a stale crust of household bread when they are feeding young; (2) in captivity Budgerigars breed practically all the year round, only stopping for the moult, but in cages where, of course, only one pair can be kept in each, they are very often some little time before they settle down to nesting purposes.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Management of Squirrels (H.M.).—The great thing in managing squirrels is to give them plenty of room; the cages usually sold for them are far too small, and a squirrel cage should be at least two feet every way. The woodwork, if of soft wood, should be protected at edges with tin. Give them branch perches and a sleeping box. It is better to keep them outside, in a large hutch made of a packing case, if possible; or make a place like an aviary, but don't put them along with any birds, as they are partly carnivorous, like rats. This must be borne in mind in feeding them; as well as corn, fruit, and nuts, which are the staple food, give mealworms, and other insects, young sparrows, sparrows' or pigeons' eggs, or in default of these a little hard-boiled egg, or a bone to pick. Don't give much soft food other than this, unless they are quite young, when bread and milk is good; and see they always have something hard to nibble at to keep their teeth in order. Bed them down with sawdust, and if they are old-caught be careful how you handle them, as they bite sharply.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a report direct. 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (Maw).—Bird fever.
Canary (J. Howie).—Apoplexy. Bird fever.
Canary (W.H.H.).—Death caused by anæmia. Body in poor condition.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

C.B.U. Secretary (J. Hibbert).—The address of Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe has been inserted very many times in our columns, and quite recently, too (see issue for March 7th). It is 25, Stamford-street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

A Question of Arrangement (D. H. Tedstone).—We are duly in receipt of your letters, etc., and have noted contents.

Dead Birds (A. Banks).—If you will kindly refer to the rules concerning post mortems, which appear on our "Questions and Answers" page, you will see that dead bodies of birds must not be sent to this office. We are sorry you broke this rule, for the corpse you favoured us with "smelt too high heaven," and cost us, after we had happened upon it, some coin of the realm for a personal "corpse reviver."

Cutting (G. Kirk).—We are very much obliged to you for sending us this cutting.

Mounts (J. Smith).—It would be cheaper for you to purchase the plates ready mounted, in the style in which we do them.

Time Larks Sing (E. Charles).—As the alleged statement was not made in our columns, it is not one with which we can deal. If you want to issue a challenge, that is another matter, and we shall be glad to insert it.

Treatise on Pigeons (L. E. Richards).—If your book is one of the original copies published in 1765 it would be worth about 7/6, or 10/-. There are, however, few collectors of old Pigeon literature, and you might wait a long time before finding a purchaser. If you are anxious to sell, it would be advisable for you to insert an advt. in "Pigeons," a journal which will be found advertised in our columns.

Whaup (A. Stables).—"Whaup" is a local name for the Curlew—possibly having some connection with the noisy cries emitted by the species.

Club Notice (J. Emmett).—Sorry we could not possibly oblige you, but at this time of the year matter for publication, which reaches us after Wednesday morning's post cannot be dealt with the same week.

Goldfinch; also Society (W. H. C.).—If the Goldfinch is equal to your sketch, you have a very good bird. How would the Lewisham and District C.B.S. suit you? The hon. sec. is Mr. H. T. Lucas, 16, Hereford Gardens, Longhurst-rd., Lee, S.E. You will find in the ANNUAL a directory of Societies.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF CAGE-BIRD SOCIETIES.

Result of the 1908 Ballot.

Election of officers: Vice-President (one vote only).—Armstrong, F., 35; Clarkson, J. S., 28; Halliday, R. (elected), 125; Johnson. E. W., 20; Sunderland, D., 75; Wellock, G., 12. Secretary (one vote only).—Dean, Samuel (elected), 170; Hill, H., 47; Mitchell, O., 55; Townend, H. B., 22. Trustees (two votes).—Brotherton, J. E., 230 (elected); Mitchell. O., 120 (elected); Ross, A., 98; Townend, H. B., 104. Auditors (two votes).—Armstrong, F., 189 (elected); Halliday, R., 224 (withdrawn); Holroyd, W., 92 (elected); Jackson, W., 55.

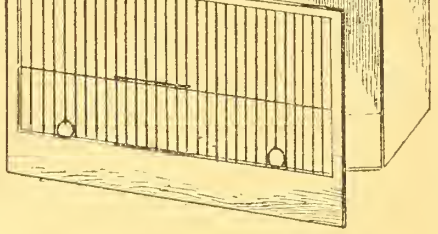
Revision of rules.—The following rules have been carried: That the officers be elected by ballot each year; carried. That the annual ballot be taken during the first fortnight in March; carried. The Union will offer for competition at each affiliated society's open Winter show a number of specified gold medals to be divided as follows: Threequarters for Yorkshire section, and one quarter for Norwich section. Not more than the four highest birds of each exhibitor to count for points. Those exhibitors (to the number of medals offered) gaining the most points in Novice Classes at the above-mentioned shows to be declared the winners. In the case of a tie the person gaining most points with money prizes shall be declared the winner, and in the event of an exhibitor qualifying for a medal in each section (Yorkshire and Norwich) he shall be considered a winner in that section in which he has obtained the most points; carried. That water tins be provided in Yorkshire classes; carried. That each society nominates 20 judges—neither more nor less—and from these the 30 (if so many are nominated) receiving the highest number of votes to be returned to each society, who shall then vote for the exact number required, and those receiving the highest number of votes of societies shall be considered the appointed judges—one for each show; carried. It will be open to anyone, during such time as the show is open, to lodge a protest, etc; carried. That the price limit in Novice classes be £5 5s.; carried. Proposed addition to Rule 37, which reads: "A Novice is one who has not previously won a Novice medal or a first prize in open classes at any show. Any person residing in the same house as a champion exhibitor shall be debarred from competing as a novice. First prizes in selling classes and First Feather shows are not included." Addition to read: "This rule shall not apply to novice classes at non-union or members' shows;" carried. That the Council of the Union provide a minimum classification for all shows held under their rules; carried. That any society requiring an assistant judge may make its own selection. No person is eligible who is one of the appointed Union judges until he has judged the show to which he is appointed; carried.
—FRED HAMMOND, hon. secretary.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 191.
A CAGE-DOOR FRONT.
Sent by H. Calvert, 16, Morningside, Heaton, Bradford, Yorks.

Here you will find sketch of a "Door Cage Front." I have never seen such before, so I hope there will be no "clashing." Perhaps there will be some persons to

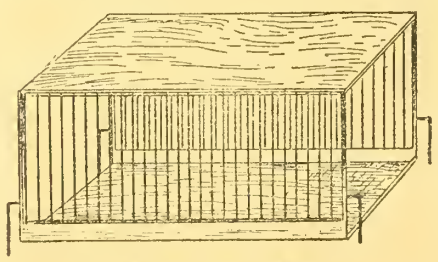


A Swing Front.

whom it will be useful; the idea is to facilitate cleaning purposes. Instructions: When you wish to clean the cage you simply open the door, and then you have the full privilege of cleaning, whiting, or distempering, painting, or anything else required. The illustration shows a breeding cage with door fixed on hinge, catch or hook to fasten door to, piece of tin fastened to bottom of door to keep grit, sand, wet, from falling out on the floor of the room when closed.
H. CALVERT.

No. 192.
TO CONNECT CAGES.
Sent by H. D. Potter, 35, Olney Street, Unthank Road, Norwich.

Am sending illustrated idea of connection for cages where they are stacked on two or three sides of the room, so that when breeding is over the cages can be turned into long flights, and the birds better able to keep out



To connect Cages.

of the way of others that are bent on mischief. All my cages have slips at the ends, as well as the middle, and I connect them with a box cage (similar to a bath cage) made of two wired frames for sides, and ⅜-in. wood top and bottom, with open ends, and hangers fixed on. I find this a good plan to get the young birds through the moult sound and well. In my room on one side are five three-compartment cages, on back five flights five feet long, and on the other side twelve two-compartment cages, four deep, so that I have four rows, which, when connected, make a total length 16 ft. each. To fix in position, open door opposite end of other cages and draw slip.—H. D. POTTER.

IN THE COURTS.

THE EXHIBITING OF BORROWED BIRDS.

Momentous Decision by a Scotch Judge

In the Hamilton Small Debt Court on March 21st, according to the "Hamilton Advertiser," Alexander Brownlie sued the Larkhall Cage Bird Club for prize money and medal alleged to be due to him in respect of prizes won at the annual show on 26th October. The defence was that the birds didn't belong to the plaintiff, and under the rules he thereby forfeited his prize-money. After hearing evidence, Sheriff Thomson held that the defence had failed as regards a Siberian Goldfinch and a Mule, but the defence had succeeded in proving that a Siskin shown by plaintiff did not belong to him. The question was whether plaintiff, in respect of this one bird, could be held to have forfeited all his prizes. His Lordship didn't think so. He, therefore, gave a verdict to plaintiff for £1 2s. 6d., being the prize-money for the rest of his birds, inclusive of the value of the medal won, and the loss sustained by plaintiff in having the prizes withheld. The Sheriff awarded no expenses to either party. He said there had been a gross breach of the rules here, and he didn't want to characterise it further. He had his own feelings on the matter. Plaintiff was represented by Mr. W. S. Mackenzie, writer, Larkhall, and defenders by Mr. G. Craig Macintyre, writer, Hamilton.

DEATHS OF BIRDS IN TRANSIT.

Railway Company have to Pay Up.

Messrs. Payne and Wallace, of the "Little Zoo," Bath, on March 12th claimed from the Great Western Railway Company damages for the loss of birds which died in transit on their line. Mr. E. H. C. Wethered appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. A. S. Howard for the defendant company. Mr. Howard (according to the "Bath Daily Chronicle"), said in respect of two consignments they admitted liability, and the money had been paid into Court. Mr. Wethered said the plaintiffs imported fancy birds from Australia, many thousands of them, and they claimed in respect of certain of these consigned to their customers. In each case the birds were delivered dead owing to the fault and negligence of the Company or their servants. He might say in transit from Australia, 12,000 miles, the loss of birds was only about 1 per cent. He produced one of the boxes in which birds were sent by rail to customers, and stated that a representative of the Company saw the birds so packed and assented it was a proper way to pack them. These cages, which were covered with brown paper, bore a large red label on which was printed "Valuable Live Birds, with great care." The deaths all occurred between 8th April and 21st June, 1907. The plaintiffs made a vigorous complaint about the deaths, the birds stopped dying, and none had died since. Counsel pointed out that some of the birds were insured; but insurance did not affect the question of liability, it only affected the amount that could be recovered. When not insured the Company's liability was limited to 5s., and if greater value were declared at the time the birds were consigned, the increased value was insured at the rate of 1½ per cent. In seven cases the consignments were birds, in the eighth it was a stump-tailed skink. On April 8th a Chestnut Finch, insured for 7s. 6d., was sent to Seacombe, Cheshire, and arrived dead; on April 16th, a Finch, insured for 7s. 6d., sent to Miss Drummond, Errol, Perth, arrived dead; on April 25th a bird went to Covent Garden, arrived dead; the same day three went to Miss Drummond, and two were delivered dead; on May 10th a cage of birds was sent to Lady Dunleath, Ballywater Park, Newtownards, Co. Down, by the 6.6 p.m. train, and was not delivered until May 13th, and ten arrived dead. He suggested delay in that case, in all the others he alleged wrongful handling. On May 17th a cage of about 80 birds was sent to a dealer at Martock, Somerset, by the 5.51 p.m. train; it arrived at Martock the same night at 9.36 p.m., and was delivered the following morning with 20 birds dead and 12 more died directly after arrival. The letters from the Company said the birds must have died from "natural causes" in all cases except the Martock consignment, where they alleged the "cold weather" was the reason, though it was at the end of May. Mr. Payne wrote in May, after the Martock slaughter, pointing out that the value of the birds dead was £12 18s., and suggesting that an attendant should be given a free pass to travel with birds. After his letter, although a good many birds had been sent, there had been no recurrence of the losses. Mr. Payne was called, and explained that unless the journey was to last more than 24 hours no water was put in the cages; if it was longer a wet sponge was put in. Fredk. Porch, his clerk, also gave evidence, as did an assistant to the consignee at Martock, who said the dead birds looked very rough, as if thrown about a lot, the feathers being all ruffled up. His Honour, referring to the case of Scott v. the Midland Railway, which had been quoted by Mr. Wethered, said there was evidence of accident; in this case there was no such evidence, the birds simply died. Mr. Wethered: In large quantities. His Honour: It doesn't matter, they died; your case does not seem to be on all fours with this. There might have been evidence given by the recipients; he admitted it would have been expensive. Mr. Wethered pointed out that they had had the evidence of Rice from Martock. His Honour said he had not understood the witness to be one of the consignees; hearing was difficult in that Court. Rice was recalled and repeated his evidence as to the ruffled condition of the dead birds. His Honour said he must hold that there was only one case to go to the jury—the consignment to Martock. Mr. Wethered said he could prove delay in the Irish case. The birds could have arrived at Newtownards on Sunday, the 12th of May, and Lady Dunleath sent in her motor to fetch them that day, but they did not reach Newtownards until Monday at 9.50. Mr. Howard said he was informed that though the birds could have arrived at the Belfast wharf on Sunday morning, no carters were out on Sundays to transfer them to the railway station. His Honour: What is the distance? Mr. Howard: I don't know. His Honour submitted that this case might also go to the jury on the question of delay. Mr. Wethered, in addressing the jury, said the amount claimed for the Martock consignment was £8 and for the Irish consignment £3 8s. 7d. Mr. Howard said the jury were not entitled to infer that the birds died from rough handling. His suggestion was that these birds died from natural causes. The mere fact that their feathers were ruffled was not sufficient. If there was rough handling, why didn't the whole 80 sent to Martock die? As to the delay alleged in the Newtownards consignment he did not think the Irish were very fond of working on Sundays. His Honour having addressed the jury, they found for the plaintiffs in both cases, and judgment was entered against the railway company for £13 17s. 6d., with costs.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

BRADFORD West C.B.S. held their annual tea and social on Saturday last at their headquarters, when about 60 or 70 members, their wives and friends, sat down to a substantial feed. A very enjoyable evening was spent, at which Mr. Cowgill, president of the society, occupied the chair. A grand programme had been arranged, in which the artistes one and all were accorded good receptions, the affair throughout being quite up to the usual standard attained by the "Westers."

THE members and friends of the Bramley and District O.S. were down for a treat on Saturday last, the occasion being a lecture on "Breeding and Rearing the Norwich Canary," by Mr. Mennard, of Leeds. The fanciers of this variety will do well to keep their eye on the progress of the newly-formed Norwich club, and assist its work by "pushing" at all possible times the benefits to be received therefrom. I understand some good specials will be provided to compete for at next season's shows, and it behoves all interested to join its ranks as early as possible.

THE result of the voting upon the rules of the Yorkshire Union will no doubt be found in another column. The principal items carried are the novice limit of price to be £5 5s. in place of £4 4s.; the time of protest at shows to be allowed to close of show, instead of five o'clock, as before; novice medals to be awarded as last season. The item re curtailing the number of shows ends quite interestingly, the result being a tie. I suppose it will rest with the Council as to what shall be done; or will it be that the old rule must stand in consequence of the new rule not being carried? In regard to the ballot for officers and rules, this was carried again. Evidently those that do vote are of the opinion that it is the best way, and it's a great pity that more do not take advantage of their votes. A meagre return of 294 papers out of nearly 1,100 sent out gives the impression that the majority of fanciers are not as interested in the Union as they should be; but let anything be not quite satisfactory, and all the 1,100 are soon interested.

THE Yorkshire Union hold a meeting to-day (Saturday), the principal business being in connection with a proposed working arrangement with the C.B.U., and no doubt the two unions will soon be working amicably together.

FROM information received, the annual general meeting of the C.M.Y.C.C. takes place on Saturday, April 11th, at headquarters, Market Tavern, Bradford. Time, 5 p.m.; and all members and intending members are specially requested to attend. Some interesting items for discussion are upon the board, and fanciers of this variety will have full power to alter any existing rule not conducive to the welfare of the society.

DON'T forget that Y.C.C. nomination papers must be in this week-end.
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CORRESPONDENCE.

A CHAFFINCH SINGING PROBLEM.

SIR,—Please could any competent reader let me know, through your correspondence column, if a "kiss-you-wear" counts a chalk in a Chaffinch handicap, instead of a "kiss-you-dear." CONSTANT READER.

A CANARY'S WHITE EGGS.

SIR,—Last autumn a small yellow bird, very slim, looking between a Yorkshire and a German, flew in through my bird-room window. Finding no owner for same I kept it. I was forced to put her up early because she was plucking feathers from other hens in the same cage. Recently she laid her second egg, and both are milk white. I have been a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS for the last five years, but have never seen such eggs announced in it during that time. I thought it a bit of a novelty. When I started five years ago I only had one pair, and this year I have got thirty pairs, most of them bred by myself. The success I owe to the valuable hints and advice received from CAGE BIRDS. THE CUCKOO.

MORPETH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

SIR,—Would you again favour us by making known through the pages of your valuable paper that the above newly-revived society is progressing most satisfactorily? We had a most encouraging meeting on March 20th, when there were a good number of members present. All present seemed to be filled with the one idea of making our society and forthcoming show a great success. We enrolled eleven new members: Messrs. Rowell, Watson, Woolett, Newelau, Berkett, Renison, Robinson, Stevenson, Griffiths, Carroll, and J. Patterson (Chirnside). We are still open to accept all fanciers wishing to join us. Members' subscriptions 3s. All members' classes will be confined to novices; a novice to be a member that has never won a first prize in open competition. We now have 35 members.

E. COWLING (Hon. Sec.).

Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.

HAWFINCHES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Would you be kind enough to allow a "Sorry Spectacle" a few lines in your valuable paper, in explanation of certain remarks made by R. Gilmour regarding the above subject? "A person signing himself 'Scottish Hawfinch" makes a sorrowful spectacle of himself before the Fancy"; so writes your correspondent. I leave it to the Fancy to judge who has made the spectacle of himself—Scottish Hawfinch or R. Gilmour. "I would like to remind him (Scottish Hawfinch) that Bathgate was a soft-bill class and not a hard-bill class as he seems to think." I did not think of Bathgate at all as either a hard or soft-bill class, but as a small town in Linlithgowshire. I suppose R. Gilmour means to say that the class that his Hawfinch was beaten in at Bathgate Show, was a soft-bill class. So it was, but it was also a hard-bill class; otherwise R. Gilmour and Scottish Hawfinch would have been disqualified, as I venture to think that a Hawfinch is a hard-bill bird. Still, if R. Gilmour says otherwise, I must bow to his superior knowledge. "Without his name to the letter it is not worth notice." Just so! R. Gilmour condescends to take notice all the same —"stoops to conquer" in a sense. Scottish Hawfinch desires no prominence in the discussion, hence the nom de plume. But he hopes to beat R. Gilmour again, all the same. SCOTTISH HAWFINCH.

STANDARD LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—I think the Yorkshire Union has made a big mistake in trying to restrict the length of the Yorkshire. I am a breeder of Canaries and Mules of between 60 and 70 years' standing, and I cannot find one case where the birds are judged by measurement. The Crystal Palace show has just been held, and I don't read where the judges used the tape line or a two-foot rule. I have kept Canaries all my life. I pair my Yorkshires out (the best of the young), show sometimes, and sell the few I have to spare. I always can tell the best by looking at them. The judges, too, pick out the best by looking at them, and the dealers do the same. They might as well have gone a step farther and fixed the weight at 1⅞oz. or 2¼ozs., along with the 6¾in. in standard. This would have made the Yorkshire a popular bird. We will not be very well prepared for the next season's show as the Yorkshire will take a lot of training to catch the judge's eye and to come out of their cages on their own accord and lie down to be measured or weighed, if the standard of the Yorkshire Union be adopted. The stock I keep are on the large side, and they naturally breed their young the same. I will look at the longest and best many a time, and still I am not satisfied. At last I will try to measure them; I don't suppose I will be content. One-eighth of an inch is a small item on the length of a bird. At last I decide to keep them at home. The few I have to spare I sell in the Newcastle Bird Market. The biggest goes first; I get the best price for them. If there are any left in my hands they are the smallest. In all my experience I find the large ones get the preference; everyone goes for these, including the members of the Y.U., and even the secretary and committee. All of them have a warm side for a good stock bird, even suppose it exceeds the 6¾. Birds that are ever so good, if on the large side, will have a bad time of it. The judge must catch them; if they have been kept in a warm room, they will knock out their big feathers, and after the first two or three shows, instead of the first prize card adorning their cages, the exhibitors will find a card written on with red ink, "Deficient of Feather." He will have some difficulty in counting 12 in the tail and 18 in each wing; he might find some in cage bottom. I cannot see where it is a sin or a shame to be big. We have some men, good, noble and clever, and women, good looking, and head and shoulders above the average size. The Belgians, Scotch, Fancy and Lancashire are all prized for their size, and my advice is, let us breed as good as we can and as large as possible, and let us patronise the shows that have not adopted the 6¾ inch standard as one of their rules.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

A SUGGESTION re PRIZE CARDS.

SIR,—I quite agree with W. P. Jones in his remarks that the opportunity of seeing birds at shows is often spoiled by the show cards in cage fronts, but I think the plan we adopted at our Sudbury (Suffolk) Show last year even better than his suggestion. We had gummed slips in different colours for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc., awards. They were 2¾in. by ½in., and were very easily attached to the fronts of the cages, on a level with drinking tins. These slips can be obtained at the price of 2d. per sheet of about 25. We were very pleased with the effect. Clean, unbent cards can then be sent with prize money, or packed in with cages. Anyhow, an exhibitor knows where he is placed, on birds arriving home. It is no new idea, but gummed labels attached in this manner might be adopted by many shows which now put big cards in the wires of the cage fronts.

JAMES H. BROWN.

Hon. Treasurer, Sudbury Show.

STANDARD SHOW CAGE FOR BRITISH BIRDS.

SIR,—I was very pleased to read S. E. Jones' letter in your issue of 21st inst. As a British fancier, I for one strongly oppose the standard show cage. Why cannot a man please himself what coloured cage he shows his birds in; so long as they give him satisfaction, it should not make the slightest difference to any judge of British birds, and in my opinion it does not. I have no doubt this matter has all transpired through a few jealous, pigeon-hearted fanciers who neither know how to make a cage nor how to show their birds. Our friend Jones states he makes his own cages; so do I. I have just completed three new ones (making a total of seven) for the next show season, at a less cost than 1s. each. Then why should I or any other fancier be compelled to pay 2s. 6d. or 3s. per cage for more? The labouring man cannot afford to do it, and so sure as we are compelled to have the cage in question, it will be a big knock-back to the coming shows. Trusting the British fancier will strongly protest against it. G. D.

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LENDING BIRDS AND OTHER MALPRACTICES.

SIR,—Seeing that the C.C.B.S. had always done justice to their members, why did not the officials deal with the case of the Welsh judge? The facts (as mentioned in my letter in March 14th issue) are well-known to the Secretary and officials, and if those parties will not deal with it, it is to be hoped that the Welsh Cage Bird Club will make inquiries, as both parties concerned are members of that club.—J. W. (Cardiff.)

SIR,—Having read several letters under the above heading I think the following will take some "whacking." A well-known member of the Cardiff Society called on a fellow member at Penarth (March, 1907), and after looking over his stock and picking out his best hens, he suggested that the cock mated to this hen was of no use, and said if the owner would only lend him this hen he would send a suitable hen in the morning. He took the hen away with him, and promised to send another hen the following day. But up to the present time (March, 1908), he has not seen the promised hen, or returned the hen he took away, although he bred some good birds from her. If the fancier would only sue this member in the county court we would have less frauds, and it would expose them, so that other fanciers would be on their guards against such practices.

C.Y. (PENARTH.

WHERE DOES THE COLOUR COME FROM?

SIR,—Mr. Metcalfe, in last week's letter, says: "With reference to Mr. Thompson's Buff, as I happened to be at the show when this bird was bought, if 'Past Novice' says this bird was bred frm Cinnamons, I think there is a serious mistake somewhere, because Mr. Thompson and I were given to understand it was bred from pure Norwich. Maybe 'Past Novice' is the breeder of this bird." As the breeder of this bird, permit me to say that when I sold the same to Mr. Thompson, Mr. Metcalfe was not there, nor was I asked how the bird was bred. How, then, could there be a serious mistake? Furthermore, I am not "Past Novice," as Mr. Metcalfe infers.

ROBERT JENKINS.

SIR,—You say, Mr. Metcalfe, it is news to you to hear of the best Greens possessing so much blood. I dare say it is, but I am sure it is not news to some of the old breeders in Liverpool Town, also the old breeders in the district of Liverpool. Some of the old hands don't tell all they do in the bird room —I mean the men who breed them. It would be no use me telling you who owns the bird I mentioned last week. He has won all along the line this past season. I don't suppose you could tell me how he was bred; in fact, it makes no difference, as it was the colour of the bird I meant. Colour has not won for him; type alone has done the trick. Now, you say you were at the show when Thompson's bird was bought. The bird was not bought at the show; the man that bought him knows where he was bought. He could be pure Norwich and still be full of Cinnamon blood. No serious mistake there; the other way about. I have been informed the Yellow Green hen won special for best Green at Scottish National—I suppose special for best hen. No serious mistake this. A good hen she is, every feather of her. My wish is you may breed one to beat her. I should be pleased to see you beat her. You say 95 per cent. are bred in Liverpool. I say not in Liverpool Town; Liverpool and district might be nearer the mark. I also know of a certain Green that won at one of the best shows. He was bred direct from Cinnamon blood. The reports on this bird were simply grand. Several tempting offers were made for the same bird. The men that offered to buy him did not trouble how he was bred; it was the bird they wanted, not pedigree. The bird was quite sufficient for them. You say it is funny how all these toppers find their way into Liverpool Town. Very funny; yes, and they have proved good speculations for the buyers. The breeders do know their value. I know of twelve breeders that have sold out long ago, and they had something to sell, both in quality and quantity. All were their own breeding, and they had no trouble to sell their stock. Some of the Liverpool men like them, and they know a good bird when they see one. I know where there are a few Cinnamon marked hens (Norwich, I mean) at the present time, which I don't think money would buy. Talk about type and quality and size, you see it there—something you read about, but very seldom see. These are the sort to breed Greens, or anything else in the Norwich line—mind you, when well matched; that's the secret of success. My reason for writing is purely to help the novice. If he starts on the lines I have mentioned he is all right; also the start does not cost so much. Every novice is not blessed with too much cash. Plenty of them have to save their spare cash week by week. These are the sort I mean; they want all encouragement, also showing the nearest way and the cheapest. In fact, I myself would give such a one a bird at any time to help him. My aim is to push on the Norwich Green in every way I can; not to do it harm. Now Mr. Metcalfe, I wish you a successful breeding season, and hope you breed a few toppers. Likewise, to the Liverpool and district breeders, my wish is good luck to all.

JUST PAST THE NOVICE STAGE.

PUFFINS CAPTURED IN THE FENS.

SIR,—During February two rare birds, Puffins, have been caught in the Fens within a week or ten days of each other, and not five miles apart. Whether they were driven in by the gales of late I could not say; neither could I find out if they were a pair, male and female. Both were caught alive, and taken to our local naturalist, who tried all ways to get them to take food, but they would not touch any, so at last he started to cram them. But as soon as his back was turned they would disgorge all he had given them. He did manage to keep them for four or five days before they joined the majority. He related his experience to me a few days ago, and said that he had learnt a few lessons from them and should have much liked to have reared them for his aviary. He has sent them away to be mounted. Some of your numerous readers may have been successful, and they might give their methods. I believe one was caught feeding in a Fen dyke (after some of the small fish, etc.), the other was caught nearer the town, about a mile out, in the middle of a large ploughed field, and this one had probably been shot at, as it was injured in the wing. Both were in beautiful plumage, but the latter was the more beautiful, and that is the reason they were thought to be a pair. T. H. KINCH.

Ramsey.

THE FUTURE OF THE BELGIAN CANARY.

SIR,—As an old fancier of the Belgian Canary I would not like to see the old types for this variety lost to posterity, the same as the blue Lizard, or London Fancy, as the distinctive contour of the bird is widely different from that of all other varieties of the Canary family. Its character and disposition also differ from others, it having less of the wild nervous movements of the Scotch Fancy and others. Am pleased to note your correspondent, the Secretary of the Scotch Fancy Club, taking the question of type into account in favour of the variety he represents. With the idea of preserving the characteristics of the bird of circle and not allowing it to be classed as a mongrel might the writer be allowed to suggest the obtaining of the views of some of our well-known exhibitors. Barnstaple is to be noticed as a place where there are a number of Belgian Canary fanciers. Would some of them but give their views—Edinburgh, Belfast, and other places, where fanciers of both varieties reside—with the object of giving the Hon. Secretaries of both varieties some knowledge as to what suggestions they would make, seeing that the clubs are not over strong in either members or means? Members, also, are so straggled over the country that it makes it impossible for all to meet together and discuss the question. Should members of both the varieties give their views through the valuable medium of CAGE BIRDS, the two Secretaries would be, no doubt, able and willing to make some arrangements as to what course to pursue in the future, as the birds of both varieties are so entirely distinct in contour and character that they certainly ought not to merge into one. No doubt the Yorkshire bird has benefited by a fusion with Belgian blood, but breeders of the Yorkshire seem satisfied with the distinct type they have arrived at. Why should not the Belgian and Scotch Fancy be content to keep to the straight and curved platforms? As the late Mr. Blakeston remarked, there is as much difference between them as between a poplar and a weeping willow. B.

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THE NEW SOCIETY FOR MANSFIELD.

SIR,—The proposed Cage Bird Society which is to be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Mansfield, ought to be a success. Mr. Shacklock is giving a valuable cup, to be won by a member three times before becoming his own property. Will fanciers who wish to be members of this society send in their names to Mr. Shacklock, or to myself, at 12, Herbert Street, Mansfield. Now, fanciers, rally round, and let this be one of the best societies in the Midlands.

JOSEPH SMITH.

A LINNET OF MANY PRIZES.

SIR,—Allow me a little space in your valuable paper to congratulate Mr. Brown, of Edinburgh, on his Champion Exhibition Linnet, which, according to "Thistle Pop's" letter, has only been out of the tickets half a dozen times after being exhibited on nearly sixty occasions. It is in my way of thinking, a bird that deserves great praise. The Linnet is a great favourite of mine, and I am always pleased to hear of, or see, a Champion Linnet.

FRED ALLEN.

PROPOSED OPEN CAGE BIRD SOCIETY FOR STONEHOUSE, N.B.

SIR,—A meeting of the above was held in the Public Hall on the 21st March. A goodly number of fanciers turned up. After considering the matter, Mr. John Whitelaw was elected to take the chair, which he filled in a masterly manner. After a few well-chosen remarks, the chairman called on the fanciers to elect a secretary. Mr. John Govan was elected, and he will be supported by Mr. William Melvin. The next thing was a treasurer. Mr. John Cuthbertson was then elected. The subscription for membership was fixed at 2s. 6d., members to be within an eight-mile radius. That being all the business, the meeting was closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. The next meeting is fixed for the 4th April. Fanciers desirous of becoming members are heartily requested to attend.

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THE BORDER FANCY CLUB AND ITS JUDGES.

SIR,—I am sorry I could not find time to reply to Mr. Steel's remarks in your last issue, but now gladly express my opinion on them. He strikes the nail on the head when he states that there is no such a rule in force in any club in England. My idea is that he might have extended it to the sporting world, for, as far as I can read, it is quite unprecedented in any fancy or hobby. But I think he is wide of the mark when he states that such a rule was wanted; if he had written "imagined" he would have been more to the point. I am afraid after he has had a little more experience in the fancy he will not listen to those "fairy tales" uttered by a few double-faced story-tellers, who I am afraid have poisoned his mind, and who are sweet and fair to a judge before his face yet immediately they get him out of hearing scatter their scandalous remarks to a lot of young fanciers, who, lacking the experience needed to discriminate between the false and the true, believe the most of it. If they would only inquire into those allegations they would find them without foundation. Such men are "ruining our hobby" and poisoning the mind of our young recruits more than any "clique." Let a judge be ever so base, he cannot pass a good bird when placed before him. And as to his jocular remarks and insinuations, if he could not let your readers hear them he might have let them remain unrecorded, as he is only spreading what I have already said may be found mere imagination. On one point I am happy: none of them can with truth be thrown out at myself, as the man is not born yet who I either fear or favour. In answer to Mr. Lambie, I am acting as no mouthpiece for anyone. However, I am disappointed at many swallowing those insults thrown out at them, and calmly "sitting on the fence" to see how the wind blows. Still, that is not my point. I admire discretion and tact, but doubly so independence, and I doubt whether by allowing this to pass they are not laying themselves open to suspicion. I must remind him that I have never stated that "only a few" are able to judge, and his other remark does not bear on the point at issue—the club does not confer the qualification. Re Mr. Reid, I have no intention of ruling the club, and if my health had allowed me I would have been at the meeting and protested against this thing there. As to his remarks re mixed shows, and the Canary member not getting the judge they want, seemingly the fanciers of the other varieties, at least, are not set against those judges who have served them formerly. I do not think I need be reminded that the fancy is composed of working men, who have not money to throw away at shows where they are not successful. If he goes over some of my letters nine years ago to the various papers, he will see that I have always advocated to extend the prize-money further down the class, and give less for a first. By this method novices would get at least a little with which to clear their expenses. I am afraid, even with more judges, if those appointed know their work, things will go the same way as formerly, as sterling ability will always come out on the top.

J. PATTERSON.

HABITS OF THE CROSSBILL.

SIR,—The common Crossbill (*Loxia Curvirostra*) usually builds its nest amongst the upper branches of the Scotch fir, and feeds on the seeds which lie hidden behind the scales of its cones. These he can easily split apart by forcing his beak sideways between the scales. While doing this he has a full view of the seed underneath, with the eye on that side of his head nearest the cone, and he swiftly scoops it out with his tongue. Flocks of Crossbills visit orchards and gardens during autumn for the sake of eating the pips of apples, of which they are very fond, but the fir cone may be deemed their "staff of life" throughout the year. Though plentiful in Germany, these birds are rarely seen in this country, yet at Bournemouth and other places where firs abound they are found, from time to time, feeding in great numbers together, clinging to the trees, too busy to feel fear at the footsteps of a passer-by. If disturbed, they all join in a plaintive cry, which an ancient writer describes as "a fretful, unhappy chirl." The plumage of these birds varies according to their age, sex and time of the year. It may be greenish, reddish, or a mixture of red, green and yellow with brown, and is often brilliant, reminding one of a very small Parrot. In America, during wintry weather, the Crossbill flits fearlessly about the doors of the hunter's log hut, clinging to the wooden walls and pecking at the mud with which the logs are daubed. C. CHANDLER.

THE HYBRID CLASSES AT DUDLEY SHOW.

SIR,—May I beg a small space to reply to "Scotia," whoever he may be. He doesn't sign his name (not that I mind that because I am no respecter of persons), but he proclaims his nationality, and that's something. Now, I like anything Scotch, be it porridge or shortbread, but particularly that with a White Label. I take it from his letter, "Scotia" is another of the believers in that popular fallacy that a young bird bred from a Canary and a Finch is a "Mule." Such a bird is a Hybrid. A Mule can only be bred from an ass and a horse. He also asks: "Are the N.B.B. and M.C. suffering from delusions?" I don't think so; at least, some of them are not; but the title wouldn't sound any the worse if it were altered to N.B.B. and H.C. With regard to the other part of his letter, he is really too profound. I have spent the whole of the time from Saturday to Monday trying to make out whether he intended to be funny, serious, or sarcastic. In fact, it has given me a bad dose of dyspepsia, and left me with a fat head (although I am naturally a bit fat-headed). But what on earth rare foreigners have to do with the Hybrid classes at Dudley Show, goodness knows; I don't. "Scotia" might like to just send me down a few stamps; or perhaps he would let me have a Redpoll and a Bullfinch. Only he must be sure and pay carriage, as I am one of those extremely rare individuals, "poor but honest."

T. JOHNSON.

ROLLER CANARIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to the letter which Mr. Whittaker says has been sent me, I beg to state that I have not received it yet, but at the same time am quite willing to answer his questions, which really were not needed, however, because he ought to be able to understand the letters I have sent him. Question: Why did I return your money on the 10th? Answer: Because I considered that from March 4th to the 9th you had long enough time to consider the final offer that was made you. Question: Who is the mysterious member who accepted your challenge? Answer: As you have backed out of the matches, I do not consider that you are entitled to know his name, and it may interest you to know that several members were quite willing to accept your challenge. Question: Why have I taken the whole thing on my shoulders? Answer: I call this a very cool question to ask, after agreeing that I should arrange the matches for you. As for making you "turn on your words" re singing for the benefit of the funds of the club, you made the offer that you would do so, and you cannot blame me for trying to get you to keep your word. Mr. Whittaker evidently felt aggrieved at the report that appeared, and sent a challenge on a p.c., which arrived on the Saturday, saying he would give £20 to £5 for the benefit of the funds of the club, if his bird did what was reported. By Monday he evidently calmed down a bit, and sent letters to the press cancelling that offer, and in the letters he made a fresh offer. I then wrote to him saying that I would be pleased to arrange the matches for him. He replied and sent £5—£3 was for the two-bird match and £2 for the one-bird match, which he stated was his offer in the press, and on looking at his letter that appeared, this is correct. But in this letter he altered the conditions by saying that if the two-bird match was not taken up the one-bird match was off. I replied saying that I only arranged the matches on condition that the loser paid the money to the funds of the club. His reply was, each to pay half the expenses, or the loser pay the lot, but there must be a side bet of £5, as the expenses would only be a few shillings. I should like to know where the club was going to benefit? In the meantime I had been writing to the member who accepted the challenge, and who agreed with me that Mr. Whittaker was only bluffing. I then wrote to Mr. Whittaker, on March 4th. The letter was posted first thing in the morning, so that he would receive it the same day; the reply came by the last post March 9th, and was to this effect, that he decided to let the whole thing drop. Yet he wants to make out that he did not want it all his own way. Mr. Whittaker is evidently very bigoted against the Glucke birds, and will not admit that the Glucke, which has an extra tour in the song of the birds, should have points. In one of my letters to him I put the following question: If two birds sing as near equal, four tours each, the points would be equal; but if one of these birds brings an extra tour he is entitled to extra points, is he not—no matter what the tour is, Glucke, Koller, Water Roll, Water Glucke, or any other? His reply was that he was surprised at my remarks, etc., and he wound up by saying that it was not worth an answer, which is a very wobbly kind of reply to make to a straightforward question—some would say insulting. The next letter I received from him was after my last letter to the press, in which I stated that I thought he ought to apologise to the judge for inferring that he had acted dishonestly at the Palace Show. In this letter he threatens me. Perhaps I had better give that part of the letter in full. (Copy): "I can't understand why you keep digging at me in the press. I never intended you to answer any of my letters, but I must tell you straight that an apology from me is impossible, as I have done nothing wrong. What I have said are facts, and you know it as well as me. I never said anyone had acted dishonestly, neither am I going to do. I have a lot to say if this is not stopped, but I do hope I shan't need to." Of course, he has not used the word "dishonestly," but his first statement infers it, which is the general impression he meant when he wrote it. Now, Mr. Whittaker, I allow no one to intimidate me, as to what I write to the press in the cause of fair play and justice, and I fail to see that in my letters I have been digging at you. I consider that to serve your own ends you have been making a tool of me as regards the challenges you have thrown out, and events have proved that my first surmise was right—that you were only bluffing. You must not think that because you are a disappointed exhibitor, you are entitled to insult people, and then calmly climb down and try to make the public believe that you are the injured party.

Hon. Sec., B.R.C.C. J. W. NORRIS.

[One paragraph in the above letter, which had reference to Wolverhampton Show, we have been compelled to delete, as it was not only of a libellous nature, but brought in a third party who has not been concerned in this discussion; further, we cannot trace any official record of the matter referred to having been sent for publication.—EDITOR.]

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Like Breeds Like.

Although this phrase has become an adage, it is by no means universally supported. But it is nevertheless a hard fact that the fancier of to-day is more inclined to adhere to its principles than was formerly the case. This, it is not improbable, is chiefly due to the fact that in every one of the popular varieties of to-day there exists more material for the fancier to draw upon when mating his stock than was the case years ago when the varieties were in a more transitionary state. Then the scientific breeder who knew the pedigree of his stock and what it was capable of doing would frequently prefer to mate up a specimen which, externally, appeared less perfect in type than others that were discarded. But in all such cases there was sure to be blood in the chosen bird that was of more valuable service to the breeder than existed in its more typical competitor, and as often as anything the breeder knew to a nicety what aptitude the bird possessed for transmitting certain points to its progeny.

To-day, however, the type is more securely fixed in these varieties, and by reason of their popularity there is no lack of good all-round material to supply all demands, so that the fancier who can afford to secure ready-made material to produce the highest class of birds can generally obtain it. Therefore, it is no uncommon thing to come across breeders now who pin their faith to the principle that like breeds like, and who prefer to mate good, all-round exhibition birds, or birds fit to win in any show, rather than comparatively imperfect specimens which were properly bred to throw a still better type of birds which were formerly considered of more service for stock than the winners themselves. It is simply that as the type becomes more firmly fixed and popularity is responsible for what one might call a redundancy of material, the stock birds naturally advance in type and merge into the perfect show specimens without any marked line of distinction between them.

The Better Way.

All this may appear on first sight rather beside the question, but a careful study of these remarks will serve to show the intimate connection they have with such a case as the query mentioned in the last note. For a novice in particular it is infinitely better to obtain a stock of good, all-round, typical birds to begin with than to attempt to dabble and experiment in such ways as mating an inferior bird on the strength of its parents, or one of them, being a prize-winner.

It is no very uncommon thing for a good bird, capable of winning prizes, to be bred from mediocre stock by a chance lucky hit which, in a sense, is a pure and simple accident of circumstance. It must be apparent to everyone that such a chance bird is a very serious risk in the plan of breeding good stock. It cannot by any means be looked upon as a reliable bird until it has been tested, and is proved by the results obtained from it in the breeding cage.

The Other Extreme.

But whilst we would strongly discourage the use of faulty stock birds, and risky specimens whose powers are unknown until proved by actual experiment, we would also counsel the novice not to pick up the best, all-round specimens haphazard, without regard to anything save that the birds are of good, general, typical qualities. In this case it must invariably mean the expenditure of a fairly large amount of capital for a few excellent birds in themselves, but of which the nature of the produce is eminently uncertain.

If they should happen to be of different strains which are, so to speak, antagonistic to each other, and will not blend together, which is exceedingly likely to be the case, the breeding results will probably be no better than would be obtained from a comparatively cheap and common type of bird. True, there is the chance of picking up a pair or two of birds that blend together, but these lucky chances occur only to the few when fickle fortune happens to be prodigal with favours; and when they do occur the probability is that the fortunate ones have accidentally fallen upon birds of the same strain, or of strains closely related to each other.

It would be infinitely better for the inexperienced hand to make either a point of getting birds of good, all-round type and quality from the same strain, or to place himself in the hands of a well-known breeder-exhibitor, and be guided by his judgment in selecting a pair or two of birds to give him a good start. If he has to limit the number of his purchases to keep within the powers of his pocket in this way he will be far better off in the end; but it is doubtful whether this plan of starting would prove as costly after all as the method of picking up winners haphazard.

Egg-eating and Nesting Notes.

Although not particularly common, the hen who has so far departed from feminine morality as to break and devour her own eggs is sure to be encountered from time to time. And when she does turn up, she is, without exception, about the most hopeless and incorrigible pest the fancier has to deal with. If she should also happen to be a valuable specimen in the breeding cage, her wretched habit is all the more annoying and trying to the patience of the long-suffering fancier.

In any case time and trouble spent in attempting to cure the habit is, we believe, almost, if not quite, labour spent in vain, and therefore one's time and energy may be much better employed in devising plans to save the eggs for some more self-respecting nurse to hatch and rear. With a very little skill and ingenuity this is easily accomplished quite satisfactorily and efficiently by the use of a specially-arranged nest-box or pan as is hereafter described.

The Causes of Egg-eating.

But when a hen appears with this vicious habit, or rather when the eggs begin to disappear in such a way as to lead to the suspicion that they are being eaten, it is best to look around quietly a little and endeavour to find out the real cause of the disappearance. One is apt to jump to the conclusion that it is a vicious habit on the part of the hen, when, indeed, the hen may be perfectly innocent of any such evil intent or malice concerning her future progeny. The cock is rarely suspected of having a hand—a beak, I should have said—in the matter, and yet I imagine he is the guilty party just as often as his partner is. When it occurs with a Mule pair, consisting of a Finch and a hen Canary, I should suspect the cock Finch to be at the root of the mischief in treble the number of cases as his mate figured as the originator, or even more than that.

Then in the great majority of cases which arise I believe it may be traced to some accident to the eggs which causes more or less serious fracture, and allows the contents to escape, which naturally attract the birds' notice; they first pick about the damaged egg inquisitively, taste the contents, find it good and a dainty variant of their usually unvarying diet, and thus acquire a taste for eggs in a natural state, and become egg-eaters. Having acquired the taste they are not long discovering a short way to gratify it whenever eggs either whole or damaged come in their way.

Thus it will be seen that many unsuspected causes may indirectly be responsible for the annoying practice. Among the most frequent are unsuitable nests or nesting material, improper boxes or pans, and excessively long over-grown claws in the case of Canaries, to which may be added as frequent indirect causes in the case of pairs for breeding Hybrids, laying the eggs about the floor of the cage or dropping them from perches. In either case the egg usually meets with irreparable damage, and is beyond all hopes of redemption in any case, whether it leads to egg-eating or not, unless the Hybrid breeder has had the forethought to cover his cage bottom at least an inch deep with sawdust or oat husk, and place the perches low down in the cage when they were prepared for mating the birds.

Overgrown claws should never be found in a breeding couple, and would not occur if the birds were prepared for mating and finally trimmed when being put together as was described in detail on this page at the proper time.

Examine Nesting Materials.

Nesting material should always be carefully examined when being given. Many of the penny nest bags usually sold, which contain a fair proportion of moss in addition to cowhair, will be found to contain tough, strongly-grown, little branchlets of moss with spiky ends on them, which form a really strong and dangerous thorn should the piece of moss be so built into the nest that this spike gradually finds its way through the lining and protrudes inside the nest after it has been finished some time.

In such a case there is a constant danger of the eggs being pierced every time the hen leaves the nest or returns to it. Prevention is the only rational remedy; hence the advice to carefully examine the bags when given and remove any such dangerous branchlets of moss as these.

Improper nests consist of badly-shaped ones, or such as have not enough material used in their construction. This, again, is the cause of the eggs getting damaged, which is quite easily preventable. One should make a point of examining every nest built by the birds themselves before they are set to incubate. Appearances are often deceptive, and what may look like a very trim and cosy nest in a square nest box as it hangs in the cage will, when brought out and looked into, appear a very different structure.

Remedying the Shape.

Perhaps there are splendid sides and a well-constructed cup, but it has also perhaps been hollowed out so vigorously that the nest bottom is conspicuous by its absence, so that the eggs are laid direct on the wooden bottom of the box. Or the box may be simply packed solid with material, except for a little depression in one corner, where again the eggs as soon as laid, and all the time during incubation, must be in direct contact with the wooden sides of the box. This, of course, is all remedied by making a new and properly shaped nest when finally putting the birds to sit. Do not attempt to do it at an earlier stage of the nesting operations, or the probability is that the hen will immediately set to work to re-convert your own dainty nest into another one after her own slovenly heart—or should it be art?—and you will have had all your trouble for nothing.

By using the modern round earthenware nest pans most of these structural failings are rendered practically impossible, and if they are well lined with felt or swansdown linings accidents to the eggs from coming into contact with the hard surface of the pan are equally out of the question.

Nest Pan for Egg-eaters.

This can be made either with an ordinary earthenware nest-pan or the square Norwich nest-box. The pan is to be preferred in some respects, but even the tyro at wood-working will probably make a more decent job out of the wood nest-box to begin with.

First of all make a little wood-shaving box with a cover to slide on and off, about two inches square and two inches deep. An ordinary chip matchbox may be taken as a pattern of what is required except that the box you want will be different in size and shape. The above measurement will be large enough for all purposes, and the shape will not very materially disfigure the appearance of the cages; but, of course, the size may be made to suit the boxes or pans to which they are to be attached. If any difficulty arises in making these boxes, or in getting the necessary wood-shavings, which must be thick ones, about the same as one sees in a matchbox, it is quite possible to make a very good substitute out of thin and easily folded cardboard.

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CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 2: Why some Exhibition Yorkshires Fail to Win Prizes.

Notes on the Drawing on Page 333.

It has been said that the Yorkshire candidate for high exhibition honours should be able to pass through a lady's wedding ring. Why a wedding ring in preference to any other I know not, and further, I should like to say it would have to be rather a plump finger that could wear a ring large enough for even a 6¾ up-to-date Yorkshire Union standard bird to pass through. The wedding ring ideal is only an ideal after all; still it is one which is worth keeping in front of the Fancy, because it will do far more to prevent the Yorkshire becoming a coarse ungainly bird than will any length regulation which may be enforced, good though it is.

Correct in Length and All.

Mr. Norman, in the splendid educational plate which accompanies this article, has given us a portrait of a well-known winner which measures 6½ inches from the top of its head to the end of its tail. A glance at this is sufficient to convince the most confirmed advocate of the "good big 'uns" that here is the bird he wants. This bird is undoubtedly a big one; in fact big enough to satisfy the most inordinate appetite for length and size. If we allow this bird ¼in. for his beak, we at once get a standard 6¾in. bird—full proof that those who argue a 6¾in. bird is a big bird have right upon their side. This "well known winner," as portrayed by Mr. Norman, is, indeed, a most beautiful example of the bird of grace and style. Its erect carriage, its length of leg, its well braced wings and tail, its neat beak, fine head, and general symmetrical outline all stamp it as being of the 22 carat mint, and a bird of type, quality, and style. Its beautiful proportions convey a true sense of what is needed in the exhibition Yorkshire, and the breeder taking this bird, even though it is not put forth as an ideal, as his guide in forming a stud of birds would be certain to keep on the right side of the hedge.

The Very Important Head.

The head is a most important point in any animal or bird intended for exhibition, and Mr. Norman has shown himself to be in touch with the spirit of the times when he gives the most prominent place on the plate to a flat head. This is a great fault, and one which during the last two or three seasons has made considerable encroachments upon the Yorkshire Fancy. Doubtless it has crept in by reason of the desire for a fine head. Still, it is a failing that needs to be kept away from the stud of any breeder who desires to attain the highest honours upon the show bench, as it undoubtedly detracts from the beautiful finish which a good Yorkie should possess.

Introduces "Breed."

Keeping to the left hand of the picture we have a bird which is described as hollow-necked, and too angular at breast. It is all this, and more besides, for it has another fault greater than either of these, and that is, too much substance of skull, especially at the back. It must be remembered that it is impossible for Mr. Norman to show all the faults of a Yorkshire in one single plate. The hollowness of the neck comes from the introduction of too much Belgian blood into a strain. Birds which are hollow in neck are usually very racy and stylish, and show what is called in Yorkshire "a bit of breed," and it is not considered so great a fault in the North as it is in the South, where many of our breeders and judges will not look at a bird unless it possess a well-filled neck. This desire for a well-filled neck sometimes leads them to select birds with quite an opposite failing, and that is a short, thick neck. The angular breast is a very bad fault, because not only does it interfere with the clean run over the breast which a Yorkshire should possess, but it nine times out of ten is the cause of a frilled breast.

Faults of Body and Feather.

Next we have the barrel, or boaty-shaped body. This bird possesses a lot of faults: its head and back are good, but its body is too short and chubby; it is short in the waist, and also short on legs—faults which come generally in breeding from hens which are too stout and short.

"Too stoutly-built, shows frill," says Mr. Norman. This bird is also much too short in tail, it has a good pair of legs, but evidently does not know how to use them. Not a desirable bird for the breeding-room at all.

A good, straight, well-filled back is a desirable feature in an exhibition Yorkshire; but birds which contain a lot of Belgian blood often show a slight hollowness or guttering down the back. Speaking generally, however, such birds are of high merit in other respects, as they are very racy and full of style and swagger, whilst coming from or throwing back to the Belgian blood they are usually fine and short in feather. This bird, as depicted, is a very useful example of the Yorkie, and would, despite its slightly hollow back be able to pick up a few crumbs at the majority of shows.

The Importance of Training.

The picture of this bird, one of the most instructive on the plate, shows us the raw, uncultivated recruit before he has been taken in hand by the drill sergeant. He stands awkwardly, and slouches about, hiding his good points, and exaggerating his bad ones. This is the kind of bird often picked up by an old hand cheap from some young struggling amateur, and which when from a week or two's careful tuition in the art of deportment comes out and surprises people by winning first and special nearly every time it is shown. When this happens, the ignorant ones say, "It could not win for Mr. Novice, but directly he sold it to Mr. Professional it carries all before it. This cannot be fair judging." The bird may be the same, the judge the same, but it is not the same exhibitor, and it is the exhibitor who makes the bird, or mars it. The best Yorkshire ever bred would not and could not win prizes if shown without training.

Crossed Wings.

"Rattling good bird, but crosses his wings" is an oft-repeated show-room expression, and many of our readers will doubtless voice it as they cast their eyes over the slim, graceful specimen, of which our artist laconically says, "crosses wings." The failing is a bad one, and is possessed by many Yorkshires, especially those which are extra long in flights. It sometimes arises from weakness in a particular individual, at other times it is inherited, but no matter how it comes, it is a nasty fault and one which should be avoided. A straight tip to prevent the crossing of wing tips is—Never breed with a hen which shows this objectionable feature.

"Coarse head"; I should think so—and coarse in feather too. An out and out rotter. Bad shaped beak and head, not slim enough in body, very harsh and coarse in feather, and not at all good in carriage, useless either as a stock bird, or a show; in fact, the worst example on the plate, and one which at all costs should be avoided. Such a bird is no use at all except as a songster, and the quicker the breeder shunts such as this, the smaller will be his food bill.

All readers of CAGE BIRDS are indebted to Mr. Norman for this most valuable and instructive chart as to why some Yorkshires do not win. Its value is great, and from a careful examination of it the veriest tyro of the Fancy will be able to grasp the why and the wherefore of the non-success of any birds which he may have in his possession.

Scale of Exhibition Points.

(As drawn up by The Yorkshire Canary Club.)

CLEAR BIRDS.

SHAPE—Head, small and round: skull, narrow..	5
Neck, moderately long, straight	5
Shoulders, narrow, rounded, and well filled..	5
Back, long, straight, well filled: wings, long and evenly carried	5
Breast, round and smooth, the body long and gradually tapering to a neat waist..	5
Legs, long, without being stilty, thighs well clothed	5
Tail, long, straight, and closely folded ..	5
SIZE—Length, 6¾ inches, with corresponding symmetrical proportions	10
POSITION—Attitude erect, with fearless carriage, head, neck, back, and tail in straight line	20
FEATHER—Short, close, tight, compact body feather, and close carriage of wings and tail	20
COLOUR—Pure body colour; beak, legs, and feet clear	5
CONDITION—Health, cleanliness and sound feather	10
Total	100

An important announcement in connection with CAGE BIRDS' CHARTS will be found on page 324 this week.

"Cock Robin and Co., Limited."

An Interesting Lecture by F. B. Kirkman, B.A., before the Highgate, Hampstead and District C.B.S.

An excellent lecture, illustrated by the aid of splendid lantern slides, was given by F. B. Kirkman, Esq., B.A., before the members of the Highgate, Hampstead, and District Cage Bird Society, at their headquarters, Spencer Hall, N.W., on January 20th. Mr. Geo. Gardner presided, and there was a numerous attendance, many ladies being amongst the audience.

Mr. Kirkman began by expressing the opinion that there was a vast disparity between what we knew about the commonest of our wild birds and what we did not know. He then proceeded, after a few other initial observations, to state that the Robin (an excellent view of which was thrown upon the screen, as was the case with other birds during the lecture) had a curious habit of feeding which was quite different from that of the large majority of birds. Starlings feed in flocks; Ravens in pairs; but Robins, in the winter and in the autumn, feed absolutely alone.

A Private Estate.

When the breeding season was over, the Robins divided the country into "estates," each Robin taking its own particular corner. It was then that the trouble began, and the feathers commenced to fly. Each Robin defended his "estate" from marauders of its own species. There was one Robin to each "estate," and as a result the strongest Robin for the largest stretch, and if one Robin trespassed into another Robin's "country" he was quickly chased out again. Mr. Kirkman had tested this point for himself, and found it true, and the slides gave the audience a clear view of the way in which these "estates" were cut up.

All the Robins, the lecturer said, struggle for the ground, as on it they find the food provided for the winter. Some of the weaker of the Robins get a small "estate," and as a result a limited scope for food supply; often they trespassed on the stronger Robin's "land" and got killed as a result. How, he was led to inquire, did this strange arrangement come about?

The young Robin had not the red breast of the adult bird, but if they pulled out breast feathers from a young bird they would find that, a little way down, it was red. This red came to the surface by the continuous wearing away of the tips of the feathers, thus leaving a red breast. The Robin belonged to the same family, amongst others, as the Nightingale, Thrush, Wheatear, and Stonechat.

Mr. Kirkman, in alluding to a young Blackbird shown on the screen, said he found it in a field. He heard it, and went to look for it. For some time he could not find it, but eventually discovered it was several yards away. He thus concluded that it was possessed of certain ventriloquial powers calculated to deceive as to its exact whereabouts.

Willow Wren and Other Birds.

Another interesting item in the lecture was a description of the Willow Wren feeding her young. The Willow Wren, said the lecturer, is a bird that comes to us in the summer. It is of a colour not easy to see as it creeps about like a mouse; but once its note had been heard they would always be able to distinguish it. He once watched a pair feeding their young, and the hen seemed to take no notice of him, though he stood only a few yards away; but the cock bird would not approach for some time. He had a grub in his mouth, and did not come nearer than two or three yards distance. At last he gave up the task, swallowed the grub himself, and went to look for another.

Mr. Kirkman then alluded to the enormous mortality amongst young birds. This he attributed largely to ignorance on the part of the young in trying to leave the nest too soon. He had seen a young bird fly straight into a pond! Beautiful slides showing young Thrushes, also young Garden Warblers in the nests followed, and then came a masterly picture of the hen Missel Thrush feeding her brood. The wonderful care exercised by the mother bird in feeding her young, and her patience, were commented upon by the lecturer, who emphasized the care with which she made certain that the food went down the throat of the young bird.

They Soon Grow Up.

The extraordinary rapidity of growth of young birds in the nest was alluded to. For instance, young Blackbirds when first hatched would not measure more than two inches; in two weeks' time they measured six inches, thus trebling their bulk. This he attributed to the enormous quantity of food which the young absorbed, as they could stand being gorged without "turning a hair." A Blackbird sitting quietly in her nest, a young Flycatcher, the Willow Wren, and the Stonechat's nests and eggs were each shown, followed by a Blackbird's nest, on which the lecturer asked the question—Which bird builds the nest, the cock or the hen? As a general rule, he concluded, the hen did so, but occasionally the cock took a hand.

How?

Robins were not particular where they built their nests, said the lecturer, who then raised a most important point—How does a bird learn to build its nest? The theory that held the field up to the present was that birds built their nests by instinct. It was said that if you hatched a Greenfinch's egg under a hen Canary that the Greenfinch, if a hen, the first time it built would build the nest of a Greenfinch.

Among the other slides shown was one which brought home to all the distressing circumstances under which Aigrettes were obtained, and the mortality and suffering inflicted upon the young birds who were left to starve to death on account of the slaughter of the old birds. The lecturer appealed to ladies to refuse to buy these feathers.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer, saying that it was of intense interest and full of instruction, and the Society was fortunate in having been honoured by Mr. Kirkman at its initial meeting. Mr. Reynolds (Secretary) seconded, and Mr. Kirkman, in reply, invited an expression of opinion as to the question of nest building raised in his lecture.—The Chairman said he did not think that fanciers generally had gone into it, as although Greenfinches were hatched under hen Canaries for muling purposes, it was usually the cock bird that was utilised. Perhaps some Canary breeder might throw light upon the question.

Thanks were accorded to all who had assisted in making the gathering a success; also to the Chairman, and unanimously carried.

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A Hindoo, who possessed a Parrot, taught it to say nothing else but, "There is no douht about that." One day the man took the bird to a sale. An hour or two later a man went up to the bird and said, "Are you worth 100 rupees?" The Parrot replied, "There is no doubt about that." The man bought the bird, took it home with him, and then said to it, "What a fool I was to buy you?" The Parrot replied, "There is no douht about that!"—Sent by W. Alderson, age 13, Heslington Lane, Fulford, near York.

**Objected to being Plucked.

Jackdaws live to a great age; some people say they thrive for 50 years. I once had a Jackdaw myself, but it died when it was about two years old. It was kept in the same yard as a large Turkey cock. The little bird did not like the Turkey, and being a brave little Jackdaw it pulled some of the Turkey's feathers out, and of course the Turkey did not like this. As soon as it got a chance the turkey with its strong beak killed my poor pet.—Sent by Walter Burgess (age 14), 38, Fieldhead Street, Listerhills Road, Bradford.

*A Summer Visitor.

The Blackcap Warbler is a summer visitor to England, and is a very familiar song-bird, whose voice is considered by some to be second only to the Nightingale. It arrives about the first week in April, and leaves again about the end of September. When it first arrives its chief food is the early ripened berries of the ivy, and, where these are, there the Blackcaps are first to be heard singing. By the time the ivy-berries are over the larvæ of small moths become plentiful, and these form the chief food of the Blackcap until the strawberries and cherries become ripe. The male Blackcap is nearly 6 inches in length, the upper part of the head is black, the back of the neck ashy-brown, and the body more or less grey; the bill is brown, and the eyes hazel. The female is of larger size, and the crown of the head is of a snuff-brown or rust colour. Gardens, orchards, and thick hedges are the favourite haunts of the Blackcap, where in some low bush it usually builds its nest, depositing therein from four to six eggs of a greyish-brown colour.—Sent by M. Palfreyman, age 12, Cook's Cross, South Molton, N. Devon.

Last week Master Weighell, of Bedlington, should have had a star against his contribution, as winner of a prize.

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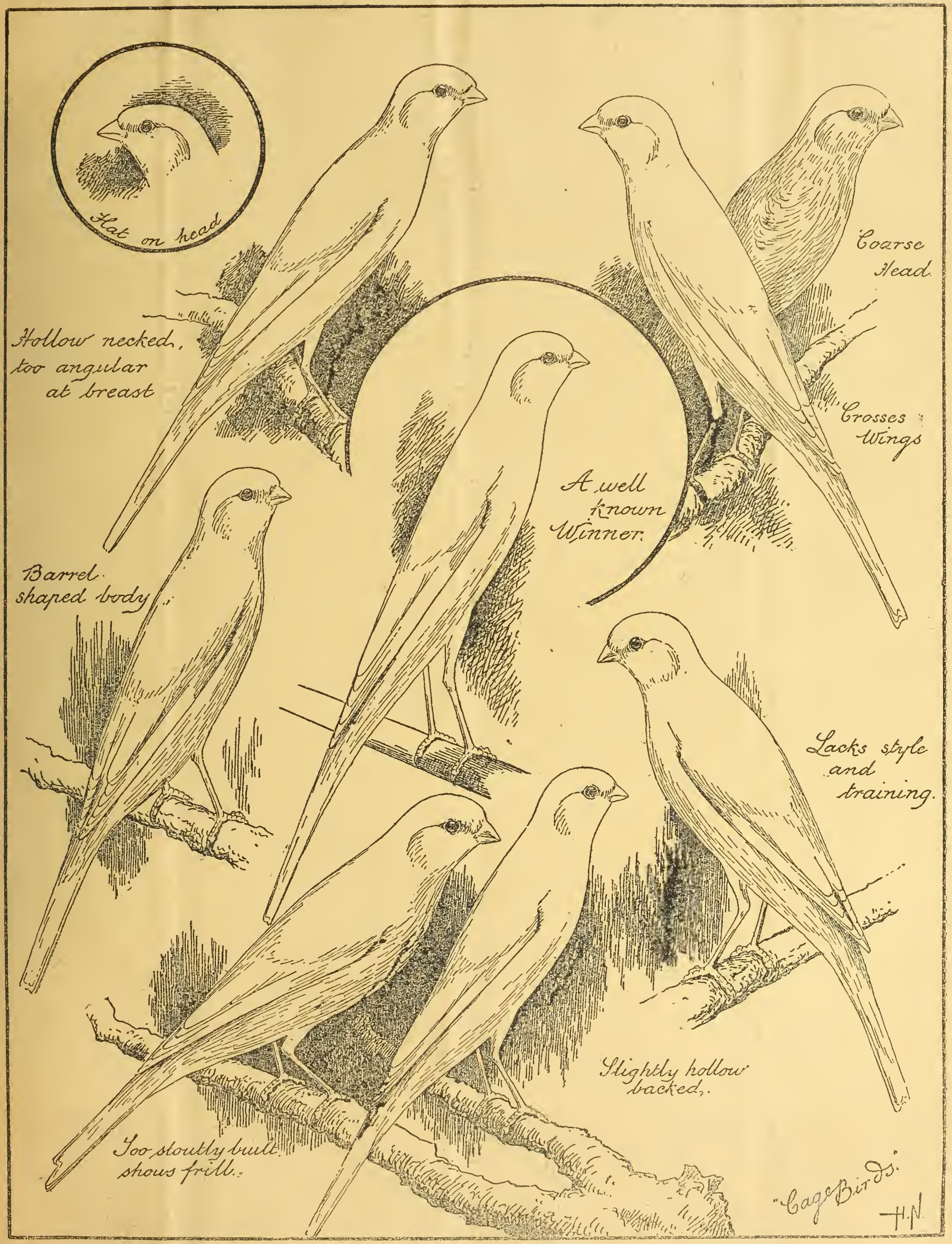

CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 2: WHY SOME EXHIBITION YORKSHIRES FAIL TO WIN PRIZES.

(See Notes on Drawing on page 332.)

Some Notes on the Roller Canary.

By J. W. NORRIS.

A Lecture delivered before the Members and Friends of the City and Suburban A.C.B. on March 23.

In giving you these few notes on the Roller Canary, I must confess I am very dubious about making them interesting to you, as it must be a unique experience for you to listen to something about a bird you are not interested in.

The Song of the Roller.

A more fascinating hobby it would be difficult to find. Apart altogether from the breeding of the birds as a hobby, there is an attraction about it that appeals to the Roller Canary breeder to try and produce song. One never knows what kind of song will be produced, as to a certain extent song production has to rely on nature. As with the human voice, one cannot with any amount of training turn a tenor singer into a bass singer, so with the training of a Roller Canary. One cannot turn a high tenor Roller into the deep bass Roller which we all so much admire. It is really wonderful, when we come to think of it, that such a small bird can be bred and trained to produce such wonderful deep rolls.

As regards the song of the present day contest singer we find, as a rule, that these birds have only five or six rolls—hollow roll, schockel, bell roll, bass roll, flute notes and glucks—which is very nice, but at the same time somewhat monotonous. One hears this remark passed at the different shows, and it behoves the Roller fancier of to-day to breed more tours into the song of their birds By doing so they will not only make the bird more atractive to the general public, but score more points with their birds, and so stand a better chance of being prize-winners.

There is not the least doubt that the craze for purity of song, which came into existence a few years ago in Germany, has caused the birds at the present time to have so few tours; thereby also some beautiful tours have disappeared from the birds' song. But I am pleased to say that the Germans have seen the great error they made and are trying to rectify it. At one of the late big shows held at Berlin one of the three judges said in his report, re the first prize-winner (I might mention that the birds were shown in teams of six), "the song of these birds was stamped with an interesting and remarkable uniformity, and in regard to their music, as compared with birds of the Seifert strain, I can only express it by instancing the difference between the music of Wagner and that of Beethoven. The Seifert birds distinguished themselves by their soft and sonorous hollow passages, and the exhibitor's birds by their touching gurgling and bubbling song passages. Although these birds betrayed their descent from birds of the Seifert strain, we recognized in them an entirely new style of song, which in its perfection not only stands on a par with the Seifert bird, but even surpasses him, in that it contains, in addition to the excellent passages of theSiefert bird, gurgling, kollerlike, and gluck-like water rolls in quite extraordinary depth. One was at a loss which more to admire, the wonderful deep, gluck-sounding, bubbling song passages, or the distinguished repose, softness and ease with which these birds apparently rendered their deep tours."

We therefore see by this report that these beautiful tours can be bred into the song of the bird, and if our friends the Germans can do it, I see no reason why we in England, after a time, should not be able to do the same. At least I hope that the fancier here will have a good try.

Germany Sets the Example.

The Roller, as I daresay you all know, is entirely German, having been cultivated by them for the past 300 years, and they are more keen on the song of the bird than ever. No other variety is the same to the German as the Edel Roller, which is not to be wondered at when we consider to what perfection they have brought the song of the bird at the present time. In Germany every little town has its Roller Society, the same as we have in this country for the ordinary varieties. Every member of the society, too, is a Roller breeder, so that it is not to be wondered at that there are an enormous numbers of Rollers imported into this country every year, which, to my mind, could be bred here and with very great advantage to the working men of this country.

About the first German of note was William Trute, a simple minor of St. Andreasberg. This fancier, by careful breeding, training, etc., was able to produce in his birds some 20 odd tours or changes in his birds, which so became the rage, and there was a great rush for his birds. Breedors, however, found they could not breed the same kind of song without having a lot of faulty tours; hence the cry for purity of song. It has been said that Trute had a secret way of breeding and training his birds, and that when he died the secret died with him. Whether this is right I am not in a position to say; but one thing is certain, that the craze for purity was the cause of more than half of the tours disappearing.

The next fancier to appear and set a fresh craze was Henrich Siefert, a man whose birds were the admiration of all who heard them, but whose reign was cut short by having to leave the country. At the present time nearly every Roller is called Siefert. As Shakespeare has said, What's in a name? This very aptly applies to the man Siefert. His name is known wherever the Roller is known. Everybody calls his birds Sciferts. Everybody buying birds wants "Sieferts," and every advertiser advertises "Sieferts" from 4s. 6d. upwards. But they are not Sieferts; the name is misleading. Not one bird in a 1,000 is a pure Siefert, because the Siefert bird has been bred into other strains so much that there is very little left of the song of the original, and thousands of so-called "Siefert" birds are not "Sieferts" at all, but simply called that for trade purposes.

I remember a few years back that a letter came from Mrs. Siefert, and in that she stated that not one in a thousand German breeders ever had a feather from the Siefert room. That being the case, it is remarkable where all the "Sicfert" birds have come from.

Now, it is a fact that before Siefert brought his birds to perfection, that he used to kill each year all the hens he was not going to use, so that nobody could say that he had Siefert's strain. After he had got his birds to that perfection which made his name famous, I believe I am right in stating that it was next door to impossibility to get a pair of birds from him. He would sell them singly, so that breeders could only have half a strain.

By this you see that there can be very few pure Sieferts about. Also the present day song of the birds proves that they are not Siefert. It is very seldom you hear a bird on the show bench with a good deep bass roll.

The Breeding of Rollers.

As regards the breeding of Rollers, they are very easy to breed. At one time of day it was considered that you could not breed Roller Canaries here unless you used heat, owing to the birds being so delicate. There is not the least doubt that the ordinary Roller Canaries that come over here on sticks are delicate and that a great proportion of them are hens, which are sold as cocks—a fact which many have found out to their sorrow. One of the reasons is that the birds are delicate through excessive inbreeding. Also they are bred in too much heated rooms.

The Germans who breed for the English market start very early; consequently the system of breeding is to put so many cocks and about seven times the number of hens into a room altogether. The nest boxes are placed all over the room, the seed and water being placed on the ground. All the breeder does each day is to give fresh water and throw fresh seed down on the floor—a very easy way of breeding a number of birds.

As regards the inbreeding, the mischief of it is the breeder does not know what cock bird the young ones are from, so that the next year the mother and daughter, father and son, are all mixed up together, and the year after that the inbreeding is worse. This refers mostly to Hartz Mountain Rollers, where the poorer class breed these birds not for the song, but simply for quantity.

I have seen such a room as I have described in this country, and I must say that the general effect was very pretty. When the breeding season was in full swing the nest boxes were dotted all over the room, the birds flying about, some building their nests, some feeding the youngsters in one nest or flying to another nest and feeding others; two hens fighting for a particular nest; when one had got some nesting material in, the other would put it out.

I am not able to say how they got on at the finish, but I noticed two hens in one nest—one sitting on the other. The breeder told me that there was a nest full of eggs, but all clear. What good eggs he had he used to divide between them, and he used to have clear eggs by the hundreds. With the better class bird the usual way of breeding is with one cock and five or six hens. Some put more, some less, in a large open wire cage. I daresay a good many of you have seen them at the Palace show. The nest boxes hang on the outside—a convenient way of breeding. But it seems to me that there must be a lot of clear eggs. Unless there was heat in the room it must be cold for the birds. Personally, I prefer the wood box cage, each hen having a cage to herself. I also run one cock to two hens, and the percentage of clear eggs is very small in comparison with the other systems.

(To be continued.)

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OBSERVATIONS ON SOME BRITISH FINCHES.

By J. S. CRAWFORD.

(Continued from No. 295).

The Hawfinch Considered.

We now come to the Hawfinch (*coccothraustes vulgaris*), known locally as Common Grosbeak, Cherry Finch, Cobble Bird, Haw Grosbeak, Chuck, etc. This Finch is not nearly so common as the Greenfinch, although I understand he is on the increase.

Like the Goldfinch and Bullfinch, the Hawfinch is most conspicuous about the head, the bill appearing to the casual observer as being too big and unwieldy for its bearer, but to my mind it tends to give him a majestic appearance. The Hawfinch cannot possibly be mistaken for any other Finch or even British breeding bird, and is the largest of his family.

As already stated, his outstanding feature is his enormous bill. The throat feathers round the base of the bill are black; the cheeks and crown, dark or reddish-brown; nape, ashy-grey; back, dark or reddish-brown; and the wings are also black. The Hawfinch mates about the beginning of May, and builds, unlike the Greenfinch, a very tidy nest of twigs and lichens, lined with hair and small roots.

The nest is usually placed on the under branches of trees, in bushes, and at times the ivy growing round the trees.

Three to five is the usual clutch, and the eggs are greenish-grey, spotted with brown and streaked with black. The Hawfinch is in no way a songster, having merely a low, plaintive note.

Like the Bullfinch and Greenfinch, the Hawfinch has incurred the gardener's deadly enmity, and the severe punishment meted out to it is, I believe, the cause of the bird's shyness, and this can be easily understood. The gardener maintains that the Hawfinch destroys his peas, cherries, etc., which is quite true, for I have seen many rows of promising peas destroyed by the Hawfinch in a few hours, his great bill doing great destruction among the ripening shoots; but we must not overlook the fact that the Hawfinch feeds its young almost exclusively on insects, thus proving of service to the agriculturist and gardener. The Hawfinch also includes in his diet berries and seeds, such as beech, yew, hawthorn, and hornbeam.

As a cage bird the Hawfinch is not of much account, but of late years it has come to the front as a show bird, many splendid specimens being exhibited at the various shows throughout the season.

A Friend of the Chaffinch.

We now come to the Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*).

This bird, called also Bramble Finch, almost defies description, being strangely spangled indeed. My readers, however, will easily recognise him by his being about the size of the commonest of the Finches—the Chaffinch—but stoutish, with the head and back of neck mottled in black and grey, breast, throat, and chin, yellow fawn, with pale yellow on the under parts. The rump is white, and this is very noticeable when the bird is in flight.

He only visits us in numbers from the north during hard frost or when severe winter weather is prolonged, thus driving him south in search of food. When foraging for food he congregates with the Chaffinches, Linnets, Redpolls, and the like. He is a very shy bird, and takes flight easily, and when disturbed will almost invariably make for the shelter of trees.

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An Interesting Question Night.

Are Early Marriages a Mistake?

The L. and P.O.S. Discuss this Weighty Problem.

At the last meetiug of the London and Provincial O.S. a number of members and friends met with the object of holding a "question" evening. Mr. J. W. Ramsden occupied the chair. For the benefit of novice readers, we may say that the idea of a "question" evening consists in the members dipping their hands into a hat and picking out at random questions which have been written on slips of paper beforehand. Sometimes a member will get a question which he is not in the least fitted to answer, and considerable resource and ingenuity is therefore needed on his part to meet the difficulty. On the other hand, it may so happen that a question will fall into the right hands, and then the company present are treated to an interesting and instructive reply.

A question relating to the treatment of egg-bound hens was in progress when we entered the room. Mr. Oldaker, that veteran metropolitan fancier, was prescribing a few drops of cod-liver oil sprinkled over the egg food, with a few drops of gin in the ailing bird's drinking water. He was of the opinion that one of the most relaxing of seeds was linseed. The question arose of the effect niga seed had on egg binding. Mr. Hudson thought that niga possessed valuable curative properties, but Mr. Couzens declared that his experience was not in favour of niga, as although he had always given his birds plenty of niga, he frequently suffered from cases of egg binding. Mr. Matthes recorded his verdict in favour of cod-liver oil and brown sugar. Mr. Lambert Brown had a fondness for niga seed, but said that it had a tendency to fatten.

Colour Feeding from the Nest.

The question that Mr. Tringham extracted from the hat was as follows:—"Is colour feeding from the nest harmful or otherwise?" Mr. Tringham said the question was a ticklish one. In his opinion and experience the results were scarcely sufficient to justify the trouble. The idea of colour feeding from the nest was, he understood, chiefly to prepare the youngsters for the young bird shows. The speaker referred to the special preparations made by Messrs. Spratts and other firms which were of assistance in colour feeding from the nest. Mr. Couzens approved most heartily of the practice. He colour-fed all his young birds, as he found that it accustomed them to the taste of the colour feeding. It was most difficult to get the old bird sometimes to take on colour feed, but the young one that had been trained to take it from his early days never refused it later on. The Chairman said that the chief advantage of colour feeding young birds from the nest consisted in the improvement it effected in the colour of the flights and tails. It was also of service—as Mr. Conzens had pointed out—in getting the young birds accustomed to the colour feed, which was a necessity later on. Mr. Tringham thought there was a difficulty in the way of colour feeding from the nest for anyone who believed, as he did, in the milk sop theory, that colour feed made the milk sop unpalatable. Mr. Ramsden said that his method of administering the colour feed to young birds was to make sponge cakes in which a certain amount of colour feed had been mixed. He gave it this way to the old birds during the moult; it was grated up and administered dry. It was stated that fully 50 per cent. of present-day breeders colour fed from the nest.

Waking Up Lazy Birds.

Mr. Hawes, putting his hand into the hat, drew out the question: "How would you bring a bird into condition that seemed lazy and heavy?" In answer, the speaker was of the opinion that such a state of things arose from constipation and over-fatness. His experience was practically confined to British birds, and his answer would therefore only apply to that section of the fancy. He would give an ailing British bird of that character a course of very light Epsom salts, feeding it with plain food, of course. At the same time he would take one ounce of isinglass, put in in an oven in a small jar, moistened with a little water, and when this had run into fluid he would take it out and let it cool into a jelly. He then would take a small sponge cake, mix the izinglass with the cake, and some more seed, give a spoonful every day in the water with a little sherry wine, and half a teaspoonful of colour food in the drinking water. One week's treatment in this manner was generally sufficient with him to cure any bird suffering from laziness. He would vary the dose and the proportion of the ingredients according to the size of the bird being treated. Mr. Dobson said that one of the best tonics he knew for Canaries was half-quartern of sherry wine with enough quinine as would cover a sixpenny piece. A little of this mixture put into the drinking water was a most effectual stimulant. Mr. Picard was a believer in the ordinary orange quinine wine. Mr. Hawes said that he always kept in his house a quartern bottle of Epsom salts with a little whisky in it.

Mr. Couzens drew the question as to whether, in mule breeding, one could expect the best results from the mating of Finch cock and Canary hen, or Canary cock and Finch hen. Mr. Couzens said his experience of Mule breeding was limited, but he thought it was generally understood that it was best to have the hen Canary.

Buff Cock to Yellow Hen?

Mr. R. J. Pretty drew another question about mating: "In Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, was it better to mate the buff cock to the yellow hen, or the yellow cock to the buff hen?" He replied that it depended greatly upon the birds to be selected. For himself, he preferred to mate the buff cock to the yellow hen, especially if he wished to produce size. Mr. Ramsden thought that the other alternative generally resulted in producing better heads and birds generally of better type. Mr. Lambert Brown thought that, given birds of equal quality, the result would be the same.

Colour Feeding Borders.

Mr. Dobson was asked: "Should Borders be colour fed?" and in his reply seemed inclined to the affirmative. It was stated, he said, that colour feeding coarsened the feather, but he did not think it did. He attended a bird show at Clapham last season, and had seen two birds winning prizes which in his opinion had undoubtedly been colour fed. Another speaker thought that it was highly probable that the majority of Borders at the present day were colour fed, if only very lightly. It was impossible for even a most careful judge to detect a bird which had been colour fed with discrimination. Mr. Cunningham said that a well-known authority on Borders advocated the feeding of Borders with nasturtiums. He had bred Borders for the last eight or nine years, and also used nasturtiums and dandelions. He thought that green blood gave a fine colour without any other assistance, but he believed in improving the colour of Borders by natural means. The question was asked as to whether raw pods gave the same result as the prepared article, and the answer was that there were pods and pods. If you got the right kind of pods you would get practically the same result.

Mr. Pretty was asked whether he considered the Chaffinch and Bramble Finch true Finches or a link between the Buntings? He thought that a very difficult question. He thought there must be a link somewhere, and the fact that he had seen a Chaffinch disgorge its food influenced him in believing that it might have some relation to the Buntings.

When ought a Bird to be Bred with?

The most exciting question of the evening was the last one, drawn by Mr. Ramsden: "Was it better to breed with young birds in their first season, or to let them rest for a season?" Mr. Ramsden thought no breeder ought to use a bird before it was eighteen months old. There were exceptions, of course, to every rule, but as a general principle he advocated the turning of the hens into one room and the cocks into another, out of sight and out of hearing, consequently out of mind. His friend Mr. T. Heath, who would be known to them all as one of the most successful breeders of his time, was also a believer in this principle, and he remembered very well seeing the huge flights which Mr. Heath used for the purpose of caging up his young abbots and uuns. Mr. Crabb, their worthy ex-chairman, also held the same belief. The Canary breeder had to remember that going through a show season was a most exhausting experience for a bird, and consequently it was necessary to prepare the constitution of young birds by giving them plenty of reserve force. The late Mr. Greame, a world-famous breeder of Belgian Canaries, never bred with a bird until it was two years old. This was a fact endorsed by Mr. Dobson, who declared that Mr. Greame had the finest lot of Belgians he had ever seen. He remembered going into Mr. Greame's rooms and seeing 300 Canaries flying in a flight cage, and healthier or more cheerful specimens he never wished to see. There were Cinnamons, Yorkshires, Scotch Fancies and Belgians. So the principle applied equally well to one variety as to another.

Mr. Hawes was inclined to disagree with the idea. In a state of nature, he pointed out, young birds bred as soon as they arrived at their proper growth. This argument was combated by the statement that Canaries do not live a natural life, and consequently do not come under the same conditions. Mr. Ramsden then proceeded to touch on the case of a Cinnamon breeder very well known in former times, from whom he had bought some of the most wonderfully healthy birds he had ever had in his possession. These birds had each had their liberty in the open air for eighteen months before he purchased them. He found them flying in a huge flight, and the seller stated that they had never been bred with, though he had found eggs in the flight. Mr. Matthes thought the whole question resolved itself into whether a Canary breeder could afford the space to cage off his birds, and whether he could afford to keep his birds separate for so long a period. He advocated a compromise, and thought a breeder might take an eighteen months old cock and put it up with a young hen. Upon another speaker making the suggestion that perhaps it would be better to have a young cock and mate it with an old hen, the Chairman declared that young cocks were like young men, somewhat rash and a little erratic. He thought that it was always best to rely upon an old bird as a cock. Speaking about the Yorkshire breeders, for whom he had a great admiration, and who, he thought, could give points to most of the Southern breeders in every respect, he said that it was the custom in Yorkshire in almost every bird room for the young birds to be put aside. Mr. Hawes queried whether the reserving of a bird in this manner did not have a tendency to make it lose stamina, and prevent the evolution of its natural tendencies. Another speaker said that it was undeniable that the same pair would breed better birds the second year of their lives irrespective of whether they had been bred from or not.

Mr. Matthes thought that the object of the Yorkshireman in reserving his young birds was to keep them as show specimens. It was certainly a fact that reserving a show bird in such a manner improved it as a show specimen. Mr. Ramsden thought they could not do better than follow the example of the North-countrymen. As a rule a Northern fancier went deeper into matters than they did in the South. Every bird was marked, and all the problems of breeding were carefully and patiently considered. They had sufficient strength of mind to set their young birds on one side, and they reaped the benefit in stock improved both in health and quality. Mr. Hawes questioned whether it was not all a waste of space and a waste of time, and a waste of the bird's natural vigour. The seasons arrive and stimulate the bird's natural propensity to reproduce its kind, and to disregard nature's injunction was to fly in the face of providence, as it were. Mr. Ramsden pointed out that the breeder who reserved his young birds did not feed them up, consequently there was not the same material heat in these youngsters as there would be if they followed the ordinary proceeding and gave the young birds aphrodisiacs in the shape of stimulating foods. The tendency in the Southern fancier was to get all he could while he could, and hang the consequences. He had seen birds up in Yorkshire bred from in their sixth year and after.

Mr. Matthes: But there is a great difference in the climate up North. Mr. Oldaker: The air is much purer, and the conditions altogether different. Mr. Lambert Brown thought that it was the ruin of many young birds to try and get too much out of them in their first season. The Chairman then referred to the case of a bird that he had sold to Mr. Pond, the well-known chemist, of Fleet-Street, and argued from it that bachelordom on the part of a Canary was conducive to longevity. This particular bird had been kept by Mr. Pond for sixteen years in the one cage unpaired. But the Chairman did not think they would get any breeding bird to last for so long a period. Mr. Hawes: That bird did not have any chance of hearing a hen. Mr. Ramsden: No. I don't suppose it did. Mr. Hawes: My idea is that one ought to follow nature as closely as possible. I have known a bird fall dead off its perch through sexual excitement and through not being allowed his natural outlook. Upon the question being raised as to how long a bird took before it reached maturity, the Chairman thought that from 18 months to two years generally covered the period. Mr. Dobson said that the Lancashire was an exception to this, as it sometimes took 5 or 6 years before reaching maturity.

The time for breaking up the meeting then arrived, and a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for so ably presiding closed a most interesting little discussion.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

Spring Dress.

A pair of Robins have nested in one corner of the Park, and the cock bird daily visits our garden and aviaries for food, taking a bee line over the fence to his mate. The Robin is a general feeder, and we have noticed him vary his usual diet of worms with small seeds, crumbs, and the mixed meal left over by the fowls. The plumage of wild birds is just now at its best, and the Robin is no exception to the rule. His ruddy breast is brighter than ever; the touch of grey at the neck, partaking more of the silvery colouring of the back of a Bullfinch, than the dull grey, scarcely discernable during the autumn and winter. One cannot but notice this brightening of plumage in birds (even in species devoid of bright colour). I happened to get within a dozen yards or so of a Jackdaw, unnoticed by him. His plumage was glistening with reflected light, as though some master hand had just prepared him for exhibition, and "massage" with a silk handkerchief had given an ebon polish to the hard feathers; the grey neck patch, too, was quite silvery in tone. As he stood on the old lichen and moss-grown stump he and his surroundings made a picture of surpassing beauty. Here is an instance of a common black bird so improved by healthy, vigorous condition, incidental to the season, as to claim more than a passing notice; and so we shall find through the whole list of our wild birds this increase of beauty, in some species so pronounced as to make the uninitiated almost think they have discovered some feathered rarity.

Persistent Singers.

Thrushes and Blackbirds will sometimes sing while standing upon the ground, especially in the Spring and early Summer months.

Birds and Moths.

Birds will frequently chase moths, as if in sport, catch them, and after carrying them some distance, let them go. One has been observed to be caught by one swallow and flutter away.

Early Nesting in Edinburgh.

Nearly a fortnight ago, says a writer in an Edinburgh daily paper, I noticed a female Blackbird collecting building material in my garden. I watched it carefully and discovered the nest. The bird is now sitting on three eggs. Is this not very early for this district?

Trapping Jackdaws.

One of the illustrated papers gave a curious picture recently of a method of trapping large birds. Paper bags are laid upon the snow with food placed on or near them. When the birds have become used to the sight of the bags, the bait is placed inside, together with a little bird-lime. When attempting to feed, the limed bag adheres to the head, the bird is unable to see, and floundering about is easily caught. Both Jackdaws and Crows are caught in this way.

Hooded Crows.

The Hooded Crows are collecting in flocks to leave our shore for their Scandinavian homes. The gamekeeper and the farmer will be glad to see the last of them for a season; eggs are not safe in the covert, or preserved water side, and young chicks and ducklings have a mysterious habit of disappearing when the Hoodies are about. These birds are larger than the ordinary Crows, and are consequently more powerful. They are mischievous and prying, and will do much more damage to breeding Wildfowl than either Hawk or Gull. During severe weather they prey upon weak or wounded birds, half starved Thrushes and Redwings, frequently furnishing them with a meal. The Hoodie never suffers in the severe weather.

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EXCHANGE yellow Belgian cock, cost 30/-, for a good singing Canary.—F. T. Boreatton Park, Baschurch, Salop.

BUFF Yorkshire cock, first Waterhouses, 14/6 exchange Hawfinch good Norwich; offers. Boswell, South-st., Redditch.

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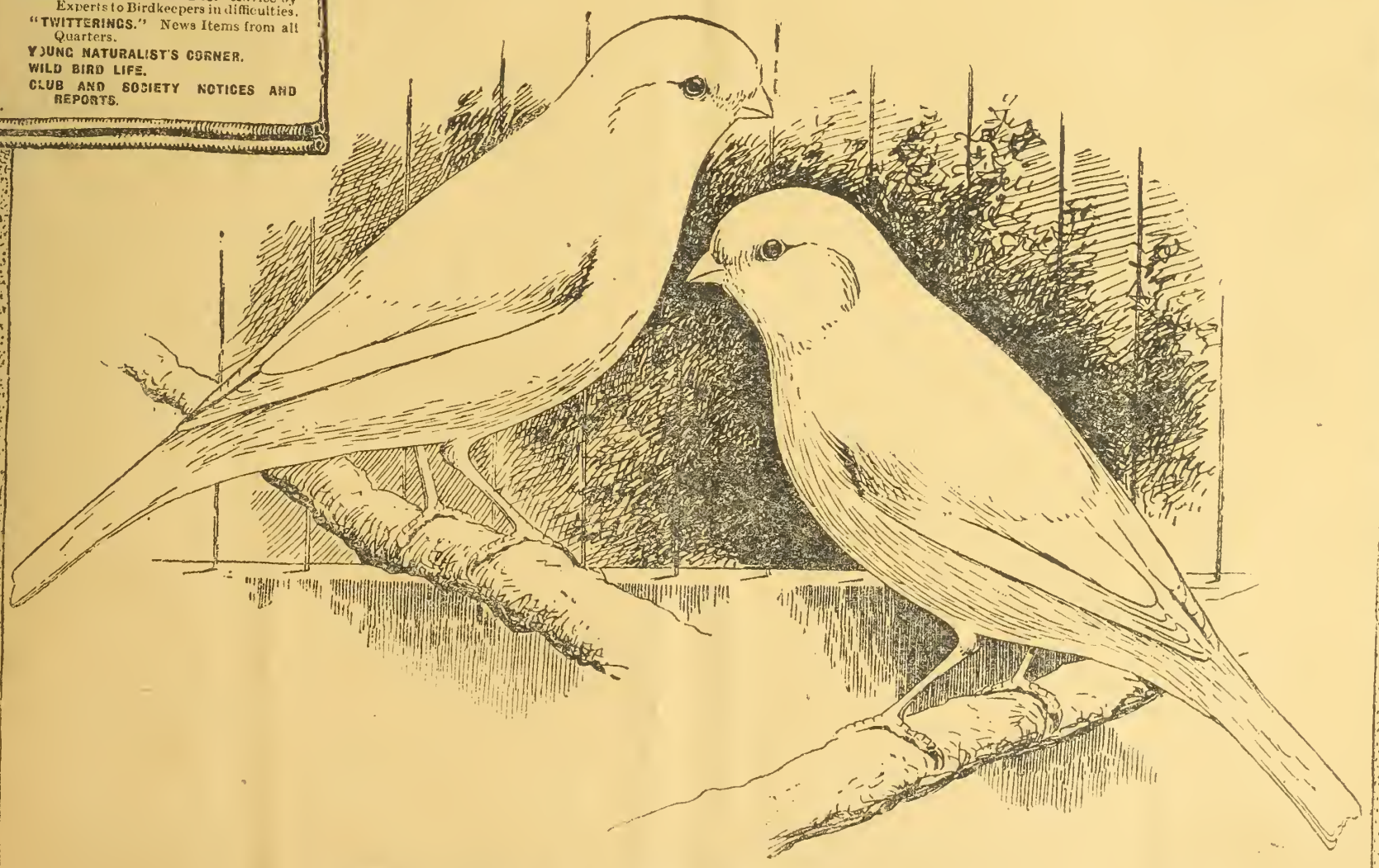

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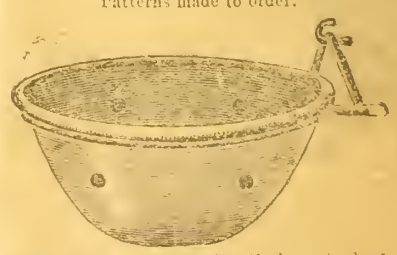

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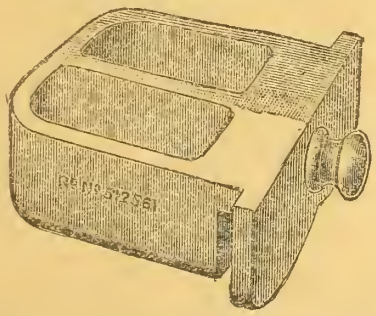

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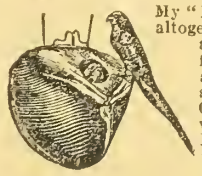

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EXCHANGE good Norwich cock or Mule for child's clothes, fit girl 2½ years.—Adams, 196, Ballspoud-rd., Dalston.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

KENTISH TOWN.

A fine muster turned up at the Prince of Wales, Wellesley Street, on March 15. Four pair Chaffinches went up with the following results:—Winner, 5 score 8; 2nd, 5 score 2; 3rd, 3 score 14. March 17, 3 pairs. Winner, 4 score 13; dead heat for 2nd money, 2 score 17. Decider, 4 score 3 and 3 score 3. Singing every night. Linnets or Finches. Free Handicap starting. — Fred. CRABEE, Timekeeper.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest held at Crown Inn, Northstreet, March 28, when 32 birds sang. Result:—1, J. Moore; 2, J. Lee; 3, J. Stothard; 4, T. Masshedder; 5, G. Horwell; 6, T. Lambert; 7, J. Oxberry. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. J. Mason.—J. W. SMITH, secretary.

Usual weekly contest was held at Bricklayer's Arms, Palmer Lane, Huugate, March 28th, when 28 birds faced the judge. Some extraordinary good singing was heard with the following result:—1st, 6th, J. Limbert, junr.; 2nd, G. Key; 3rd, M.P.; 4th, R. Harrison; 5th, Chaplin.—Judge, Mr. Jno. Paver. Timekeeper, Mr. James Limbert.—WM. EMPSON.

DARLINGTON.

An open Linnet singing contest in connection with the Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. was held at the George Hotel, Darlington, on March 28, before a good company, when 26 birds competed for two prizes. 1st, copper kettle, S. Hope; 2, silver medal, S. Hope. Judge, Mr. T. Cannon; timekeeper, Mr. J. Cuthbertson.—R. S. BLACK, secretary.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest held at Don Inn, on March 29. There was a large attendance, and 17 birds competed. 1, Knight, 64; 2, Booker, 48; 3, Knight, 46. Judges, Messrs. Blackhadder and Watson.—H. TIMMS, secretary.

NEWTOWN, (LEEDS.)

The usual week-end contests in connection with the Prince Albert Inn L.A., during these last eight weeks resulted as follows: Feb. 9th, 18 birds sang. Mr. H. Allen consented to sit with Mr. Jackson as judge in six of these contests. Result: 1st, Sissons; 2nd and 3rd, J. Chippendale. Feb. 16th, 16 birds sang. Judges, H. Allen and B. Jackson. Result: 1st, Sissons; 2nd, J. Chippendale; 3rd, Morris. Feb. 23rd, 19 birds sang. Judges, H. Allen and B. Jackson. Result: 1st, Sissons; 2nd, Neat; 3rd, J. Chippendale. March 1st, 13 birds sang. Judges, H. Allen and B. Jackson. Result: 1st, Sissons; 2nd, W. Hineson; 3rd, Neat. March 8th, 16 birds sang. Judges, E. Wood and B. Jackson. Result: 1st, Sissons; 2nd and 3rd, divided between Sissons and F. Johnson. Contest on March 14th, when 12 birds sang. Judges, B. Jackson and E. Wood. Result: 1st, Sissons; 2nd, Neat; 3rd, W. Hineson. March 15th, 18 birds sang. Judges, H. Allen and B. Jackson. 1st, Neat; 2nd, J. Chippendale; 3rd, Sissons. March 21st, 11 birds sang. Judges, B. Jackson and E. Wood. Result: 1st, W. Hineson; 2nd, Neat; 3rd, divided between P. Calvert and Twiner. March 22nd, 18 birds sang. Judges, H. Allen and B. Jackson. Result: 1st, W. Hineson; 2nd, Chippendale; 3rd, Neat.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON.

A Linnet singing contest was held at the Alexandra Inn, Scotland Road, 28th March, open to all comers. Some capital singing was heard. Results: 1st, 3rd, W. Leah; 2, F. Hughes; 4, T. Armitage; judges, J. Lawton, S. Leigh; time-keeper, J. Green. Next open contest 11th April. Shilling entries. Singing to commence 2 o'clock.—J. H. MATHER, Sec.

RYHOPE.

Linnet singing contest held at the Toll Bar Hotel, on March 21st, when 42 birds faced the judge, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Winners were: 1st, J. McDonald; 2nd, Turner; 3rd, Walton; 4th, J. Richardson. Judge, Mr. J. Cope. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Mason. April 4th, Mr. F. Ashmore, Queen's Head, gives 12/6 to all entries of 1/- a bird. On April 19th, at the Ryhope Grange, Mr. J. Kirtley will give the following prizes: 1st, a breakfast set; 2nd, copper kettle; 3rd, briar pipe; 1/- a bird and 6d. returned in refreshments.—Advt.

SACRISTON.

Contest on March 7th, at Sacriston. 44 birds faced the judge, Mr. R. Boyd. Results: 1, 2, 3, F. Pullar. Also at Waldrige Fell, March 21st. 42 birds under the same judge. Results: 1, 3, F. Pullar; 2, T. Smith.—R. WHITE, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual singing contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, Leeds, on March 28th, when 20 birds sang. 1st and 2nd prizes shared between C. Biss and T. Stead; 3rd, S. Hardenstle. Judges, J. Roberts (Sheffield) and W. Fisher (Leeds). Also March 29th, when the landlord gave four prizes for 30 birds. 1st prize, T. Summers; 2nd, T. Stead; 3rd, D. Clegg; 4th, S. Hardcastle.—Judges, Messrs. Cooper and Crane.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

ELSECAR.

The Elsecar L.S.S. held usual week-end contest at "Five Alls Inn," Hoyland, when 15 birds entered. The prize-winners were: 1st, Mr. S. Vaines (3 min. 40 sec.); 2nd, W. Lofthouse (3 min. 35 sec); 3rd, W. Naden (3 min. 15 sec.). Timekeeper, Mr. E. Charles; marker, Mr. J. Denton. There will be a benefit sing held April 4th for Mr. J. Vaines, who was lamed in the mine about eight years ago. Two silver medals and a breeding cage, given by members of the club, will be given for prizes, the sing to be held at club house, Royal Oak, Elsecar, when the landlord will give 5s. Entrance, 6d. each bird.—E. CHARLES, Secretary.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Linnet S.A. held week-end contest on March 28th, at the Old Red Lion, Snigbrook, Blackburn. Prize winners: 1st, A. Cutterall; 2, G. Rostron; 3, G. James. Timekeeper, Mr. Rd. Topping. A general meeting will take place at the above club house April 4th.—RD. HATHURST.

CLUB REPORTS.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Members and friends met on March 17 to hear Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) lecture on the good and bad points of Yorkshires. Mr. Dean dealt with the subjecting in a good manner, very instructing to young and old Fanciers. Mr. W. Sowden proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. S. Dean for the good lecture he had given. This was seconded by Mr. J. Holroyd and carried.—H. DOBSON, Secretary.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

We held our usual fortnightly meeting on March 28th, and a good number of members met together. We elected two judges for our coming show. Messrs. J. H. Roe (Derby), and W. A. Cowgill (Bradford). Then we had an interesting account of the Union meeting held at Newcastle, on 25th March from our delegate, Mr. J. Riseborough. This brought a pleasant evening to a close.—J. COPELAND, Assistant Secretary.

BRIGHOUSE AND DIS. C.B.S.

The members met on March 17, to hear a paper given by Mr. W. Gledhill (Huddersfield) on "Management of Canaries." Mr. Gledhill dealt with the subject in a very able manner, after which several questions were put to the lecturer, and ably answered. During the evening six new members were enrolled. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. W. Gledhill brought one of the best meetings of the Society to a close.—F. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

CAGE BIRD UNION (DIST. NO. 3.)

A meeting of No. 3 district was held at Rochdale O.C. Rooms, March 21st. The delegates present were Messrs. Nadin (Rochdale), Braybrook (Burnley), Lyons (Blackburn), Wilson (Great Harwood), Young (Blackpool), Law (Rochdale Good Intent), Smith (Littleboro'). This being the first meeting for No. 3 district, they decided to elect Mr. Lyons president, and Mr. Law secretary. The object of the meeting was to consider the clashing of Accrington and Rochdale O.C. societies. A deal of dissension took place, and finally the meeting came to the conclusion "That this meeting would be exceedingly pleased if Accrington could see their way to alter their show date, seeing that the Rochdale O.C. have had their show on the same date for 25 years. The next business of importance was the fixing of a centre at which to hold any meetings of No. 3 district, and it was decided that in future all meetings shall be held at Bolton, so as to "give and take" with regard to the travelling of the delegates.—J. LAW

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

A strong muster of members and friends, including the whole of the Yorkshire breeders, were present at the meeting at headquarters on Monday, February 24th, Mr. A. C. Burn in the chair. Letters were read from the Secretary of St. Mary's Institute, and Mr. P. Adamthwaite, Miss S. Brookes, Miss Morrison, and Mr. Hopkins were elected members. Mrs. Martin, 14, Oppidan's Mews, Hampstead, Messrs. P. Adamthwaite, 142, Fernhead Road, Maida Hill; R. Brownlie, 5, Vesta Road, Brockley, and H. Robbins, 25, Campden Hill Square, S.W., were nominated for membership. Another silver-plated cup, presented anonymously for the most points in the British Seed-Eating Section, was on view, and was cordially welcomed, a vote of thanks being accorded, to be conveyed to the donor, whoever he was. The report of the delegate (Mr. A. W. Curtis) was taken and adopted, with a hearty vote of thanks for the great services he had rendered to the Fancy at large. (For details of this report, see CAGE BIRDS, February 29). The Chairman then called upon Mr. R. L. Crisp to give his lecture, entitled "A Monologue on the Yorkshire Canary." Questions were asked by Messrs. F. Pullinger, F. Lathlieff, H. Davis, B. Martin, H. Trussler, A. C. Burn, Scott, A. W. Curtis, and B. J. Cooper. The chairman stated that he had not had the pleasure of hearing a lecture by Mr. Crisp before, but on many occasions had listened to him when he had been criticising others. They had listened to much that would be helpful to the Novices in pairing up their birds. Mr. Easterling moved, and it was seconded by Mr. F. Lathlieff, and supported by Mr. Davis, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Crisp. This was enthusiastically carried. Mr. Crisp, in reply, thanked the members for their vote of thanks and for the generous way they had received him. What he had given them was no idle dogma or assumption; but facts based on pure honest experience, as to the best way to produce Yorkshires. If he had been of any service to them, well, he had been more than repaid.—VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Spencer Hall, N.W., on March 20th, Mr. G. Gardner in the chair. Remainder of rules were passed, and the following show dates fixed:—Young Stock, British and Foreign Birds, July 11th; Annual Show, November 28th; and Pair Show, February 26th, 1909. Judges, Messrs. G. Gardner (young stock), J. Robson (annual), and W. Shakespere (pair). Several names were handed in to become members, who are admitted free of nomination fee up to March 27th; after that date a fee of 1s. will be charged, so fanciers hurry up. At 8.45 p.m., F. B. Kirkman, Esq., B.A., commenced his very popular limelight lecture entitled, "Cock Robin and Co., Limited," to a crowded audience. Many exquisite pictures were thrown upon the screen and explained, when one could gather new ideas and knowledge of bird life. The mode and way in which our friend "The Robin" gets his living, and the dividing up of a certain area of a farmyard or field, which is kept as the private property and feeding ground of each individual bird were explained to us. Other beautiful pictures were of young birds both in and out of the nest. Several nests full of eggs were also shown, and many pictures of old birds feeding their young, also sitting on eggs. One and all were very lifelike, and one could not help reflecting on the trouble, the early morning rising, and the hours spent in taking these beautiful photographs. After a lecture of about an hour and a half's duration a vote of thanks was put to the meeting by our worthy chairman, who spoke a few suitable words expressing thanks for the excellent way in which the lecture had been delivered, and for the beautiful pictures shown to us. The vote was seconded by Mr. Reynolds, and carried by the meeting with an earnestness which showed that one and all were delighted. A vote of thanks was also proposed by Mr. Neal to the ladies, Fancy Press, and visitors present, and carried. Mr. Linn responded in a few well chosen remarks. We were pleased with the good number of fanciers present, also the many ladies, who, we hope, will avail themselves of our various meetings. On Friday, April 24th, a lecture will be given by Mr. J. Robson, "Hints to Beginners."—W. REYNOLDS, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH AND TEES-SIDE C.B.S.

The annual meeting was held on March 14th, at the Crown Hotel. Mr. Swincoe occupied the chair. There was a good attendance of members. The Secretary read the balance sheet of the year's working, which showed a balance of nearly £19. The election of officers then took place. Mr. J. Carr was elected chairman, Mr. T. Gardner, vice-chair, Mr. Barker, treasurer, Mr. Arthur Wake, secretary, and M. J. W. Oliver, assistant secretary. The vice-chairman, Mr. T. Gardner, offered to make stages for shows free of charge, providing the society paid for the timber. This offer was accepted with thanks.—ARTHUR WAKE, Sec.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

At our meeting held March 17, Mr. F. Wardleworth (Altrincham) gave a very instructive lecture on the Border Fancy Canary. He told us his method of selecting stock, pairing, rearing, and feeding, and which seeds he had found best suited to the birds, after which he answered a number of questions. Mr. Kenyon proposed, and Mr. Fish seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Wardleworth for his very able lecture. At the meeting held March 24th Mr. Bladon (President of the C.B.U.) gave a paper on "Management of the Bird Room." He gave some good advice, and spoke strongly about cleanliness, sanitation, and the need for guarding against overcrowding. After he had answered a number of questions, Mr. Clarke proposed, and Mr. Kenyon seconded, that the best thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Bladon for his advice.—JOHN DAVEY, secretary.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

The executive have put the membership tickets in circulation for disposal (but not later than May 31st of this year). The show is to be held on September 19th in the Grand National Hall, Glasgow. The cup, which is new and very handsome, is worth winning, and can only be secured by being steadily fought for within the membership. Fanciers who have not received tickets, can have a supply from the secretary. We appeal to all fellow fanciers to develop the growth of the Scotch Fancy Canary, especially Glasgow and district fanciers. Further new members: Messrs. Charles Drysdale (Edinburgh), John Dalgeish (Leith), Frank Ramsay (Tayport), and Robert Carmyllie (Broughty Ferry).—R. WRIGHT, President; J. HOGG, Vice-President; THOMAS SMITH, Secretary and Treasurer, 56, Minard-road, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Drastic Alterations of Rules.

An extraordinary general meeting of the London and Counties A.C.B. was held on March 30th, at headquarters, Mr. F. W. Thorpe, president, in the chair, for the purpose of considering suggested alteration of rules and regulations. The first and perhaps the most important business was the deletion of Rule 17, which provided that the rules of the society made at its foundation should always stand, but that the committee had the power to frame a new rule when necessary. Mr. P. Adamthwaite, who moved that the rule be deleted, said he could not conceive how a body of sensible-minded men could ever have passed such a rule. The laws of the Medes and Persians quailed before it (laughter.) The proposition was seconded by Mr. H. J. Pearce. The Chairman expressed his entire agreement with the proposal and pointed out that the rule was a kind of nursery rule; it did for the first six months or so of the society's existence, but they had now out-grown it (hear, hear.) The resolution was carried unanimously. Rule 18, which provided that the founders of the Association should be entitled to two votes upon all issues, suffered a similar fate, Mr. Pearce proposing, and Mr. Heine seconding its deletion. On the motion of Mr. Adamthwaite (who spoke on behalf of the committee) seconded by Mr. Pearce, it was decided to change the name of the society to the London and Counties Ornithological Association (L.C.O.A.) The mover pointed out that while the title "London and Counties A.C.B." came hard up against the British bird fanciers among its members, the title "London Counties Canary Breeders', British and Foreign Bird Association" was altogether too long. Mr. Adamthwaite moved the revision of Rule 2 to the extent that meetings be held on the third Monday in each month, stating that the committee were unanimously of the opinion that one meeting in each month was quite sufficient. This was seconded by Mr. Pearce and carried. The same rule also now provides that meetings be held at 8 o'clock when necessary. It was proposed by Mr. J. A. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Tringham, that the offices of secretary and treasurer be combined. The Chairman explained that the matter should be considered in conjunction with a new rule which would be dealt with later on. Mr. R. J. Pretty, the secretary, expressed his agreement with the proposal, but hoped the new rule would be passed. The motion was agreed to. It was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Adamthwaite, seconded by Mr. Tringham, and supported by Mr. Simpson, that "A Chairman of Committee shall be elected by the committee from its own numbers. The officer so elected shall retire on December 31st of each year, but shall be eligible for re-election." This was in place of the existing provision that a Chairman be elected at each meeting of the committee. Further financial reform was suggested in the shape of the alteration of Rule 4. Mr. Adamthwaite's proposal, that all candidates for admission to the society "shall sign a form of application with two attesting signatures of members as to the candidate's suitability for election to membership," also carried with it the abolition of the nomination fee of 1/-. To this the meeting did not agree, and it was decided to adopt the suggested wording with, however, the addition of the words "together with a nomination fee of 1/-." On the motion of Mr. Adamthwaite, seconded by Mr. Tringham, the following resolution was carried, viz., "That there be a standing Finance Sub-committee which shall deal with all matters affecting the financial business of the Association, and shall report its proceedings to the committee at least once in each quarter of the year. The sub-committee shall consist of two members elected from the general body of the members and two from the committee. All officers ex officio members." Mr. Adamthwaite, representing the committee, moved Rule 11 should be altered to read—"That any person known to have caused friction in any society, their membership or services shall not be eligible for this Association." This was seconded by Mr. Heine but Mr. Pearce moved an amendment to the effect that the whole rule be deleted, which Mr. Ogel seconded. This, on being put to the meeting, was carried. Other minor alterations of rules were agreed to, and then the meeting was adjourned till April 6th, when the rest of the agenda will be gone through.

THE SHOWS.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

A most successful table show was held at headquarters, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, on March 25th. Some very fine birds were shown. The competition was very keen. Mr. H. J. Chick did admirably in placing the cards, which gave satisfaction. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, c, Seal (Siskin); 2, Hunt (Mealy Redpoll); 3, Tyler (Twite); vhc, Whitmore (Lesser Redpoll); hc, Heighton (Siskin). LINNETS: 1, Hunt; 2, Moore; 3, Collins; vhc, c, Tyler; hc, Whitmore. BRIT. HEN: 1, Hunt (Bramblefinch); 2, c, Seal (Siskin); 3, Tyler (Bullie); vhc, hc, Sellow (Bunting and Bramblefinch). Mr. H. J. Chick delivered a lecture on the Siskin Redpoll and Twite, which was most ably delivered and was very interesting to the large number of members present. Several questions were put to the lecturer at the close and these were ably answered. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Chick for the able manner in which he handled his subject.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

AYR AND DIS. C.B.S.

The above recently formed society held their first show, confined to members, on March 28th, in the Wallace Tower Hall, and it proved quite a success, there being an average of about 8 per class in 8 classes. Notwithstanding the afternoon was a stormy one, a good "gate" was obtained, quite a lot of well-known fanciers being present. Mr. Irvine proved a very capable and courteous secretary, and had his arrangements well forward. Mr. P. McQuiston ably made the awards.

MATCHED PAIR CANARIES: 1, 2, Paterson, two pairs of lovely Yorks, well matched, and if lucky to breed a few youngsters they should be heard of later on. MATCHED FOR HYBRIDS: 1, 2, Tait, Goldie-Bullie, a taking pair, very large and steady; Goldie-Redpoll, a nice Brit. Goldie and a very sweet little Lesser Redpoll. MULING PAIRS: 1, Steele, right good little Lesser Redpoll, and a lovely yellow Nor. hen of good type and quality, with a little luck, something good should be produced from this pair; 2, Paterson, Greenie-Canary, likely pair to throw some good mules; 3, Bell, Linnet-Canary, very steady. SINGLE CANARY: 1, 3, 4, Paterson, 1st very smart, racy, well drawn Yorks, with neat head—good wings and tail, wins easy; 3rd, another good Yorks, long, raking stylish bird; 2, McKay, yellow ticked Nor., nice head and body; 5, 6, Cameron. BRIT. A.S. UNMOULTED: 1, sp., 8, Hay, Goldfinch, grand, rich, bright blaze, capital cheeks and collar and good tannings; 2, sp., 4, McCulloch, large-sized good Linnet, will make a nice one when moulted; 4, rattling fine Lesser Redpoll, grand bib and lacing; 3, spl., Robertson, lovely Twite, grand rich colour and markings; 5, Tait, nice Gold; 6, Nason, fine Bullie, rather wild; 7, Conkie. BRIT. A.S. MOULTED: 1, sp, 7, Conkie, Goldie, capital bird, steady as a rock, well up in colour, dense face, fine nut-brown chest, clean cut cheeks, beaming with quality; 2, spl, for best 2nd in hall, Nason. Linnet, nice colour, gem for quality of feather, steady as a rock, nicely pencilled, well staged; 3, Robertson, another nice Goldie, presses winner hard; 4, Hyslop, lovely natural colour Siskin, nice cap and lacing; 5, Ross, good Twite; 6, Frew, good Greenie; 8, McCulloch. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, and 3, Doolan, fine big Gold-Mule, rare coloured face, very shapely, lovely quality; 3, dark buff Linnet Mule, fine bold bird, grand shape and quality, well staged; 2, 5, Tait, lovely Siskin Mule, rare good colour and quality, presses winner hard; 4, 6, Ross, both Goldie-Greenie Hybrids, nice face; 7, Hyslop. FOR. A.S.: 1, C. Irvine, now well-known Green Cardinal, staged to perfection; 2, sp, Kerr, lovely pair of Zebrafinches, well staged; 3, sp, 4, Cumming, another pair of Zebrafinches; 4, Pheasant-finch; 5, Tait, Green Budgerigar.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The Finch Show of last year, which was held on an ordinary meeting night, having proved itself worthy of recognition by virtue of 123 entries being made, was developed this year to a day show, and the experiment fully justified the expectation, there being no less than 160 entries. The show took place at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington-street, Marylebone, on March 21st. Quite the feature of the show was the magnificent Fieldfare exhibited by Mrs. Page, which gained special for best bird in show. The markings and condition of this bird were truly wonderful, and the faultless style in which the bird was staged was a credit to its owner. The honour for the largest class fell to the Greenfinches, which totalled 17, and these gave the judge some trouble to separate. The Goldfinches were not quite so numerous as last year, and several good ones lacked that sheen and polish so much cherished in a perfect specimen. Linnets were good, several old winners having to give way to strange faces. In the A.O.S. class, which numbered 14, the 3rd prize Palace winning Hawfinch captured 1st prize, and was a real gem for size and colour. The Bunting class of 14 contained the whole of the species, which proved most attractive. The winner, a Yellow, was a marvel for markings, colour and steadiness, besides being nicely staged. The two Softbill classes proved very interesting with 11 species, the Blackbird and Thrush pouring forth their melodies as though they were far from the "madding crowd." The two Foreign classes contained some rare birds, the house-moulted winning Japanese Redsided Tit proving very attractive. The weather was all that could be desired, the welcome sun greatly assisting the judge. Messrs. A. W. Hart, W. Shepherd, and F. Wyse threw heart and soul into the work of assisting, which made everything run smoothly and successfully. The attendance was good, including Canon and Mrs. Barker, Messrs. J. S. Clarke, Allen Silver, S. A. Sandy, Sam Cook, C. Prior, R. J. Pretty, J. Goodall, R. J. Watts, and numerous others. Mr. F. Turnber judged, and gave satisfaction.

GOLDFINCH, C.M. (12): 1, spl, Robbins; 2, F. Wyse; 3, Mrs. Page; vhc, hc, Taviner; c, Mrs. Wyse. GOLDFINCH, N.C.M. (6): 1, spl, Adamthwaite; 2, F. Wyse; 3, Mrs. Page; vhc, hc, Mrs. Pile; c, Monger. BULLFINCH (7): 1, spl, Vincent; 2, 3, Francis; vhc, Morrison; hc, Easterling; c, Adamthwaite. LINNET, C.M. (12): 1, spl, Mrs. Pile; 2, Goodall; 3, Taviner; vhc, Marley; hc, Parrington; c, Curry. LINNET, N.C.M. (9): 1, spl, Francis; 2, Parrington; 3, Mrs. Pile; vhc, Mrs. Page; hc, Vincent; c, Miss Shephard. GREENFINCH (17): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Marley; 3, Curry; hc, Robbins; c, Mrs. Page. SISKIN (6): 1, spl, Curry; 2, Marley; 3, vhc, Francis; hc, Mrs. Wyse; c, Mrs. Maher. REDPOLL (13): 1, spl, Goodall; 2, vhc, Easterling; 3, Curry; hc, Francis; c, Morrison. TWITE (10): 1, spl, 3, Mrs. Page; 2, Francis; vhc, Taviner; hc, Mrs. Pile; c, Miss Shephard. A.O.S. FINCH (14): 1, spl, hc, Francis; 2, Curry; 3, Robbins; vhc, Mrs. Pile; c, Mrs. Page. BUNTING (14): 1, spl, Curry; 2, 3, vhc, Wynn; hc, Francis; c, F. Wyse. BULLFINCH HEN (9): 1, spl, Thorpe; 2, Mrs. Wyse; 3, hc, Robbins; vhc, Morrison; c, W. Page. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC., HEN (10): 1, spl, c, Wynn; 2, Curry; 3, Francis; vhc, hc, W. Page. SOFTBILL SMALL (8): 1, spl (Jenny Wren), hc (Long-tail Tit), c (Hedge Sparrow), Miss Shephard; 2, Goodall (White Throat); 3, Morrison (Blue Tit); vhc, Francis (Nightingale). LARGE (4): 1, 2 spls, Mrs. Page (Fieldfare); 2, 3, Francis (Starling and Blackbird); vhc, Parrington (Thrush). FOR., SMALL (4): 1, spl (Japanese Redsided Tit), 2 (pair Australian Fire Finches), 3 (Superb Tanager), Miss Shephard; vhc, Mrs. Pile (Madagascar Weaver). LARGE (5): 1, spl (Scarlet Tanager), vhc (pair Pekin Robins), Miss Shephard; 2 (Japanese Hawfinch), hc (Green Crested Cardinal), Mrs. Page; 3, Robbins (Green Crested Cardinal).

BROTTON F.S.

The first show in connection with this new society was held on March 21, in the Oddfellows' Hall. The show throughout was a great success, reflecting the highest credit on all concerned in its promotion and management. The Cage Bird Section, considering the time of year, was especially fine. The competition was very keen throughout, but especially in the British Bird Classes, where many well-known winners were to be seen amongst the cards. The exhibits were nicely staged under the direction of Mr. Halle, the chairman of the society, and came in for much admiration. Quality throughout was excellent, and did credit to the exhibitors. Specials were won by Mr. S. Ware in the Yorkshire classes. The Norwich classes, unfortunately had to be cancelled, there being only five entries in the four classes provided. The management reins were in the capable hands of the energetic secretary, Mr. Wm. Main, upon whom the show reflects the greatest credit. His efforts should be rewarded by an extended interest in the Society's well-being, and an increased entry in all sections at next year's show. Mr. Thomas (Loftus) judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

YORK. YELL. CK.: 1 and members' special, J. Lines; 2, S. Ware; 3, B. Howe; vhc, W. Rand. BUFF: 1, J. Hodgson; 2, B. Howe; 3, W. Kerr; vhc, S. Ware. TICKED, ETC., CK. OR HEN: 1, spl for best Canary in show, and spl for most points, S. Ware; 2, W. Rand; 3, W. Watmough. MULES: 1, G. Edwards; 2, F. Jones; 3, F. Calam; vhc, R. A. Bugot; hc, E. Hird. LINNETS: 1, spl, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 2, J. P. Stamp; 3, Milburn and Flintoft; vhc, G. Edwards. A.S. BRIT. FINCH: 1 and hc, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Hobson; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins; vhc, F. Calam.

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*A Friend in Need.

Much tenderness is shown by grown-up birds to helpless orphans in need of their aid. A Robin was seen lately doing a deed of kindness towards a young Starling one bitterly cold morning. The Starling had left the nest, and was sitting shivering in a cellar, whither it had crept, too weak and hungry to fly. In vain kindly hands offered it bread; it refused all food till a hungry little Robin came down on his daily visit to the house and spied the baby bird, sitting on one leg, calling on his absent mother. Off he went, and soon came darting back with a worm, which was gratefully accepted.—Sent by Stephen Murdoch (age 12), 45, Earl-street, Scotstoun, Glasgow.

*Caught in a Sling.

Some time since while a Swallow was flying about a house it caught its foot in a string that was hanging from a pipe on the roof. Of course the bird got frightened at becoming an unwilling prisoner. It struggled and fluttered to no purpose, and when the poor thing was thoroughly tired it simply hung helpless by its leg. Meanwhile its cries had aroused the pity of its Swallow friends, who flocked round it from every quarter. After a good deal of "twitter-talk" among themselves, it seemed as if they at last decided upon a plan, for presently one bird after another struck at the sling with its beak, and after half an hour's steady work they succeeded in cutting it, and in setting the captive free.—Sent by STEPHEN BROWN (age eleven years), 29, William Street, Blairgowrie, Perthshire.

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On receiving my copy of CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. A. Lazarus (London, W.), I was greatly surprised to find two of my birds (Crests) illustrated on the front page. I am indeed thankful for this very pleasant surprise and the great honour done me. Please also convey my warmest thanks to your clever artist, on whom the picture reflects great credit; it is a very realistic and clever drawing. A little information regarding these birds may be of some interest to you. They were both bred by me, the father of them being a double Crested cock, and the mother a very big green Crest-bred hen. The birds were hatched on May 24th. The clear-bodied bird took 1st prize at a young bird show, 1st at Horticultural Hall show, and 2nd at Nottingham. The other (a saddle back) took 1st at Bristol, 2nd at the Horticultural Hall, and 4th at the Nottingham show. These two birds also won for me the cup, presented by Mr. Rhodes, for the most points received during the year (in the Novice section). I have only exhibited the birds at three shows.

TWITTERINGS.

I think the ANNUAL is an acquisition to the bird fancier's library.—E. M. Lloyd (Pentol).

I had excellent results from my last advt. in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. T. Gibson (Battersea Park).

Our open show will be held on October 24, writes Mr. Arthur Wake, Secretary of the Middlesbrough and Teeside C.B.S.

We hear that Mr. Dan Browning will judge the Cage Birds at the Exeter and District First Feather Show on June 4th.

Kindly notify that in future all meetings of the Stockport B.F.A. will be held on Thursdays, writes Mr. W. Stafford (hon. sec.).

We have decided to hold our annual show on the 10th, 11th, and 12th December, writes Mr. T. Vose, secretary of the St. Helens O.S.

All prize-money won in connection with our show, writes Mr. Wm. Main, secretary of the Brotton F.S., has been paid in full.

Mr. Barker Clegg will judge and lecture on British Birds at the Pendleton and Salford O.S. show on April 13, writes Mr. W. Jackson, secretary.

Owing to charge of business, Mr. J. Bowers has been reluctantly compelled to resign his position as President of the Admiral Duncan O.S. writes Mr. W. Healey, secretary.

I have removed from 56 Malden Road, Kentish Town, to 4, Haverstock Road, Kentish Town, N.W., writes Mr. H. Kemp. Allow me to wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

Mr. R. S. Bewick writes that the postmaster general has changed all the addresses in his district from Chester le Street to "S.O., Newcastle on Tyne."

I have been appointed secretary of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S., writes Mr. Jas B. Y. Murdock, 9 Burnside street, Kilmarnock, in place of Mr. W. Watson.

After April 1st. my address will be 17 Beaconsfield Avenue, Barton Road, Dover. writes Mr G. Sanderson, hon. secretary of the Kent County C.B.A.

I have removed from the Camden Studios, Camden Street, N., writes Mr. F. J. Satchatterton, to "Nithsdale," 34, Elm Park Road, Church End, Finchley, N.

We hear that Mr. Jas. Metcalfe has resigned the secretaryship of the Bramley and Dis. O.S., and that Mr. E. Craven, 37, Whingate Avenue, Armley, has been elected in his place.

Will Mr. Herbert G. Hardy, who sent an order for a book on Tuesday last, kindly forward us his full address, so that the order may be completed?

Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) has been engaged as judge, along with Mr. W. P. Barnes, at our forthcoming show, October 17th, writes Mr. E. Cowling, secretary of the Morpeth and Dis. C.B.S.

We hear that Mr. Geo. Hill (Greenwich), of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S., has resigned, and that Mr. F. W. Hamer, 166, Verney Road, South Bermondsey, is now Hon. Secretary.

We have elected Messrs. W. Vardy and W. Mundell to judge our Open Show to be held on October 9th and 10th, in the Unity Club, writes Mr. George Waddington, secretary of the Great Harwood and District C.B.S.

I had orders from Canada through the medium of my advertisements in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Williams (Bradford), which is very satisfactory to myself and speaks well for CAGE BIRDS.

The judges elected for our show on December 10th and 11th, writes Mr. R. J. Truscott, secretary of the Welsh National C.B.S., are Messrs. J. Robson, G. E. Weston, and J. B. Evans.

All claims for prizes in our prize drawing must be made within seven days (from date of publication of next issue), writes Mr. R. J. Truscott, secretary of the Welsh National C.B.S., or they will not be entertained.

Mr. J. Hopkins, of Bolton, will judge our First Feather show on July 25th, writes Mr. R. H. Davies, secretary Leigh and Dis. C.B.S. He will also read us a paper on the Norwich Plainhead on April 7th.

There ought to be some Hybrids bred round Peterborough this season. writes Mr. Sydney L. Cocks, as the "fever" has caught on. I wish CAGE BIRDS another successful year.

Mr. Joseph Reeve, Dover, is the winner of our Yorkshire Challenge Bowl, and not Mr. F. J. Gibbs, Canterbury, as stated in a previous report, writes Mr. G. Sanderson, hon. secretary of the Kent County C.B.A.

The Leeds C.B.S. have elected Messrs. J. Robson and J. Beswick (Stockport) as judges of the open show to be held on November 27 and 28, writes Mr. A. Wilkins, the hon. secretary.

Best wishes to CAGE BIRDS. I was surprised to get so many customers for my moss, and mixed seed advertised in it. I ought to raise the price. I get so many orders through your most valuable paper—J. Tucker (Aldbourne).

The first time I ever put an advertisement in a Fancy journal, writes Mr. J. Hanna (Cork), was last week in CAGE BIRDS. Although only in once my advertisement brought me a number of replies, and my birds were sold quickly.

The Malton F. S. have fixed their 13th. annual show for November 12th. instead of December 26th. (on account of the latter falling on a Saturday, which would make it very awkward for getting stock to and from the show). writes Mr. G. M. Horsley (secretary). Secretaries will please note altered date, and not clash. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) will judge the Cage Bird Section. The membership radius has been extended from 5 to 15 miles.

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NO. 3: THE BULLFINCH.

[See Full-page Drawing and Explanatory Notes on pages 357 and 354 this week.]

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I have taken over the secretaryship of the Oakham and Dis. F.S., writes Mr. J. Hibbert, jr. (Milton Road, Oakham). It is my intention to do my best for our shows, and I hope to receive the support of cage bird fanciers generally.

The Bermondsey and District Fanciers' Association are, writes Mr. A. Lupton, the secretary, soliciting new members for their Cage Bird section, for which they have a silver challenge cup. Membership is open to a 20 miles radius.

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The Cuckoo was heard in the Oswestry neighbourhood on Monday, March 23rd, at about 5 p.m., writes Mr. Henry W. H. Bothamley, of Underhill, Oswestry, to the "Standard." Is not this its first appearance this year?

We learn that at last a Bill is to be introduced into Parliament to restrict the importation of birds' skins and check the rapid extermination of beautiful birds, of which the Egret "Osprey" and Bird of Paradise are typical examples.

The balance sheet of the Berwick-on-Tweed C.B.S., sent us by the secretary, Mr. John Smart, is a healthy statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £9 2s. 10d. Great credit is reflected on the officials, and the future of the society bids fair to be successful.

We hear from the Secretary, Mr. O. Mitchell, that a general meeting of the newly-formed Norwich Plainhead Club will be held at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, on April 4, when the adoption of rules and other business will come under consideration.

The Chiff-Chaff I observed this morning, March 20th, about 8.30, in a field of Dr. Palmer's at Millvale, Co. Armagh, writes Mr. E. Harris (Newry) to an Irish contemporary. This seems rather early for the bird in this neighbourhood, as it generally does not appear till April.

While the Lowestoft lifeboat was on a practice trip about two miles out at sea, it is said that a Starling flew into the rigging The bird was exhausted and nearly frozen, but one of the crew warmed it by holding it in his hands, and liberated it when the shore was reached.

At the monthly meeting of the Great Horton Good Intent O.S. held March 28th., CAGE BIRDS Chart, No. 2, formed quite an item of interest, and all members present agreed that the Chart would benefit both old and new fanciers, and that the idea would take a lot of beating. We enrolled another four members, and are, of course, ready to enrol more, writes Mr. H. Schofield, the secretary.

The Lancashire and Lizard F.A. are having a social evening in connection with the presentation to their late secretary Mr. H. Oliver, and (the presentation to the lucky winners of the Challenge Cup and Medals. The meeting will be at "Ye Old Bear's Head." Withy Grove, Manchester, on April 4th commencing at 6 o'clock. I trust that we shall have a good muster, and I extend a hearty welcome to all (whether members or not) in the name of the Association, writes Mr. John Rukin, the secretary.

At the adjourned Annual General Meeting on March 24th, writes Mr. Albert B. Forse, I was duly elected secretary of the Walthamstow Fanciers' Association, and therefore, all communications should be addressed to me at 29, Thornhill Road, Leyton, N.E. I should also be glad to receive subscriptions and ticket money unpaid for 1907.

The balance sheet for the past season of the Green Canary Association reaches us from the secretary, Mr S. Hadwin, and proves a very satisfactory document. After an excellent year's work has been got through, the cash in hand shows an increase from 18s. 10d. in 1907 to £3 15s. 3d. The lengthy membership roll has a very healthy appearance.

The Jarrow and Hebburn and Dis. C.B.F.S. have again engaged the Mechanics' Hall for their show, writes Mr. J. T. Carrick, the secretary. It is undoubtedly one of the best in England for show purposes, there being plenty of light, big windows, and no draughts. It is close to the station, and it could not be better for the show, which will be held on November 27th and 28th. Open judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield); members' judge, Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead).

It may interest some of the gentlemen who met Mr. E. George (who is in the Small Cause Court, Calcutta) at the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. Ramble last May, writes Mr. E. S. Lugg, to know that he has resumed his duties again, having had a rough voyage back to India. A consignment of Indian Linnets reached me safely from him on March 23rd. Two are beautiful Rose Linnets, which I hope to have on view at our British and Foreign Table show at Lewisham on May 5th.

Fight in Mid Air.

A desperate fight between two Seagulls was witnessed on March 20th by a crowd of people on the beach at South Shields, according to a daily contemporary. After fighting for nearly half an hour both birds dropped into the sea exhausted, and were drowned.

Southern Yorkshire C.C.

Members please note that the following should have been upon the agenda for the annual meeting on April 10th:—"The question of extending the radius of the club." This motion is being brought forward by myself, as several members are at present residing outside the stated radius.—J. W. RENNIE, hon. secretary.

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*Oct. 8 and 9.—**Watford & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood & Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.**
*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** T.H.
Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.**
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Hayle & Dis. F.A.** G.G., C.T.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** J.H.R., C.H.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.** W.V. M.N.
Oct. 17.—**Kelty & Blairadam C.B.A.** D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.
*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth & Dis. C. & C.B.S.** W.P.B.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties Plymouth)** C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.**
Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.**
*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare.** J.H.P.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C B.S.**
Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B., and A.G.D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S** T. McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.**
Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.**
Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** H.W.B. E.B., and J.S.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** J. R.
Oct. 31.—**Dysart C.B.S.**
Oct. 31.—**Alnwick & Dis. C.B.S.** A.Hy., J.Mn.
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** T.H., J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and E.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.**
Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.**
Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.**
Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.**
Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. Mck., A.C., and P.P.
Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 18.—**Reading & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven.**
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.**
Nov. 21.—**Perth.**
*Nov. 24.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
Nov. 25. **Whitby F.S.**
Nov. 26.—**Newark.**
Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.**
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., and W.G.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 28 and 30. **Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R
*Nov. 28 & 30. **Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.**
Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth and Dis. C.B.S.**
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Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
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Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.R.
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., P.P.
Dec. 31.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.**
Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**

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A new monthly magazine for the interchange of knowledge and ideas between all students of nature, and lovers of country life, has just been published. It is called "Country Queries and Notes," and the price is 4d. monthly. The first (April) issue gives promise of a useful career, and of its interest for lovers of the wild life (whether animal, bird, or plant) of the countryside there can be no question. The magazine is very nicely produced, and its illustrations are good and really helpful. The varied nature of the topics dealt with will be realised when we mention that they range from mosses, ferns, and wild plants generally, trees and flowers, beetles and butterflies, to all kinds of animals and birds, and the problems and facts of their existence. We can confidently recommend the purchase and perusal of a copy of "Country Queries and Notes" to all our readers. It is published by the proprietors of the "Country-Side," and its editor is that well-known naturalist, Mr. E. Kay Robinson.

Advices from Sydney state that the Zoological Gardens there are at present particularly interesting to visitors by reason of the inclusion of over 100 rare birds and animals destined for the London Zoological Society's show at the Franco-British Exhibition this summer. These specimens will be shipped for England by the White Star steamer Persic, scheduled to sail from Sydney on April 11th and due in London June 7th.

Bird breeders will view with interest the introduction of a new "soft" food designed for the rearing of young birds, and for the feeding of old birds whenever necessary—to take the place, in fact, of egg-food. The latter, however, has obtained such a hold, amongst Canary-breeders in particular, that any substitute is sure to be viewed with a certain amount of suspicion. But "Woodland Bird Milk" has already been tested by practical fanciers, and found excellent. These breeders say their young birds were "larger, stronger, and more vigorous than ever before" when it was in use. Readers should turn to the advertisement of this food on page 347 this week, and read for themselves. They shou'd certainly send for particulars to the Creamery Company, Garstang, Lancashire.

Polly Got Plucked.

There was a young French lady at the court of King James I. (according to "T.P.'s Weekly"), a Madamo de Choiseul, whose favour was to be won by presents of pets, and one of her lovers became the favourite of the moment through presenting her with a Parrot who swore frightfully but entertainingly. Then she set her heart upon a monkey, for which a rival lover offered immense sums in vain. The rival was in despair till he heard of a monkey who belonged to a poulterer and had learned in his service to pluck fowls with amazing dexterity. "This," thought the rival, "is the very thing." He bought and presented it to Madame de Choiseul, who was enchanted with its engaging ways. The first time she went out she locked the two pets up securely in her bedroom, and immediately upon her return she hastened to entertain herself with them. The monkey was in the highest spirits; but the Parrot? Where was the Parrot? Presently a volley of the most frightful curses proceeded from under the bed, where, indeed, poor Poll was swearing for all it was worth—not without provocation. The monkey had plucked it bare as a new born babe! This incident led to a duel, in which both the above mentioned lovers were wounded

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Alnwick and Dist. C.B.S.—April 29, Temperance Hotel, 8. Table show for British birds, five classes: Goldie or Bullfinch, Linnet Gray, Greenfinch, Chaffinch or Bramblefinch, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, A.O.V. bird. udge, J. Robinson.—R. F. Rinnison.

Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S.—April 9, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Arrangements for next feather show.—W. Richinson.

Ashton-under-Lyne A.D.O.S.—April 11, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. General business; also a night on questions. Fanciers and friends invited.—H. Foden.

Altrincham C.B.S.—April 7, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Raynes, on "Breeding the Norwich Canary." Fanciers and friends invited.—B. Head.

Admiral Duncan O.S. (Nottingham).—April 4, Admiral Duncan, 8. General meeting re election of president.—W. Healey.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.—April 4, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. If the Society is to continue, Fanciers please attend.—E. Carlisle, secretary, pro tem.

Bolton and Dist. O.S.—April 6, headquarters, 8. Business important.—J. Stringer.

British R.C.C.—April 7, King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate-street Without, 7. Musical evening; several leading Fanciers have promised to bring birds, and a discussion will take place on the birds' song. Members please note alteration of date. Hearty welcome to all.—J. W. Norris.

Bradford (East) O.S.—April 7, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrangements for Easter Monday ramble to Grassington, and debate on the "Length of the Yorkshire."—H. Hill.

Burton-on Trent C.B.S.—April 7, New Inn, Station-street, 7.45. Committee meeting; general meeting, 8.15. Committee: Important business re C.B.U. General: Exhibition in bird washing by Mr. T. Kirkland; paper on "Rearing and Feeding the Hawfinch," by Mr. S. Hakes.—S. A. Dicken.

Baildon Original C.B.F.A.—April 4, Bull Head Inn, 8.—Quarter night.—L. Haithwaite.

Bermondsey and Dist. F.S.—April 7, Samson's Castle, Grange-road, S.E., 8. Annual show prize money to be discussed.—A. Lupton.

Bradford and County B.B. and M.C.—April 7, Market Tavern, 7.30. Committee meeting to arrange for annual meeting, and other important business.—W. R. Myers.

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.—April 6, Headquarters, 8.30. Open show business.—S. H. W. Baker.

City of Hull C.B.S.—April 6, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Discussion on "Colour Feeding and Rearing Young Birds."—F. F. Potter.

City of Wakefield O.S.—April 4, at Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. To discuss cup rule 4, and other important business.—Parker and Atkinson.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—April 7, Burton Stores, Victoria-street, 7.45. Monthly meeting; several very important proposals.—J. C. Heaton.

Chester and Dist. C.B.S.—April 8, Boot Inn, 7. Night show of British and Mules.—A. J. Red.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—April 4, Royal Hotel, 7.30. General business.—W. Charlesworth.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—April 7, Bull's Head Inn, 8. Business important.—F. W. Tomsett.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—April 28, George Hotel, 8. Judge for open show and date, etc., for first feather show.—R. S. Black.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—April 8, 8.30. Rules, members' nest show, and open show.—J. J. Mullett.

Edinburgh Eastern Dist. O.S.—April 6, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbeymount, 8. General business, booking of hens; full muster of members requested; intending new members please come forward at this meeting.—G. R. Smith.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—April 4, Fountain Inn, 8. Important.—W. Ashworth.

Exeter and Dist. C.B.S.—April 7, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Paper by Mr. W. H. Commins, on "British Birds and How to Feed Them." Also other important business.—R. H. Folley.

Ealing, Hanwell, and Dist. F.S.—April 10, headquarters, 8. Business important.—W. Bird.

Frome F.A.—April 8, Lamb Hotel, Frome, 7.30. Lecture on "Colour Feeding and Canary Breeding" by Mr. C. E. Brown (Shirehampton).—C. J. Young.

Great Horton O.S.—April 11, Butcher's Arms, 8. Special business re first feather show and specials for members' shows.—J. Holroyd.

Grimsby and Dist. O.S.—April 7, Hall of Science, Freeman-street, Grimsby. Table show of British and Foreign birds, and general business. Judge, Mr. W. H. Moore, senr. Fanciers and friends welcomed.—Moore and Crowston.

Great Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—April 6, headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30.—G. Waddington.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—April 9, Two Brewers, Greenwich, 8. Election of officers, etc.—F. W. Hamer.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—April 8, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. General business.—T. Taylor.

Guisboro' and Dist. "Priory" C.B.S.—April 11, headquarters, 7. Business important; also lecture on "Cage Birds," by J. Chappel, Esq. Fanciers welcome.—G. Atkinson.

Halifax O.S.—April 4, Griffin Hotel, 8. Yellow bird show. Class 1, Yellow Yorkshires; class 2, Novice, Yellow Yorkshires; class 3, Yellow Norwich. —J. F. Thackray.

Huddersfield O.S.—April 6, White Hart Hotel, 8. Election of officers, and open show business.—S. Lodge.

Inverness O.A.—April 8, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. General business.—A. Urquhart.

Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.F.S.—April 8, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond-street, Jarrow, 7.30. Intending members invited.—J. T. Carrick.

Kent County C.B.A.—April 8, Engineer Hotel, Dover, 7.30. Discussion on "Pairing, Breeding, and Feeding," etc.—G. Sanderson.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—April 4, Ye Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 6. Special meeting. Presentation to Mr. H. Oliver and of cups and medals to winners.—J. Rukin.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—April 7, Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham, 8. General business, 8.30. Lecture on "Norwich Plainheads," by J. Hazell, Esq.—H. T. Lucas.

Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.—April 11, Co-operative Room, 6.30. General business.—Turner and Barker.

Liverpool B.B.A.—April 9, Oldham Hall, 8. To elect judges for young and o'd show, and to arrange schedule for young show.—A. Thompson.

Leeds R.C.C.—April 4, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate-street, 7.30. Important. Roller Fanciers heartily invited.—C. Towes.

Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.—April 6, headquarters 8. "Hints on Cage Making," by Mr. A. B. Forse. Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—B. F. Forse.

Leeds C.B.S.—April 4, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Discussion on "Breeding and Rearing," introduced by Mr. F. King.—A. Wilkins.

Leicester C.B.S.—April 8, headquarters, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High-street, 8.15. Table show. Pairs for Hybrid breeding, British or Foreign and Canary; pairs for Hybrid breeding between A.S. British or Foreign; A.V. British shown, but not having already gained a prize. Judge, Mr. Stevens. All guarantees to be in for the nest feather show. Fanciers cordially invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—April 7, Railway Hotel, 7.30. J. and J. Hopkins (Bolton) will read a paper on "Norwich Plainheads." Fanciers and friends invited.—R. H. Davies.

London and Counties O.S.—April 6, "Bay Malton," Great Portland-street, W., 8. Adjourned general meeting; new rules, moved by hon. secretary, and committee's suggestions, a, b, c, d, e, etc. Lecture to follow.—R. J. Pretty.

Leith O.S.—April 11, Liberal Club, Hope-street, 7.30. Booking of hens, election of judges, hall for shows, last meeting for new members.—G. Brown.

Manningham C.B.A.—April 4, Mowbray Arms, 8. Members' show, judges, etc. Intending members please attend.—F. Western.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—April 6, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Table show, British or Foreign birds, and questions and answers thereon.—E. Jones.

Middlesbrough and Teeside C.B.S.—April 11, Crown Hotel, 8. Very important re Cage Bird Union.—A. Wake.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—April 9, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House, entitled "Where are we?" Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—A. J. Head.

Norwich Plainhead Club.—April 4, Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, 6. To adopt rules, etc., and other business. All fanciers are heartily invited.—O. Mitchell.

North Manchester C.B.S.—April 7, 8. Classification of first feather show, and selection of judge for same.—J. Davey.

Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.—April 14, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Business of importance.—F. Steeple.

Ormskirk and Dist, C.B.S.—April 6, headquarters, 8. Very important business.—T. H. Tiffen.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—April 13, Chapel-street Congregational Hall, 8. Table show of British; entry, 6d., paid on 6d. sliding scale. Mr. Barker Clegg will judge and lecture on same. Friends invited.—W. Jackson.

Preston O.S.—April 13, Scientific Society's Rooms, 7.30. Consideration of judges and patronage for shows. The secretary will exhibit a portion of his extensive collection of British birds' eggs.—W. H. Heathcote.

Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.—April 4, Red Lion, Stoke, 8. Receive report of delegates in regard to federation of Societies in North Staffordshire and district.—J. Simcock.

Pelton and Dist. C.B.S.—April 11, Fleece Inn, 7. Business important.—L. Hall.

Queensbury C.B.S.—April 7, Baptist School, 7. Lecture on the Yorkshire Canary by Mr. Wm. Cruise (Bradford).—P. Jagger.

Reigate F.A. (Cage Bird Section).—April 13, Mutton's Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. A. J. Kilby (Caterham), "My experiences in breeding Norwich Plainheads."—A. W. Bacon.

Rochdale O.C.—April 6, Club-rooms, 8. Quarterly meeting.—J. Butterworth.

South-Western London C.B.S.—April 9, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8.30.—Lilley.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—April 4, Station Hotel, 7. Business very important.—J. M. Nicholson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—April 6, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8.—R. Bennett.

Stockport B.F.A.—April 9, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Judge for first feather show, and lecture on "Lancashires and Crests," by Mr. G. W. Oldham.—W. Stafford.

Shipley O.S.—April 7, Victoria Hotel, 8. Members' first feather shows business.—H. Dobson.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—April 9, Oxford Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Club's patronage for open show, table shows, supper, etc.—A. Hitchings.

Stratford and East London F.S.—April 9, Workman's Hall, Stratford. Monthly show. Members who have not received notification requested to send entries to see.—S. L. Sheldrick.

South London Col. and F.A.—April 9, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High-road, S.E., 8.30. Election of annual show judges. Cage bird members requested to attend.—G. A. Jeffreys

Tong and Dist. C.B.S.—April 14, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Joining the Yorkshire Union, and other important business.—J. Smith.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—April 4, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—April 6, headquarters, 8. —J. Netherwood.

Witsey and Dist. C.B.S.—April 4, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), "Breeding and Exhibiting of the Canary." Fanciers heartily welcome.—E. W. Johnson.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A.—April 5, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30. General business.—H. A. Watson.

Windhill, Shipley, and Dist. O.S.—April 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Monthly meeting.—E. Broadley.

West of Scotland.—April 4, Templars' Hall, Glasgow, 7.30. Show of British birds and usual monthly meeting business.—G. Smart.

Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S.—April 6, at 6. The Broadway, 8. Discussion on Federation rules, impromptu questions. Fanciers invited to attend.—H. Smith.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Caught a Chill.

T.D.—It is quite probable that the bird having caught a chill, the brisk building in your garden has been too cold to allow it to throw it off. You must now keep it comfortably warm, but be careful not to overdo this, as if you keep the hen too warm now you may throw her into moult. See that all draughts are strictly avoided, and do not give cold baths unless there should come a few nice warm days. To begin treatment give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water for two days. Afterwards give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and five of sweet spirits of nitre, in the water for one day; next day give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid; and on the third day give pure water only. Repeat these last three days over again and again until the wheezing ceases. Feed on Canary seed only as a staple, and give separately a pinch of hemp and rape mixed together, a small pinch of inga seed, and a crumb of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry, each twice a week. Give a spray of watercress daily. Do not be in a hurry to mate the bird. Let her have a few days' rest to recuperate and get into condition after she seems quite recovered.

A Line from Providence.

Providence, R.I.—Sorry I have not the exact formula of Parrish's Chemical Food by me to tell you what it is composed of. It is a syrup of the phosphates of lime, iron, potash, and soda. You will find the exact formula on every complete bottle of the preparation you get from your chemist, I believe. Still, the formula is of no practical value to you, as you could not prepare the mixture properly yourself, even if it was worth your time to try, which it certainly is not when you should be able to purchase it in small quantities of any chemist for about twopence per ounce. 2. I expect the hen is suffering badly from red-mite attacks. Examine the cage carefully to ascertain the fact. The feathers that have been lost may grow in the next few weeks, but if they are not started by the time you see this reply they will not be reproduced until next moulting season. A twenty-drop dose of the chemical food in the water every second day for two or three weeks would do the bird good. Also give a bath daily in mild weather, and two or three times a week add a little quassia to it. For the egg-eating vice you can do nothing beyond providing a special nest, as described on our novices' page to save the eggs for another bird to hatch and rear. Altogether, I should not consider this hen worth troubling with—certainly I would not breed with her.

We are Seven.

No Name.—1. The fact that your cock Canary bred last year with a hen that was troubled with asthma is not the cause of his now being troubled in that way himself. He has been exposed either to draughts, chills, or damp. Give him the medicine advised to "T.D." in this issue, but omit the preparatory doses of Epsom salts. Also feed as advised in the sage reply until quite well, and see that it is fully protected from any of the above-named causes. You must not think of mating him whilst under treatment; it would be simply courting failure. See remarks to "T.D." on the subject. 2. Yes, the Cinnamon Canary is quite a distinct variety. The cinnamon-coloured markings have been engrafted on to several other varieties—the Norwich and Yorkshire are examples—but these birds are really cinnamon-marked Norwich or Yorkshire, as the case may be, and are not the true Cinnamon variety. The latter is a bird of Norwich type generally, but rather larger, and more stoutly built. Its colour is its chief characteristic feature, and the readiest means of identification. It should be a rich, sound cinnamon colour throughout. 3. Silver sand will not harm your birds, but as it is usually very fine you would probably need to give a little gritty sand in addition. 4. The best way to prevent egg-binding in your hens is to keep them in a sound, healthy condition throughout the winter months by proper attention to food and exercise, and give a pinch of inga seed to each hen twice a week during the spring months. Having done this, and then kept the birds apart until the end of March you would not be troubled with egg-binding. 5, 6, and 7. These queries belong to Mr. Weston's department, and should have been on a separate sheet. Look in his columns for replies. The sample of mixed seeds sent contains far too much linseed and inga for regular use, and the quality is only second-rate.

A Varied Quartette.

"Mac."—1. You do not say what class of bird you wish to breed. As they would be cross-breds in either case I assume you are breeding for songsters, and should advise you to mate the Yorkshire cock with e.m. Norwich hen, as the young will be a much better looking bird than from a mating with the Roller hen. Or you could, if you desired, mate the cock alternately with both hens. 2. You may continue to give a little egg-food to the pair you have mated about three times a week until the hen has gone to nest. Give a little only once a week whilst hen is sitting. 3. The egg-bread you mention is a very useful substitute for the usual home-made egg-food for occasional use when not breeding, but for rearing young I think the genuine freshly-made home-made article has yet to meet with its equal. 4. Of the two samples of seed the Canary is a very nice quality, but very small. Its small size is its only fault. The rape is a mixture, and contains a good deal of wild mustard. I should not care to use it regularly. Am very pleased to know the former advice did so much good for your bird.

Mixed Breeding.

"Doubtful."—You have probably good reason to be doubtful, too, about the success of breeding Canaries in your cage-aviary in company with Zebra Finches and Cutthroats. The probability is that the plan would be a signal failure. To stand any chance at all of succeeding you should devote the aviary entirely to Canaries, and if you did this you would be able to turn in one cock and three hen Canaries, which, with ordinary luck, should succeed very well. You would need to put in five or six nest pans. A clear Buff cock, and a green, a slightly ticked Buff, and a marked or uneven-marked Buff hens would make a good selection. You would not need to mate the birds up separately. Place the three hens altogether in the aviary, and when they and the cock are all in a nice fresh condition, put the cock in a small wire cage, such as a nursery, and hang this cage on the front of the aviary for one or two days so that he may call to the hens. As soon as they are calling freely to each other turn the cocks in to them. A few days later, if the birds have paired, and the hens appear anxious to begin nesting, supply them with nesting material. This course is almost certain to give you a great deal more satisfaction than attempting to introduce the Canaries for breeding amongst the Foreign Finches.

An Epidemic of Sneezing.

"Silliw."—The sudden outbreak of sneezing amongst your birds after having gone through the winter all right is most likely due to cold bathing during the very variable weather we have at this time of the year. Do not give baths except on mild, bright days. Continue to feed and treat as you have begun to do, with the exception of omitting the tolu from the water, and give only the whiskey, glycerine, and nitre—thirty, ten, and five drops respectively—two days in each three, until the sneezing is removed. Also omit the bread and milk, and give instead a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry twice a week, and give the mixed seed every third day. The birds probably will soon be all right, and should be quite fit to breed with. But do not mate them up, especially the one you removed to the kitchen, until quite well.

Crested Roller Bald.

A.A.—Is this a new creation, or simply a cross-bred songster? The baldness must be due to constitutional weakness, and perhaps its age is against it; but you say nothing on this point. Try the following treatment for a month and see if the bird appears better then. If not, write again, and mention this reply. You must not, however, expect the feathers to grow again before next moult, as they probably will not. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, as a staple, and twice a week give a little pinch of maw and hemp mixed together, twice a crumb of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry, and twice a piece of bread the size of a monkey-nut dipped in milk, and with five drops of cod liver oil dropped upon it. Give these alternately, one each day, so as to cover a week with them. Give a spray of watercress daily. Twice during each week give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and twelve drops of lemon juice in the water, and at the end of each week give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water for one day. Let it bathe freely as often as it will do so, but see that it does not get chilled after it. Twice a week you may just moisten the bare place with strong vinegar.

A Premature Start.

Beginner.—Your troubles all arise out of the one fact that you put the birds together before they were ready for mating, and at a too early date. As the cock was singing a little before you put them together it shows that he was freshening up nicely, and at a very favourable time, and had you kept the pair separate until the cock was in stout song, and the hen active, and responding promptly to the "calls" of the cock, even if it had been the beginning of April before this stage was reached, you would have probably been a good deal more forward now than you are. Our columns have been studded with warnings against making this mistake for the last month. You would do well to read up the novices' page for the last few weeks. You can do little now beyond having plenty of patience. As the weather gets warmer they will brighten up and probably go to nest. If they show no signs whatever of starting nesting you may separate them even now for a fortnight or so, and give the cock twenty drops of brandy and ten of glycerine in his water one day, and twelve drops of chemical food the next, and continue giving these on alternate days for a week. Give both birds a leaf of dandelion daily, and continue to feed as you are doing now. Then mate them again when they are ready for it. But should they have begun nesting you must leave them alone and let events take their own course. The best way for you to determine the sex of the Crest is by its song. If it is a cock, when it sings you will see a prominent swelling and throbbing of the throat. In dark Crests the midrib of the Crest feathers is usually a shade darker than the margin in the hen, giving the crest a striped or veiny appearance.

A Case of Over-feeding.

A.C.G.—I think the bird's trouble arises mainly out of an overfed condition. It will probably take some little time to bring it into a good hard condition again. Feed on a staple of Canary seed only; give an unlimited supply of green-food daily, and twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of hemp and rape. Also give twice a week half a teaspoonful of egg-food, with six drops of chemical food well mixed in it. In the drinking give for the first week as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence two days in every three. For the next fortnight after that give one day a dose of salts as above, with twenty drops of whisky added; next day twenty drops of chemical food, and pure water on the third day. For a week or two after this you may give twelve drops of chemical food every alternate day if it seems necessary.

Canary Laying.

J.T. (Birmingham).—You kept the birds separate too long after the hen was ready, and it was quite useless putting them together as soon as she had laid her eggs and expecting them to go on nesting in the ordinary way. The best thing you can do now is to give a piece of cuttlefish, remove the nesting material, but not the nest box, and let them come on to nest gradually again, which the hen may do in the course of two or three weeks. Give nesting material again when you find the hen is looking about for it, and seems anxious to nest, which will not be until some days after pairing has taken place. Of course, you may throw away the eggs she laid; they are useless.

Valuing Canaries.

No Name.—If you were really anxious to know the real value of the birds you have bred, I would suggest, as you cannot find anyone to value them locally, that you entered an average specimen at a show in the A.O.V. class. Then, after judging was over, you could write the judge a note and ask if he would oblige you in that direction; or even write a note and ask our Editor to request his reporter at that show to value the bird for you. My opinion is that the bird you bought for a Norwich is a crest-bred bird, which would account for some of the young being crested when paired to a Yorkshire. I do not expect the Crests are quite ideal ones. In any case, your birds would be cross-breds, and only of value as songsters, probably somewhere about 7s. 6d. or 10s. each, according to the singing powers of the cocks. The hens would only do for feeders, value about 3s. each.

Things Went Wrong.

G.W. (Hants).—The birds were doubtless exposed to some chills or draughts, which caused them to drop into moult after being mated. Am very glad to hear that you got over this difficulty so well by consulting back numbers of CAGE BIRDS, and doing as you saw advised therein. Your feeding is bad. To complete the cure of the cock treat him for one week as advised to "A.C.G." in this issue. After that feed him on the usual diet so often recommended here. Canary seed as a staple, a pinch of rape twice a week, hemp ditto, twice a week a little egg-food. When preparing them again for mating give each of the items three times a week instead of twice, and give the hen a pinch of inga twice a week. At the end of the first week's treatment of the cock, give it six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in its water for two days, and then twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a week.

Bare on Head.

S.J. (Lynton).—As the bird appears in very good health and condition save for losing the feathers on the front of the head, I do not think there is any necessity for stopping him breeding. It is just possible the trouble may arise from badly-placed perches in front of the seed and water vessels causing it to rub its head against the top of the wire holes, or the hen might be responsible for the baldness. In any case, I would not trouble about it now whilst the bird is breeding, so long as it remains as vigorous and healthy as it now is, beyond gently rubbing on the bare place a very little Zambuk ointment twice a week. Give it a tepid bath two or three times a week with a few drops of essence of quassia mixed in it. You may also add twelve drops of chemical food to the water daily for a week, as this will do no harm to the sitting hen. By the way, you mated the birds up too early.

Time for Feeding Young.

H.R.S. (Bath).—When there are young to be fed you should give a fresh supply of egg-food in the evening just before the old birds begin to feed up the young for the night, and give only a small quantity so that there is about enough left at night for the birds to begin to feed next morning. When this is done it is unnecessary to give the fresh supply of food before eight or nine o'clock in the morning as you say, and this is doubtless what the large breeder you mention does; it is the usual course adopted. In the middle of summer the parent birds will begin to feed the young as early as four or five a.m. It will probably take some little time to cure the young crested cock; so persevere. You might try the effect of substituting Epsom salts, as frequently advised in these columns, for the buckthorn, and alternate it with twenty drops of whiskey and as much boric acid as will cover a threepenny piece in the water.

Birds Reeling.

B.G.S.—I am afraid one thing is at the root of all your trouble—the birds are in too fat condition. Treat them as advised to "A.C.G." in this issue for a fortnight, and afterwards give twenty drops of chemical food and six drops of tincture of steel on alternate days for a week or so. The egg-binding is also mainly the outcome of the above conditions, and should disappear after the above treatment. Still, as the season will be getting rather advanced by the time you have finished the treatment, I think you would be well advised to clear them out and replace them with a few good sound, healthy hens. If you do not replace them give your hens a pinch of inga twice a week.

Nesting Diarrhœa.

"A Willing Learner."—Although the fact of several of your fellow fanciers being seriously troubled with this complaint amongst their hens might reasonably throw suspicion upon your water supply, which has undergone some change, you must see at once that if the water was the cause of the trouble you would find it prevalent at all times, and not only during the time the hens were nesting. It is quite possible that something in the food supply may help to cause it. How is your egg-food prepared? Perhaps that may be the cause. If you have still any doubts about the water, boil it before use, and you may rely upon its purity then for all practical purposes. To prevent the diarrhœa, give a small quantity of hemp seed every second day, and on the intervening days, if any looseness is present, give as much carbonate of bismuth as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of prepared chalk in the drinking water until looseness is stopped.

When to Colour Feed.

Tom.—German Canaries are not notable for their fine plumage, it is true. You may improve your bird by colour-feeding her at the proper time, but it is very doubtful if you will bring her out as deep a colour as a Norwich, for instance, as the colour is wholly neglected in breeding the birds. You may let her go on breeding until the end of July or middle of August, when you will take the first favourable opportunity to stop her breeding. Then commence to give colour food about the end of August, before she begins to cast feathers, and continue to give it until the moult is completely finished and the bird in fine plumage again. You will see lots of advice in our columns at the proper time how and when to give the colour food. Any good pure brand of tasteless pepper is the proper food to use.

Weakly and Sits Low.

M. Plank.—The Crest cock is evidently in a very weak condition, and may perhaps not be treated the same now as before you bought him. In addition to the usual seed diet give a teaspoonful of scalded rape once a week, and a small piece of sponge cake moistened with sherry twice a week, and twice a week half a teaspoonful of egg-food, with a few drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. In the drinking water give twelve drops of chemical food one day and thirty of whiskey the next, and continue this on alternate days for a week, when you may discontinue the whiskey, and continue giving the chemical food on alternate days for another week or so.

Brevities.

Waste Seed and Seed Samples (G.G.H.).—A dose of Epsom salts for one day will do the bird good to begin with. After that give him five drops each of tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day for a week or so, by which time he will probably be all right. Both samples of seed you sent are of fairly good quality, and sweet and clean. No. 1 is of good size; No. 2 is rather smaller; otherwise they are practically equal. On account of its slightly better size, No. 1 is the better of the two samples.

Loss of Voice (A. Gardner).—Give the cock that has lost his voice twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and six of syrup of squills in its water two days in every three until better, and give it also a little sponge cake moistened with sherry two or three times a week. See that he is not exposed to any chills or draught. 2. The cause of the birds constantly pecking their bodies is that they are troubled with red-mites. Look up a few back numbers and you will see how to deal effectively with this pest. The other part of your query will be answered in Mr. Weston's columns. It should have been written on a separate sheet.

Canary Panting (J.H.D.).—In addition to the diet of plain Canary seed give this hen a half-teaspoonful of egg-food with five drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it twice a week, and every second day give a pinch of hemp and rape mixed together in equal parts, and a pinch of inga—give first one and then the other on alternate occasions, but not both together. Give a dandelion leaf or a spray of watercress daily. In the drinking water give thirty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and a small pinch of Epsom salts three times a week until better. The sample of Canary is of very fair quality, but is rather small.

Pecks Himself (Puzzled Sister).—If you closely examine its cage, probing any crack or open joint on to a piece of white paper with a pin, you will soon discover cause of your bird's condition—i.e., being pestered and worried by red-mite. Put the bird in a spare cage temporarily, giving daily baths in which a little essence of quassia is mixed, and thoroughly clean and purify its own cage. Saturate joint with turpentine, and paint it all over inside and out with it; place outside to dry, and repeat the operation twice at intervals of one day. Then re-paint the inside, with paint, enamel, or distemper, and touch up and re-varnish the outside. As the bird is probably very weakened in condition, you may give him twenty drops of chemical food every alternate day for a time.

Loss of Song (A Novice).—Beyond saying that you think the bird has lost its song, you give me absolutely no data to go upon. What symptoms has it, if any? Is it mated or unmated? Has it been singing and ceased, whether gradually or suddenly? Is it hoarse, or has it never sung yet? The answers to these questions would be some guide to giving you proper advice. See that the bird is not exposed to draught, and give twenty drops of whiskey and ten of glycerine in the water two days in every three for a week, and give a crumb of sponge cake, slightly moistened with sherry twice during the week. If not better then, write again, and give us the particulars asked for.

Growth Over Beak (Bird Lover).—The small lump on the forehead of your bird is a small tumour. When it is ripe it would be a very simple matter for a veterinary or medical man to remove it, if the bird is valuable enough to make it worth your while having it removed. But as long as it does not seriously interfere with the bird's health, I should not advise you to tamper with it yourself, as you may very easily make matters worse, besides causing the bird much suffering. Try the effect of slightly smearing it with Zambuk ointment twice a week.

Out of Season (J. Hall).—Another colour-feeding query! See reply to "Tom" in this issue. You will begin to feed young Canaries about the end of August, as mentioned in that reply, and about that time you will not fail to find full details and recipes for the process in our columns. The cost of feed will be somewhere about 2s. per pound. This you will learn from our advertisement columns in a few weeks hence, but do not make a point of getting the cheapest you can. Have a good brand, if you have to pay a little more for it.

SOME CINNAMON-MARKED PROBLEMS.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Querist.—In trying to forecast the likely produce from a pair of Canaries, one should be accurately acquainted, not only with their appearance, but with their pedigree, and this is particularly essential in breeding Cinnamon variegated stock. It is also of prime importance to make up one's mind what it is one wants, and not to want too

much, but to concentrate one's energies on one point at a time. You tell me that you "have a pink-eyed clear Buff cock, the father of which is a dark-eyed clear Yellow, with some Cinnamon blood in him; and the mother is a dark-eyed clear Buff." In the first place I must say that it is extremely unusual for a pair of dark-eyed stock birds to produce a pink-eyed son; the Cinnamon traits seem to fall more naturally on the daughters. I am very much inclined to assume, therefore, that your clear Buff cock is not a true pink-eyed bird, perhaps only red-eyed, and that if you pair him with one, or both, of your "two sister hens that come from a well-marked strain, Cinnamon of course," you will get both pink-eyed and dark-eyed progeny, the pink-eyed chicks being hens, most probably. Although you do not say so, I take it that your birds are of the Yorkshire type, and that you want (1) some nicely-"marked" youngsters, either with marking of a dark colour (which they will be bound to have, if marked at all, their eyes being dark), or (2) marks of Cinnamon colour, which must go with pink eyes. If your stock birds are all truly pink-eyed, all their youngsters will be pink-eyed, too; but if either of the parents are dark-eyed, although Cinnamon-bred, the children will be some pink-eyed and some dark-eyed, and unless the Cinnamon blood is strong in the dark-eyed parent you will not be likely to get any pink-eyed sons, for if you want these you must, for certainty, have the pink-eye in both stock birds. Still, you may get some very nice dark "marks," and so you might if there were no Cinnamon blood in the strain. As to how you should proceed next year to mate the progeny of this year, with the definite aim of breeding some good Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires, you will be guided by my foregoing remarks on selection of pink-eyed stock birds. If you want dark marks, pair dark-eyed birds together, but when you require Cinnamon marks, mate two birds that have pink eyes, also having Cinnamon ticked or lightly-marked bodies. If they are pink-eyed, but with no body marks, pair such birds to heavily Cinnamon variegated mates, from an established "marked" strain.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Skylarks Breeding in a Cage.

Bird Lover.—No one could venture to tell you for certain whether or not you would succeed in breeding Skylarks in a cage 5 ft. by 3 ft. by 3 ft. Unlooked-for things frequently happen; at the same time it is long odds against you succeeding. Still, I heard last season of Skylarks being bred in the suburbs of London, in a kind of "rabbit-hutch" aviary (quite small), and apparently without any particular attention being paid to the birds, the old ones rearing the young on the usual soft food. The youngster I saw myself was a proper little chap, and I envied the owner his experience. I believe the facts can be vouched for by several known fanciers. Another instance of the Skylark breeding in captivity (this time in Birmingham) was recorded at length some time ago in Cage Birds. Possibly the manager could find you the back number containing it, if you applied to him. I remember the writer speaks therein of the difficulty he had over maintaining a suitable supply of live food, which apparently he found indispensable. You most certainly should get a house-moulted hen, if possible; a February-caught one would most likely prove quite useless. A good quality stock food, and plenty of live food would be the best incentives to breeding.

Feathers Falling.

Winterman.—Do you keep your birds hanging above the level of the gas, or oil lamp (whichever illuminant you use)? This is a frequent cause of loose feathers, and continuous loss of feathers. Box show cages are hardly the thing for everyday use. Get one ounce of citrate of iron and quinine crystals from a chemist, and dissolve as much as will just cover a threepennypiece in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give this fresh daily for at least a fortnight, but every second day let the birds have plain water in their cages for about an hour. The seeds will not affect matters one way or the other, but you want to avoid mixtures containing a lot of linseed and niger for every-day use. Cracked sunflower, also maw seed, would do good.

Minus their Tails.

E.W.—Nothing you can "give" the birds will affect their tails. It is not a matter which can be remedied by food or medicine. Many fresh-caught birds make sad messes of their tails during their first year in captivity. After their first moult in a cage (when the broken caudal appendage is reproduced in all its glory), it is usually not again damaged, however, because the bird has by then become steadied down. An unsuitable type of cage, though, will often bring about broken tail feathers. Again, some Chaffinches are very unsteady birds, and difficult to keep with whole tails; further, many Thrushes have the same sad habit of spoiling their good looks. If your birds are still wild, then it follows that you will have to get them tame. No doubt the "stumps" of the old feathers still remain in, and unless these are extracted new tail feathers cannot, of course, grow. It may interest you to know that it is an old tale (no pun intended) of many bird dealers and keepers (especially the "old school") that no really good singing Thrush ever has a perfect tail when kept in a cage. "A good-monthed Throstle allus does his tail in," is what I have been assured over and over again by fanciers of this type.

Mating Muling Canaries.

J.C.—You really wanted the yellow (1906) cock to pair back to the mother. But as he is dead that cannot be, and I should run the buff (1907) cock, from the first mating, back to her for one nest, and for the rest of the season run her with a clear yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock purchased from a known breeder (one with a genuine strain). Get a real Lancashire, not a mongrel. The rest of the youngsters I should pair together to what seems the best advantage—that is, select the highest coloured specimens, and avoid using any "weeds." Make as much use of the yellow (1906) cock bird as you can. You could test some of the old hens later in the season with Finches, and should one or another throw light feather to any appreciable extent, take particular care of the young Canaries previously produced by them.

Gold-Crested Wrens, etc.

Ambition.—I gave full details the other week, in reply to "Daulias luscinia," of how the majority of the Warblers may be kept in captivity. Most of the small insectivorous birds require to be fed on very much the same lines (truth to tell, most fanciers find it difficult to command suitable items of diet sufficient to permit of much variation). That the quality of the ingredients comprising the stock food should be good is the main point; the arranging for suitable live food a close second. You are foolish (if you will pardon me using the word) to try keeping Gold-crested Wrens when you have had no experience of Softbills. They are admittedly among the most delicate and "ticklish" customers the bird-lover can tackle, and that you should have already lost two or three "within a day or so of capture" is only what one might expect. One I had myself I fed at first mainly on preserved houseflies, with one or two late-caught flies I was able to get ants' eggs of best quality soaked in milk, drained, and rubbed amongst yolk of egg, or with a pinch of Plasmon powder sprinkled over (later, mixed with a little good insectivorous food), and small, well-scoured gentles. In the summer I gave live ants' eggs, aphides (green-fly) off geraniums, and other greenhouse plants, rose trees, etc., likewise house flies captured in the "balloon" type of trap. Flies are much appreciated when released into the cage with a wing pulled off, to ensure the bird getting at them (I hope this won't offend anyone's susceptibilities). It is astonishing what large "consumers" these tiny mites of birds seem to be. For mealworms they are not particularly eager, though very tiny ones get eaten, and a few "squeezed out" amongst the food are always valuable. But you want to gain some experience before attempting Gold-crests. Many insectivorous birds are easy to keep; some very much the reverse, however.

Brevities.

All Together (W. H. Harris).—In a room of the size you mention, the birds named should do very well flying loose. But you have not a sufficiency of hens. I advise you to take out the cock Bullie and turn in two Bullie hens, and three more Norwich-type hen Canaries. Put up at least twice as many nest-boxes as you have hens.

Concerning an Aviary (Lex).—Your questions are of two wide a scope to be dealt with satisfactorily in this column. You should get Mr. Norman's book on "Aviaries," which has been specially written to help bird-lovers in your position. The best "mixture" I could advise you to turn in during the first year would be one dozen hen Canaries, half-a-dozen hen Bullfinches, and a selection of the following cock Finches:—Gold and Green, Siskin, Linnet, Redpoll, and Twite. From these you would be certain to breed some youngsters, I should say. No doubt my friend, Mr. Page, could recommend you a few suitable Foreign birds.

Linnet and Redpolls (Socrates).—The diet you mention should be quite sufficient to get the Linnet in proper breeding condition. Try him with dandelion and shepherd's purse, likewise chickweed, and I'll wager he won't say no, especially if in seed. You can keep the Redpolls in the cage together from now onwards, though they quite likely will not attempt breeding operations until another month at least has passed. One of my hens built in an ordinary earthenware nestpan; but most prefer a wooden one. There is no difficulty once they set out to "keep house." Give the seeding greenfoods freely should young hatch out: I noticed then my own old birds visited the soft-food, and pan of ants' eggs, which stood in the aviary.

In Conservatory (Malvern Wells).—If the temperature in the conservatory is not too variable and sultry, the couple should do well. You could turn in the Goldfinch as soon as you see the hen Canary flying about vigorously flapping her wings and carrying bits of nesting material in her bill. The hen ought to be a very suitable one. By-the-way, a height of seven feet seems very curious for a place only two feet long and broad; half that height would surely be better. Are the dimensions correctly written down, though? Don't turn in the Goldfinch until the hen is ready.

Foot Trouble (G.C.W.).—From your letter I should say the trouble is due to the Bullfinch's claws being too long—most captive birds require them cutting occasionally. This would explain him getting "hung up" in the wires of the cage. To trim them is an easy matter, providing one handles the bird firmly but gently, thus obviating struggling, with the possible resulting fracture of a wing or leg. With a sharp pair of scissors (or finger-nail cutters) cut away the incurved portions of the claws, down to within about three-sixtcenths of an inch of the toe in the back and middle front claws, and a quarter of an inch in the outer front claws. That would be about a safe distance. If cut too close up they will bleed; then, of course, the operation becomes painful to the bird—but only then.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Grey Parrot Ailing.

E.P.—I fear one bird has contaminated the other, and I am very doubtful as to the result. You cannot do much else than keep the bird warm and quiet. Dinneford's Magnesia is a much safer aperient than castor oil. Give the bird, on alternate days, three doses of six grains each of sulphate of soda and chlorate of potash dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water, this mixture forming its sole drinking fluid for the respective days. Continue the glyco-thymoline daily for a time. I thought I made it quite clear in my previous letter that milk sop in any form is very dangerous for Grey Parrots, and should only be given till you can get it accustomed to other food, that is, the seed mixture, ripe fruit, etc. As soon as this bird is taking sufficient of the seed mixture stop all soft food—till such time, boiled maize is a much more wholesome diet than milk sop. If the bird survives the next 10 days, you had better write again giving full details. You must not use a cage which has contained a bird suffering from septic troubles for another bird till it has been thoroughly sterilised.

Amazon with Cold.

S.S.W.—Mix a few chillies with its seed mixture, and do not try every remedy you hear of; spray its nostrils daily with glyco-thymoline for a week, and put one teaspoonful of the mixture given below, in two tablespoonfuls of water, which should be sufficient for a day's supply. Do not leave it in the cage. Offer it at intervals 3 or 4 times a day. Do not give bread and butter or tea sop. As you are a new reader I repeat diet for your benefit. Seed mixture: Canary seed, oats, hemp, dari, small maize and sunflower seeds, double the quantity of the two former to those of the following kinds. Well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. Also give, to vary the diet, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, little boiled potato (dry), stale crust of household bread, nuts, and cuttlefish, this last a continuous supply. For one day soak one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into a piece of biscuit or stale bread, and when partly dry, give it to the bird, who should eat it either dry or moist. Mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts.

When to Buy Grey Parrots.

A. A. A.—A grey Parrot is always more or less of a risky purchase (that is, a newly-imported bird), owing to the conditions of importation causing them to arrive in a very debilitated condition, and of course it will be obvious that during warm weather would be the best time to procure same, less risk of taking a chill on the journey and more chance of recovery from the hardships of importation. Apart from this, one time is as good as another. The safer method is to buy an acclimatised bird, paying of course a higher figure for same, but see that you get such. Keep your bird where it will hear plenty of conversation, see that it is not irritated, and as soon as it is accustomed to you also teach it by constant repetition. It should soon begin to pick up a few phrases and in the end make a good talker. Feed as advised regularly in this column, and do not give any tea, coffee or milk-slops or any kind of animal food.

Budgerigars' Soft Eggs.

Beginner.—It is full early for breeding as yet, and your birds are evidently in none too robust a condition. Your diet is alright, but as soon as you can procure grass in the ear free from frost, let them have a liberal supply. You cannot give them too much of this, and you will find they will eat it readily enough. The seeds of nature grasses constitutes the greater portion of their diet in a state of nature. Get some old mortar rubbish, crush it and sprinkle some over sand tray daily. I expect you will find them ready enough to eat a stale crust of household bread or piece of plain biscuit. For one day soak a piece or either in a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, and when partially dry see that the birds eat it; follow this by giving them daily for a time 10 or 12 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food on either a piece of stale bread or plain biscuit. As soon as they are fit, there is no doubt you will have the satisfaction of seeing young reared.

Painted Finches.

Shama.—This can soon be told; very little is known about them in captivity. The late Herr Weiner possessed them, but they did not live long, and in 1906 (I think) the London Zoo had a pair; at least, during that year or the preceding one I saw a pair there, but these, again, did not live long. I do not know definitely of other aviculturists having possessed any. I am trying my luck with a pair of this present consignment, and hope to keep them at any rate long enough to gather some facts concerning their life history. Their present advertised price is £5 a pair. Treat them much as you would Gouldian Finches, but give them plenty of spray millet and insects, mealworms, blighty foliage, etc., also a few ernshed oats if they will eat them and a liberal supply of grass in the ear; however, you must be sure that the latter is untainted by frost. I should give them a roomy cage to themselves at first, but should think when acclimatised they could be kept with the others, providing they are not over-crowded. When over-crowded amiable birds become morose and pugnacious.

Companions with Budgerigars.

"**Aigburgh.**"—You do not now tell me the size of your aviary. If you have space you can put in Cockatiels, Madagascar Lovebirds and Roscila Parrakeets, with your Budgerigars; they will agree altogether, and on a mixture of Canary, millet, a little hemp, and sunflower seeds and oats, with greenfood, cuttlefish, water, etc., should thrive and do well. But do not overcrowd. Either of the following will do well, and breed in your box cage. Zebra Finches, White Java Sparrows, Cutthroats, or Bengalese. Perhaps you would find the White Javas the more interesting. There was a very useful seed hopper figured in either the last or preceding issue of Cage Birds, but for myself I always use flower pot saucers. I cannot give names, but one of our prominent advertisers under "Foods" supplies the Sanitary Fountain.

Another Parrot.

T. H. C.—Your bird is a Blue-fronted Amazon. Plumage has nothing to do with talking capacity; this varies much with individual birds, but the Blue-front as a rule makes the most talented talker amongst the Amazon Parrots. I should say you have a young bird, and that it would turn out all right providing you are not giving it messes. You will find the correct diet given in reply to S.S.W. in this issue, and as your bird has evidently got a slight cold, a dose or two of the mixture recommended in same reply would be beneficial to your bird. Spray its nostrils once or twice a day with glyco-thymoline till the running ceases. Keep out of draught, but let it have plenty of fresh air. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops or any kind of animal food. Give it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia soaked into a crust of bread or piece of biscuit, repeating same after a three days' interval.

Treatment for Mynah.

H. Adams.—The bird is about the size of the English Crow, and of course will need a cage in proportion to its size. In a state of nature these birds are almost entirely fruit feeders, and in captivity should have a liberal supply of ripe fruit, live insects such as mealworms, beetles, smooth caterpillars, etc., some good soft food mixture, and such table scraps as it will eat. These birds both talk and whistle; of course, for talking they must be trained, and a talented bird is a treat indeed, its voice being more human than that of the Parrot. One at present at the London Zoo is very talented, and utters very distinctly: "What are you talking about"—"I'm surprised at you"—"Come a bit closer," etc. Make a companion of the bird, and it should well repay you for the trouble. From the nature of its food, its voidings are very loose and frequently ejected outside the cage, so provision must be made against this if the bird is kept in a living room.

Ringing Cockatiels, etc.

"**Grimston.**"—Personally, I have not followed the practice of ringing Cockatiels. It should be done as early as possible, while the joints are supple. The method of doing so is to bend the two hind toes straight back against the leg. There is then no difficulty in passing the ring over the toes to the leg. Its diameter should be a trifle larger than the leg of the adult bird. If you state what you require them for, any supplier of cage fittings and sundries will send you the suitable size (see advert. column). *Re* seeds, I can only say I have replied to all such queries that reached me. If you will send fresh samples I shall be pleased to report on same. I do not think the Redrump will breed this season, but should do so next.

What Parrakeet?

A. G. Beeston.—Your birds are a pair of Madagascar Lovebirds, the one with the grey head is the male, the all green bird being the female. These pretty birds are also known as Grey-headed Lovebirds, and occasionally as White-headed Lovebirds. These birds require much the same treatment as Budgerigars—Canary, white, French and spray millet, with a few oats, little green food, cuttlefish, grit and water for drinking and bathing. They differ from Budgerigars in one respect, in that they usually line their nest box or husk with strips of bark, etc., and live sticks with the bark still on should be supplied for them to strip off for nesting purposes; even if they should not breed this would supply them with exercise, and this is a very potent factor in keeping captive birds in a generally healthy condition.

Brevities.

Budgerigars ("Keemo"). — 1. It is only a common variation, which is also more or less common with all species. The more likely sign of age would be thick horny scales on the legs and feet. 2. It is only exuberance; probably he is very fit, and wishes to induce his mate to think of nesting arrangements. 3. This confirms my reply to query 2, and within a few days you may expect eggs, and in due course if all goes well, young ones. Do not be too curious and interfere with them too much. Full details have been given as regards treatment, and you will find useful data if you read other replies in this issue. Wish you luck.

Budgerigars (A. Sharp).—Put in another husk at opposite end of cage; it is difficult to give a reason, save that birds are like humans, some individuals being very wayward. Leave them alone; don't be curious, and they should settle down all right. I presume mice do not enter the cage and disturb them. There is plenty of time; the season is early yet, and once they begin to breed they will continue right up to the moult. Note other replies.

Budgerigars (Novice).—Note other replies in this issue. They only require husks for breeding, and they do not require any nesting material. Diet: Canary, millet, and spray millet, a few oats once or twice a week; greenfood, lettuce and grass in the ear, cuttlefish and grit.

Budgerigars (M. L.).—I should say the pairs are interfering with one another, or else mice are in the aviary. If it is neither of these causes I should leave her alone for a time and she will probably settle down soon. It will be ample time, if they do so in the middle of next month. It almost appears as if the hen was egg bound; if so, by the time you see this answer she will either have got rid of the eggs or have died. The preventative of egg binding is plenty of crushed egg-shells and mortar rubbish mixed with the bird's sand. Note other replies.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Silver Pheasants with Cankered Legs.

T.J.D.—I don't know exactly what you mean by "cankered" as applied to birds' legs, but I expect it is "scaly-leg," a disease caused by a parasitic mite. It is infectious—at any rate, to birds closely allied to pheasants (such as fowls). Wash the legs with soap and water and a brush, and then anoint with paraffin, continuing this until they appear clean.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Roller (Daisy).—Septic inflammation of liver, lungs and bowels.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Heating Apparatus (E. Wear).—Thanks for letter and sketch, which we shall hope to publish next week.

Paper (F. Allen).—We are much obliged to you, and hope to be able to print paper in next issue.

A Food (Breeder).—Send a letter in a stamped envelope, and we shall be pleased to address it to Mr. C. E. Brown, and have it posted.

A Cage (J. Bunt).—We shall be pleased, on your behalf, to take the matter up with the advertiser if you will conform to rule 8. We could not think of publishing a letter which would only serve to cast aspersions on every maker of cages in the same town.

Show Dates Fixed (H.E.P.).—You are quite correct; the terms for inserting the date and name of a show, with the judges initials, in our "Show Dates Fixed" column, remain the same as last year, viz., a guarantee to spend not less than 25s. in advertising the fixture in our columns has to be forwarded to our manager, who will send a guarantee form an application. We have had a form posted along to you.

Essay Competition (N. Bourne).—The task of weighing the merits of the essays properly and carefully has proved a very lengthy one, but it is on the verge of completion, and the result we hope to announce next week.

Letter (H. Woofiner).—You letter has been duly forwarded.

The Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries (J. Harrison).—Thanks for your letter, which we shall hope to publish next week, with sketches; no time to prepare the latter for this issue.

A Goldfinch Deal (J.J.B.).—We really cannot see what satisfaction you could get out of the publication of your letter. Do you not think it would only serve to throw every Fancier in the district mentioned under suspicion? If you will conform to rule 8 he can be written to on your behalf. Further, you have a clear remedy in the county-court; also, as you yourself remark, a protection in future in our deposit system.

Dead Bird (G. Edwards).—A bird on approval remains the property of the seller until it is approved (accepted) by the buyer. Failing any special arrangement to the contrary, the transit risks are the seller's. Receivers of birds should always examine them on arrival, and sign on the railway company's delivery sheet, "received dead," if that be the case, showing the dead body to the railway company's servant.

Food (Tom Gray).—We will endeavour to ascertain the name for you.

Notes (S.W.B.).—Very pleased to hear from you any time convenient. Thanks.

Circulating Back Numbers (F. Thomas).—Accept our hearty thanks for distributing specimen copies. This is the sort of help we appreciate.

Hybrid Breeding (E. Lindens).—You will find a very helpful article on Hybrid Breeding in the "Annual" this year.

Suggestion (John Kay).—Thanks for your helpful suggestions, which we will give the fullest consideration and adopt if possible.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CUCKOO IN MARCH.

SIR,—According to the "Spalding Free Press" of date March 30th, the Cuckoo was heard several times in this district during the past week. Is not this rather early for him to make his appearance, especially as the weather has been anything but springlike during March? W. R. MURRELL.

STANDARD SHOW CAGES FOR BRITISH HARDBILLS.

SIR,—I am very pleased to see so many oppose the style of new cage proposed. The present pattern is better suited, and gives the working man a hobby in his spare time. But at the same time I would like to see a standard colour, instead of the blues and greens now seen in each class. It would be an improvement, and would look far better than at present. So if there is to be any alteration, then let it be in the colour.

WELSH FANCIER.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. L. J. Arrighi requesting the name of "Well-Wisher of the S.B.B. and M.C.," for the benefit of exhibitors of British birds and your numerous readers, I thought it would be wise to have this question discussed through your valuable paper, but I never for one moment intended to "insinuate" concerning Mr. L. J. Arrighi in any shape or form, but to give my opinion. I beg to congratulate him on the step he took to propose such a proposition at the National B.B. and M.C. meeting. But when reading the account I thought that he might have started at home, rather than cross the Border to propose what he is (or was) strongly opposed to in connection with the Scottish B.B. and M.C. I would like to ask Mr. Arrighi when and how his conversion to the standard show cage came about, and I still remain a "well-wisher of the S.B.B. and M.C." RICHARD GADSDEN.

NEW SOCIETY FOR HARRINGTON AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—On Monday evening last a meeting was held in the Temperance Institute, Harrington, for the purpose of considering a proposal to form a cage bird society (also for poultry and pigeons) for Harrington. Mr. Joseph Storey was voted to the chair, and there was a good number present. The question of forming a society was thoroughly discussed. As there are a large number of fanciers in the district, it was generally agreed to form an association with Harrington and District P.P. and C.B.S. as the title. The following were elected pro. tem.: Mr. W. Irwin (Ellerslie), secretary; and Mr. Armstrong, treasurer. The election of other officers was deferred to a further meeting. It was resolved that a show be held the last week in October, and those present pledged themselves to further the work as much as possible. W. IRWIN.

WHERE DOES THE COLOUR COME FROM?

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Jenkins, I was not there when the noted buff actually changed hands, but Mr. Thompson and I were given to understand at the show that the bird was for sale, and were told at the show how it was bred. We could not wait to see Mr. Jenkins that night, so it was arranged to come over next day; also Mr. Thompson and I arranged between ourselves to buy the bird, Mr. Thompson having first claim, myself second. I am sorry to say Mr. Thompson never gave me the chance. It was a rare bargain indeed. Well, Mr. Jenkins, during the coming season I sincerely wish you may breed a dozen like him; he was a credit to you. Now, "Past Novice," respecting the old hands using Cinnamon blood. It is very funny they all speak against it now. I should still be pleased to hear of the bird that has won so much. Is it the yellow or the buff cock? You are still mistaken about the yellow hen at the Scottish National; however, that's a mere detail, for we can all make slight mistakes. I have always said she is the best Green hen that has been bred. The above birds were bred, I consider, in the Liverpool district, and "Past Novice" knows this well. They have indeed been good bargains for their owners. But where the point rubs is this: The men who bred them are exhibiting Norwich Greens, so I should have thought it would have been policy to keep them. However, everybody knows his own business best My aim has also always been to help the novices; they are the backbone of the fancy, and we were all novices once. I reciprocate your kind wishes, "Past Novice," for the coming breeding season. I hope we shall all breed one "topper" each, and that before the end of the season I shall have the pleasure of meeting "Past Novice" again to continue the discussion again over a drop of old Quickly Irish. J. W. METCALFE.

MULES AND HYBRIDS: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

SIR,—After 35 years of bird breeding, I was taken all aback and very much surprised when I read a letter from one of your readers, who states there is no such thing as a Mule bird—they are all Hybrids! Now, I have always been under the impression that with a Canary paired to a Britisher, the produce are Mules, but when two different kinds of British birds are paired up, the produce of the same are Hybrids. Will someone kindly give me an opinion on the subject?

L. C. NICHOLLS.

SIR,—The Dudley show classification dispute appears, from T. Johnson's letter, to be drifting into the question of: What constitutes a Mule or a Hybrid? I think the N.B.B. and M.C. or the Cage Bird Union ought to decide this question. They might get the opinion of Mule and Hybrid breeders, also that of judges, so that novice exhibitors will know how to enter their birds, and also to inform show committees how to word their schedules. In my opinion Canaries are Hybrids. Tree Sparrow-House Sparrow and Bramblefinch-Chaffinch I know to be fertile Hybrids; and I think if breeders of other crosses saved their hens they would quite likely find some other fertile Hybrids. But I believe that all crosses from the Bullfinch are undoubted Mules; I have never heard of a hen from this cross even laying an egg. Show committees might have two classes—one for any variety of Canary Mule, the other for any other variety of Mule or Hybrid. Where there is a probability of many oxhibitors, these classes could be further divided. J. H. VERRALL.

THE HANDLING OF CAGES AT THE SHOWS.

SIR,—Mr. L. J. Arrighi, in his remarks regarding his winning Siberian Goldfinch, in your issue of March 21st, touched on a point that I think should be considered by all show officials, viz., the handling of show cages by visitors at shows. I noticed on several of my visits to shows last season that it was a very common practice. Now, if it is an experienced fancier that is handling the cages it's not bad, as they take more care not to spill the water out of the drinkers, and then walk away and leave the latter empty, nor will they poke at a bird with a pencil or pocket-knife to make it show its points. I have seen cages knocked down on to the floor through this evil of handling the cages. I admit that birds of the Scoteh Fancy class require to be handled, but is it necessary to handle any of the rest? In my opinion it is not, as after the judge has put them in their places they should remain there till lifted by the owner or show officials. Then they would be in better fettle for showing, say, the following week. A few placards posted up with the words, "Visitors requested not to handle cages," would help to stamp out a bad habit. I would like to hear other opinions on this subject.

JNO. KILPATRICK.

HOW TO TAME WILD BIRDS.

SIR,—In *The Scotsman* of recent date, Francis Irwin tells how to succeed in persuading the small garden birds who come for crumbs to advance to the further intimacy of taking the crumbs from one's hand. The writer says that whoever tries will find the Robins the aptest pupils to begin with. The *modus operandi* is as follows: When the birds are assembled near him he should drop the crumbs closer and closer to his feet, till the birds are within a few inches of his boots. The next step will be to lay the hand, well spread with crumbs, flat on the ground. It will not be long before a venturesome robin picks a crumb from his finger-tips, and then, emboldened by success, remains to feed steadily, finally perching on the hand while eating. The spell of shyness once broken, other birds will follow the Robin's example. Soon it will be unnecessary to keep the hand on the ground, as the birds will learn to fly to it the moment it is outstretched. These preliminary lessons are best conducted in frosty weather, and best of all when the snow covers their food supplies and hunger drives. The substitution of walnut crumbs for bread produces much more satisfactory results. So fond do they become of this food that they will prefer it to insect food in summer, and I have often seen them feeding their young on walnut, sometimes taking it from the fingers while seated on the nest. By the above methods I have succeeded in taming the birds in a large garden to such a degree that members of six species perched on the hand for food. These were Robins, Chaffinches, Hedge Sparrows, Great Tits, Blue Tits, and Cole Tits. Of these, all the Robins in the garden, to the number of about eight to ten, and about the same number of Chaffinches, learnt to fly up and take walnut-crumbs from between my lips.

GEORGE SMART.

ROLLER CANARIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Mr. Norris in last issue states he is quite willing to answer my questions. Well, readers, I ask you to put the latter side by side with his answers, and I think you will agree he has not done so, but, by taking extracts from them, has got away from the points at issue. He has done the same with all my letters, and made many false and misleading statements. In the first place, I have never had any offer to accept my challenge, which, as I pointed out to Mr. N. in my letters, had nothing to do with either himself or the B.R.C.C., and as Mr. N. refuses to give the name of the supposed member who did offer to sing my two young birds for the benefit of the club, I shall refuse to believe that anyone has ever made an offer at all, or yet put any money down. When my challenge appeared in the press I suppose Mr. N. took it upon himself to boastfully state he had "no doubt several members would oblige if I meant business." So I sent £5 to him asking him not to make this into a case of Whittaker versus the B.R.C.C., but to let the members write to me, and when Mr. N. found he had no one to cover the money, he, of course, wanted an excuse, and found one in making an offer which he knew quite well I could not accept. This offer is the only one I have ever had, and read: That the member who has taken up your challenge makes you his final offer that you send your birds up to the meeting on Tuesday next, and pick your own judge, the loser to pay the money to the funds of the club. How in the world could I do this? I might have picked a man who was not present, as I know it would be something new if more than four or five attended. Well, on seeing what an unreasonable offer this was, and knowing how one-sided Mr. N. was acting, I sent him a postcard saying I thought we had better let the whole thing drop. Now Mr. N. makes the false and misleading statement that I "backed out of the matches," a falsehood in many ways, as, although the birds are sold and at present with hens, we are still very anxious to go on. Again, no one has ever made an attempt to make a match, unless Mr. N. calls an offer to sing for the benefit of the club a match; I don't. He also states that I agreed for him to arrange the matches, and offered to sing for the benefit of the club. Another false and misleading statement. It is true that I did offer £20 to £5 for the benefit of the club if my bird sang as reported, and I gave them a full week to accept it, but, like wise men, they did not. You say I altered the conditions by stating that if the two-bird match was not taken up the one-bird match was off. Read my challenge in CAGE BIRDS again and you will find this is another misleading statement. But I am sorry to say I must alter the conditions now, and also bar Mr. Norris, as, judging by his unfair and one-sided views, I should not consider the birds in good hands. Concerning the Gluck birds, I am not bigoted against any bird that is good and pure in song. But I have yet to hear a Gluck bird that is not faulty in song, and on referring to my answer to your letter on this subject I see this is another of your ways of evading the point, by giving extracts from my letters which meet your ends so as to throw quite a wrong light on the subject. For the benefit of your readers, sir, I hope you will publish my reply in full. Mr. N. stated in his letter to me: "You seem to forget that the Gluck has an extra tour, etc." Copy of my reply: "About the Gluck birds, I must say I am surprised at your remarks, as you know I have been studying the Roller's song for the past seven years. You also know that I have attended every Roller contest that has been held this season for the purpose of listening to the Gluck birds, and have spent hours at every show in doing so, and then you suggest that I have not brains enough to take into consideration all the different tours that birds sing and the way they sing them before I begin to make all these remarks. Why, it is not worth an answer. Yet what about purity and delivery? Have these to be left out of the question altogether? Now, Mr. N. states this was a "very wobbly" or "insulting" reply, and goes on to try and cover all his own not straightforward answers by posing to write to the press for the cause of "fair play and justice." Well, if this is what he considers fair play, I am not surprised at his members inside London being on the decrease, as in 1904 there were thirty out of a total membership of 84, while in 1907 there were only 17 out of a total of 97. Therefore I would suggest to Mr. Norris if I was secretary of a club like the B.R.C.C. and I had to postpone three meetings in succession because I could not get more than two or three members present at a meeting, I would alter my mode of "fair play" or resign, in the hope that things would improve. Now, just a few words to my fellow-members of the B.R.C.C. and Roller fanciers in general. I should be very sorry to think any of you have taken the same view of the above matter as Mr. N. I ask you to put yourselves in my position and assume you had two young birds that answered all your expectations and you were quite sure you had reached the height of your ambition, and then you find the birds time and again put down below birds that you know are inferior. In what way are you going to find a remedy? Saying nothing and thinking a lot is poor consolation. So here comes the great value of the Fancy Press (a value you will never feel until the crisis comes), and I considered a money challenge the only way to bring about proof as to whether I was right or wrong. My only desire was to show that the birds do not get a proper hearing (or it would be impossible for some of the results to have been as we have seen them in past shows) and that there is room for a vast improvement in the present system of judging. I see one move is being made to compel a marked judging sheet to be posted up at every contest, with every bird's points given thereon. This will give every visitor the opportunity of seeing what a bird has done, without troubling the judge. I urge upon members to attend your club meetings and pass a resolution to bring this into effect. Finally, should anyone's views be like Mr. Norris', I am still prepared and very anxious to match these two rung birds against any other two rung birds. Or if anyone thinks it is too late this side the breeding season to make a match now, give your ring numbers to the Editor of this paper and deposit your money, as a match for nothing is like a purse without money. I will stake £15 to £10, to be sung for any time next contest season, as they are the best that remain the best. So don't say I have backed out of my challenge.

W. WHITTAKER.

NESTING DIARRHŒA: ITS CAUSE AND CURE WANTED.

SIR,—Being a breeder of Canaries, I have this last year or two been troubled during the breeding season with my hens having nesting diarrhœa—not one or two, but nearly all of them (about twenty). I have several friends who have hens troubled with the same complaint each year. In fact, my friends and I lost four or five hens each last season, and, of course, that meant losing eggs and young. We withheld all green food during sitting, feeding only on Canary seed. I wonder if some kind fancier would tell us, through CAGE BIRDS, what we could do to prevent it, or what to do to cure it? I have only been troubled the last two years, and I wonder whether the water had anything to do with it, as the water company have had new softening beds made, and I thought perhaps something was used in the process of softening that might cause the trouble. If some kind fancier can give myself and friends a hint I shall be grateful. A WILLING LEARNER.

A NEW SOCIETY FOR POPLAR.

SIR,—I shall feel greatly obliged if you will announce in your estimable paper that the fanciers of Poplar and district met in the Schoolroom in Newby Place on March 27 for the purpose of forming a Cage Bird Society for Poplar. Thanks to the energies of Messrs. Hunt and Cowles and the assistance of your valuable paper we had a very fair attendance. Fifteen enthusiasts turned up, and were enrolled as members, and we have hopes of very many more who have decided to join, but were prevented from attending the first meeting. The business of the evening commenced with the election of a chairman, the duties of which fell to Mr. F. G. Hunt, who very ably filled the position. Next came the choosing of the title of the society, and it was decided to name it the Poplar and District Cage Bird Society. The election of officers was the next item proceeded with, and the result was as follows:—Hon. treasurer, Mr. T. G. Hunt; hon. secretary, Mr. H. W. Cook, 4a, St. Dunstan's Alley, Great Tower Street, E.C.; committee, Messrs. T. G. Hunt, H. W. Cook, J. Cowles H. Cole, A. E. Martin, T. Blackley, and P Boyson. Further, it was decided that the annual subscription should be 2s. 6d. and 1s. entrance fee. With a discussion on rules, etc., which will be finally decided on at the next meeting, the proceedings closed. We regret to have to report that we shall be unable to have the use of the Schoolroom again, as the premises are coming down, but we are looking up new quarters and will duly advise through CAGE BIRDS where we shall hold our next meeting, which will be on the last Thursday in April. All subsequent meetings will be held last Thursday in the month. I shall be pleased to hear from prospective members, and trust that those intending to join us will turn up in full force at the next meeting. Wishing your paper the continued success which it richly deserves,

H. W. COOK, Hon. Secretary.

RAMSGATE & DISTRICT F. & F.S.

Sir,—The above was the name given to the society which was formed on March 23 at the Oriental Cafe, High Street, Ramsgate. Bills had been circulated about the town the previous week, and letters had appeared in the local papers, with the result that we had about 70 ladies and gentlemen interested in some branch of the Fancy. Copies of CAGE BIRDS were distributed among the company and that branch of the Fancy was represented by the Hon. Sec. of the Isle of Thanet F.S., Mr. W. J. Jones, Mrs. Bailey, Messrs. Brown, Matthews, Hunt (of Margate), Miss Gwyn, and Messrs. F. Thomas, Abbott, Poulton (of Ramsgate), and many others. The Mayor, Councillor Clutton, is to be asked to become President. Two of the Councillors, Messrs. Price and Chaney, have consented to be Vice Presidents. A working committee, with Mr. S. J. Ackroyd as chairman, Mr. Cockran as Hon. Sec. and Mr. Tucker as Assistant Secretary, and Mr. W. Hogbin as Treasurer, has been elected. A large number of names have been given in for membership. Its membership will include Fanciers in all parts of Kent. According to the interest shown at the inaugural meeting the Society bids fair to be a success.

F. THOMAS.

BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB AND ITS JUDGES.

SIR,—I am pleased to hear from Mr. Patterson that he is not acting as mouthpiece for any one, but rather sticking out for freedom and endeavouring to controvert the insinuations that have, and are being made against the supposed "clique" of the B.F.C. But while I and your many readers can all admire Mr. Patterson's courageous and fearless defence in his last epistle, yet we cannot fail to notice that he is evading my question where I ask him if he has never met fanciers outside the B.F.C. capable of judging Border Fancies. While I still hold that by the tone of his epistles he is endeavouring to hold out to the Fancy that only a very few members of the B.F.C. are capable of judging Border Fancies, yet he denies making such a statement. But I now ask Mr. Patterson what he means by the following statements previously made. He said: "Just think of the trouble and expense it will cause societies seeking the club's patronage. They may write to any of the prominent judges, who they think will draw a good entry, and find he is engaged to his limit. They try another, with the same result, and so on, until they have either to take a novice, and risk the chance of a good entry, or engage one of the known judges and discard the patronage of the club. Then he further says: By restricting judges to the two shows (the prominent judges), by the time the Scottish National and the Crystal Palace (two of the largest shows) come on, there would be nothing but perfect novices to place the awards. Also, in reply to Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Patterson says: Let societies, if they are not pleased with the present judges and want a change, select from amongst the members, men they think will act straightforward, without fear or favour, in placing their awards; and he points out that most of the B.F.C. members are members of other societies; therefore they have power to change the judges. I would be very sorry if the statement could be proved true that only the few prominent judges come from the B.F.C.—some of them taking the task of judging any variety, from a Wren to a King Parrot. I have faith to believe that when the appointed day has come for them to take their place with the great majority there will still be left in Scotland fanciers capable of placing the awards in either the Scottish National or Crystal Palace shows. While quite willing to give Mr. Patterson credit for his epistles, I fail to see where his admiration of discretion comes in when he well knows that the B.F.C. (as well as some other clubs) has a rule that no society, no matter what classification they risk, can have the patronage of the B.F.C. unless they select a member of the B.F.C. as judge. Hence one reason of the prominence of the club's judges, as they are generally followed by large entries from a few of the B.F.C. members.

ROBERT LAMBIE.

BIRD NETTING IN THE FENS.

SIR,—During the winter months a great deal of bird netting has been going on. On some nights from 8 to ten nets have been out round the hedges; boys have been out nightly, but they dare not venture so far afield as the men who are often out until 1 and 2 in the morning. This is done chiefly on moonlight nights, but some go out when it is dark, with a bulls-eye lantern, which they shine full on the net, whilst those on the opposite side of the hedge do the beating. The "takes" are of all kinds, one net caught two fine Fieldfares in a large hedge. This will show your correspondent in the Wild Bird Notes column of January 18th that these birds do roost in hedges. One net caught nearly three dozen Linnets, which were placed in a large barn wired in, and were fed on wild seeds, the screenings from the thrashing machines, without any other kind of food. In about three or four days' time all these nice birds were dead; so much for the ignorance of the netters. A large number of both Blackbirds and Thrushes were caught, but these, with one or two exceptions which were sold for singing birds, were made into "puddens" with a lump of salt pork, for they "were as good as Partridges," the catchers said. The Sparrows which were caught, both in the hedges and round the stacks and barns were enormous in number. These were made chiefly into pies and given sometimes to the cats and ferrets. Greenfinches and Yellowhammers have been very plentiful. These have generally been killed merely for the sake, I should say, of destroying life. When one remonstrated with them for so doing they only replied, "Well they were no good, you could not eat them." Very few Chaffinches have been caught. On the other hand, there have been others out who keep some of the birds, of most kinds, and sell the others which they don't require for muling and hybrid purposes. One young man, who has caught Redpolls, Goldfinches, Linnets, Yellowhammers, and Chaffinches, has already put up 10 or 12 pairs. He made the cages from old boxes obtained from the grocers. He has already got two with eggs, but what kind I have not yet heard. I am quite afraid they will be useless so early. This informant told me his "secret," that he had got his birds well forward and to whistle very well by feeding them on "nut kernels" crushed. In my time I certainly have tried most things, but I must confess I have never given my Goldfinches that kind of food to make them "whistlers." Perhaps some of your numerous readers may have tried it. Other catchers who have been out Lark catching have taken no end of Larks. This Lark catching has taken on. This last winter seven or eight parties have been out nightly. Last year hardly a net was out. What they do with the birds I cannot hear, but I think they are killed and sent weekly to London, as a fish dealer generally buys them all up. We only have about two clap nets in the district, and these are chiefly for Goldfinches and Linnets, which are sent away. I have heard of three Bullfinches being taken with the nets round the hedges, but no Goldfinches. A few Bramblefinches were caught early in the winter with the clap nets, but none since; they seem to have left this district. The Bullfinches have now come into the gardens and orchards, and are doing plenty of mischief amongst the buds. There appear to be more cocks about this year than hens. It was the other way about last year; most of those captured by the trap cage were hens. I have tried myself this year to get hold of a hen or two, but cannot as yet do so; every one is eagerly snapped up when any one has any. This all comes about by reading CAGE BIRDS, so I expect I shall have something later on to relate in its pages. If one or two fanciers can only raise a hybrid or two it will cause a lot more to start in this hobby in this district. I see no reason why they should not do so, and prove successful, as novices often meet with the best success and get the best of luck, both with hybrids and Canaries.

T. H. KINCH.

A CANARY'S WHITE EGGS.

SIR,—I read with interest "The Cuckoo's" remarkable experience of the hen Canary laying two milk-white eggs. Might it not be for protective purposes that she laid them white? She might observe that "The Cuckoo" was keeping an eye on her nest, and by having them white they might more readily escape observation when lying on the swansdown lining. So much for a joke on the nom de plume. I had a similar and I think more remarkable experience last season—more remarkable because the Canary is a domesticated bird and more likely to sport, even in the colour of its eggs, than a wild bird. I had a hen Bullfinch which laid two clutches of pure white eggs, five in each clutch, and you could just notice a faint pink colour caused by the yolk showing through. The first clutch I blew and added to my collection, both clutches being untertile. They were the ordinary size, and the shell was of the normal texture and thickness. The second clutch I divided among some fanciers who called to see my birds. I don't remember meeting with any exactly similar occurrence in a state of nature, but I once found a Yellowhammer's nest with two newly hatched young and an unfertile egg, which was of a uniform greenish-white colour, about the shade of a Starling's egg, and without any spots or streaks whatever. It was the ordinary size and the shell was of normal texture. I mention this latter fact because I have noticed eggs that are thin shelled are occasionally pale in colour. Whether the two eggs that the young hatched from were the same colour, I had no means of ascertaining.

GAVIN ALSTON.

THE SOUTHERN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB SHOW CAGE.

SIR,—I noticed in this week's CAGE BIRDS that the committee of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club have adopted a universal pattern show cage. Now I consider this a very hard and fast rule, especially when many fellow fanciers of the club make their own cages, which I venture to say are the greatest credit to them. They make these cages not merely for the saving of expense, but because it is "part and parcel of their hobby in which they revel." Personally I have, at the present time, about sixty cages in my possession some twenty of which are Norwich show cages, all made by myself. It is most likely that there are many more brother members who make their own cages, and pass many pleasant hours away. Therefore it comes to this, that these members will probably have to sell their show cages for about sixpence each or break them up for firewood, and go to the expense of, say, 2s. 6d. per cage, in purchases from a cage-maker appointed by this committee. Furthermore, considering the Fancy is made up of working men, who have not got too much £ s. d. to expend on an entirely new stock of show cages, I venture to think this will be the means of many members not showing at the club's shows, they giving preference to the shows where they can exhibit their birds in their own cages. Personally I think it is almost inconceivable that these gentlemen should show such a lack of consideration of all concerned. I call it absurd, and it only tends to show that there is little faith in the judge officiating. Had the said committee carefully thought of the interests of brother members who appointed them to office, perhaps they would not have passed such a rule. The fact of the matter is this, many committees of leading societies and clubs are composed of gentlemen of a fairly sound financial standing, and can afford to buy fresh show cages, as per rule above, whereas the bulk of members are of the average working man type, who cannot afford to buy fresh cages when and where the aforementioned committee choose to decide. I sincerely hope that this matter will not drop here, but will be taken up by other working men fanciers who have the welfare of the Fancy at heart, but for goodness's sake leave personalities out of the argument, as we shall probably all get into hot water, and no decision be arrived at, at the finish.

A. J. MARLEY.

The Little Owl.

Little Owls are now very numerous in this district, writes Mr. T. H. Kinch (Ramsey, Hunts), and are prolific breeders. I hear that two nests were found with eggs in them some time ago. I did not think they started to breed so early as the other Owls, but it appears they do, for the person who found the nest has been in the habit of taking a number of these birds each year, and knows all their haunts and ways. I saw last year 17 young ones he had in a basket at one time, and was sending away to some dealer, who takes all he can get each year.

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CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 3: The Bullfinch: Its Exhibition Points and Failings.

Notes on the Drawing on Page 357.

The third chart of CAGE BIRDS' series will, I feel assured, be hailed by lovers of British birds as a fitting companion for that grand plate in the Birthday issue which dealt with the Goldfinch. Bullie is a beautiful bird, his amiable disposition in captivity endearing him to bird-lovers quite as much as his captivating shape and colouring. His popularity on the show bench, too, is great, and his "points" will be readily grasped from the chart by, I think, even the uninitiated in exhibition matters.

In the centre medallion Mr. Norman has depicted what he terms "a winning specimen." None, I fancy, will quarrel as to the appropriateness of the description. A Bullfinch so shapely as this, and so nicely marked, would take a deal of beating. The colour—probably the most important essential to success—we have, of course, to take on trust; so we will assume he is, as the gentle reporter sometimes puts it, "red-hot in breast colour." That being so, then we have here what all good fanciers hunger to possess, "a champion exhibit."

The first good point to strike one about this bird is its excellent shape. In size just that happy medium which steers its owner clear of sarcastic (to put it mildly) remarks anent his bird's nationality, it has yet plenty of substance, with a chubby body, broad and well-rounded chest, short and well-filled neck, and a bold shapely head. Above all, it stands at just the right angle across the perch to give it a fascinatingly "perky" appearance. You can almost imagine him on the verge of "wagging" his tail in that strange, jerky fashion beloved of the Bullie—one of the many little mannerisms which endear him to us, and make him "a little dear" in the eyes of the ladies.

To turn to his markings, the cap, as the black plumage of the head is termed, is the most important. Its shapeliness depends largely on the formation of the bird's head, for a flat-headed Bullie never appears so good in cap as one with a nicely-rounded skull. Again, the cap must be of good width, and the head plays no small part in assuring this. At the back, however, the cap, even on a bold-headed bird may run narrow (as will be explained later), and this is a fault.

The bar across the wing is another important item. This should be broad, clear-cut on the edges, and as white as possible in colour. Many birds have the wing-bars more or less the same tone of colour as their back, and then they are said to fail in distinctness. Of the black feathers in the wing, it need only be said that they should be as ebon in tone and as highly polished as it is possible to get them. The same remark applies to the tail feathers, and also to the colour of the cap.

The back colour should be a distinct blue—a slightly ashy blue, it is true. A really blue back colour may be said to be a hall-mark of the bird's British nationality. The Continental Bullfinch (whether the small bird frequently exhibited as British or the very large Siberian) has the blue on the back a much lighter shade, which may be described as electric blue, and which looks faded compared with the "true blue," so to speak, of John Bull (finch). Still, even British Bullies vary in the intensity of their colouring (as do all other birds, indeed), and this is not a point one could swear by; the farthest one can go is to say that a Bullie with a deep-blue back has not found its way to England by the agency of a steamship.

The all-important breast colour demands very few words; it needs to be as rich and pure a crimson as can be got. It is the rock on which many otherwise grand birds come to grief; a point exceedingly difficult to get in perfection. A bird with a poor-coloured breast when in the wild state can never be improved in colour by a house moult. As a matter of fact, colour is generally lost after a moult in captivity, hence the desirability of getting as hot-coloured a bird as possible to commence with. It is safe to say that the majority of Bullfinches are "smoky" in breast colour. But occasionally one is found—a regular fiery red—singularly clear and bright in comparison with its fellows. Lucky the discoverer, if its other points equal the excellence of its colour. He can afford even to lose a little colour in the moult, for he will still possess a bird able to give points to the great majority of its competitors so far as richness of breast colour is concerned. I must mention that at the root of the tail the crimson is replaced by plumage of a silvery whiteness, presenting a delightful contrast.

To turn to the faults frequently found in the exhibition Bullfinch, Mr. Norman begins his picture, appropriately enough, at the head of the bird. The panel contains sketches of four caps, all faulty in some particular. The first extends too far down the back of the skull, into the nape, or neck, thus marring the appearance (or "balance") of the head. The second is narrow at the back—a common failing. In this case the cap, instead of extending over the skull at an even width, narrows in at the back, and the bird (to fall back again on the reporter for an expressive phrase) becomes "pinched in cap." To be "pinched at front" will require no explanatory remarks after the above sentences. It is a much more common failing than the one last referred to. Sometimes a bird's cap will spread at the back (when it might be described as pear-shaped), and this tends to make a bird look narrow at front. To be "badly defined" is a sad failing for any cap to indulge in. The ragged appearance of the edges detracts seriously from its owner's good looks. The ideal is a broad cap, as wide at the back as it is at the front, and set on a proportionate, nicely rounded head. It should not be square-cut at the back (like the corners of a Goldfinch's under-blaze) but just rounded off.

"Bad cap and bib." Here we see a cap with a nasty jagged outline, badly finished at the back and faulty at the "bib" (under the beak) where it leaves a light-coloured spot.

"Small Head and Neck." It will be seen at a glance how badly a small head and thin neck become the Bullfinch—they are quite foreign to the accepted meaning read into the phrase we so often see used, viz., "the Bullfinch type." This bird has another bad failing also: he is too straight in carriage—contrast him with the jaunty-looking wining specimen, and his inferiority in this respect is manifest.

"Indistinct bars and bad wing carriage."—The desirability of the wing bars being as white in colour as possible, has been laid stress on when speaking of the "champion," and the drawing under notice well emphasises the point. The streaks of silver afford a charming contrast to the jet black wing markings, and to the blue back, and serve more than a little to enhance the general effect of the whole colour scheme—a Bullfinch without well-defined wing-bars cannot be described as perfect. Bad-wing carriage is, I think, not a very prevalent failing with Bullfinches, but a bird which did not carry its wings well-braced (tight against its body) would, of course, be handicapped in a close finish with a bird which was perfect in wing carriage.

"Uneven in colour."—This is a difficult fault to show in any but a coloured drawing. It is a fault, however, many Bullies possess. The unevenness is usually pronounced on the throat and at the edge of the cap, whereabouts, indeed, it is not at all unusual to find exhibition Bullfinches "running light." In odd birds this peculiarity is quite marked.

"Rather spare in body and rough at thighs."—In the final figure of this very instructive drawing we have a Bullfinch rather "thinly got up"; in other words, lacking in body substance. Generally speaking, this is a serious shortcoming, but occasionally a bird rather lightly built will do well on the bench because of its extremely rich colour and excellent quality and condition. Of course, it will also be good in markings and the other points which go to make up an exhibition specimen. Roughness at thighs is a well-nigh fatal defect, one judges and exhibitors alike abhor. Often it is the result of unsteadiness, and in this case once the bird becomes at home in the show cage, the roughness will disappear. Birds which have never been cage-moulted are prone to carrying the feathers at the thighs loosely. I have met cases, however, in which house-moulted birds were the despair of their owner in this respect, and nothing could remedy the failing. Naturally, the exhibition career of a bird which "shows trousers," as it is often termed, is not likely to be an honoured one.

G. E. WESTON.

Scale of Exhibition Points.

Reprinted from "Cage Birds Annual."

Size	10
Shape—As thick and chubby as possible, with short, thick neck	15
Head—Broad, with clean-cut cap	10
Back and Wings—Colour of back, bright and clear, free from smoky appearance; wings carried close, with the bars well defined	15
Body—Breast colour to be as rich and bright as possible	25
Condition—Feather to be soft and silky, the colours throughout to be deep and glossy	15
Steadiness	10
Total	100

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

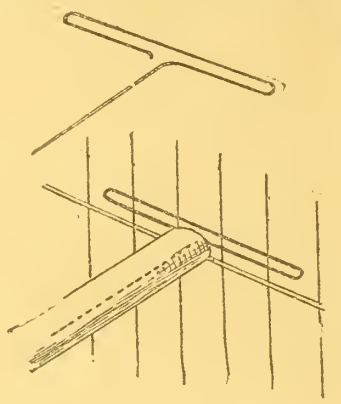
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 193.

A MOVABLE SPRING PERCH.

Sent by J. Wills, 3, Victoria Street, Merthyr Tydfil.

Take a piece of ordinary cage wire about 8 inches long, and make a right-angle bend in it about two inches from one end. Afterwards bend the long arm as shown in the illustration. Then drive the short arm into the perch, and fix the loop between the wires of the cage front. This perch is nice and springy for the birds to alight on.



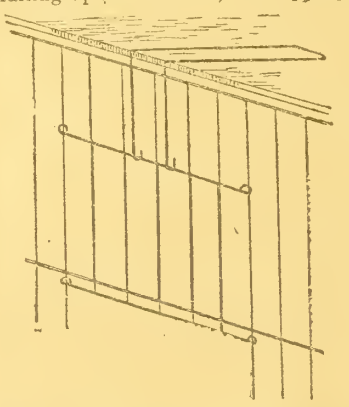
Another method is to take a piece of tin about 2 inches by 6 inches. Bend it double and fasten it on to the end of the perch by means of a short nail or tack. These holders are very useful, as they save the trouble of nailing or gluing the perches to the back of cage.—J. WILLS.

No. 194.

A SLIDING DOOR FASTENER.

Sent by J. Smith, Herbert Street, Mansfield.

The sketch shows a very simple yet satisfactory device for keeping the doors made on the slide-up principle from closing while the bath is being given to the birds. There is no fear of the door dropping down and falling upon the birds, or trapping them



in the bath. Take a piece of straight wire and bend it into the shape shown in the sketch. One part lies on the top of the cage, the other to the distance desired over the point, and then the hooks (turned up parts at end) grip the door and hold it up.—J. SMITH.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

MR. C. WHITING, one of the oldest breeders of Yorkshires in Bradford, recently opened a discussion on his old favourite variety, at the headquarters of the City of Bradford O.S., before a good company of fanciers. Some valuable information was brought out, and altogether the evening was most interesting.

THE new Norwich Plainhead Club hold a meeting to-day (Saturday, April 4th), at 6 p.m. prompt, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, the business being to adopt rules, etc., also other important items. The club has every prospect of being a great success, new members still coming in, and there seems every likelihood of the Norwich Plainhead making great headway during the next season or two. Fanciers specially invited.

THE Yorkshire Union held the last meeting of the financial year on Saturday last, and many were the regrets expressed at the retirement of Mr. Hammond from the secretaryship, especially as the cause is the serious one of health. Without a doubt he carries with him the best wishes of the fanciers composing the Union, who all desire for him a speedy return to better health and strength. Mr. Battye retires from the presidency, his place being taken by Mr. J. Greaves, the vice-president, Mr. R. Halliday being elected to the latter position. The office of secretary is to be held by Mr. Samuel Dean, the late secretary of the Great Horton O.S.

IT is with regret I hear that Mr. Horsman, late landlord of the Travellers' Rest, which place was for so many years the headquarters of the City of Bradford O.S., is lying dangerously ill; in fact, he has been bedfast for many months, with practically no hope for recovery, and I am sure all fanciers will sympathise with him and his wife in their time of pain and trouble.

BREEDING operations in Bradford and district are proceeding somewhat slowly. Many fanciers have not yet paired up their stock, the weather being not at all inviting. It has been very uncertain, wind, rain, cold and sunshine all being mixed up in any kind of fashion, which is deterring breeders from taking the above important step. Plenty of birds are ready; still, great risks will be run if the weather continues in its present style. Hopes are being expressed that another week or so will see conditions more settled, and then breeding will soon be in full swing.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

A meeting of the Council was held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on March 28th, Mr. Battye, president, occupying the chair. Business transacted: Minutes of previous meeting passed as read. Business of sub-committee, re medals, confirmed. Correspondence read and secretary's replies voted satisfactory. Vote of entire confidence in secretary, re letters in press, dealing with Cage Bird Union matters, unanimously passed. Secretary instructed as to the nature of the reply to the Cage Bird Union's proposal, re a working arrangement with the Yorkshire Union. Grant of £5 made to the secretary for services rendered during the past year, also a medal, value £2, to be presented as a mark of the Union's esteem and respect. Balance Sheet, showing £17 4s.0½d., in hand, passed. Resignation of the Huddersfield society held over until next meeting. Mr. Simonett and Mr. Johnson were delegated to purchase the medal to be presented to the secretary. Votes of thanks passed to all retiring officers. Vote of thanks to chairman for presiding. Important: In addition to the above items it was resolved that societies intending to hold an Open Winter Show during the coming season must inform the Union secretary of such intention, not later than April 30th, 1908. Secretaries, please note. BALANCE SHEET. Assets. To 4 entry fees, 10s; 1069 members' subscriptions, £35 12s. 8d; Advertisements, £16 4s. 6d; Cash for judges fees, £26 11s; Cash for Show Rules, £4 5s. 2d: Cash for String, 5s; Cash for Carriage on labels, 5s; Cash for 4 extra medals, £4 4s; Cash for engraving medal, 3s. 4d; Cash for Cage labels, 19s. 1d; Bank Interest, 11s. 6d; Total £89 11s. 3d. Liabilities: By Ballot papers 1907, 17s 6d; Postage on above, £2 0s. 4½d; 1200 Handbooks, £11 7s. 6d; Distribution of Handbooks, 6s. 7½d; 12,000 Cage Labels, £1 16s; Carriage on Labels, 5s; 19,000 Show Rules, £3 16s; Carriage on Show Rules, 6s; Printed Postcards, 4s. 6d; Books, minutes, etc., 4s. 6d; Judges' Fees, £26 11s; Poundage on Postal orders 3s. 1½d; String for Cage Labels, 5s; Medals, etc., £20 14s. 4d; Expenses of meeting for presentation of prizes, 7s. 6d; Secretary's expenses, stamps, tram fares, etc., £3 2s. 3d; Balance in hand, £17 4s. 0½d; Total, £89 11s. 3d. Audited and found correct. (Signed) F. Armstrong, R. Halliday.—F. Hammond, hon. secretary.

BEGINNERS: READ "CAGE BIRDS" ANNUAL

The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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Having got the box ready, get the nest-pan and carefully drill a hole through the bottom of it immediately in the centre, and afterwards enlarge it until you have a circular hole three-quarters of an inch in diameter, which will be large enough to allow any Canary's egg to drop through without the least fear of getting jammed. The boring of the hole is really the most difficult part to make, but with a small drill, or even a steel countersink, to put in the first hole, it is easy enough to enlarge it with a little ordinary care and skilful manipulation. (By the bye, it might be well worth the trouble for a pan maker to mould a few of these pans with the hole ready for use.)

This part being finished, and the edges made smooth with a file, take the small box you first made and cut a circular hole in the top with a penknife seven-eighths of an inch or an inch in diameter—the precise size is not very important so long as you have this hole a trifle larger than the one in the bottom of the pan—see that the inner part slides in and out easily, and glue the cover of this on to the bottom of the nest-pan in such a way that the hole in the bottom of the pan entirely covers the hole in the cover of the box glued underneath.

The Next Step.

When the glue is dry it will be necessary to try how the drawer in the box slides in and out. Perhaps it will engage with the bottom of the nest-pan and not pas at all. In that case shave off a very little from the top of the ends of the drawer. Be careful not to take off too much, as they will be safer if left at the finish to bite just enough to make them require a slight push to send them out each time, as this prevents them slipping out unawares any time, and perhaps causing accidents to the egg therein.

Now line the nest in the ordinary way with swansdown, and when the paste has dried cut out with a penknife the piece in the bottom of the pan which covers the hole. You will now see that it is impossible for an egg to remain in the nest-pan proper, but as soon as one is placed in, or laid in it, it rolls at once into the drawer of the little box underneath, where it is perfectly safe from the mischievous propensities of the most confirmed egg-eaters. Of course, when it is going to be in use practically a soft bed of cotton wool must be placed in the bottom of the box for the egg to drop on to, and thus prevent the possibility of it being slightly cracked by the fall.

To Convert A Square Nest-box.

The procedure is the same as far as putting on the attachment underneath is concerned, when you wish to turn one of the ordinary wooden Norwich nest-boxes into a suitable contrivance for an egg-eating hen. Indeed, the bottom being flat underneath, it will be found much easier to glue on the attachment.

The only difference that is of any moment is that the inside of the box being also flat must be turned into a cup-shaped cavity, so that the eggs will be always sure to roll into the centre for passing into the box underneath. First find the centre of the bottom of the nest-box and put in the round hole as before. Being wood renders this an easy task for any one. Those who have proper tools at command will put it in neatly in a trice with a "centre bit." Those who have not proper tools may put a gimlet through the wood first and then chip out the hole to the proper size with a small penknife.

A still more primitive method which will be just as efficient is to burn a hole through with a red-hot poker. To give the inside the requisite cup shape, get a small quantity of plaster of Paris and an equal quantity of sawdust. Mix well together, and then make it into a paste with water, and plaster it around the bottom of the nest-box and in the corners so as to form a nice cup-shape running off in every direction from the sides to the hole in the bottom. The plaster will require to be made rather moist or it will dry too quickly to be moulded properly, but a little practice might soon enable any one to turn out quite a nice cup-bottomed box in a very few minutes. This is then finished off with a lining exactly as the earthenware pan.

Only Temporarily Useful.

It will be quite apparent that these specially contrived boxes or nest-pans are intended for use only whilst the hen is laying. But this is no detriment, as the class of birds for which they are required cannot be entrusted with eggs for hatching. The one great object is to get the eggs safe and sound from them in order that they may be set under another and more trustworthy pair of birds, and this object is accomplished by these special nesting receptacles with the greatest certainty; and, once the boxes are constructed, without the slightest trouble or danger.

But in the case of Muling pairs, where it is the cock Finch only that has to be thus foiled of evil intentions towards the eggs, he should be removed permanently the evening after the third egg is laid, and an ordinary nest-pan given to the hen with the eggs for her to hatch and rear by herself. Although not absolutely necessary to do so, it is as well when making the exchange to give a similar type of pan for incubation. Thus, if the specially arranged pan was an earthenware one, give an ordinary lined earthenware pan for hatching and rearing, and, similarly, if the special one was made from a wood nest-box, give a properly made nest in a wooden box.

Importance of a Firm Perch.

At first sight the perches in the breeding cage may not appear to have any great influence over the destiny of the prospective broods. This, however, is one of those insignificant trifles which are apt to be overlooked, or totally ignored as of no importance whatever, whilst all the time they may be the real cause of mischief which the owner is racking his brains to discover the origin of, and blaming anything but the right thing. A loose perch which wriggles about and tilts a bird forward every time he jumps upon it, so that he has to make a slight effort to recover his erect position at the conclusion of every jump is a very fertile source of clear eggs.

It is true that copulation very frequently takes place in the nest or upon the side of the nest pan, but this is not an invariable rule by any means, and it frequently takes place upon the perch nearest to the nest pan. In cases where the nest is hung on the side of the cage so that one of the perches must run very near the edge of it, it will be found almost the general rule for the hen, after calling to the cock, to pop out on to the perch, missing the edge of the nest pan in her excitement, and if that perch in particular is of the wobbly kind just referred to, the wild rush of the vigorous cock in response to her call is almost fatal to a successful union.

It will be seen, therefore that one cannot be too careful about having the perches in breeding cages securely fixed, and free from movement under the weight of the birds. Young and nervous birds, and also those which seem to be affected by leg weakness, are very plainly discouraged from performing their duties on perches of this kind.

Mating Weakly Birds.

This reminds me of a subject upon which one is often asked for advice, viz., whether such and such a bird will soon be fit for mating. In most cases the given bird is a specimen which would be all the better—both in itself and for the good of its owner—kept entirely out of the breeding room for a whole season. Take the case of a bird of last season being weak on its legs. It is almost invariably the case that such a bird is one of those weaklings which nature would never have allowed to survive had she had full control over its destinies; or, on the other hand, it is still immature and undeveloped.

If it is one of the larger breeds it is practically certain to be still in an immature condition, and only requires a few more months with good plain frame-forming food to complete its development and become a sound, healthy bird. But to breed—or rather, I should say, attempt to breed, for the efforts will usually end in failure—with this class of bird is to very materially reduce what chances they might have of developing into healthy and useful specimens. If they were relegated to a flight for the whole of the season, given a few rolled oats or very coarse oatmeal, and a few split groats occasionally, and twenty drop-doses of chemical food two or three times a week as long as the weakness was apparent, they would well repay one's trouble and care of them in the following season.

It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the tyro at bird breeding that just as it is sheer folly to mate together two birds that have no desire for mating, so it is utterly futile from a common-sense point of view to put up a pair of birds that are suffering from any constitutional disorder or general weakness. In the latter case the birds may go to nest, and if disaster does not overtake them and nip their efforts in the bud, young may be reared, but in nine out of every ten cases instead of those young being the pleasure and pride of the breeder, they will prove a constant source of worry and vexation.

Pairing for Pairing's Sake.

Where the novice makes a serious mistake is in being too anxious not to leave a single bird unmated throughout the season. It may almost be said that he mates the birds for the very thing's sake. Should he happen to possess suitable mates for all he is lucky; if he has not sufficient suitable matches, why, then they get mated up somehow —or anyway—simply because the breeder cannot tolerate the idea of keeping a bird doing nothing all the year, whereas he would do far better if he made a point of not mating late-hatched birds of last season until the middle part of this season, and then take only one brood from each pair. Better still if the birds are one of the large varieties not to mate at all this year, but reserve all their stamina to start the next season with, when they will be something like eighteen months old, and strong, well-developed birds, which will be in a much better condition for making their mark on the breeder's chart of results.

A Useful Point.

We very often see the system of mating one cock with two more hens recommended to breeders. That the method is successful when properly carried out cannot be denied, although there occur times when it gives rise to difficulties which the novice finds it hard to overcome. But perhaps the most useful feature about it lies in its adaptability to circumstances as they arise.

For example, we may suppose that the fancier is in doubt as to which of two given hens would produce the best result in a given direction when mated to a certain cock. Provided that the required points related to markings or any other point which could fairly be judged of as soon as the young leave the nest, it is quite possible to mate the cock alternately with the two hens for the first nest, and then, when these broods are pledged, one may leave the cock permanently with the hen which appears likely to give the best results in the direction required for the rest of the season. This, of course, will only be necessary where one desires a fixed mating, as there would be really nothing to prevent one continuing the system of double mating all through the season.

Or, again, in the case of one always preferring fixed matings, he finds sometimes when the first broods are on the perches, palpable evidence that a pair of birds have not "hit" as he wished, and if they have not started nesting for the second brood, it is still none too late to look around for another mate to put up with each of the faulty pair on the chance of the second broods being free from the faulty points which were objectionable features of the first brood.

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By THOMAS SMITH.

(*Continued from page 296.*)

April.

This is the month which raises the hopes of breeders. Eggs appear, and if the stock is fairly large they keep the owner busy. The eggs should be removed as laid, and should be put back to the nest on the evening on which the third egg is laid.

The hen will take to the nest, and if she sets steadily the young will hatch on the morning they are due, which is a decided gain, inasmuch that the young will get fed before they encounter the night, thus strengthening them at the very outset.

It is cheerful to see a nest of thriving young. Eggs occasionally get pulled out of the nest, which necessitates a watch being kept. Should an egg be found on the nest platform, it should be instantly restored to the nest; it might hatch, and the young bird prove a cup winner. "Save all that can be saved," should be practised by every fancier.

A day or two before the eggs are due to hatch they should be dipped in lukewarm water—it will help the young to break the shell. The setting of the eggs when three are laid ensures the entire brood coming out together, and being all the same age they thrive. A couple of days' difference in age sometimes spoils the whole nest.

Hens Not Taking to Nest.

Certain hens will not take to the nest. Whether they think they are wrongly placed or otherwise faulty remains a mystery. They fly about and try to build in the food pan, in the seed box, or in a corner of the cage—anywhere but the appointed place. This class of hen is most difficult to control, and frequently drops the egg from the perch, breaking it. A change to a different part of the room may help, but what may assist one may not be of any use to another.

When a hen will not nest she goes on laying eggs continuously, and the first year of laying becomes her last year of laying. Every means should be used to get such a hen to take to the nest and to hatch and rear. I have seen the placing of a nest upon the opposite side of the cage have the desired effect.

Rushing Hens.

The most prevalent evil with the Scotch Fancy Canary is the rushing of pairs. Provided with common pairs as foster parents, and having a wish to take the most out of the high class pair, the breeder sometimes takes the eggs and passes them on to another hen which may be sitting. The Scotch Fancy or Belgian hen may be allowed to sit for a few days on dummy eggs. Then they are taken from her and she starts again, this in some cases being repeated so rapidly that she is laid out before the early half of the breeding season is over. In the best of the season the breeder wakes up to find that he has made a mistake and has lost his opportunity.

If birds will hatch and rear they should be allowed to do so, as it may lead to the birds doing all right for the remainder of the season. Were patience exercised, it would change failure in many cases to success.

I have already described the kind of nest. Some birds make splendid nests, and cannot get enough material to complete the building. These simply amuse themselves building and pulling down, which is repeated over and over again, until eggs are laid. It is not essential for the hen to build a cosy nest. When she does, she should be left to hatch in it. But in cases where a proper nest is not constructed it is preferable to clean everything out of the nest before giving the eggs, as it enables the fancier to see if the shells of seed or other material which is unnecessary have got into the nest. Sand and seed in the nest may injure the egg or eggs, and the breeder may lose what might have been a prize winner.

Hatching of Young.

Certain hens will not hatch unless the cock is allowed to remain in the cage. In such cases, if he does not molest her or the eggs, it is wise to keep him with her. Indeed, more progress is sometimes made with them together than in running a cock with two hens.

The cock and hen, if agreeable, are in their natural condition. He will feed the hen, and when she is off the eggs he will sit on the eggs. On the young appearing, the advantage of having the pair together is apparent. One invaluable cock commences to feed the young the moment they are hatched, and if his mate is active she will come off the young frequently and the pair both feed.

A Rapid Growth.

The young will grow rapidly. It is beneficial for the young to have the hen off occasionally; they grow more quickly and the feathers come away nicely. Nothing equals joint rearing, and it should be encouraged, certainly never discouraged. A hardy working couple are invaluable.

A lazy hen is a "heart-break," and when a fancier has one, he should take out the male bird on the eggs being put into the nest and leave her alone. This will compel her to get up for food. Such a hen, if she feeds the young, should be kept without her partner until the young are eight days old, when he can as a rule be put back with safety.

A lazy hen not only starves the young but is apt to smother and kill them. If the hen gets fair play, she usually declares with the first clutch whether she can be relied upon or not. The fancier should carefully study the temperament of every bird, so as to guard against the weakness for future nests.

Over Vigorous Cock Birds.

Some males are so very "rampt," as we Scotchmen say, that it means disaster to leave him in the cage during hatching, as he will molest the hen, and this often destroys the eggs. A cock that is "rampt" (over vigorous) should be run with two hens, putting him with the hen that displays signs of being forward first, and so soon as the third or fourth egg is laid, remove him and put him into another cage by himself for two or three days. Then put him with No. 2.

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Should a bird of this description be allowed to feed, he will have to be watched in case he tears the young to pieces, as is occasionally done. A vigorous male, if he takes to the young, makes a capital feeder. I, however, prefer the quiet, docile cock that takes a fair share of the rearing and works quietly away. He is faithful and can be depended upon. There is no difficulty in running two cocks with one hen, if the hen lays a fortnight apart and hatches and rears freely.

Foster Hens

A lively, vigorous hen is invariably the best for a foster parent. A hen of that sort, as the breeding season approaches, jumps about the cage, now from one perch to another, then up on the wires using her wings freely. She is never a moment at rest until she lays and takes to hatching. She leaves the eggs occasionally and takes a little exercise. The young under such a hen hatch in good time and grow rapidly.

A quiet hen that slips about unobserved is not to be despised. Unlike her demonstrative sister, she may, in her own way, be equally faithful and quite as reliable as feeder. She is likely to be more careful in leaving the nest, and not so apt to pull out young birds.

The one thing needful in a hen is that she be a reliable feeder. Yearly hundreds of young are lost through unreliable feeders, and many of these could be saved were fanciers careful in studying the dispositions of the various birds and in guarding against the weak points that were revealed in the first round.

A reliable pair of feeders, be they fancy or common, are worth their weight in gold, and they should be allowed to work in their own way throughout the whole season. As all fanciers know, it is cheerful to watch a nest of four or five growing and keeping pace together, under a careful, devoted pair. They take all the responsibility, and relieve the owner of all care.

The Bath.

A point of dispute among fanciers who breed high-class Scotch Fancy and Belgians is the question of allowing a hen to have the use of the bath while hatching. I have no hesitation in saying she is better not to have an opportunity of bathing during the first eight days. But she will benefit by having it twice in the remainder of the hatching time. It will reduce the chance of sweating, and the moisture from her body softens the shell and inner skin, and helps the young to hatch out when the weather is dry.

The inner skin often is so tough that the little, feeble bird cannot free itself. The looked-for chip is visible, but in some cases no more progress is made, and on the egg being broken next day, the inmate is dead.

The chief cause is the wings getting fixed. Where the hen will not bathe, the eggs should be dipped three evenings before they are due to hatch in lukewarm water. If the young do not come forth in due course they should be assisted, but undue haste should be avoided. The assistance must be rendered at the proper time, and should be done with great care. Assistance rendered too early and too late means loss. In very wet weather the baths and dipping are not essential, there being sufficient moisture in the atmosphere.

(To be continued.)

IN BIRD HAUNTS WITH A CAMERA.

A Lecture before the Scottish National C.B.S.

A treat to Edinburgh bird and nature lovers was specially got up by Messrs. A. Cochrane and L. J. Arrighi, under the auspices of the Scottish National C. B. S., when a grand limelight lecture was given by Mr. J. C. Adam in the Protestant Institute, on March 26th. The hall was packed to its utmost, and it was very gratifying to see so many ladies present. Mr. Grant, of the Merchant House, was in the chair, and was ably supported by the members of the committee. The lecturer began by showing on the screen a picture of a Rookery and took great pains in explaining the ways of the Rook and the various problems they had to think out in order to get their camera to hold up amongst the branches. I don't intend to go into the lecture minutely, but will give a rough sketch for those who were unfortunately absent. After the Rookeries, nests and eggs, we were shown a fine picture of two young Rooks which must have taken great pains to produce, the birds being in so natural a position. Next in rotation were shown nests, eggs and young of Blackbirds and Thrushes in the various stages of their development. The nest and eggs of that rare Scottish visitor, the Sedge Warbler, were next shown, followed by the neat home of the Hedge Sparrow, nest, eggs and young; and also of the hen sitting quite happy on her nest. What appeared to delight the hearts of the juveniles present, judging from the applause they gave, was a Robin's nest in an old tea chest, and the pictures of the various stages of the nest, eggs and young. But what seemed to give most pleasure were the plates shown of the young Robins on the top of the box. In the succeeding slides you could see the young Robins disappearing like the little nigger boys in the story, until only one was left. Nest, eggs and young of the Hooded Crow were next shown, and a grand plate was shown of two young ones perched. The lecturer then showed various snow-clad hills and mountains and streams in Scotland, also magnificent slides of primroses and snowdrops which even made you imagine you had the fragrant smell of those beautiful flowers. A double view of Duddingston, a small village a few miles distant from Edinburgh, was shown; then the picture of the loch, with the nest of the Mallard, and the hen sitting—which the lecturer said he took some hours to obtain, having to stand very deep in the water. A grand view was shown of a large Heronry on the Fife coast, and from the picture you could see the photographer in the tree with his camera. The lecturer explained the great trouble it took them to get the next plate, owing to the old birds attacking them; also of the young in the nest. One of the young had to be shaken out of the nest. A very hideous-looking bird it was. He also mentioned that when just under the nest the young bird emptied its crop of fish in his face. Various slides of Coots were shown, both of nests, eggs, and young in the various stages, and anyone doubtful as to the colour of the Coot was told it was slate; a large percentage of people were under the belief that a Coot was black. The lecturer explained that when out with his brother he observed a hole in a large beech tree, and having examined the hole, was convinced it held a Tawny Owl's nest with young, and after digging out some wood from the bottom of the tree withdrew two young Owls, of which a picture was shown and appeared to be well received. The young were shown in the various stages of their growth. Other slides were also shown of different Owls and their young. Next we came to the slides of the Curlew, nest, eggs and young, which are always very difficult to find, the colour of the eggs and nest being in harmony with the surroundings. We were then more at home when the Bass Rock was shown with its various families of wild birds and their nests, eggs and young. The slides shown are too many to mention. What was news to most of us was that the nest, eggs and young of the Peregrine Falcon were found on this same rock. It must have been very dangerous to procure such grand slides. This bird has now entirely disappeared from this rock since the lighthouse was put up; for which we are sorry. A diversion from slides of birds, nests, etc., was a slide of the adder, which was excellent. There was no doubt from the hearty vote of thanks given to the lecturer, on the motion of Mr. Grant, that his services had been fully appreciated, and in a happy reply he promised to give another such exhibition next season, when he expected to have something new and special to show. Great patience must have been exercised by Messrs. Adam for the production of such unique slides, with the assistance they got from the third party. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and promoters was moved by Mr. Dandie, President of the Scottish National, and this brought a meeting that will long be remembered to a close.

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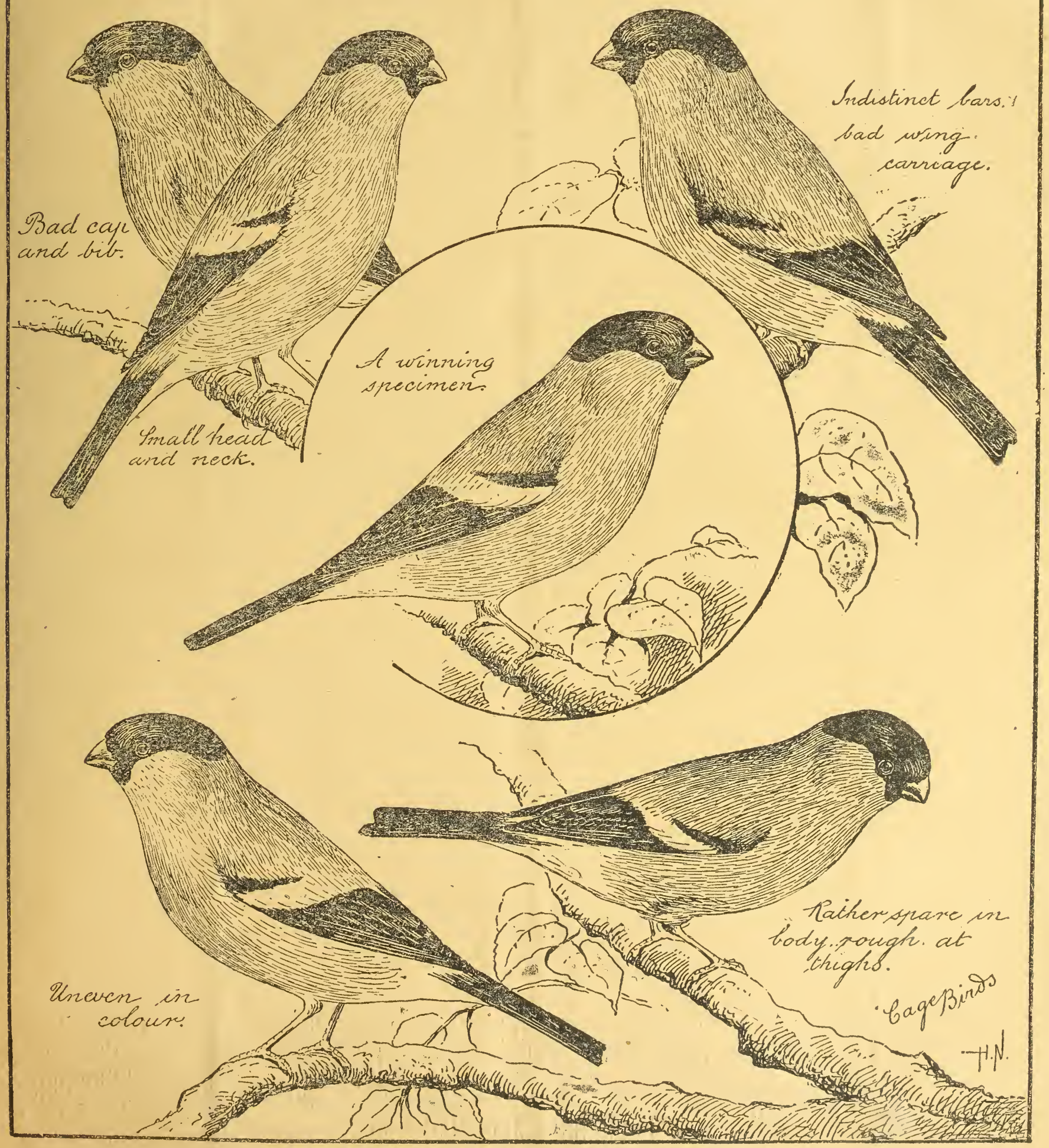

CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 3.—THE BULLFINCH: ITS EXHIBITION POINTS AND FAILINGS.

(See Notes on the Drawing, on page 354.)

Some Notes on the Roller Canary.

By J. W. NORRIS.

A Lecture delivered before the City & Suburban A.C.B. on March 23.

(*Continued from page 334*).

The Cause of Clear Eggs.

Speaking of clear eggs, one has read in the past, and no doubt will do so in the future, what is the cause of clear eggs. In my opinion a lot of clear eggs come through the fault of the breeder. We find that about February the breeder says, I must see about putting the birds up. In goes the hemp seed, niga, egg food, etc., and about March he thinks he has got the birds into breeding condition and pairs them up; result, first round, nearly all clear eggs. Then he wonders at it, and when he meets other fanciers he is complaining about his hard luck.

I have to be convinced yet that the extra bit of seed and egg food that is put in for a few weeks will bring birds into breeding condition. Then, again, we have to contend with the weather. Fancy the poor hens sitting on eggs these frosty nights that we have been having lately. The birds should not be put together unless they are in breeding condition, especially the hens. And I find that a good many fanciers cannot tell if a hen is in breeding condition or not; and that is where I think the cause of a lot of clear eggs can be traced to.

There is no special treatment that I know of as regards the feeding of young Roller Canaries. They are fed the same as the other varieties. The hens, as a rule, make very good mothers, so that any one taking up the breeding of Rollers need not be afraid that it is difficult to breed Rollers.

Training the Young Rollers.

Having got your young Rollers the next thing is to train them. The method of training them varies. Some put them in single cages before the moult; others after they have moulted. The latter plan, I think, is the better, as I like the birds to go into the flight cages so as to harden them. If you moult them in small cages you get sickly birds and are apt to lose a good many of them; so that after they are moulted is the better time. You are also better able to pick the cocks out. Young Roller hens have a trick of trying to warble, and you can easily be deceived when they are young, and find that instead of having 20 cocks as you imagined you have only half that number.

One word of warning; having put the birds into single cages, don't close the door at once. Do it gradually, else you will find some of the birds dead through not being able to find the seed and water. One of the main things in training is to have good Schoolmasters, and if possible from the same strain. The young birds are more likely to pick up the different rolls than if you had a Schoolmaster from a different strain. Also you must not think that all the young birds will turn out so well as the Schoolmaster.

The training part is the most serious time for the Roller breeder. He must spend more time with the birds listening to them, as the young birds, in their attempt to copy the Schoolmaster, make all manner of peculiar noises. As soon as one hears a bird start singing a high tour, it must be taken away, or else it will spoil all the others. If you don't, then goodbye to all your fond hopes for that year. The young birds will pick up bad notes quicker than they will the good ones, and it is astonishing how they will persist in repeating them. It always puts me in mind of a child playing in the streets; it picks up a bad word and comes home and repeats it. You check it, but at every opportunity it repeats it; and thinks it is saying something clever. In time, however, it forgets it. But with a Roller, once it has picked up a bad note it never forgets it, which you know at times to your sorrow.

To be successful in training, the birds must be continually weeded out. Never mind if they are bred from your Palace winner; it doesn't follow that the offspring are going to turn out the best singers. As with other varieties, you don't always breed winners from winners. There is always a certain amount of luck attached to it. Man has not overcome Nature yet, so that he can mould winners. Nature steps in and very often upsets his arrangements.

At the same time one need not be an expert to breed winners. To give you an instance. One of your members, a novice who had never won a prize before, cleared the board during the show season, and at the Horticultural Hall Show he took first, extra first, and extra third. In fact, there is no other variety of Canary exhibiting where the novice stands a better chance.

DISCUSSION.

At the conclusion of the lecture, which was followed very closely and with much interest, the lecturer was literally "pelted" with questions, which he answered in a very satisfactory manner.

When is Rape Not Rape?

Mr. Curtis: Is it true that the Germans never use egg food in bringing up their young Rollers; are they brought up wholly and solely on German rape?—No; the Germans use more egg-food than is used with any other variety. Mr. Crisp: Do you think it possible to bring up young birds on rape seed alone?—Yes; but personally I should not care about doing so. It would, however, depend on the kind of rape-seed you used. There is good rape-seed, which is hard to get; most of the "rape" sold here in this country is a mixture of mustard-seed and cabbage-seed. Mr. Curtis: I understood you to say that most of the birds in Germany were fed in a kind of haphazard way, and you made no mention of egg-food.—I should have mentioned it; but not only that. Bread-sops are used largely, and I have heard of potatoes being given. In reply to a question of Mr. Crisp's, Mr. Norris said that real rape was a small seed which had a bluish tint and was not red, like most of that bought in this country. Mr. Crisp: Where can we get it?—Well, at the present time it is very difficult to get it at all, and when it can be got a tremendous price has to be paid for it; in fact, it is next-door to impossible to get it. Although called German rape, the seed is not grown in Germany; the great bulk of it comes from Russia, and the recent Russo-Japanese war has made a very great difference to the crop of the seed. Mr. Crisp: Why is it Germans use so much of the seed?—Good German rape-seed is supposed to contain all the necessary things to keep a Roller alive; they say, in fact, that good German rape-seed should be quite sufficient to keep any bird of this variety alive. Mr. Crisp: That is to say it is scientifically a perfect food?—Oh, well, I can't say; I'm not in the "know" of that. But rape is better for the song of the birds, as the use of Canary seed makes the Roller go harsh. Apple is also very good, and is often used.

Good Hens Badly Wanted.

In reply to a question asked by Mr. F. Lathleiff, Mr. Norris pointed out that the great thing was to get good hens. Otherwise breeding results, so far as the breeding of winners was concerned, would be poor. One could buy a cock and pay a nice price for it; and he could tell whether it was a good one by listening to its song. But one might pay a high figure for a "hen" and never know how it would turn out; it might, and often did, turn out to be a cock. (Laughter.)

Mr. A. Wheller asked if it were not possible to test rape-seed by planting a few of the grains, as it grew very quickly. Mr. Norris, in reply, said it was no sure test, and as already stated, the seed was not now grown to any great extent even in Russia.

Mr. A. C. Burn: Is it absolutely necessary to have a room exclusively devoted to the variety?—Not in breeding. Mr. Crisp: But it would not be good policy, all things considered?—No; they are best bred in a room by themselves.

Mr. F. A. Pullinger: What is a fair price to pay for a pair?—Well, you cannot get a good pair for less than from £3 10s. to £4. Of course birds that have been winning fetch four or five pounds each. Mr. Crisp: Are the champion birds in this country equal to the best birds in Germany?—Well, that, of course, is hard to say. I have not yet had the privilege of going to Germany to listen to the birds for myself. One thing may be said at least, we evidently have a very musical ear, for the Germans are always complaining that we are very hard to please, and they say they can't get us anything better than we do get; so I suppose from that we have as good Rollers as they have themselves. I should say that some of our young birds are equally as good as those bred in Germany.

Teaching to Sing.

Mr. Pullinger asked a question relative to the training of young birds, and in reply to him, Mr. Norris said that training was done by Schoolmasters as a rule.

Mr. E. Fisher asked if it were true that the Roller Canary was only a one-season bird so far as the song was concerned? No; that used to be the tale some years ago, but it is not so now.

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Mr. W. Page: Do you leave the cock with the hen to help feed the young?—I never allow the cocks to feed the young ones; after the hen is set I always take the cock away. Mr. Page: If you take the Schoolmaster away does it not make the young ones go harsh and hard?—Of course there may be a tendency for a bird to go harsh, as you say, but it makes all the difference where the Schoolmaster is removed to.

Mr. F. Easterling: Had that successful novice to whom you referred any special method of training his birds?—No; I asked him that question, and he very kindly volunteered the information. He had both Schoolmaster and organ, and he just trained them in the ordinary way. But he was lucky, because he had got one of *the* hens—he had got one of the few good hens to be had. Mr. Curtis: I take it all his winners were bred from the one pair.—I believe so.

The Roller's Vocal Powers.

Mr. Wynn: Are the vocal organs of the Roller Canary differently constructed to those of other varieties of Canaries? If not, is it not possible to train the Norwich or the Lizard to sing in the same way?—It is said that the vocal chords are different, but I cannot say for certain. The song has been bred into the birds for so long that I think it would be difficult for a Norwich or any other variety of Canary to pick it up; there is not the least doubt the song is purely artificial. Mr. Crisp: do you think that their vocal chords are different from use only?—Yes, I think that is so. In answer to a question asked by Mr. A. Lissenden, the lecturer stated that the Roller Canary would pick up almost any notes, and it was best to keep the bird out of the hearing of other birds altogether. Someone then made the remark, "What about the Sparrows outside the windows?" That, of course, said Mr. Norris, could not be helped; he had even known the "pink, pink" of a hen Chaffinch to be copied by a Roller.

Mr. Crisp: What time is necessary to devote to the young birds?—Well, personally, I have very little time to devote to them. I have to rely on the Schoolmaster doing his duty. There is not the least doubt that a lot of time is given. Whether it is really needed or not I can't say. The only thing is that you want to have a quick ear, and directly you hear a bird hits a false note, take him away. Otherwise there is not a wonderful lot of time needed. Mr. Crisp: If that is a necessary qualification—having an ear for music—it won't do for me to go in for Roller Canary Breeding. (Laughter).

Value of Artificial Teachers.

Mr. Wynn: When using these artificial means what is the best time in the day to start the organ?—Doubtless when you get up in the morning. A Schoolmaster, of course, starts very early—before you are awake. It is not very nice to get up at three o'clock in the morning to set the organ going; that is where the advantage of having a good Schoolmaster comes in.

Mr. Lissenden: Does the combination of Schoolmaster and organ help on to perfection? Yes; there is not the slightest doubt about it. The organ, as most of you are aware, only goes for about 20 minutes, and you would need to have someone constantly attending to it; and of course this cannot always be done.

In answer to another question, Mr. Norris said he had yet to meet the bird that could sing the notes of the organ. Mr. Easterling: But it must be far better to have both organ and Schoolmaster?—Yes, decidedly. Answering a question of Mr. Wheller's, the lecturer stated his belief that in Germany the Nightingale is used a good deal in the training of Rollers.

Mr. Crabb: From one point of view, and inasmuch as I took a first prize with a Roller some years ago, perhaps I am in a position to make a few observations. But my Roller was, I should say, exhibited in a Border Fancy class. (Laughter). They must have put the wrong number down. However, like Mr. Crisp, I don't know that I should make a very good subject seeing I haven't much of an ear for music. I have had a great idea of going in for a Roller or two, but more with a view to improving the song of my other Canaries. The throat of the Roller is not entirely different in character to that of the other Canaries; it is merely a development. As regards the hens I can quite understand that it is a great thing to get a good hen. They come over here as cocks and are often mistaken for such. I hoped Mr. Norris would have brought an organ with him. I don't know one tour from another, and I should very much liked to have been educated on that point. You go into a show and try to hear the birds, and you hardly know where the song is coming from, and you are apt to become confused.—Mr. Crabb is quite right in what he says, that there is a need for knowing the different tours. The words, schockle, bass roll, Gluck, the ordinary public does not understand. Mr. Wynn has kindly gone to the trouble of getting the two birds which you see before you, and if they had sung I could have told you something about the different notes. But they have hardly said "Sweet" yet, and are hardly likely to do more, seeing they are in a strange room, where one can hardly expect them to sing. Of course one could set an organ going and the tours could be explained.

(To be continued.)

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(Continued from page 293).

Chapter IX.: Some Necessary Precautions. (Continued.)

Never interfere with nests. Birds very strongly object to having their nests interfered with, and, in spite of what learned doctors say, often desert them incontinently if you do. Is it worth while to lose a fine nest of youngsters just to gratify a momentary though very natural curiosity? Some bird keepers are like the late Dean Stanley, never so happy as when peeping into some long forgotten tomb in Westminster Abbey to see what was buried therein. The only bird that will allow you to look at his home, as far as my experience goes, is the Budgerigar. You may lift down his cocoanut lusk and peep, but I would not advise you to go any futher, even with him. In the case of other birds, the only way is to walk casually by the nest and try to see what you can in passing, and try to arrange that the parents shall not see you; rather a difficult matter, by the way!

Poor Pussy!

Make things unpleasant for cats. They delight in sitting on top of the aviary wires for hours watching the inmates. When this is permitted, it is useless to expect any breeding results. A good garden squirt is very efficacious in such cases, but a nice little air-gun is more certain. Have the grave dug all ready beforehand; the quicker the funeral the better it will be for your happiness and peace. Needless to say, it should be a "nameless and unhonoured grave."

If a bird gets out, don't worry. Let it alone, and, like the celebrated lamb that Mary had, it will come home and bring its tail behind it. I have had Zebra Finches flying about for days in the garden, but they always asked to be let in sooner or later. I have had Blue Bonnets soaring overhead, rejoicing in their freedom and saucily jeering at me as they passed. I said nothing, but waited coolly. I knew that hunger is a wonderful tamer, and poplar trees, although lofty and nice to roost in, are not sustaining to the Parrakeet stomach. I get up very early the morning after the escape, and generally find the truant running frantically about on the wire on top of the aviary seeking for a hole to get in by.

Keep Cool.

I get a ladder, unfasten the wire at the joining of two lengths, turn it nicely back near the place where I saw the bird sitting, and then retire and watch events from a safe distance. In about a quarter of an hour I see my escaped friend fly down silently on to the roof and begin running eagerly up and down, his mates wildly calling to him at the time, and no doubt telling him he has acted the silly goat long enough. Presently he espies the hole I have made, pops though it, like a mouse, and I simply go and fasten down the wire and go to bed again. Rush about shouting and wildly waving a net, and you simply scare the bird right away, besides making yourself dreadfully hot and uncomfortable.

In the case of an escaped Softbill, different measures will have to be resorted to. If one of these gets out into the garden, more tact and patience will be required, especially if it be summer and cherry time. Then the escaped one is in clover, and will defy you for a week. I had a rare Starling escape one cherry time, and a nice job I had to catch him. Morning after morning I rose before it was dawn, crept down into the garden, and sat shivering on the dew-laden seat, with a rug around me. About 3 a.m. I would hear the escaped one utter a jubilant call note, and perhaps, if he felt very contented with himself, pipe a few staves. Then, as I watched warily, I would see him fly across the lawn to the kitchen garden and alight on the strawberry bed. There he no doubt had a nice feed, though, of course, I could not see him. The moment I got up and went near, he was off and away to a neighbouring wall, where he gave out a few exultant notes by way of "grace." He then usually flew away to some distant clump of trees till about dinner-time, when he returned once more for a further feed.

In the middle of some abstruse bit of study, one of the children would rush frantically into the study and tell me that the bird was sitting in the cherry tree, eating like mad. I would go up to the nursery window, and sadly contemplate him. He was not ten feet away, as the cherry tree top is on a level with the nursery window. It was a case of "so near and yet so far." After a good feed he once more retired, no doubt to sleep off his debauch, and was seen no more till supper-time, when he honoured the cherry tree once more. This went on for a week, till, in fact, the cherries were done. Then, as of old, there began to be a sore famine in the land, and my gentleman began to be in want. For, strangely enough, no foreign bird that I know will eat the common or garden worm. Hence, when the fruit harvest fails, things grow unpleasant. Now was my opportunity. I caught the hen and took her out into the garden in a big cage and set her down near the strawberry bed, and round the cage I constucted a big sort of wire-netting enclosure, roughly put together with stakes and securely tied with binding wire. At the botom I turned up the wire in a small half-circle. I did it at the bottom for this reason—that I knew my friend would try to get in from below, and not, like a Parrakeet, from above.

Stomach Love.

Presently, sure enough, I saw him fly across the garden and alight near the enclosure and hold a little animated talk with his mate. No doubt he told her how empty he was feeling, and she would doubtless tell him that she could not understand why he preferred running about hungry to a generous and comfortable meal. For some time "stomach" held out, but presently resistance was evidently weakening, and once or twice I saw him very near the opening. It was a Sunday morning, of all things, and I had, of course, to go to church. I left orders that the cook should keep a sharp look out for eventualities. On my return home she told me that she thought the bird had gone into the wire cage, and on going to look, sure enough, there he was, quietly sitting on a perch I had thoughtfully provided for him near the top. I did this, like Jehu, out of subtlety, as I knew that he would be sure to mount to a perch if there was one, and that he would sit there if not disturbed till I came to carry him back to captivity; whereas, had there been no perch, he would have run about on the ground, and as likely as not come out of the hole by which he had entered. A bird, whenever you approach it in an enclosure, invariably makes for the top. I, knowing this, acted accordingly, and before dinner my truant was safe with his wife in his former home.

Incubated Birds.

A very needful precaution is to have an acclimatising cage for newly-come-over birds. I believe I am the proud inventor of the article; but I will not take out a patent, but will give my invention for the benefit of the bird-loving world.

Necessity, they say, is the mother of invention. It was so in this case. I had lost so many delicate, newly-imported birds that I had become desperate. I had seen incubator babies at South Kensington; why not incubated foreign Finches? The difficulty was the heat. It must be constant, cheap, and not excessive.

I set my inventiveness to work, and here is the result. I got a good big travelling-cage, such as most large dealers supply. In the bottom I cut a big round hole, and over this I nailed a piece of perforated zinc. I then got a big biscuit tin, cut a hole in the bottom corresponding to the hole in the cage bottom, and bored some holes round the bottom of the tin for ventilation.

Under the biscuit tin I placed a potted-meat pot filled with olive oil and a floating wick, such as we use in sanctuary lamps in church. I then put the bird into the cage, with food and water; lit the wick, and a grateful and comforting heat rose, and when I used it on a frosty night, I could see, instead of half a dozen little trembling and half-frozen Bichenos, six little white waistcoats in a row, tinged with the ruddy light of the wick, and testifying by their pleasant twitter that they thoroughly appreciated my efforts on their behalf.

The method is simplicity itself. With good oil, a wick will burn for twelve hours at very little cost. If you can get ten-hour night-lights, they will do equally well; only stand them in water. The fumes are so slight that they never affect the birds. Continue the treatment till the weather grows warm. Australian Finches generally come over in February, and unless treated as I advise, the deaths will be appalling.

Chapter X; The Bearded Tit.

The Bible story tells us that Saul, the first King of Israel, seeking his father's asses, found a kingdom; so I, whilst rushing after some White Jackdaws stumbled upon my Bearded Tits. It happened "thusly," as poor Artemus Ward was wont to say: I was in London for a few days, and had almost come to the end of my tether. It was Friday morning and I had to go home that evening. I happened to see an advertisement offering for sale a pair of White Jackdaws, at a place somewhere in the West Central district. I hailed a hansom and away I drove to the address indicated.

The person who opened the door was clearly a "furriner," who eyed me with evident suspicion, and informed me in broken English that there was only one White Jackdaw, not a pair, but that she could get me a pair from Germany. Dissembling my wrath as well as I could, I asked if I might see the one and only bird. Permission was graciously given, and I was conducted downstairs to the basement (inwardly trembling as I thought of Coram Street murders), and there I saw a very dirty and disreputable looking bird. He reminded me strongly of the Jackdaw of Rheims after the Cardinal had done with him! I said as many complimentary things as I could about him, but regretted my inability to buy a "love-lorn crittur."

A Find.

A noise in one corner of the room attracted my attention, and turning in the direction of the sound, I saw four small birds in a cage. I was obliged to ask what they were, as the darkness was Stygian, and I was told that they were Bearded Tits "from Germany." Barring the fact that they had lost their caudal appendages they looked the picture of health, and were manifestly two cocks and two hens. Knowing that Bearded Tits are none too easy to acclimatise, as we say up here, I determined to buy one pair.

I did not, you may be sure, select the second best; and having paid the modest price demanded, I passed them into a travelling cage and was just about to depart when the lady inquired if I knew how to feed them. It was, no doubt, kindly meant. I modestly replied that I had had a brief experience with soft bills. Would I like some of the food she gave them? It looked to me so like linseed meal that I declined to invest in any, though in justice I must say the Tits looked well on it. I fancied, however, with the conceit natural to the beast, that my own was better. The lady smiled a pitying smile, as much as to imply that the Tits and myself would soon part company. For once, at any rate, she proved herself a false prophetess, as they lived for many a long and sunny year.

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

Doings of the Lapwings.

The doings of the Lapwings just now are full of interest. They have moved to the higher ground, and are busy selecting their partners for the breeding season. Some have already done so, while others (probably the younger birds) are only in the initial stages of love-making. These latter may be distinguished by the peculiar action of the cock bird. He and the object of his choice are feeding somewhat apart from the rest of the flock; some yards separate the pair, which distance he is anxious to decrease. But when he attempts to do so she moves off to one side. Shooting into the air he swoops down close to her, and up again, repeating the performance with some wonderful exhibitions of wheeling and tumbling flight, accompanying this display of wing power by soft piping notes. A curious love-making this, but one no doubt calculated to charm the wayward lady Plover. After a few days of such doings he will entice her to leave the flock. This is not accomplished easily, and many journeys are commenced and spoilt by the hen bird returning before he can finally persuade her to share her lot with him and seek some quiet field or pasture land. Although gregarious, each pair has a certain area of ground to themselves, and if one is able to get access to a breeding colony during next month, one can note with interest the doings of each couple, according to their condition. A pair with eggs will go through all the wonderful evolutions for which the birds are famous, and do all in their power to draw the intruder away from the vicinity of the nests. Others are scratching holes in the soft earth, testing many sites before finally deciding upon the ideal spot. Upon pasture land the nest of the Lapwing is most difficult to locate, the greenish mottled eggs harmonising so well in their surroundings.

Pheasant and Stoat.

A cock Pheasant has been known to kill a stoat, jumping upon and spurring it in the manner of two cock birds fighting.

What Causes White Blackbirds?

The capture in Yorkshire of a Blackbird "with black and white wings," has led a Sussex correspondent to ask, in a contemporary, if others have noticed that since last breeding season, birds—especially Blackbirds—with partially white plumage, have been quite common. He gives several instances, and adds:—"The only cause that I can advance for such common prevalence of albinism is our late lamented cold damp summer. White plumage to an abnormal extent in birds is usually held to be due to some constitutional defect, and it occurs to me that an inclement season, by reducing the vitality of the parent birds at mating time, and that of the offspring, as well at a later date, may have produced these unusual results in their plumage."

High Flight of Birds.

Many have credited birds with the power of flying at tremendous heights, but from observations made by balloonists it appears that one thousand yards above sea level is the favourite height for the flight of large flocks, when probably migrating. Occasionally exceptions have been noted; one is that of an Eagle at the extraordinary elevation of three thousand yards, a Skylark at nearly two thousand yards, and Crows at five hundred yards less. It appears impossible for birds to fly at the tremendous elevation recorded by some writers. There would be great physical exhaustion in flight in such rarified air, besides which there appears to be no reason why the inhabitants of the air should exceed more than one thousand yards. There is no crowding at that elevation, so that large flocks can move easily.

Woodpeckers and the Telephone Poles.

A peculiar case of destruction by Woodpeckers has occurred at Boughton, near Canterbury, where twelve telephone trunk poles, each measuring nearly a foot in diameter, have just had to be replaced, owing to the depredations of these birds. The Woodpeckers had pierced holes several inches in diameter right through the poles. In one of the holes a Woodpecker's nest was found. The poles destroyed had only been in position twelve months, the previous ones having been similarly bored through, although they were creosoted. The poles have now been cased with metal. It is a singular fact that the destructive action of the Woodpeckers is restricted to this one portion of the road, extending to about a dozen poles, and this is the only spot known to the Post Office which has suffered such severe depredations in East Kent.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

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MAINLY CANARIES—Continued.

FOUR Yorkshire hens, 10 -; or exchange Yorkshire cock or crest-bred hen.—Elwis, 13, Hicks-st., Neepsend, Sheffield.

TWO pairs Yorkshires left, 15 -, 20 -, yellow cock, 10/6; ready to nest. Exchange cycle.—Rand, Hanson-st., Redcar.

WINGMARK Norwich hen, greenmark Yorkshire hen, exchange for Norwich cocks.—147, Copenhagen-st., King's Cross, N.

BIG 1907 Norwich cock, 20/-; exchange pair Borders or two hen Lizards; must be good.—Thompson, 146, Alfred-st., South Shields.

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GOOD Buff Norwich cock, 5/6; exchange good Yellow Norwich hen; hen sent first.—Jos. Bland, Aldwincle, Thrapstone, Northants.

EXCHANGE or sell 1907 Norwich songsters for large 1907 Norwich hens for stock purposes.—Simpson, 13, Hockham-terrace, Kings Lynn.

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CREST-BRED green cock, two years, 10/-; exchange good Yellow Norwich hen; on approval.—Cannon, Boot Maker, Stricklandgate, Kendal.

EXCHANGE black and blue Dutch does and bucks, also Belgian doe, stinck by winning buck, for Canaries, or offers.—Easton, Frieston-rd., Boston.

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TWO pairs Canaries, Norwich pair, Canary-reared Greenfinches, house-moulted cock Redpoll, hen Bullfinch; exchange cycle or phonograph.—Fenton, High-st., Clown, near Chesterfield.

HANDSOME Yellow Yorkshire cock Canary, full song, splendid double breeding cage, 15/6; crested variegated cock, large double breeding cage, 14/6; exchange.—Letall, Whittlesea.

FOR stock, monster clear Yellow Yorkshire cock; Bailey's and Swanger's strain; sell or exchange large yellow unflighted Norwich cock; Norwich first.—G. Swift, Ward's End, Starkholmes, near Matlock, Bath.

CLEAR yellow Norwich hen 10/-, variegated ditto, 8/6; buff clear 6/6; heating apparatus 20 -; morning coat and vest 17/6; recently cost £2 2s.; wanted, cycle or useful exchange.—Atkinson, Market Place, Guisborough.

SIXTY-EGG "Cooper's" incubator, good hatcher, 30/-; 60-chick rearer, wire and glazed runs, 25/-; will exchange for high-class Canaries, Yorkshires preferred, breeding cage and aviary.—100, Haydons Park-rd., Wimbledon.

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EXCHANGE one Yellow clear Yorkshire, 1907, 6½, one clear Buff 1906, big fine stock bird, one Buff ticked crest-bred, big fine stock bird; Stringers, Bolton; all healthy, ready for breeding; all prize bred; for Yorkshire hens, Yellow, Buff and Buff Green; must be big and healthy.—Avisine Co., Millom.

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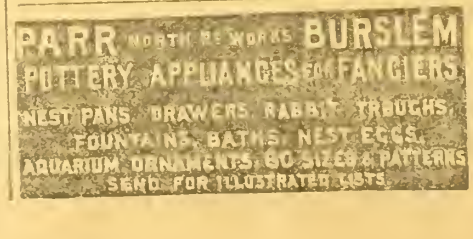
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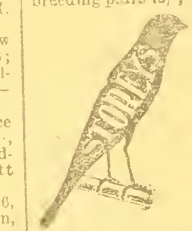

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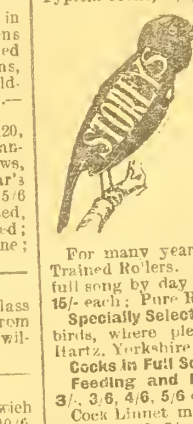

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DON'T send to me for birds if you can get them elsewhere cheaper; quality for quality. I have not yet come across them. Same prices this week as last. Cocks: Yellows 7/6, Buffs 7/-, 6/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each. Long, reachy birds, slim or thick, according to your requirements. Be exact in your orders, as I am simply overwhelmed with orders.—Edgar Broadbent, House Painter, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

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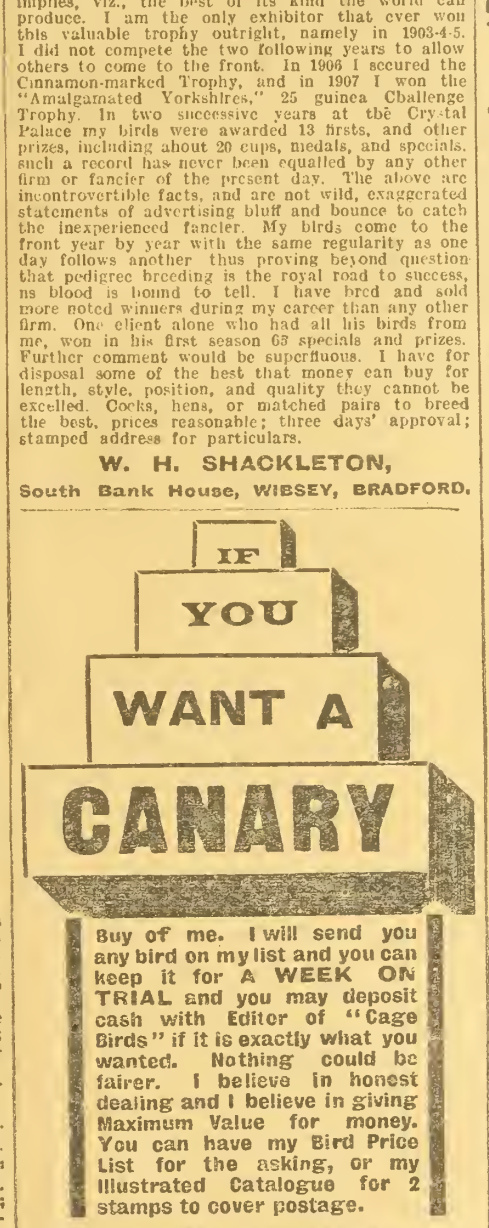

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DARK Yellow Cinnamon Yorkshire cock, 7/6; another, 6/6; two Border Fancy Yellow cocks, two Buff hens, one dark, 10/-; two Norwich crested grizzled cock, dark crested hens, 10/-; Buff-marked Yorkshire, good bred bird, 6/6; two clears, Yellow, 6/6; Buff, 5/6; two hens, Yellow, 5/-; dealer's prices; approval.—Milton, 9, Sefton-st., Colne, Lancashire.

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MULES; nine hens, 9/ the lot.—Pimm, Icknield Port-rd., Birmingham.

PEARSON, Greenwich Market, wants Mules for cash, or exchange any live stock.

WANTED, Goldfinch and Linnet Mules.—Blackett, 10, Phillip-st., Kingsland-rd., London.

GOLDFINCH Mule cock, grand songster, sacrifice 10/-; approval, deposit.—Skelton, Chilworth, Guildford.

COCK Linnet and hen Canary, been in flight since November, 4/- the pair.—Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

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SPLENDID Cheveral cock Goldfinch; also several other Finches and Linnets; state wants.—Hayward, Church-st., Chard.

1908 APRIL 1908

The few following, amongst many others, have been received during the first 4 days of this month, as will be seen by dates, thus proving that I still give unbounded satisfaction, not to the few, but to the

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Carry out what you profess to do in your advertisements.

2nd April.
Baltimore.—Kindly send one tin of Eggertine. No doubt you will be glad to hear that the pair of crests I had are going along splendidly. I am thoroughly satisfied with them, and also with your selection. In my dealings with you, I find you always carry out what you profess to do in your advertisements.—G. Southwood to W. Rudd.

Astonished at value.

1st April.
48, Princes Street, Devonport.—I received the Patent Perfection breeding cage alright, and I am astonished at the value. We can get nothing in the south to compare with it. It's like comparing a mansion to a mud hut.—F. Hopkins to W. Rudd.

4th April.
5, Bow Brook, Leyland.—The bird arrived here safe this morning. I am well pleased with it.—G. W. Hodgson to W. Rudd.

4th April.
Nant Ctg., Aerefair, Ruabon.—Bird arrived safely to-day. I am well pleased with it. Thanking you for prompt attention.—J. Andrews to W. Rudd.

4th April.
53, Cornwall Road, Bishopston, Bristol.—Thanks for birds, which I received safely this morning. I think them a very nice pair. I am very pleased with them.—R. Heard to W. Rudd.

4th April.
1, Osborne Villas, Acacia Grove, New Malden. — Received bird and parcel quite safe; very satisfactory.—C. M. Dace to W. Rudd.

4th April.
12, Dallin Road, Plumstead.—The birds arrived all safe, and I am highly satisfied with them.—R. Butcher to W. Rudd.

4th April.
Alexander Ville, Kingussie, N.B.—Birds arrived safely; quite satisfactory. — Wm. McCallum to W. Rudd.

4th April.
3, Glen Terrace, Ynyshil.—The bird arrived safely; many thanks for same.—W. Rudd to W. Rudd.

4th April.
91, New Gladstone Street, Abertillery.—Bird to hand safe, gives every satisfaction. The people who live around us have all fallen in love with him.—H. Bird to W. Rudd.

4th April.
Horse Close House, Melkridge.—I received birds safe, and I am very pleased to say how pleased I am with same. I shall get all my bird wants from you in future.—J. James to W. Rudd.

4th April.
5, Victoria Square, Redcar.—Received birds, all well. I am well pleased with them.—J. Preston to W. Rudd.

3rd April.
264, Fulham Road, London, S.W.—Crests arrived safe, and I am perfectly satisfied with them. Will soon give you another order.—A. Brugnoli to W. Rudd.

4th April.
767, Gt. Eastern Road, Parkhead, Glasgow.—Received Norwich songster in good condition. I am highly pleased with him. He commenced singing half and hour after he was unpacked. Wm. Maitland to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
105 Dumbarton Road, Partick.—I received birds this morning. Highly satisfied. I know where to get a good bird, and also good value for money. Will have pleasure in recommending you.—G. Edgar to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
18, Albert Street, South Shore, Blackpool.—Bird arrived safely, in grand condition. I am very well pleased with the way you have treated me.—H. Butterworth to W. Rudd.

3rd April.
35, Middle Street, Yeovil.—Birds to hand alright. I think they will match my birds nicely. Will send again shortly.—C. Childs to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
25, Albacore Crescent, Lewisham.—Bird arrived safely and pleased to say gives great satisfaction.—T. Rich to W. Rudd.

3rd April.
85, Cambridge Street, Luton. Birds arrived quite safely; I am very pleased with them. —J. Hadaway to W. Rudd.

3rd April.
78, Oldridge Road, Balham, London, S.W.—I am pleased to inform you that I received the Canaries quite safe and sound and in healthy condition. I am highly pleased with them. Thanks for prompt attention.—Mr. Smith to W. Rudd.

3rd April.
11, Disraeli Road, Ealing.—The bird arrived safe this morning in perfect condition. I am very pleased with it.—G. Dunford to W. Rudd.

3rd April.
45, King Street, Gt. Yarmouth.—Bird arrived safe, and I am very pleased with same.—E. G. Chapman to W. Rudd.

3rd April.
10, London Road, Beccles.—Bird arrived safe and in good condition, and I am very pleased with it.—G. Buckenham to W. Rudd.

3rd April.
2, Eastcote Terrace, Stockwell.—The birds arrived safe, and with which I am perfectly satisfied.—C. G. Reading to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
Croft Street, Dalmellington.—Bird arrived all safe and in good condition. I am very well pleased with it.—A. McLatchie to W. Rudd.

4th April.
Finchley.—I beg to acknowledge receipt of birds, which arrived safely to-day in splendid condition. I am very pleased with them, and in every way satisfied.—H. Stockton to W. Rudd.

4th April.
H.M.C. Prison, Parkhurst, Isle of Wight.—Bird arrived safe and am very pleased with it.—F. Creese to W. Rudd.

4th April.
49, Park Street, Hereford.—Bird arrived quite safe and gives great satisfaction.—T. Lawley to W. Rudd.

4th April.
Swines Green, Beccles.—I received the bird and I am satisfied with it.—W. George, Jr., to W. Rudd.

4th April.
2, Fir Tree Ctgs., Perry Street, Wendover.—Bird to hand quite safe. I am perfectly satisfied.—G. A. Saint to W. Rudd.

4th April.
65, Anson Road, Tufnell Park, London, N.—We are in receipt of birds, which arrived safely and in good condition. We are quite satisfied.—R. Van Houten to W. Rudd.

4th April.
146, Chad Street, Cornsay Colliery, Durham.—We received the bird cage alright, and are satisfied with it.—W. Peart to W. Rudd.

3rd April.
24, High Street, Itchen, Southampton.—The Canaries have just arrived. I am very pleased with them.—W. J. White to W. Rudd.

4th April.
Mullingar.—Cage to hand; am quite pleased with it.—W. Sloane to W. Rudd.

3rd April.
2, Witton Lane, Hill Top, West Bromwich.—Received Bullfinch hen to-day with thanks.—J. Johnson to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
30, Tangler Street, Whitehaven.—Birds to hand alright. Pleased with all. Roller singing splendidly.—J. B. Halton to W. Rudd.

3rd April.
16, Spital Road, Maldon.—Bird arrived safely in good condition.—C. E. Crick to W. Rudd.

4th April.
Croxton Lane, Middlewich.—Received bird alright.—J. Robinson to W. Rudd.

1st April.
8, Milkwood Road, Herne Hill, London. — Birds arrived quite safe this morning, and am very pleased with them.—Miss A. Taylor to W. Rudd.

1st April.
60, High Street, Blackwood.—Having received Yorkshire hen, am highly pleased with the way you treat your customers. The hen gives me every satisfaction.—J. Hendy to W. Rudd.

1st April.
2, Mossbank Place, Greenry Street, Uddingston.—The bird arrived in good condition, and was singing as soon as I put it in its cage.—T. McCrorie to W. Rudd.

4th April.
53, Norwich Road, Lowestoft.—Received Goldfinch quite safe. I am very pleased with it, and thank you very much for such a good bird.—F. Richmond to W. Rudd.

3rd April.
54, Weaver Street, Newton-on-Ayr. — The birds arrived safe, and I am very pleased with them.—R. Duncan to W. Rudd.

1st April.
47, Lancaster Road, Edmouton, London. — Bird arrived safe. Very pleased.—W. Betty to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
65, Stondon Park, Honor Oak Park, London. —Received birds safely and am very pleased. W. D. Cannon to W. Rudd.

1st April.
13, Approach Road, Margate.—Birds arrived quite safely, and pleased with them.—Mrs. Payne to W. Rudd.

1st April.
74, Lorne Road, South Lowestoft.—Bird arrived safe, and gives me every satisfaction. Thanks for prompt dispatch.—R. J. Runacres to W. Rudd.

1st April.
25, Falcon Terrace, Clapham Junction, London.—I received the bird, and like him very much. Thanking you for same.—C. Taylor to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
The Hollies, Meadow Road, Catshill, Bromsgrove.—Bird arrived safe, and gives satisfaction.—G. L. Stokes to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
14, Coltman Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbro'.—I received medicine and cage, and I am well satisfied.—P. A. Revell to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
70, Adys Road, E. Dulwich.—Bird arrived this afternoon, safe and well.—J. R. Hind to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
Nantyglo.—I received the bird all safe, and it gives me the greatest satisfaction.—T. Hunt to W. Rudd.

3rd April.
Rossart Street, Brixton, London.—Received bird safe and am very pleased with same, and hope to have some success with my first attempt at mule breeding.—H. F. Samme to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
15, Albion Place, St. John's Lane, Smithfield, London.—I received the bird quite safe, and I am more than delighted with it. I must thank you very much indeed.—C. Short to W. Rudd.

1st April.
Cirencester.—The birds have arrived quite safely, and I am very pleased with them.—M. Hooker to W. Rudd.

1st April.
Hythe.—Miss Mumford is very pleased with the Canary which arrived safely this morning.

1st April.
4, Royal Terrace, St. Leonards-on-Sea.—Bird to hand, and I am very much pleased with him. The hen is also in good condition. Thanking you for matching them for me and wishing you every success.—H. Eggleston to W. Rudd.

1st April.
Tower House, Machynlleth.—Birds arrived in good condition, and am well pleased with same. Thanking you for your attention.—J. Roberts to W. Rudd.

1st April.
Grongar Road, Crooked Holme.—Birds arrived safe and give every satisfaction.—J. Faulds to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
8, Marshall Street, Denton.—Birds arrived safe, and I am highly satisfied with same.—J. Dickinson to W. Rudd.

Goods first-class and worth three times prices charged.

1st April.
Orchard Street, Colly Croft, near Nuneaton. —Will you please forward another bottle of tonic. There is nothing in the world better for cage birds, when out of order. I have tried it, so I know what wonders it will do. I have always found your goods of the first class, and they are worth three times the price people pay for them.—F. Prideaux to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
25, Bagshaw Street, Pleasley Hill.—I received the bird quite safe. Thanking you very much for the same. I am very pleased with it.—H. Thompson to W. Rudd.

2nd April.
38, Eastbourne Avenue, Gateshead.—Birds received all safe this morning, and am very pleased with them. Thanks for promptness. —W. Young to W. Rudd.

Two gems.

2nd April.
171, Bernard Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow.—The birds arrived safe and I must say they are two gems. I did not expect the like for the money. The cock alone is worth more than I gave for the pair.—A. Reid to W. Rudd.

1st April.
10, Macoma Road, Plumstead.—Bird arrived safely this morning in good condition.—S. Carden to W. Rudd.

1st April.
15, Corser Street, Wolverhampton. — I received the pair of birds and I am extremely obliged to you for same. I shall be sending for some more shortly. Hoping to meet with same approval. Thanking you very much.—J. Jackson to W. Rudd.

1st April.
96, Station Road, Meir, near Longton.—I received bird safe and well and I am quite pleased with it. Thanking you for same, and quick delivery.—C. T. Marsh to W. Rudd.

4th April.
The Rise, Pepys Road, Wimbledon, London. —The hen Canary arrived safely in good condition, and I am very pleased with look of same.—L. Williams to W. Rudd.

Splendid value.

2nd April.
31, Chipstead Street, Parson's Green, London, S.W.—I received the pair of Yorkshires quite safely and thank you very much. They are splendid value and quite satisfactory.—A. Richmond to W. Rudd.

Never in the course of my experience, etc.

2nd April.
4, Llynne Street, Tondu, near Bridgend.—Allow me to thank you for the Norwich cock you sent. He arrived in the pink of condition. Never, in the course of my rather long experience, have I received such value. I am very pleased with him. I will do all I can to forward your interest in the South. F. Churches to W. Rudd.

4th April.
North Witham, Grantham.—I am writing to tell you the Norwich songster gives the utmost satisfaction.—Hy. Cox to W. Rudd.

1st April.
29, Queensboro' Terrace, London, W.—Miss Greeven received the Canary, with which she is very satisfied.

I cordially invite inspection. Call at 28, Park Lane (tram stops within minute's walk), and if I am not there I shall be, undoubtedly, with the birds, only another minute's walk. There you will find, in a suburban district of the City of Norwich, the immense collection in properly fitted and ventilated Birdrooms—not disused fowl and pigeon sheds in a country cottage back garden—and thousands in stock. This is not the "bluff" of a masquerader, but facts that you can easily verify.

Note this Week's Prices :—

PLAINHEADED NORWICH. Cocks, clear yellow, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards. Clear Buff, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Ticked or Varlegated, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards. Hens, clear yellow, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Clear Buff, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Varlegated, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs Norwich Plainheads, matched for Breeding, 8/6, 9/6. Travelling Cages, 3d. extra.

YORKSHIRES. Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Hens, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs matched for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/, 20/-.

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WANTED good Yorkshire Canaries; exchange sittings of Black Rosecombs Bantams eggs, also good Dutch rabbits.—Schalk, Fairford, Glos.

TWENTY parts Familiar Wild Birds, complete, 21 parts Self Educator; exchange pair Border Fancy Yellow.—McAllister, High Johnst., Duncon.

WANTED large Norwich cock, full song; will give splendid Goldfinch Canary cock Mule, in full song.—Clarke, Lynderoft, Lexden, Colchester.

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries; exchange handsome young talking Amazon Parrot and square cage, value 3 guineas.—H., 183, Church-rd., Hove.

WANTED two clear Yorkshire cocks, one Goldfinch, two hens, one Bullfinch, two hens; on approval.—Peto, 26, Chaldon-rd., Fulham, London.

WANTED, drawing-room cage; exchange for stereoscopic camera, three slides, or opera glasses; will sell either £1.—James, 78, Bolton-rd., Bradford.

WANTED, any variety of British birds, Canaries, mules, etc.; cash sent immediately; state your price to Heathcote, Dealer, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WANTED, Canaries of all kinds, cheap, for export; also cock Goldfinch Mules; state lowest price for cash.—Marsh, 45, Pereira-st., Bethnal Green, London.

WANTED, two clear Sib hens; exchange Goldfinch, Bramblefinch, Redpoll, all cocks, moulted out door, full song.- Moscrop, 23, Walton-st., Gateshead.

WANTED British, not fresh caught; will give Roller cock, silver vesta box, or pigeons; approval both ways.—Ward, Boot Maker, Shields-rd., Byker, Newcastle.

HEN Canaries wanted for cash, or exchange for good cock Linnets, sure mulers; also small Scotch Terrier dog for cash, or exchange.—32, Mt. Vernon-rd., Liverpool.

BIG Yellow or Yellow ticked unflighted Plainhead cock; exchange big variegated unflighted crest-bred hen, from parents cost £3, sell 15/-.—Butler, Walsworth-rd., Hitchin.

WANTED, for cash, British, Cinnamons, Crests, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; best prices given; quote prices required.—Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire.

WANTED extra large Buff Norwich hen, also Yellow Yorkshire hen; exchange high-class Magpie pigeons or two winning cock Bullfinches.—Harry Green, Long Buckby.

WANTED to purchase, to mate, a little owl (Athene noctua); a good price not objected to if mate can be found.—A. W. Craig, Rettendon Hall, Battles Bridge, Essex.

WANTED, exhibition Softbills, not necessarily house-moulted, or British. Goldfinch or Linnet; state price and approval.—Barry Bros., Corn Merchants, Horfield, Bristol.

WANTED Scotch Fancy Buff cock, must be in full song, in exchange for a silver Geneva lever watch and silver albert, or sell 15/-.—Purves, 17, Stewart-terrace, Edinburgh.

WANTED 1907 Seifert Rollers, Yellow cock, Buff marked hen, cold-room bred; exchange rosewood musical box, six tunes.—Hargreaves, Sunbeam House, Midway-avenue, Bridlington.

WANTED any quantity hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each; and hen Canaries, give 1/4 each; and any kind of birds bought, cocks or hens.—Perkins, No. 1, Blewett-st., East-st., Walworth, London.

2,000 MORE sufferers from Skin Troubles, Piles, or Eczema, to send 7d. for sample invaluable, pure Ointment, in plain wrapper; twenty years' success. —Clegg, Botanist, Sackville, Ravensthorpe, Yorks.

WANTED pair Yorkshire Canaries; exchange lovely Blue Persian kitten, female, or sell 12/- pair; pile, game, bantams, pullet, laying, sell 7/6; or exchange cock Canary, good songster.—G. Florey, The Farm, Warneford, Oxford.

WANTED green Crest cock, also heavily-variegated crest-bred hen; cash, or exchange valuable pedigree black Scottish Terrier bitch, perfect in house and manners; what offers Crests or Yorks.?— 13, Spekeland-st., Liverpool.

PEARSON, Greenwich Market, the original and only live stock exchange; takes anything alive for cash; or exchange for anything required. Personal exchanges and inspection preferred. Bring your goods and take your money.

WANTED any quantity Canaries, all breeds; also talking Parrots, Magpies, Jays, Goldfinches, Siskins, Bullfinches, etc.; large or small quantities taken; highest prices paid and prompt cash; banker's references.—Send particulars and price to Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham.

WE WANT 1,000 FANCIERS

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TAXIDERMY. High-class work at low prices.—Kendrick, Practical Taxidermist, Cook-st., Coventry.

SILKWORMS. Fertile eggs, post free, 100 4d., 500 1/-, 1,000 1/6.—Watkins and Doncaster, Naturalists, 36, Strand, London.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

WHAT offers, exchange for two cock Greenfinches, caged October.—J. Crook, Abingdon.

COCK Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, three hen Buffies; offers.—J. Rabey, St. Columb, Cornwall.

GOOD hand-reared Magpie for sale; or exchange other birds; offers.—J. Rutter, Kirbymoorside.

OCK Yellowhammer, Chaffinch, muling hen ne; exchange Foreign.—Rabey, St. Issey, Corn-l.

EVERAL house moulted Bullfinches and Gold-nes, cheap; or exchange poultry.—H. Piggott, ntage.

OOD cock Goldfinch, house-moulted; exchange low Budgerigar cock.—L. Hewitt, 18, Silver-st., esbury.

INNET, singing, three exhibition hen Bullfinches, v cage; offers; exchange.—104a, Garthorne-rd., est Hill.

EXCHANGE or sell handsome Black Bunting cock hen Canary; offers.—W. Seal, 503, Liverpool-rd., lloway, N.

EXCHANGE house-moulted Goldfinch for good y, or Bramblefinch; no rubbish.—Richards, Mary-, Taunton.

PAIR Canaries and breeding cage, cock full song, /6; seen any time.—W. Saunders, 23, Choumett-nare, Peckham.

SELL or exchange house-moulted hen Bullfinch d cock Redpoll; what offers?—A. Buttery, Pool-l, Dawley, Salop.

1907 COCK Thrush, full song, broken tail, 6/-; or change Hartz cock to value; approval.—Butler, umber, Southwell.

WILL pay 1/- for hen Canaries; or exchange uling Linnets.—Goodchild, 41, Gainsborough-rd., ictoria Park, London.

AVIARY-MOULTED Linnet and young hen Can-ry, 5/6; exchange Bullfinch hens.—Love, Loch-uild, Beith, Ayrshire.

BARLOW'S Aviaries, Greenwich Kent; will ex-hange your Canaries, or other birds, for livestock ou require. State wants.

TWO-YEAR-OLD nesting cock Skylark, full song, /-; exchange cock Canary or Goldfinches.—Robin-n, Green Moss, Whitemere.

THREE 1907 cock Goldfinches, 4/- each; one hitethroat, 6/-; exchange for.—Jones, The ant, Lower Hergod, Oswestry.

WHITE-LEGGED Goldfinch muler, 6/; breeding ock Linnet 3/6, full song; exchange hen Can-ries.—Childs, 68, Bromley-rd., Leyton.

HOUSE-MOULTED German cock Bullfinch, piping, roken tune, 8/-; or Exchange Yorkshires; hens referred.—Graham, 17, Lodge-st., London, E.C.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch Canary-reared hen Greenfinch for Border Fancy Canaries, or sell 7/-.—Squires, Millfield-d., Ilkeston.

THREE muling cock Linnets, steady, in full song, /- each, six others 1/6 each; exchange; approval. Fred Whiting, 1, Ravensbury Cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

EXCHANGE Siskin, Yellowhammer, Bullfinch, Chaffinch for small British show cages in good condition.—Grahame, 19, Elam-st., Camberwell, London.

EXCHANGE one cock, two hen Bullfinches, one cock, one hen Chaffinches, caught in August, sell /- for pair Canaries.—E. Peet, Bedehouse-row, Oakham.

LARGE house-moulted cock Siskin, 5/-, another 3/6; wanted house-moulted Bullfinch hen; one that's been with a Linnet preferred.—Milne, St. Vigeau's, Arbroath.

GRAND English breeders, not rubbish, three Linnets, Goldfinch, pure song, in cages; Canaries preferred; approval.—Mr. Basham, 180, St. James-rd., Bermondsey.

LARGE light thrice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, Mule breeder, 10/6; Norwich cock Canary, 9/6; exchange hen Canaries.—Bennett, 115, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, grand muler, 7/6; exchange large Norwich hens for muling; approval, deposit.—G. Mells, Belle Vue, Mt. Pleasant, Redditch.

EXCHANGE Canary-reared Greenfinch cock and house-moulted Bullfinch hen, for exhibition Goldfinch or Bullfinch.—William, Wearmouth-square, Stanhope, R.S.O.

TWO grand cock Linnets, in full song, twice house-moulted, sure muler, 3/6 each; exchange cock Canary; Canary first.—White, 23, Albion-hill, Lewisham-rd., Lewisham.

BULLFINCHES, three good cocks; will exchange for good cock Canary.—H. Russell, 59, Malthouse-rd., Crawley, Sussex.

COCKS, Bullfinch, 8/-; Goldfinch mule, 8/-; Weaver, 2/-; pair Javas, 4/-; all in perfect condition; exchange Norwich or Yorkshires.—Brooks, 91, Woodland-st., Mountain Ash, Glam.

WILL exchange three singing Larks and cages for Canaries, two good Goldfinches, mulers, three piping Bullfinches, house-moulted, 4/- each; Pigeons, box and basket; offers.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

TWO large Siberian cock Goldfinches, 7/6 each; two Songthrushes and cages, singing, stout, 6/- each, four stout singing Linnets and cages, 2/- each; exchange Fowls, Pigeons, chicks.—Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

EXCHANGE or sale British Goldie and house-moulted hen Siskin, bred last season, house-moulted Bramblefinch cock and hen Twite; exchange three hen Bullies, or sell 8/- lot.—Jameson, 33, Ogilvie-place, Arbroath.

EXTRA large winning Buff Linnet Mule, a gem when fed, 15/-; also winning cock Bullfinch, and show cage, 7/6; variegated Sparrow, 5/-; two Yellowhammers, to moult winners, 2/- each; approval, deposit.—45, Cranworth-st., Bootle.

FINE Linnet hen, house-moulted, 2/-; grand cocks, 2/- each; cock Greenfinch, 1/-; hens, 6d.; six coloured plates birds, framed in black and gold, new, 6/-; approval; exchange, Canaries, anything useful.—Allen, 51, Terminus-rd., Eastbourne.

HAND-REARED Chaffinches, cock and two hens, 5/-; cock, twice house-moulted, 4/-; house-moulted Twite, 2/-; three cock Chaffinches, 2/6; two Redpolls, 9d.; two hen Linnets, 9d.; caged months; or exchange breeding Budgerigars or Yorkshire Canaries; stamp reply.—G. Buchanan, 2, Holmhead Park, Cathcart, Glasgow.

Mainly Canaries.

To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE buff Yorkshire cock for 5th hen, or two Roller hens.—J. Judson, 16, Nelson-st., Skipton.

SALE or exchange cock Canaries, 5/-; hens, 2/6; lot, 25/-.—Wood, Orchid, Court Nutfield, Redhill, Surrey.

YORKSHIRES, ready for immediate pairing, cocks, 15/-, 10/-; hens, 5/-; approval.—Dunn, 65, Aberdeen-st., Balham.

NOTICE.—Wigs, cheap, in Norwich or Yorkshires for 1/- Send Feathers, value 2/6.—Barnes, Clowne, Worksop.

EXCHANGE two Yorkshire hens for a cock or for cash.—Sharp, Manor Park Dairy, Ecclesfield-rd., Burngreave.

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THE SHOWS.

HALIFAX O.S.

The society held their first members' monthly show of the season at the Griffin Hotel on April 4th. It proved a great success, and appeared to be highly appreciated by the members, who turned up in good numbers. Mr. W. Speak (Halifax) officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Walsh; 3, vhc, Cundall; hc, c, Ross and Robertshaw. NOVICE YELL. YORKS.: 1, Garside; 2, c, Haigh; 3, vhc, Saville and Hargreaves; hc, Burton.—J. F. THACKRAY and H. WHITAKER, Secs.

BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

The monthly show of cage birds was held on April 2nd at the North-road Lecture Hall. Owing to breeding operations only two classes were provided for, and these were judged by Mr. Gravet. The arrangements were in the capable hands of the secretary, Mr. F. Perrin, who conducts these shows with great credit to himself.

A.V. CANARY: 1, Gibb, nice Yellow cinnamon tkd. Yorks. cock, very typical, silky feather, a topper; 2, 3, Dandridge, 2nd fine clear Buff hen, nice shape, well up to 1st; 3rd, clear Buff cock, stands well, will improve. A.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Gibb, 1st cock Robin, in good condition, and steady; 2, cock Greenfinch, large and steady.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS & DIS. F.A.

A most successful members' show was held on April 1st in the Camden Hall, Tunbridge Wells, when over 170 exhibits were staged. The cage birds classes were a credit to the exhibitors, and much interest was shown in them. Mr. A. Hubble judged. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 3, Hayward; 2, Miss F. G. Knapp. YORK.: 1, 2, Knapp; 3, Cress. NOR.: 1, Barkaway; 2, Richard; r, c, Warner; vhc, hc, McVicar, Kirke. PAIRS: 1, Warner; 2, Whibley; 3, Richards; vhc, hc, c, Knapp, Richards, Batchelor. HYBRIDS: 1, 2, 3, r, vhc, c, Wraight; hc, Chalmers. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, r, vhc, Wraight; 2, vhc, Waters; 3, Frost; 4, vhc, Richards. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Warner; 2, Cross; r, Waters. FOR. BIRDS.: 1, 2, Miss Knapp.—H. G. WHIBLEY, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES C.B.S.

A most successful table show of breeding pairs was held at headquarters, Leeds Hotel, on April 2. Forty pairs of very fine birds were shown, the competition being very keen. In the absence of Mr. Hill, Mr. J. W. Lowes judged, and gave satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 2, Freeman; 3, 4, Yeates; hc, e, Baines. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Cookman; 2, 3, Acheson; 4, Yeates. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Yeates; 2, Freeman. SELL.: 1, 3, Wake and Carr; 2, Yeates. HYBRIDS: 1, Wake and Carr; 2, 3, Freeman; 4, hc, Acheson; vhc, Cookman. CAN. MULE: 1, Wake and Carr; 2, Freeman; 3, Cookman; 4, Baines; vhc, Acheson. —J. W. LOWES, Sec.

PRESCOT C.B.S.

A members' show was held on March 28, at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Market-place, when a very creditable show of cage birds resulted, considering the time of the year. Mr. S. Taylor was the judge. There were about 50 entries, and the birds shown were of a very good class, many of them being fit for larger and open classes anywhere. During the afternoon and evening the show was visited by a large number of people, and was voted a great success. The staging was very good, and the judge's awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 8, Wellings; 2, Appleton. BUFF: 1, Appleton; 2, Wellings; 3, Hall. NOR. YELL.: 1, Evans; 2, Bixter; 3, Bixter. BUFFS: 1, vhc, Bixter; 2, Bixter; 3, Appleton. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Evans; 3, Mercer. PAIRS: 1, Bixter. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Wellings. SOFTBILLS: 1, 2, Wellings. SELL.: 1, Bixter; 2, Wellings; 3, Hall. FOR.: 1, Swift. NOVICE CLASS (never exhibited before): 1, Appleton.

SINGING CONTESTS.

SHEFFIELD.

A contest at the Don Inn, was held on April 5, when 17 birds competed. 1, Booker, 48; 2, Knight, 39; 3, 33. Judges, Messrs. Blackhadder and Robinson.—H. TIMMS, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Linnet S.A. held week end contest on April 4, at headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snigbrook, Blackburn. Winners: 1, Catterall; 2, Dobson; 3, Rostron. Timekeeper, Mr. Rd. Topping. An All-England Linnet singing contest for quality will take place at the above club-house on April 18, entrance fee 1/- per bird.—(ADVT.)

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on April 4th, when 20 birds sang. 1st prize, S. Hardcastle; 2nd and 3rd, T. Stead. Judges, Messrs. Crane and Towers. Also on April 5th, when 30 birds faced the judges. Some extraordinarily good singing was heard. 1st prize, T. Johnson; 2nd, T. Stead; 3rd, S. Hardcastle; 4th, D. Clegg. Judges, Messrs. Cooper and Hinoson.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

WEST HOUGHTON.

Linnet singing contest held at Cross Guns, Westhoughton, when 55 Linnets competed for six prizes, four for time singing and two for best quality. The winners were as follow: 1st, G. Boydell; 2nd, W. Wilcock; 3rd, T. Statham; 4th, R. Wisdom, for time singing; winners for best quality birds were: 1st, G. Janes, and 2nd, P. O'Neil. Judges for time singing, Messrs. Peter O'Neil and J. Battersby; time-keeper, Mr. Stranger; judge for quality, Mr. T. Jump (Wigan). Four prizes out of the six were won by Lowton Linnet Club, which is a new club. They want to sing any Linnet club in Lancashire for suppers and we hope clubs will take it up. Mr. J. Rostron presented them with their prizes and we spent a very enjoyable evening. A contest will be held at Ross Hotel, Astley, on April 4th; also one at Lowton Shepherd Inn.—J. W. JONES.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest, held at Crown Inn, North-street, on April 4, when 30 birds sang. Result: 1, Stotbard; 2, Firth; 3, Buckle; 4, Grainger; 5, Oxberry; 6, Massheder. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, J. Mason.—J. W. SMITH, Sec.

Usual weekly contest, held at Bricklayer's Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, April 4, when 28 birds faced the judge. Result: 1, Limbert, Junr.; 2, Key; 3, S. Foster; 4, Massheder; 5, Whitehead; 6, Moley Warp. Judge, Mr. Jno. Paver. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert.—WILLIAM EMPSON.

CROOK.

Linnet singing contest, at Mr. R. Winter's "Royal Oak Inn," Crook, Sat., April 18. Prizes, 12/6, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6, 1/-. Entrance fee 6d. per bird, half of each entrance fee to be returned in refreshments. Judge, George Reed, Brandon; Timekeeper, Wm. Rutherford.—(ADVT.)

NEWTOWN (Leeds.)

Members and friends of the Prince Albert Inn L.A., met March 28. Judges, Messrs. G. Towers and B. Jackson. Result: 1, J. Sellers; 2, W. Hinoson; 3, W. Turner. Contest, March 29. Judges, Messrs. H. Allen and B. Jackson. Timekeeper, E. Wood. Result: 1, A. Binner; 2, J. Chippendale; 3, W. Farrar. Contest, April 4. Judges, Messrs. W. Dean and B. Jackson. Result, 1, J. Sellers; 2, W. Hinoson; 3, W. Farrar. Contest, April 5. Judges, Messrs. H. Allen and B. Jackson. Timekeeper, Mr. E. Wood. Result: 1, J. Chippendale; 2, A. Binner; 3, J. Neat.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

CLUB REPORTS.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting was held at Palmer Hall on April 1st. There was a splendid attendance. Mr. Knapp (Sumner Green) was elected a member. A very able paper was read by the hon. treasurer, Mr. C. J. Howlett, on "The Breeding Season." A fine, interesting discussion took place, in which Messrs. North, Yates, Brooker, and others took part. Mr. Howlitt was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his instructive Paper.—G. A. CHARLES, Secretary.

WATH AND DIS. C.B.A.

The lecture on breeding of the Yorkshire Canary, given by Mr. W. Wadsworth, of Skelmanthorpe, on March 28th, was fairly well attended by the members. All who did attend were very pleased at the manner in which the lecturer handled the subject. Many interesting questions were put to the lecturer, who answered them to the satisfaction of all. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer was carried unanimously. It was hoped it would not be the last time he (Mr. Wadsworth) would be amongst us. Our President, Mr. W. Tose, presided.—H. A. WATSON, Secretary.

WIBSEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

The above society held a very interesting and instructive debate on March 21st, at headquarters, "The Horse and Groom Inn." Mr. J. Hartley (Lidget Green), the well-known cinnamon marked breeder, opened the debate by a short explanation of the standing of the cinnamon to-day as compared with 10 years ago. His remarks were listened to very attentively by all, and many and various were the arguments advanced in support of the little beauty. Mr. Hartley gave a very hearty invitation to all fanciers' to join the cinnamon marked club, and compete for the splendid spls which are offered every year for competition among its members. A very interesting and also instructive evening was brought to a close by Mr. Johnson proposing and Mr. H. Taylor seconding a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hartley for his kindness in opening the debate.—E. W. JOHNSON.

OLDHAM AND DIS. C.B.S.

A very successful washing competition was held on March 24th at headquarters, the Textiles Dining Hall, Shaw-road. There was a very good muster of members and friends, who had come expressly to watch the proceedings, the competition having been brought forward for the benefit of those who had not had the pleasure of seeing a bird washed before. From the remarks made by the majority of those present, they seemed to be highly satisfied with the evening's entertainment. Mr. T. Young (Oldham) adjudicated and gave his final awards as follows:—1st, Mr. A. Ackroyd; 2, Mr. G. Fitton. After the competition had finished, a few of the older hands demonstrated their ways of washing birds, which seemed to be very instructive. Each one had his own particular way of washing, the gentlemen taking part being Messrs. J. Sharples, T. Young, and J. Hampshire.—F. STEEPLE, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.S.

The monthly meeting of Kelty and Blairadam O.S. was held in "Gothenburgh." Mr. James Wilkie presiding over a large attendance of fanciers. The following discussion was properly thrashed out by the chairman and Mr. Stenhouse—viz., Has a member to pay the same as the general public after working for the show's interest all year? The chairman, in his remarks, said that if we wanted to show an example we must pay our yearly subscription. The other general business being completed in a business-like way, the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for his help.—J. FORD, Sec.

SCOTTISH NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY CLUB

The office bearers for year 1908-9 are as follow: President, Mr. James Winter (Edinburgh); vice-presidents (5), Messrs. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch); J. Hector (Aberdeen), W. Watson (Kilmarnock), A. G. Cameron (Kelso), and J. Ferguson (Glasgow); committee (13), Messrs. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch), J. Young (Rutherglen), G. Scrife (Fauldhouse), J. Smeaton (Prestonpans), W. B. Mackie (Aberdeen), Jas. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), W. Jaffrey (Brechin), Alex. McFarlane (Glasgow), W. Aitchison (Edinburgh), A. C. Dandie (Edinburgh), W. G. Muir (Kilmarnock), J. Adams (Dundee), and A. Sloan (Glasgow); judges (6), Messrs. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch), A. G. Cameron (Kelso), J. Ferguson (Glasgow), Wm. Watson (Kilmarnock), J. Adams (Dundee), and W. B. Mackie (Aberdeen); auditors (2), Messrs. J. Young (Rutherglen) and A. R. Landlands (Montrose); scrutineers (2), Messrs. A. Roberts (Thornliebank), and C. Campbell (Glasgow); secretary and treasurer, J. Brown, 107, Pollokshill-road, Glasgow. The following are the voting returns for the secretaryship as received from scrutineers, 54 papers being returned as follow: J. Brown (Glasgow), 32; S. Puglaes (Pollokshaws), 10; and F. Bowman (Glasgow), 8; spoiled, 4. A. Roberts and C. Campbell, scrutineers.—JAS. WINTER, President and Sec., pro tem.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED C.B.S.

A meeting was held on March 21st. It was arranged to hold the next annual show on November 19th in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed. The following gentlemen were appointed to act as judges: Messrs. R. S. Bewick (Newcastle), for Norwich, British and Foreign; W. C. Duncan (Coldstream), for Borders and Mules; John Elder, for Scotch Fancy and Variety. Other societies please note show date and avoid clashing.—JOHN SMART, Hon. Sec.

TONG AND DIS. C.B.S.

About 40 members and friends attended at the Holme Lane Hotel on March 24th to hear a Paper read by Mr. Fred. Allen of Cleckheaton, on the "Yorkshire Canary." Mr. Allen dealt with his subject in a very pleasing manner, dealing especially with the pairing and breeding of the birds. A great many questions were asked and answered by Mr. Allen. Altogether we had a very pleasant and instructive evening. We initiated seven new members; there is still room for more.—J. SMITH, Secretary.

HEYWOOD AND DIS. C.B.S.

At the monthly meeting, held on March 24th, a good attendance of members assembled to hear a lecture on the "Management of Canaries," by the Rev. R. P. Hudson, of Bury. Mr. James Perry, President, took the chair. Mr. Hudson was listened to with great interest by the members. At the close a number of questions were asked by the members, and were ably answered by Mr. Hudson. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer and in reply, Mr. Hudson thanked the members for the good hearing and wished the Society every success. At the meeting held afterwards, it was decided to hold First Feather Show on June 27th.

WALTHAMSTOW F.A.

The adjourned general meeting was held on March 24th, Mr. J. S. Clarke presiding. The balance sheet was discussed, the secretary stating that owing to the short time allowed for the preparation of same, he was unable to correct it, so that the copies had to be sent out just as he had received them. Although the balances were all correct, there were one or two errors. The original copy, however, on being submitted to the meeting, was found to be correct and was accepted. The election of officers resulted the same as last year, with the exception of Mr. J. S. Clarke (chairman), his place being filled by Mr. C. Burton. Mr. E. J. Voss was elected vice-chairman. Mr. W. Hammersley was added to the committee, together with Messrs. E. Buck and J. Banks. The secretary also resigned, his office being filled by Mr. A. B. Forse.—C. W. MEAD (late Secretary).

PETERBORO' C.B.A.

The annual general meeting was held at Bedford Hotel on March 19th, Mr. Smith in the chair. The secretary and treasurer's report was read, showing a very successful year, with a cash balance of over £12 in hand, against £2 5s. at annual meeting last year. All the officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Fowler on the committee. The society are extending the open show, making 46 classes, and are holding it on two days, October 7th and 8th, with Messrs. J. Robson, J. Wilcock, and W. Lowne as judges. As these dates fall on the annual October Fair, we hope fanciers will avail themselves of the cheap excursions which are run from all parts, in many cases at less than half single fare for the return journey, and run from Bradford up North and the City from the South. These will be advertised later. The special prizes won at the members' shows were presented, and included two copper kettles presented by Mr. Watts. Several new members were admitted to the society, and the chairman, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Lilley, the secretary and treasurer, congratulated the society on its financial position, and on the success of the past year. It was no doubt due, he said, to the society that it should prosper while it was carried on in the same manner. The usual vote of thanks concluded the meeting.—S. L. COCKS.

DULWICH O.S.

A well attended meeting took place at the Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, on March 18th, to hear Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, on the breeding and management of Canaries. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Wall. The lecturer cautioned his hearers not to be in too great a hurry to pair their birds, as early marriage ofttimes resulted in failure. He recommended Canary seed with a pinch of rape as the staple food with egg food every other day, till the eggs arrived; then plain Canary only while the hen was sitting. When the young were due he used the yolk of egg only for the first three days and from that time onwards he added biscuit, together with a little caster sugar and ground rice. He also gave hemp uncrushed to the old birds and crushed to the young when leaving their parents, gradually reducing it till he got them on to Canary seed only. Green food he only used during the warm weather in the shape of a little watercress or young lettuce. If his birds ever went thick he placed them on bread and milk with a few drops of tincture of rhubarb in their water. He warned breeders to take every precaution against mice, as these pests were the cause of many birds going wrong. He also pointed out that if strangers were allowed in a room where birds seldom saw anyone but their owner they would have been deserting their nests. Many questions were asked, and amongst Mr. Woolhouse's replies, he stated he preferred double to single breeding cages; Niger seed would prevent egg-binding; one cock to one hen except in exceptional cases; earthenware nest pans before wooden ones; Osborne biscuits; isinglass made into jelly, a little added to egg food as conditioner; only small quantities of any green food at all; and only healthy and the best procurable stock to breed with.—ROGERS & MAZZONI, Hon. Secs.

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BRADFORD (East) O.S.

At the meeting held on March 24th at headquarters, Mr. C. Cowgill opened an interesting debate on the "Yorkshire Canary," giving in detail an account of all the principal factors, which have had to be mastered, before the Yorkshire Canary could be staged in that perfection in which it is shown at the present time. The various points he dwelt on were taken up by the good assembly of members afterwards, and a very interesting discussion followed. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Cowgill. The members then appointed three delegates to the Yorkshire Union in the persons of Messrs. Cruise, Hill, and Peacock. A suggestion was made that the delegates should report to the society all the important business transacted by the Union in order that members may become interested in the Union's affairs. Another gold medal was promised for the members to compete for during the coming year, and we have now a very valuable list of prizes, including five medals, and many other equally good specials. Members please note that subscriptions are to be paid by the 1st of May in order that they may be eligible to compete for specials. The first ramble will take place on Easter Monday to Grassington, and all who intend to go with us will please give in their names at next meeting in order that necessary arrangements may be made. A debate on the length of the Yorkshire takes place at next meeting.—H. HILL, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Annual meeting held in the Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, on March 26th, Mr. Metcalfe in the chair. The balance sheet was passed as printed. The secretary was granted the sum of £3 and the assistant secretary 30/-. Notices of motion: That we send a representative to each show to see that rules, etc., be carried out (no seconder). 2. That we do not give patronage to shows giving less than four money prizes (left over till July meeting). 3. That we have a Standard Yorkshire show cage (as last year, adding seed boxes). 4. That the G.C.A. open a banking account (to be opened with the Liverpool Savings Bank in treasurer's name).—5. That we do not elect our officers by ballot but at the general meeting (lost). 6. That all moneys received on behalf of the Society shall be handed to the treasurer in full; the treasurer to pay all accounts, and supply the secretary with monies for incidental expenses; all orders for printing to be sanctioned by the Committee before being given out (carried). 7. That the annual subscription be raised to 4/- (lost). 8. That the annual subscription be raised to 5/-, and the members be not asked to give specials for the club shows (lost). 9. That any two members showing birds from one house shall be entered in one class, that is, if one of the members is a champion exhibitor all entries shall be made in that class (lost). 10. That we give patronage to Dulwich and Peckham and a few other southern shows (left over till July meeting). 11. That the balance sheet be in the hands of members a week before the day of annual meeting (carried). Patronage, classification, selfs and fouls, alternate with cocks and hens. All applications for patronage must be made to the secretary by July 20th, and all societies applying for patronage must undertake to give 4 Yorkshire Green classes and 4 Norwich Green Classes. Mr. Isaacs gave notice to move at the July meeting: "That no member vote on the allotment of patronage who will not guarantee to show at at least three shows. Cash specials: It was decided to have a draw as last year, to raise cash specials. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. Metcalfe, 46; vice-chairman, Mr. Handley, 19; secretary, Mr. Hadwin, 55; asst. secretary, Mr. Wilson, 53; treasurer, Mr. Isaacs, 52; auditors, Messrs. Lawson, 47; committee, Messrs. Deacon, 44; Hales, 33; Rowlands, 33; Davies; 32; W. Thompson, 26; Ryno, 24; and Doughty, 21. (Signed) Ed. Lawson, and P. Moss, auditors. — S. HADWIN, secretary.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

The annual meeting and prize distribution took place at the King's Cafe, on March 23rd. About 20 members partook of an excellent tea. The proceedings were under the presidency of Mr. Horace Milling, J.P., who has proved to be a most popular official. The secretary, in presenting his report for the past year, said they would be glad to hear of the steady progress made since 1905, when they had a balance in hand of £2 8s. 7d. Last year they improved so much that they had £6 14s. 7d. to their credit. This year they had done even better still, in spite of more shows being held, and competition being so keen. The balance they had in hand was £11 16s. 3d. He wished to thank every member of the society for the willing help and assistance rendered. Mr. Milling then presented the prizes, which consisted of cups and medals, to those who had made most points throughout winter season. In the Yorks., Mr. W. E. Fergusson came first with 118 points, Mr. L. Hewson second, 108, Mr. T. Head third, 107, Mr. Duncan, junr., fourth, 62, Mr. J. W. Barratt fifth, 61, Mr. G. H. Barnwell sixth, 57 Mr. J. H. Walker, seventh, 49, Mr. T. Bennison, eighth, 39. In the Norwich, Mr. W. Ascough first, 70, and Mr. H. Gregg second, 39 For Mule or Hybrid, Mr. J. Lamb first, 56 points, and Mr. D. Duncan, junr., second, with 29 points. In the British section, Mr. D. Duncan carried off first with 77 points, and Mr. J. Bousfield second, 39 points. The election of officers followed. Mr. Milling was re-appointed president; the vice-presidents were re-appointed en bloc, with power to add; Mr. C. Craggs was re-appointed chairman, and Mr. Barnwell hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. Milling observed that they could not have a more energetic officer than Mr. Barnwell. He was not only hearty in his work, but he possessed what was a very important thing for such a post—tact and judgment. The managing committee were re-elected as follows: Messrs. Craggs, Carline, Brown, Barrett, Bennison, Duncan, junr., Head, Walker, Fergusson, Cragg, Ireland and Barnwell. It was decided to hold two feather shows, one on June 20th and the other on July 18th. The open show was fixed for December 5th, or the nearest convenient date, subject to this not clashing with other shows in the immediate vicinity. A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, and during the evening songs were rendered by Messrs. E. Clarke, J. H. Walker, and D. Duncan, junr., Mr. H. Burrill acting as accompanist. A bird which called for much admiration was on view during the evening. This won first prize at the Crystal Palace, together with a silver goblet for the best fed Canary. It was the property of Mr. J. H. Walker (Harrogate). G. H. BARNWELL.

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S. have reconsidered their recent decision as to withdrawing their support from the Yorkshire Union, and fanciers will be pleased to hear that at their last meeting it was unanimously decided to withdraw their resignation. The strength of the Union is now twenty-five societies, and the number of members slightly over 1,100.

TWO other Societies are considering the advisability of joining the Union, viz., Wakefield, and the new Bradford Society at Tong, and I venture to think it will be to their benefit to do so. More new members are bound to come, particularly novices who wish to show in novice classes, and have a run for the gold medals provided by the Union. Should these societies decide to join they will bring the members of the Y.U. up to close on 1,200.

THE Norwich Plainhead Club is now definitely formed, and is to bear the title of "The Open Norwich Plainhead Club," the original idea of its being confined to Yorkshire having evaporated in consequence of applications for membership from fanciers outside Yorkshire. From what I hear, the membership will not be very long in reaching the century. Mr. O. Mitchell, who acted as secretary pro. tem., has been elected hon. secretary, and during the next week or two will be sending out names and addresses of members for the nomination of the committee, 20 being the number required. Full particulars as to rules, etc., will be found in the Secretary's report.

THE general meeting of the C.M.Y.C.C. takes place to-day (Saturday, April 11th), at 5 p.m., at headquarters, Market Tavern. Some important business is to be discussed, which includes the election of officers and committee for season 1908-9. All intending members should make a point of attending, and so join the society at the beginning of the session.

WIBSEY O.S. on Saturday last had Mr. Clarkson, of Halifax, down for a paper on breeding and rearing, and as usual had a fair turn up. Mr. C. is a good man at lecturing, his style being witty and interesting, and he gives fanciers the full benefit of his long experience in the Fancy.

BARNSLEY Society seem to be having rather a sorry time of it at present, and if nothing is done a collapse seems inevitable. The members have dwindled down to a very small number. What is required is someone to visit the breeders and persuade them to take an interest in the society and its working. That the few who remain, and have the interest of the Fancy at heart, will succeed in pulling the society together again, is my sincerest wish. Time was when they could hold a good show, and were fairly strong in members.

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Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

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*Bullie's Kisses.

My Bullfinch is very fond of sunflower seeds, and will take them from my mouth. He always kisses me when I come home from school, and when I go to bed at night.—Sent by Katie Newman (age 10), Staines Road, Sunbury.

A Well Mannered Macaw.

While at Bello Vue Gardens one Sunday morning, with my parents, we gave a Macaw a nut with a hard shell. The bird tried to crack it, but could not. Finding out that it was too hard, it said "Crack it please". When we had cracked it, it took the nut and ate it. Sent by C Donald, (aged 13), 120 Oxford Road, C. on M., Manchester.

*The Birds in Spring.

The hedgerows are budding at last;
And the frost and the snow are now past.
The Nightingales, Blackcaps, and Tits
Are making their nests with small bits.
The Thrush is also on her nest,
While Mr. Thrush, he sings his best.
Larks and Bullies, Goldies and Twites—
All are seeking quiet nesting sites.
Our cage birds, too, are nesting daily,
The Canaries singing very gaily.

—B. Vail (age 13 years), 31, Collier Road, Cambridge.

*A Cat's Care for a Canary.

A lady had a Canary which was so tame that it would hop on her finger, and pick crumbs out of her hand. She had a cat, too, in the house, which was taught to be kind to the bird. One day the lady had the bird on her shoulder, and it flew down on the floor to pick up a crumb. The cat saw it, and seized the bird in her mouth and jumped on the table, because another cat was at the door. The strange cat was driven out, and the lady's cat let the bird go, and it flew to its mistress quite unhurt.—Millie Berryman (age 14), 11, Highland Street, Eastney, Portsmouth.

FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

Sheffield C.B.S.

A highly successful whist drive was held in the Foresters' Hall on March 16th, when 35 tables were occupied by an influential company and a company that would augur well for the success of any society. Valuable prizes were given, nine in number. The recipients of these were highly delighted with their success. Great credit is due to Messrs. T. Bishop, A. Bradshaw, R. Colton, and E. Memmott for this pleasant and enjoyable evening, which it is hoped will prove the forerunner of more socials in connection with this flourishing society.—LINDSAY and BINGHAM, secretaries.

Attercliffe and District C.B.S.

A smoking concert was held in the club room at the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Attercliffe, on March 26th, when there was a very fair number present, including a number of ladies. The President, Mr. Havenhand, was in the chair and in his speech mentioned the objects of the society. Although it was only young, it was going on very successfully, having a good number of members, and he was in hopes of making a few more members this season. The society had already held some very successful shows. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, and was very much enjoyed by all present. The following gentlemen contributed to the evening's enjoyment, Messrs. Rawsey, Gregory, Burns, and Hancock, and their services were much appreciated. The gathering was one of the most enjoyable in the history of the society.—W. RICHINSON, Secretary.

Islington F.A.

On March 19 the members and friends of the Islington F.A. dined together at the "Rising Sun," Brooksby Street, N. Mr. W. J. Hoare presided, and there was a large gathering of members. An excellent repast having been partaken of, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were heartily received and duly honoured. "Success to the Islington F.A." was proposed by Mr. A. Adams, one of the oldest members, who spoke of the names of Fulton, Hammock, Ross, and others as having been connected with the Association. Through all obstacles and all vicissitudes they had come out with flying colours. Mr. E. F. Clarke (Secretary) responded in a speech full of satisfaction at the past, and of hope for the future. He gave the history of the Association from the year 1899, and said that in 1901 the members were asked to forego their prize money in order to keep clear of debt. Mr. Edwards, as Secretary, pulled the Association out of the ditch, and gave them a balance on the right side. He (Mr. Clarke) was now in his sixth year of office, and the Association was on the up-grade. They had peace, which was the mainstay of the Association, and they hoped for prosperity in the future. "The Fancy Press" was proposed by Mr. Chapman, in a few well chosen words, and responded to by Mr. Geo. Gardner. "The Chairman and Officers," proposed by Mr. Gardner, and responded to by Mr. Bone, and "The Visitors," by the Chairman, constituted the toast list. Some capital vocal and instrumental music was contributed by Messrs. H. W. Hoare, C. J. Potter, Fred Hodsdon, E. A Clarke, E. F Clarke, Harry Francis, H. E. Fisher, and others, and a highly enjoyable evening was spent.

Successful Smoker in Glasgow.

The above title was fully deserved by the Smoker which took place in the Bank Restaurant, Queen Street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 17th March, under the auspices of the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C., and it must be very encouraging to this club to be able to get such a grand turn-out of members and friends and such good artistes to amuse them. In fact, so pleased are the promoters, Messrs. Gibbs and Graham, with the fruits of their labour, that they intend to make the smoker an annual affair. In the absence of Mr. Eastman (the president), Mr. M. Craig was voted to the chair, and he was assuredly the "man for the job," with a joke here and a smile there, he kept the company in high, good humour. In opening Mr. Craig made reference to the regrettable absence of Mr. Eastman, and asked Mr. R A. Brown, the secretary, to speak on behalf of the club. Mr. Brown made an interesting speech, dealing with many club matters, among which being the differences existing between the various clubs and societies in and about Glasgow. He hoped that in the near future there would be more unity and, therefore, greater strength. The next item on the programme was a song, "The Star of Rabbie Burns," by Mr. A. Muir (the late secretary of City of Glasgow O.S.), which was well received. "Trafalgar Square" was then sung in good style by Mr. A. K. Chalmers, and Mr. R. A. Brown gave a reading. Mr. J. Erskine sung "MacGregor's Gathering" in masterly style, which has brought him fame as a tenor, and later on "The Death of Nelson." Various other songs were sung by Mr. Kelly, Mr. Brown gave a reading. Mr. J. Erskine sang less than five songs (including "Adam and Eve"), and without a doubt was the star of the evening. Mr. McCallum was asked to toast the kindred societies, and did so in his usual excellent manner. Mr. Graham (of Partick Club) replied. Mr. J. Brown toasted the trade and the Press, and Mr. And. Wilson replied, dealing with the advance of trade in the last few years, and the usefulness of the Fancy and Press in encouraging the keeping of cage birds as a hobby. He also said that what we wanted was more of the weaker sex in the Fancy (which brought a remark from a member to the effect that "Then our troubles will begin"). Mr. Peter Easton proposed the toast of the artistes (which brought down the hall), and said he had been at many a smoker, but never one half so enjoyable as this. All branches of the Fancy were well represented, among those present being Messrs. McLay, Whitelaw, McPhail, J. Kidd, Wm. Wilson T. Erskine, R. Stuart, Tannoch, J. Brown (the late secretary), Thaw, A. Paterson, Hendry, Martin, George, Crawford, and many others. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The health of Mr. Craig was drunk, and the cheers and shouts of "He's a jolly good fellow" made the building shake to its foundations.

Bradford West C.B.S.

The annual tea and social was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, on March 21st, when upwards of 70 members (and wives) sat down to an excellent tea. The President, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, occupied the chair, and mentioned the objects of the society. He stated that, although the membership had dropped to 76, he did not think they need be worried by that, as so many new societies had now sprung into existence around Bradford that fanciers now joined those nearest their homes. They also had lost a large amount of money both at the First Feather and the old shows. There were over 40 classes at the latter, this being the largest classification in the district. He trusted the coming year would be one of the best in the history of the society, and that the association would be still looked upon as one of the best societies, not only in the district, but throughout the country. The prizes were then presented. Open: 1st, Murgatroyd and Sons, 64 points; 2nd, Cowgill, 60; W. Crabtree, 57; Inman, 41. Novice: 1st, Pratt, 52 points; Helliwell, 42; Bennett, 41; Dobson, 34. After the distribution of prizes a very enjoyable programme was gone through, the following contributing: Mrs. Wallbank, Messrs. Duffy (Irish song), Wilson, Broadbent (bass), Armitage (tenor), and H. Townend (baritone). The proceedings went merrily along till close on 11 o'clock, when the President tendered to Mr. Pollitt (a member of Bradford City, who is leaving for Canada), the best wishes of the B.W.C.B.A. in his new home across the sea. A vote of thanks to the artistes the host and hostess, and the chairman, closed the best gathering ever held by the society.—H. CLEGG, hon. sec.

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See "Show Dates Fixed" column.

J. As.—J. Adams
G. F. A.—G. F. Adamson
J. Ar.—J. Alexander
T. A.—T. Allison
A. A.—A. Ambler
F. J. A.—T. J. Ambrose
H. W. A.—H. W. Axe
J. C. B.—J. C. Barnes
W. P. B.—W. P. Barnes
R. B.—R. Barrass
F. B.—F. Bate
G. B.—G. Bond
H. W. B.—H. W. Battye
H. B.—H. Bennet
T. B.—T. Bennett
J. Bk.—J. Beswick
D. By.—D. Bentley
J. Be.—J. Bertio
R. S. B.—R. S. Bewick
I. B.—J. Bexson
D. Bk.—D. Black
W. B.—W. Bowyer
J. By.—J. Broadley
M. By.—Matt. Broadley
W. B.—W. Brotherton
A. B.—A. Brown
D. B.—D. Brown
G. B.—G. Browning
J. W. B.—J. W. Bruce
E. B.—E. Brunskill
A. G. C.—A. G. Cameron
C. C.—C. Campbell
H. T. C.—H. T. T. Camps
J. Csn.—J. Carson
A. C.—Allan Chalmers
B. C.—Barker Clegg
Ax. C.—Alex. Cocurano
S. R. C.—S. R. Compston
S. C.—S. Cook
W. A. C.—W. A. Cowgill
D. C.—D. Craig
J. C.—J. Craig
J. Dh.—J. Dagleish
A. G. D.—A. G. Davis
J. F. D.—J. F. Dewar
J. Dt.—J. Dewhirst
J. D.—J. Dobson
J. Dn.—J. Donald
J. B. E.—J. B. Evans
R. F.—R. Farmer
J. Fn.—J. Ferguson
W. J. F.—W. J. Ferguson
W. W. F.—W. W. Freestone
J. F.—John Frostick
J. F.—G. Fulton
D. J. G.—D. J. Gardner
G. G.—G. Gardner
E. G.—E. Godley
I. Gl.—J. Goodall
J. Gw.—J. Goodfellow
J. G.—J. Greaves
W. E. G.—W. E. Greeves
W. H.—William Haddow
S. H.—S. Hadwin
D. H.—D. Hamilton
W. Ht.—W. Hart
A. Hy.—A. Hay
T. H.—T. Heath
J. F. H.—J. F. Hills
A. H.—A. Hirst
J. H. J. Hogg
W. D. H.—W. D. Hogg
J. Hr.—J. Hopper.
C. H.—Chas. Honlton
C. A. H.—C. A. House
R. J. H.—R. J. Howe
T. I.—T. Irons
J. H. J.—J. H. Jones
W. J.—W. Judd
J. K.—J. Kean
J. B. K.—J. B. King
H. K.—H. Knight
A. R. L.—A. R. Langlands
J. Lse.—J. Livingstone
D. L.—D. Low
J. M.—Jacob Mackley
J. Mn.—J. Maddison
G. M.—Geo. Martin
D. M.—D. Martin
F. M.—F. Marwood
J. Msn.—J. Mason
T. H. M.—T. H. Melhuish
H. B. M.—H. B. Melrose
W. Mo—W. Melrose
W. Mse.—W. Mossie
W. M.—W. Mundell
T. McC.—T. McCreadie
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P. McQ.—P. McQuiston
J. N.—J. Netherwood
A. N.—A. Nisbet
H. N.—H. Norman
J. N.—J. North
M. N.—M. Norwood
J. Pk.—J. Park
A. P.—A. Paterson
J. P. J. Patterson
J. H. P.—J. H. Payne
P. P.—P. Pettinrew
W. G. P.—W. G. Poole
J. Pd.—J. Pritchard
A. R.—A. Rettich
R. R.—Robt. Rhodes
P. R.—Parker Robinson
J. R.—J. Robson
W. R.—W. Rodger
J. H. R.—J. H. Roe
C. R.—C. Roehl
G. E. R.—G. E. Russell
J. Sn.—J. Sandison
J. H. S.—J. H. Scothern
W. H. S.—W. H. Shackleton
J. Sp.—J. Shepherd
J. Sc.—J. Smillie
E. E. S.—E. E. Smith
J. S.—John Smith
J. Str.—J. Stanger
J. Sk.—J. Stark
T. S.—T. Stewart
J. Stn.—J. Strachan
R. S.—R. Sutcliffe
W. S.—W. Swaysland
D. H. T.—D. H. Tedstone
W. T.—W. Thornton
T. T.—T. Todd
C. T.—C. Toy
J. T.—J. Trengove
W. H. V.—W. H. Vale
W. V.—W. Vardy
J. W.—J. Walsh
J. Wtn.—J. Watson
W. W.—W. Watson
W. We.—W. Webster
A. W.—A. Wellings
G. E. W.—G. E. Weston
W. Wh.—W. Whittaker
J. Wn.—J. Wilson
J. S. W.—J. S. Wilson
J. Wk.—J. Wilcock
A. Wd.—A. Woollard
E. G. W.—E. G. Wright
R. W.—R. Wright
J. Y.—J. Young

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TWITTERINGS.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is grand, and a great help to all fanciers.—J. JONES (Oswestry).

I have had over 70 orders for my moss, as advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Jim Bona (Otley).

I have sold all my birds through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. West (Rochdale).

My Roller hens are all sold out, through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. G. Austin (Bury).

We hear that Mr. A. Wellings will judge at Southport show on June 20th, and at Penketh show on July 25th.

I had answers from all parts of the country to my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. R. Kinder (Pleasby).

The quarterly statement of accounts of the City and Suburban A.C.B. reaches us, and shows a cash balance of £24 15s. 1d.

Mr. A. Wellings will judge our First Feather show on June 20th, writes Mr. T. Johnson, secretary of the Southport C.B.S.

We have decided to hold our annual show on October 31 and November 2, writes Mr. Thos. Smith, secretary, Ilkeston and District O.S.

The date of our open show, writes Mr. Geo. Hy. Barnwell, secretary of the Harrogate C.B.S., is December 5th, the judge being Mr. J. C. Barnes.

I had so many replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. E. W. Loader (Abingdon) that I really could not afford to answer them all.

We have received an excellent photograph—one of the best of its kind—of the officials and judge of the Falmouth Cage Bird Society's annual show.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is, I think, writes Mr. W. Hawkins (Ash grove, Queenstown), very up-to-date and even exceeded my expectation. No fancier should be without it.

We have fixed our annual open show for November 20th and 21st. to be held under C.B.U. rules, writes Mr. W. Ridge, secretary, Wigan and Dis. C.B.S. The judge will be Mr. H. Tams (Longton).

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL duly came to hand, and contains a wonderful amount of useful knowledge for the modest sum of 6d. charged for it.—Robt. Whitton (secretary of the Broughty Ferry C.B.S.).

CAGE BIRDS is a very good paper to advertise in. I had replies from as far away as Dublin, Isle of Wight, and all over England. They were too numerous for me to reply to all.—T. E. Richards (Morley).

The Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland has fixed Thursday and Friday, 26th and 27th November next as the dates on which to hold the annual show in Dublin, writes Mr. W. C. Sholedice, tho hon. secretary.

The judges for our annual show on October 8th and 9th, writes Mr. W. Quantrell, secretary of the Watford and Dis. C.B.S., are Messrs. C. A. House (Canaries) and J. Frostick (British and Foreign birds).

I wish to thank you for so kindly sending on to me the donation of 6s. from Mr. S. Stubbings, of Australia. I hope shortly to publish the full total to date received on behalf of Mr. Spiers.—J. H. Neal (London).

I do not think we could possibly do without your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. D. Jeremy, secretary of the Morriston and District C.B.S. It is full of information, useful alike to both old and young fanciers.

At a meeting held on March 28, writes Mr. D. Jeremy, secretary of the Morriston and District C.B.S., the names of Messrs. P. Jenkins, A. Hutchings, F. Heal, and J. Hawkins (all of Swansea) were added to our membership roll.

Speaking of the wonders of migration, a writer in a contemporary states that a Yorkshire observer not long since stood within a few yards of a bush which housed three or four hundred Gold-crested Wrens, too exhausted to be shy.

The goods I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. R. E. Macpherson (Benges), are now all sold. I could have sold them two or three times over already, and the replies enclosing P.O.'s which I have had to return were very numerous.

Owing to the Preston show date clashing with ours, writes Mr. Jas. Emmett, secretary of the Warrington and Dis. C.B.S., we have changed our date to November 27th and 28th. Messrs. Battye and Wellings will still remain judges for the occasion.

The London and County O.A., writes Mr. R. J. Pretty, the hon. secretary and treasurer, will in future hold its meetings and shows at "The Goat and Compasses" Euston Road, N.W. (the original headquarters), on the third Tuesday in each month.

My society have engaged as judges for our show on November 11th and 12th, Mr. Hopper (Keswick) for Border Fancies, Mr. Vardy for Norwich, etc., and Mr. Ladlow for British birds, writes Mr. W. H. Wright, secretary, Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.

I have had letters from all parts, writes Mr. C. E. Brown (Kingsweston, Shirehampton), asking me questions respecting my lecture, which you recently published. I beg to say that I am only too pleased to answer any letter if stamp is enclosed.

We hear from the secretary, Mr. F. Gorrish, that at the exhibition to be held on Eastcaston and Dis. H.S., there will be one local and three open classes for cage birds, which may be shown singly or in pairs.

We intend holding a summer show of cage birds, etc., open to Kent, Surrey, and Sussex, in conjunction with the East Kent Agricultural Show at Deal, on July 15th and 16th, write Messrs. Avis and Thompson, hon. secretaries, Deal, Walmer, and Dis. F.A.

The latest additions to the membership roll of the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A., writes Mr. Thos. Smith, the hon. secretary and treasurer, are Messrs. P. M'Adam (Jamestown), J. Kennedy, Senr., J. Kennedy, Junr., and J. Donnelly (Paisley), and T. Smith (Slamannan).

The Hucknall Torkard C.B.S. will hold their first feather show on June 6, and Mr. J. Adnitt (Normanton) will judge, writes Mr. H. Marshall, secretary. All future correspondence relating to the society should be addressed to me at 41, Truman-street, Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

Members in arrears of subscriptions must be clear on books before April 25th, 1908, or they will not be returned to the Union as members of this society, writes Mr. F. Rhodes, secretary, City of Bradford O.S. Also members who have changed their addresses will please notify me of same before April 28th.

We cannot speak too highly of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, which has proved most beneficial to us. The demand for our "Mincer" has been much greater than we could supply, and nearly every order mentioned CAGE BIRDS. Again thanking you. We wish your paper every success.—Cox and Son (Birmingham).

Mr. Garthwaite, proprietor of the well-known "Lifebelt" food for feeding young birds from the nest, has added a supplement to the pamphlet which describes this food and the ingenious method of using it. A copy will be sent post free to all readers sending their address on a post card to 49, Hare Street, Grimsby.

Kindly thank all applicants for my Bully hens advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. D. Terrington (King's Lynn). They were so numerous I could not possibly answer all—only those who sent stamp for reply. I had 49 replies from England, Scotland, and Wales; this shows what a valuable paper CAGE BIRDS really is.

We have received from the secretary, Mr. J. C. Birch, a copy of the Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. rule-book. It is attractively got up, and contains an excellent programme of events, including a young bird show on June 27th, and table shows (Canaries) on September 3rd and November 5th and (British) September 17th and December 3rd.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. J. SUTCLIFFE (Todmorden.)

I regret to have to record the death of our late secretary, Mr. J. W. Sutcliffe, who died, after a short illness, at his residence, West Byran, Todmorden, writes Mr. Geo. Pickering, secretary of the Todmorden and Dis. C.B.A. At our last meeting many were the expressions of sorrow at the loss that had been sustained by the society. Deceased was 42 years of age and a widower.

We have arranged with the following gentlemen to judge at our annual show on October 10th, writes Mr. Robt. Whitton, secretary of the Broughty Ferry C.B.S.:—Scotch Fancies, Messrs. T. Allison (Aberdeen); and H. B. Melrose (Galashields); Crests and Plainheads, Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch); Border Fancies, Mr J. Patterson (Chirnside); British and Foreign Birds, P. McQuaston (Ayr).

The Edinburgh Ornithological (Open) Society has been fortunate in securing the services of the following gentlemen to judge the Scotch Fancy section at its show on December 11th and 12th, writes Mr. William Thornton, Jnr., hon. secretary and treasurer: Messrs. Arnot (Sauchie), Carson (Easthouses), Stewart (Glasgow), and Wright (Greenock). Mr. Kean (Edinburgh) has consented to judge the Belgian classes.

The judges for our next show on November 28th and 30th, writes Mr. R. Roll, secretary of the Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A., are Messrs. J. Dobson, W. E. Greeves, J. F. Hills, J. Stark, and A. Woollard. Our show will be held under C.B.U. rules, and will be open to all England, Canaries (champions, amateurs, and novice), and British and Foreign. Our definition of a novice reads: "A novice shall mean a person who has never won a first prize at any show."

Early Hopes.

At the National British Bird and Mule Club's annual ramble two years ago, Mr. Morrison (a member of the City and Suburban A.C.B.) took home with him two Greenfinches' eggs, and put them under a Canary, which duly hatched them and reared the young. One of these Greenfinches has this season been paired by Mrs. Morrison to a Canary, and with such good result that Mules were hatched on April 2nd. This lady has also hopes of four Canary-Bullies' eggs she already has.

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That well-known bird-dealer and cage-maker, Mr. J. Walsh, of Blackburn, writes: I have left my late retail premises in Regent Street, and have taken the premises, 55, Penny Street (late "Pheasant Inn"). They have been altered to suit my business, and I have now a grand retail shop. I have named it "Pheasant Aviaries." My postal address will now be J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn. I still have works and warehouses in Cable Street and Brown Street, as usual.

I hear, writes "St. Mungo," that the newly-formed Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland is meeting with far more success than was thought possible. The membership is expected to reach thirty before the First Feather show comes round. The total number of pairs being put up by the members exceeds sixty, and with a silver cup and two gold medals to start with, it must be very encouraging to fanciers taking up this variety. Open shows secretaries would do well to give the club every encouragement.

The annual show of the Dulwich O.S., write Messrs. Rogers and Mazzeni, the hon. secretaries, will be held on October 27th and 28th, and Messrs. Mundell, Gardner, and Vale will judge. Young bird show in June with Messrs. Gardner and Robson as judges; British and Foreign bird show in September. Mr. Vale judge. The several handsome cups offered for competition at these shows were on view at the last committee meeting and were greatly admired. The society's silver trophy, value £15 15s., for most points, weighs 49 ozs., and is of elaborate design. Mr. T. Boydon was elected a vice-president.

For Luck?

A Thrush's nest was found on March 30th by a Cuckfield (Sussex) farmer in an old shoe in a field of kale. It had four eggs in it.

Really!

In an argument proceeding about the protection of birds in a contemporary, one of the correspondents remarks, apparently in sober earnest, that "birds should be exterminated because they make such a mess round the chimneys."

A Correction.

In the article accompanying last week's Chart on the Bullfinch, a printer's error occurred. Concerning the cap of the bird, it read that to be "pinched at the front" is a more common failing than to be "narrow at the back." It should have read: is a more uncommon failing.

Our Essay Competition.

The full results of our recent essay competition will be announced in our next issue. We regret the delay, for which the large entry and even merit of the competing essays are responsible. It may interest readers to know that two articles in the Canary section were so even in point of merit that the judges could not decide between them, and a "referee" had to be called upon to settle which should have the first prize.

The N.P.C.

The Year Book and annual report for 1908 of the Norwich Plainhead Canary Club reaches us from the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Raynes (9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy). It is a very tasteful production, and the balance sheet should be highly gratifying to the members, as there remains a balance in hand, after a £10 challenge cup has been paid for, and a deficiency of £4 10s. from 1907 wiped out. The membership roll is an imposing one, and 11 new members were elected during the past year. As the auditors (Messrs. Barker Clegg and Lythgoe) state, the whole affairs of the club are in a most satisfactory state.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

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*Oct. 2 and 3.—**Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 3.—**Longton & Dis C.B.S.**
Oct. 7 and 8.—**Peterboro' C.B.A.**
*Oct. 8 and 9.—**Watford & Dis. C.B.S.** C.A.H. and J.F.
*Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood & Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** F.A., H.B.M., A.O., J.P., and P.McQ.
*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** T.H.
Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.**
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Hayle & Dis. F.A.** G.G., C.T.
*Oct. 15 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** J.H.R., C.H.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.** W.V., M.N.
Oct. 17.—**Kelty & Blairadam C.B.A.** D.L., J.P., J As., R.F.
*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth & Dis. C. & C.B.S.** W.P.B.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties Plymouth)** C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.**
Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.**
*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare.** J.H.P.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C B S.**
Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B., and A.G D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S** T. McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.**
Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.**
Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.B., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** H.W.B., E.B., and J.S
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** J. R.
Oct. 31. **Dysart C.B.S.**
Oct 31.—**Alnwick & Dis. C.B.S.** A.Hy., J.Mn.
Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. O.S.**
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** T.H., J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.**
Nov 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C B S.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Braydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and E B.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.**
Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.**
Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.**
Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. Mck., A.C., and P.P.
Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 18.—**Reading & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland.**
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*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.** H.T.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.**
Nov. 21.—**Perth.**
*Nov. 24.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
Nov. 25. **Whitby F.S.**
Nov. 26. **Newark.**
Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).**
*Nov. 27 and 28. **Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.**
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., and W.G P.
*Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 28 and 30. **Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R
*Nov. 28 & 30. **Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., and A.Wd.
Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 4 and 5. **Cockermouth and Dis. C.B.S.**
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**
Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** J.C.B.
Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R., G.E W., & J.B.E.
Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H. , P.R.
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., P.P.
Dec. 31.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.**
Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(*Key to Judges' Initials on page 371.*)

The third yearly balance sheet of the Deal, Walmer and District Fanciers' Association is highly satisfactory, as, despite a £12 deficit on the annual show, the season ends with practically as good a cash balance as it began, which speaks well for the management of the hon. secs., Messrs. Avis and Thompson, and their fellow officials.

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IN THE COURTS.

BIRD DEALERS AND THE CLOSE SEASON.

In the King's Bench Division of the High Courts, on April 1st, a case of interest to bird dealers and keepers was heard. This was a case (says the "Times") stated by Mr. Biron, a Metropolitan police magistrate, for the purpose of obtaining the opinion of the Court on the application in writing of the appellant Hollis. (1) The respondent, on August 15th, 1907, appeared to an information laid by the appellant and charging the respondent that he did on July 30th, 1907, knowingly and wilfully have in his possession certain wild birds, to wit, seven young larks, recently taken contrary to the statute in that case made and provided. (2) The following evidence was given by the prosecution:—The respondent is a dealer in wild birds, carrying on business at 73, Sclater Street, Bethnal Green, in the county of London. The appellant is an inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. On July 30th, 1907, in consequence of some information he had received, the appellant, accompanied by another man, visited the respondent's premises. He found there a large number of wild birds, including a number of larks. Amongst the larks he noticed seven young larks in separate cages, which he considered were this year's birds, recently taken, because they were very wild, beating themselves against the bars of the cages, and their feathers were of a light colour. The other larks were old birds, and he did not think they were recently taken, as they were quiet and appeared to have been in captivity some time. The appellant stated he had lived in the country as a boy, and had some knowledge of wild birds and could easily distinguish between old and young larks, and he had no doubt whatever that the seven larks in question were young birds. Another witness, Mr. Flavin, an inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said he noticed the larks were of light plumage and that they were wild in the cages when he inspected them, and that in his opinion they were young larks. (3) No evidence was called to show how or when the birds came into the possession of the respondent. (4) The magistrate's attention was called to the case of "Green v. Carstang" (36 J.P., 102), and he was of opinion that there was no evidence before him that the seven larks in question were recently taken, and he therefore dismissed the said information without calling on the respondent. (5) The question for the opinion of the Court was whether the magistrate was right in so determining. If he was, the decision was to stand. If he was not, the Court was requested to remit the case to him with directions to further hear and determine.

The Lord Chief Justice, in giving judgment, said that Mr. Biron had thought that there was no *prima facie* evidence that the larks in question had been recently taken. It was, he knew, quite possible to have young larks in the month of July. There was evidence that the larks were stated to be young birds and were wildly beating themselves against the bars of the cages, and that their feathers were of a light colour. That was evidence which called for an answer, and in his opinion the magistrate ought to have considered the case further. The case must go back for that purpose. Mr. Justice Ridley and Mr. Justice Darling concurred.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Injudicious Management.

No Name.—I think this aptly defines the cause of your troubles. In the first place, a diet of mixed seeds as a staple is not good management. The staple diet should always be plain Canary seed. At this time of year a fourth part of rape may be added to it if desired, but even now it is best to give the rape separately, say a pinch every second day. The cocks should also be given a pinch of rape twice a week, and the hens a like quantity of inga instead of hemp. A teaspoonful of egg-food, or a small piece of bread dipped in milk, should also be given twice a week, and a little green-food daily. Your room is the next faulty point in your management. You say it is a spare room kept warm by the hot-water pipes to the bath-room running through it. As these pipes are probably cold at night, it must cause the heat to be very variable, which would quite account for your bird being now in moult. You must now see that the birds are kept in a fairly equable temperature, give a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry every second day, and on the intervening days add twenty drops of chemical food to the drinking water. Continue this for a fortnight if necessary. Do not mate the birds until they have quite recovered their vigour.

Caged or Loose.

F. Latchwell.—It is very doubtful whether you would succeed better by allowing your several pairs of birds to fly loose in your undivided aviary, or restricting them to several compartments. The fact that your birds which accidentally escaped from their compartment one day began to build a nest the next day is probably merely a coincidence of circumstances. If you allowed the birds to fly loose in the whole aviary as you suggest, you would not need as many cocks as hens. If the cocks were too numerous there would almost surely be trouble amongst them from constant quarrelling and interfering with each other's nesting arrangements. In the whole aviary four or five hens and two cocks could be run; and at least seven or eight nest boxes should be put in. Altogether I would advise you to adhere to the single pair in separate compartments method as being the most generally satisfactory, and giving you better control over the breeding arrangements. The reason your birds did not begin nesting sooner after mating them is that you put them together rather too early, and probably before they were ready.

Feathers Flying About.

Chadderton, Slater.—1. The fact of the flying feathers is the obvious cause of your birds not getting along, as you put it, after being mated for a week. As we are saying now in almost every issue, it is utterly useless putting birds together for breeding until ready, much less mating them whilst losing feathers. The birds have doubtless been exposed to great variations of temperature. Providing the place where they are now kept is not considerably warmer than the bedroom, you might make the removal now, but if it is much warmer then you must keep the birds where they are until they have ceased moulting. Separate them at once, and keep free from draughts and chills; give a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry every second day, and on the intervening days give twenty drops of chemical food in the water. Give a leaf of dandelion or spray of watercress daily. Do not give cold baths except on mild, sunny days. And do not mate them up again until both sexes are ready—no matter if it be the end of April before that occurs. 2. Treat the Roller, which has not sung since August, the same as above for a fortnight and note result. Are you sure it is a cock? If above treatment does not draw it out, I should rather doubt its sex. Most certainly he will be no good for breeding until he comes into song.

Breeding in Aviary.

M.L.—1. The kind known as cigar-box nests, and an ordinary wicker German travelling cage, are about the best type of nest-boxes to put up in an aviary. The cigar-box may be made with any box about the size of a cigar-box, all that is necessary being to cut off a third part of the length of the lid; nail the other part down securely, and hang them up endwise, with the cut out part at the top, so that the lower part forms a receptacle for the nest. With the German cages break out seed box at the end, remove the water-pot, and take out three or four of the short bars. Hang them in any nice quiet odd corner, but somewhere near the ceiling preferably if the aviary is low, which the birds seem to favour. It is best not to encourage them to nest in the tree branches in an outdoor aviary. The situation is too exposed for safety. 2. You should add hemp and rape to your dietary, of which give a little two or three times a week. When there are young about you must also add egg-food daily—unless you wish to experiment without it. Of course, you give green-food daily. 3. In an outdoor aviary there is rarely any necessity to remove the eggs as laid. You will probably do better by leaving them alone, and interfering with the nests as little as possible.

Some Seed Samples.

W.H.P.—No. 1 Canary contains a good number of grains of extraneous seeds, and also a number of empty husks, and is of poor flavour. I suspect it has been badly stored, and perhaps rifled by mice, so that although it is a good-sized seed I should reject it at any price. No. 2 Canary is of fair size and good quality; No. 3 Canary is also a nice quality, and is rather larger than No. 2. Except in size there is practically nothing to choose between 2 and 3, and as the difference in size is not very great I should consider No. 2 at 6d. per peck less the cheapest. No. 4, summer rape, is a good sample, but seems rather new. As regards the mixture No. 5, I forget what your former question was about it. As an occasional tit-bit for Canaries it would do very well, but I should not regard it as suitable for a general diet either for Canaries or Finches. The bulk of it, Canary and rape, is of very second-rate quality. It consists of the following seeds in varying proportions: Canary, rape (mostly winter rape), inga, linseed, teazle, hemp, millet (red and brown), maw, carraway, and aniseed.

Champion Light-Weights.

"Disheartened."—I do not think your pseudonym is happily chosen. You certainly have no good cause for being disheartened because your birds seem rakier than you ever saw any before, seeing that they appear quite healthy, tight in feather, the cocks in song, and the birds breeding all right. Is it not generally the rakiest-looking parents in every class who can show the most numerous and healthy progeny? You will soon improve their condition by giving a little bread scalded with milk and pressed nearly dry, and with a little cod liver oil emulsion well mixed with it three times a week. Add the oil in the proportion of a teaspoonful to sufficient bread and milk for ten or twelve birds. Twice a week give a teaspoonful of hemp per bird, and on each of the other days a little scalded rape seed. A third part of your stock mixture may also consist of dry rape. The sample of hemp you sent is of very poor quality. Although it is of good size, it is light, and contains a large proportion of green unripened seeds and damaged grains. The rape is also very poor. It is obviously a mixture of different kinds, good and bad, and is too large for summer rape. All the other seeds are of very nice quality. The Canary is very good.

Aviary Queries.

"A Constant Reader."—1. It depends a good deal upon the size and arrangement of your aviary what you should whitewash it with. If it is a large place, or you keep the birds in it in separate cages, then by all means use limewash, as being the best from a sanitary point of view. But if it is a comparatively small place in which the birds fly loose, use either one of the sanitary distempers now on the market, or whitening, which may be coloured to any desired tint with paint powders. 2. Either the limewash or the sanitary distemper as above helps considerably to keep red-mite at bay. In addition to this you may use a little quassia in the bathing water once or twice a week; dust any shelves, nesting boxes, cages, each with pyrethrum, and touch up any likely harbouring places occasionally with fir tree oil, or carbolic fluid. 3. Nailing pictures on the walls would certainly afford shelter for mites if the place got infested. It would be much better to hang up any such decorations loosely by a narrow tape, or put them in cheap frames, so they could be taken down at frequent intervals and backs of them and the wall cleaned.

A Pointed Question.

Tom Gray.—No, of course not! The wild Canary does not feed its young upon egg and bread, because these luxuries of civilisation are not accessible. Being a member of the Finch tribe, it probably rakes its young on a diet of half-digested seeds, vegetable food, and insects. But I do not hesitate to say that if you placed a dish of egg and bread anywhere within range of a pair of wild Canaries who were feeding a nest of young, the chances would be "all Lombard-street to a penny orange" that as much of that egg and bread as the parents could stow away in the maws of their hungry broods would find its way there in double quick time, notwithstanding all its risks, and the unnaturalness of it altogether. Your suggestion of mixing egg-flake and pin head oatmeal as a substitute for egg and bread does not do away with the egg after all, and I doubt its practicability. Oatmeal in large quantities is much too heating for caged birds, and even adult birds are often affected with a serious bowel disorder when given oatmeal in any quantity, so I should scarcely expect it to answer very well when used as a chief article of diet for young nestlings. Still, there is no reason why you should not put your ideas to a practical test in the coming season. But take my advice: don't go "the whole hog" at the start. Try it first on one brood, and go on to others gradually if you find it answers all right. Personally, I have little doubt what the result will be.

Cleaning out Neglected.

Henry R. Stone.—I imagine the reason why writers on cage bird topics are not more precise in saying when the cages should be cleaned out is that they assume this essential part of the hygiene of bird-keeping is carried on just in the same way when the birds are breeding as at other times. This is certainly what should be done, with this slight modification, that if you clean out the cages once a week all round, if cleaning out day should fall on some such critical day as when young are hatching, or hens just setting down to setting, or have half a clutch laid, you may skip those particular cages for that one week, and clean them as usual afterwards. It is emphatically a case, however, where one has to exercise their own individual judgment, as if one sees they have a "touchy," nervous hen to deal with it would naturally be very unwise to disturb such a hen from the time she began to lay until the young had reached that age at which the cock takes upon himself a fair share of the feeding of the young, and in these cases it may be necessary to omit cleaning those cages for two consecutive weeks. You should certainly not move a pair of birds to another room away from other birds when they begin to nest. To do so might stop them breeding for weeks. Leave them in their usual position; the presence of the other birds will not disturb them. Very glad to hear the former advice has already done the bird good.

Hens Dying after Laying.

A.W. (Glasgow).—It is quite possible for a hen to be egg-bound with the last egg of her clutch, in which case the egg responsible for the trouble is almost invariably a shapeless or an imperfectly shelled one. The cause, if not due to a chill brought about by a sudden and great drop in temperature, is doubtless due to exhaustion from the efforts to produce the first part of the clutch, and this would mean that the bird was naturally weak in constitution. Such a bird would benefit considerably by a fortnight's treatment with twenty-drop doses of chemical food every second day in the water, and on the intervening days a small piece of sponge cake with five drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. After steaming the bird you should have kept it in a warm place and added half a teaspoonful of brandy and ten drops of glycerine to its water. A drop of warm olive oil, or even glycerine, dropped on the vent just previous to steaming would also have helped matters.

A Prelude to "Passing."

Electrician.—As your birds have developed symptoms similar to what has occurred in previous years you appear convinced that "they will die about May, when the weather gets warmer." Very well; try the treatment advised, and let me know how your fears are verified in May. In the first place there must be something radically wrong with your treatment or foods for the birds to get such a bad form of diarrhœa. The excessive drinking is simply due to the diarrhœa. Now treat as follows: For staple food, Canary seed only; and, in addition, give one day half a teaspoonful of rape seed per bird, next day the same quantity of hemp seed, and on the third day a teaspoonful of crumbs of stale sponge cake. Repeat these again and again in same order until all looseness ceases, and withhold green food and cold baths until such time. In the drinking water give as much prepared chalk as will cover a threepenny-piece, and the same quantity of carbonate of bismuth every second day, and on intervening days give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. Boil all the water before using whilst giving the treatment. Keep the cages scrupulously clean, and cover the floors with a good layer of pine sawdust whilst the diarrhœa lasts.

Birds Bare and Casting Feathers.

John K. Grace.—Although you speak of your room as a cold one, coming after one in which the temperature has varied considerably, I should regard it as a fairly warm one, seeing that the temperature is kept entirely within the range of 55 and 58 degrees. This may be responsible for the birds casting feathers. Instead of the milk sop you are giving give a small piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry upon it every second day. Give the mixed seeds twice a week only. Discontinue giving sulphate of iron, honey, and glycerine, altogether, and give instead to those that are losing feathers twenty drops of chemical food two days in every three, and on the third ten drops of glycerine and five of tincture of steel. Continue this for two or three weeks as may seem necessary. For the birds that have colds give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and ten of syrup of squills two days in three, and on the third day give pure water. Continue this for a fortnight, if necessary. See that the birds are not exposed to draughts or chills.

Bald, but Sings Well.

Minty.—No, I cannot tell you why your bird should sing so well in spite of its disreputable condition of plumage, beyond saying that it must be in tolerably good health generally—otherwise, it certainly would not sing. The bareness at the wing butts, as well as upon his head, is strongly suggestive of red-mite attacks, and the fact that you cover the cage over at night is another point in favour of such pests getting a footing in it. Use a light-coloured cover for a time, and examine it carefully each morning to see if any mites are upon it. Also examine the cage minutely, probing any crevice that may be about it with a pin on to a piece of white paper. If any mites are found, thoroughly disinfect the cage to eradicate them. Give the bird half a teaspoonful of egg-food twice a week, and add twenty drops of chemical food to its drinking water every second day for a week or two. Also put a few drops of essence of quassia in the bath twice a week.

An Obstinate Cold.

R. F. Cook.—The change from the hot room to your bath-room is doubtless the cause of this obstinate cold. Drop the egg-food for the present, and give instead a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry wine three times a week, and in the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and five of sweet spirits of nitre every second day for a week. If there is no improvement at the end of that time ask a chemist to mix you one drachm syrup of squills, three drachms glycerine, and two grains iodide of potassium. Add to this four teaspoonfuls of whiskey, and give the bird twenty drops in its drinking water every second day for a week, or longer if necessary. Do not give cold baths whilst the bird is ill, and see that it is not exposed to any draughts or chills. The cock bird would be best by himself whilst hen is under treatment.

Seeds for Young Canaries.

K.J.—Your questions are certainly a trifle vague. You ask what seed you must give young Norwich Canaries, and how soon such seeds may be given after the young are hatched. If you mean what seeds should be given before the young leave their parents, then the answer is that the usual staple of Canary seed should be at the parents' disposal continually. Egg-food, or any substitute you may favour, must also be regularly supplied from the day of hatching. When the young are a week old a constant supply of cracked hemp may be added, and a few days later, if thought advisable, a supply of soaked rape. Give fresh green food daily after the first three or four days. On the other hand, if you wish to know what seeds to give the young birds after they leave their parents you should allow them access to a supply of Canary from the first, a little cracked hemp, and a very small quantity of scalded rape; a little egg-food or crushed biscuit, or bread and milk, should be given daily. Indeed, the birds will have access to these things before leaving their parents, and should be quite able to crack Canary seed for themselves before being taken away. If the parents do not ill-treat them, the young will be all the better if left with their parents until the hen goes to nest again, when they should be removed to prevent them interfering with the nesting arrangements.

Eats Well, but keeps Thin.

Kibbroney.—Treat the hen which eats enormously, shells what seed it does not eat, and keeps very thin, as follows: Each day allow a small teaspoonful of Canary seed as a staple. In addition to this give a leaf of dandelion daily. Give one day a small teaspoonful of hemp seed, next day a piece of bread dipped in milk, and with five drops of cold liver oil emulsion on it, and on the third a small teaspoonful of scalded rape seed; then begin again and repeat the three last items over and over again in the order named for two or three weeks. You may, if you wish, vary the bread and milk occasionally by giving a piece of sponge cake instead. In the drinking water for the first two days give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of whiskey, and after that give twenty drops of chemical food every second day, and on the intervening days five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. Continue for about a fortnight, when you may discontinue the medicines, but go on feeding as suggested until the bird is in good condition.

Brevities.

No Result (Disappointed).—This is the usual result of pairing up too early, which is exactly what you did by about three or four weeks. Assuming the birds to be cock and hen, you should have kept them apart until the cock was in full song, and both birds anxious to mate. Your feeding also is at fault. See reply on this subject to "No Name" in this issue, and act accordingly, and if you give the cock a little sherry-moistened sponge cake, as therein advised, in addition, he should, if really a cock, soon come out in song. I am, however, strongly inclined to think that both your birds are hens. Look up these replies for the last month for information on how to distinguish the sex of Canaries, or get some good fancier to look at the birds and tell you what sex they are.

Sits Mopy and Feathers Loose (J.H.E.).—Although you say you have examined carefully, and cannot find any red-mite, I am inclined to think this is one cause of your bird's condition. Did you examine the bird, or the cage? Examine the latter, and probe any crack or small crevice with a pin on to a piece of white paper, then you will be more likely to discover them if any are present. Continue to feed the bird as you are now doing. Cease giving Epsom salts, and give instead fifteen drops of chemical food in the water every second day, and on alternate days give five drops of tincture of steel. Keep the bird quite free from chills and draughts.

Cock Canary Gaping (W.J.H.).—As you say both your pairs appear to be in good health, I do not think there can be anything wrong with the cock who sits gaping with his beak half opened. You will probably find, if you pay heed to the matter, that when sitting and acting in this idiotic manner he has his attention rivetted on the hen, and will also at times, but not always, be heard making a low squeaky noise. As a matter of fact, he is simply "setting his cap" at the hen, and trying to attract her notice. As he frequently feeds her, they must be going on all right, but slowly. Perhaps they are very young, and not quite ready for breeding yet. Be patient with them a little longer, and I expect things will soon begin to look brighter.

Making Egg Flake (Tom Gray).—I cannot tell you what method is used to prepare the egg flake which is on the market. The chief object must be to get rid of surplus moisture. A method which would succeed well would be to separate the yolks from the whites, and beat the former together with a small quantity of finely-ground oatmeal, spread thinly on the bottom of shallow pans, and keep exposed to a current of warm and dry air until all superfluous moisture has evaporated; then scale it off the tins, break into flakes, and store in air-tight tins for use as required. Unless you have certain conveniences for carrying out the process it would doubtless be cheaper to buy than to attempt to make it.

An Extraordinary Egg (W. T. Williams).—The cause of your hen laying for her first egg a massive production of an inch in length, is, in all probability, an undue activity of the ovaries. The egg is a double-yolked one, just the same as are sometimes produced by poultry. This will be of no use for hatching. Both germs might, and probably would, develop up to near hatching, when both would almost certainly perish. Or a deformed freak might be hatched, which it were much kinder not to bring into being. The laying of this egg will not affect the remainder of the clutch. I should be inclined to doubt the sex of the Roller which has not sung since you purchased it four months ago. Give thirty drops whiskey and ten glycerine in its water for a few days, and if a cock, and healthy, this should draw it out.

Will They Breed? (F. Harrison).—See reply to "Beginner" in last issue. Like him you made a very premature start, which is the cause of your birds not attempting to get any "forrarder." You can only await the course of events now. As the weather gets warmer the birds will naturally set to work. You might help them on a little faster by giving a teaspoonful of egg-food slightly sprinkled over with gold of pleasure seed to each pair of birds every second day, and on the intervening days a pinch of hemp and inga mixed together. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. Of course, you will discontinue these extras when the birds have really gone to nest.

Not Lively, Nor Singing (F.S.C.).—If you had given me some information as to how it is fed, it would have helped me to tell better why your cock Roller is neither lively nor in song. Assuming it is a cock, it may be only waiting for the weather to get a bit milder. Many songsters, after their first two seasons, do not re-commence their song until the weather gets mild and settled in spring. But nearly all healthy cocks should be starting their song again by now. Feed on a staple mixture of two parts Canary and one part summer rape. Give also a crumb of sponge cake moistened with sherry

three times a week, a pinch of hemp seed twice, and a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give thirty drops whiskey, ten glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, every alternate day for a week.

Slipped Claws (E. W. Jeeves).—This is what troubles your three-weeks-old Canary. It ought to have been attended to as soon as you noticed it, or as soon as the youngster left nest. Get a small piece of rubber tubing the same as that used on a baby's feeding bottle; cut off two quarter-inch lengths, and place one on each of the bird's legs, by pushing them over the three front claws and upward on to the "shank of the leg," to use a popular phrase, keeping the hind claw folded back against the leg and within the rubber band. Leave them in this position for a fortnight, when you may remove them, but should the hind claws again come forward at once replace the bands for a time.

Will it Disqualify? (Learner).—No, an ordinary marking ring on the leg of a Canary, provided it is of the ordinary type and not distinctive in any way, would not disqualify a bird at any show.

Clicks its Beak (T.J.S., Brum.).—As the bird seems all right in a general way beyond making a clicking noise with its beak as though it were cracking seed, I do not think you need trouble about it. Many birds do this which are quite healthy. Still, if you wish to try something, give it twenty drops of whiskey in the drinking water and every second day for a week as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence. This will do no harm in any case, as you are obviously overfeeding the bird. Instead of giving a tablespoonful of the egg flake give a small teaspoonful, only twice a week, and half a teaspoonful of mixed seed twice a week. Give a spray of green food daily.

Minus a Tail (W.R., Motherwell).—Providing the bird is in good health generally, the loss of its tail by an accident—presumably unskilful handling—will not prevent it breeding successfully. But as the season is still fairly early you would do well not to mate him until the new tail is showing well through, which should be in three weeks' time, or a little sooner if the bird is vigorous. You may give him ten drops of chemical food every second day to help him.

Why it Does Not Sing (F.C.).—The reason why your eight-months-old Norwich Canary does not sing, although it is very lively, and sometimes "sits and mumbles away to itself," is that it is a hen. I think this is certainly the correct explanation. But if you doubt it, try the following for a fortnight: Give a little sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry three times a week, and every second day add twenty drops of whiskey and ten of glycerine to its drinking water. If that does not draw it out—better vote it "a hen."

Seed Samples (Northfield).—There is really very little to choose in the three samples of seed sent. No. 1 and 2 are practically just the same. Both are bright, very sweet, and good seeds, but are rather small. That is their only fault. No. 3 is slightly larger, but not quite so nice-flavoured, although it is sweet. Of the three I should prefer No. 1, the quality of which will not easily be beaten, although it is small.

A Vicious Hen (Perplexed).—I am afraid you will not do any good with the pair of birds you write about. The hen is evidently one of those who require a vigorous, masterful cock, and the cock you describe is probably still a little run down from his recent moult. Keep them separate now until you see the hen go to the wire slide promptly for the cock to feed her, and in the meantime feed up the cock by giving him a little egg-food or sponge cake every second day, and a half teaspoonful of hemp seed, or scalded rape, on the intervening days, and three times a week give him six drops of tincture of steel in his water. Give a leaf of dandelion every day.

A Prolonged Moult (Puzzled, Birkenhead).—You must now see the value of a regular temperature for birds. It was the variable heat of the kitchen which kept the bird in moult for so many months. Leave him in the room you have now put him in, see that he is not exposed to any draughts or chills, give him twenty drops of chemical food in his water every second day, and on intervening days five drops of tincture of steel, and a small piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it every second day. Continue this for a fortnight or three weeks, with the exception that you should discontinue the tincture of steel regularly, and give it once a week only after the end of the first week. The seed mixture you sent is scarcely suitable for regular use for caged birds. A plainer diet as a staple, and a little of this mixture occasionally as a treat would be better.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Outdoor Aviary.

Novice.—The plan of your aviary seems admirable, and it ought to be a great success. It would hold in (a) 35 to 40 birds, depending on the foreigners and their size; in (b) about 18 birds. Blackbirds are quarrelsome, and the pair will have all you can with safety turn it in. Jackdaws are mischievous beggars, and I feel sure would be dangerous with birds smaller and less powerful than themselves. I wouldn't think of putting them with Thrushes, personally, nor with Quails. It would be better to have two upper openings, and also have the windows 2 ft. by 2 ft., if possible.

Linnet goes off Song.

F. E. G.—This is a point which often puzzles and upsets beginners. It is quite a common occurrence, however, for the male bird to cease singing (except, perhaps, at brief intervals) when finally mated up. If you were to take your Linnet and put him in a nursery (or other suitable) cage, hanging the latter on the front of the breeding cage, then you would, I feel sure, soon find him burst into song. If he gets on with the hen alright (the absence of song is usually a sign of this, when there is no fighting), then you need not worry;

Some Large Birds.

H. S. Welsh.—A brick aviary 16ft. long, 8ft. high and 5ft. wide will answer admirably to keep two Jays, two Magpies, a Jackdaw and a Chough in. They would make a most entertaining collection, and I do not think you would find them quarrelsome. I cannot speak for certain on the latter point, as it has never been my good fortune yet to reserve an aviary for members of the Crow family. They are, on the whole, very friendly disposed towards each other in their wild state. You might have trouble if at any time you suddenly turned a newcomer in amongst the old frequenters, so to speak, of the aviary. The Chough wants feeding very much on the same lines as the other birds. Jackdaws, Jays, Magpies, and birds of this class need to be fed on very similar lines. The best and cheapest way to feed is to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food you could use broken-up dog biscuits (or puppy cakes or game meal) with coarse crissel—say two parts of either of the former to one part of the latter (by measure). Moisten with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat, and potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young Sparrows, and the like, but not over much raw meat, for much raw meat and offal makes their excreta more than ordinarily offensive; always keep them scrupulously clean. Eggs (raw or cooked), acorns, nuts, peas, berries, fruit, worms, beetles, and grubs are other things they will eat, not forgetting little frogs and the little mice. Spratt's "Game Meal" (without grit), or Clarke's "Melox," or any foods such as these, make excellent stock foods for these birds—with a little crissel and the other things mentioned. Jackdaws and their relations have very varied tastes.

Linnet with "Wing up."

Barnoldswick.—Your bird has its "wing up," as fanciers term it. This trouble is due to fracture, or injury of some kind, to the shoulder, and cannot be cured. Sometimes if a bird is handled clumsily, its wing gets broken, and sets in the unsightly fashion you describe. What caused the injury to your own bird I could not, of course, say. If you did not notice it when you bought the bird, you may have done it when carrying it home; or the Linnet may have locked its wings between the cage wires at some time or other.

Mating Matters.

W. M. Cd.—The Goldfinch which has gone through a cross-moult may breed alright somewhat later in the season, seeing that he has got over it so satisfactorily. It is no use pairing up until he is thoroughly fit (see other replies this week). The yellow hens ought to breed with the Goldies—make them very good mates, in fact. I cannot understand how it was both hens failed to show even so much as a desire to go to nest last year. Possibly an error of youth, we will charitably assume. You ought to do alright with them this season if you treat them on sensible lines.

A Swelling.

Gele Noviee.—I have never had a Goldfinch come with a "big swelling on the right side of the chest." Only a qualified man (such as a veterinary surgeon) could tell you the nature of the growth, and whether there is any possibility of a cure. If you happen to know a medical man who is a lover of birds, you should ask his opinion of the case. If it is merely an accumulation of air under the skin (a condition of things which sometimes obtains among birds, and which you should be able to recognise on examination), then pricking the skin with a needle will relieve matters.

A Trio.

No Nom-de-Plume.—1: An English Goldfinch of good size is certainly not too small to pair up with an English hen Bullfinch. Of course, the latter vary considerably in size, and on her size depends the size necessary in the Goldfinch. You must use your judgment; plenty of latitude may be allowed oneself in the matter. 2: How long ought a cock Goldie to be caged before one can expect it to sing? The answer to that question depends on the disposition of the bird. I have had English Goldfinches commence to sing within a week of their capture. They have been very "kind" birds, that is, have taken readily to cage life. A wild natured bird is sometimes months and months before attempting to sing. There is no specified length of time, but if well over the moult when caught, then a cock bird should open out in song as soon as he gets settled down to captive life. 3: A breeding hen Bullfinch should have a little lightly moistened insectivorous food (it may be damped with grated raw carrot, or finely minced lettuce, dandelion, watercress, etc., leaves), or a few ants' eggs, moistened with raw milk and drained, and a mealworm or two if she cares for them. Give all three things (alternately) if you like. You can also offer a little egg-food now and again, too.

Feeding Young Mules, etc.

Novice.—1: The canary seed looks a very decent sample; not over-large, but very clean, plump, and well ripened. The niger (or inga) seed is quite satisfactory, too. 2: I should say the two birds may be run together right away, especially if the Goldie's beak is clear, or nearly clear, that is, has lost the dark mark seen on the top of the upper mandible during the winter months. 3: No; I experience no difficulty in rearing young Mules after they have left their parents. Sorry to bear of your own losses. I will give you the exact methods I adopt, with pleasure, and you can try them. When the young mules commence to pick about for themselves, I let them have maw seed in plenty, also plain canary seed, lightly cracked by running a jam jar over it. At this time also I let them have their fill of the ripe seeding pods of shepherd's purse and chickweed (no leaves, except a few tiny ones which it is difficult to remove). As Soft food they get biscuit (or an egg-cake, which I bake), made quite sloppy with new milk. I put very little minced hard-boiled egg in this, believing it policy to drop the egg—but not the soft food—when weaning. As they get on to seed, I add cracked sunflower to the menu, lightly cracked hemp (made fresh every day), and ripe teazle. Water I never give ad libitum (the milk suffices, and is much better) at first, but get them on to it by degrees. I drop cracking the hemp and canary as soon as possible. The chief causes of failure to rear young birds (either mules or Canaries) after they have left their parents are, in my opinion (1) allowing them to "burst themselves" with cold water; (2) ditto, with watery greenfood, such as lettuce leaves, watercress, etc.; (3) giving egg-food made too strongly; (4) taking them off soft food too suddenly.

Brevities.

Hemp Seed (W.H.P.).—This hemp seed is nice and clean, and the kernel good; the chief thing I do not like about it is the want of uniformity in the size of the grains. The price (2s. peck) is high; you ought to get excellent hemp at that figure.

Jackdaw and Finches (E. W. P.).—You will be very unwise if you try to keep a Jackdaw in the same aviary as Finches. My own old Jackdaw killed and ate Sparrows with great gusto, and no doubt your own Jack would while away the hours in slaughtering your small birds.

A "Crossed" Beak (A. B, Hanley).—I find it difficult to understand what is the matter with the Goldfinch. Pity you did not add a rough sketch of the beak. I never heard of a bird knocking its mandibles across and being unable to get them straight again. If the "crossing" is due to one or other of the mandibles being overgrown, then cutting with sharp scissors would soon put matters right. Could you explain the trouble more clearly?

Goldfinch Ailing (R. H. C., Frizinghall).—Your Goldfinch has not got a cold, it is constipation that troubles him, as the action you describe clearly goes to show. This is the result of the sudden change of diet, which was an injudicious thing for you to treat him to. For one day dissolve as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a shilling in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Repeat after a day's interval on plain water, but using only half the quantity of the sulphate of soda.

A Puzzle (Tom).—You puzzle me when you ask which British bird would be the best to breed good songsters from. It is difficult (possibly you do not know this) to breed British birds in cages. You would find it much less trouble, and probably very much cheaper, to buy them from a bird dealer. You could with comparative ease breed mules from either Linnet or Goldfinch, and a hen Canary, and these would turn out better songsters than any British seedeater.

A Goldfinch (J. J. Ellis).—A last year's Goldfinch ought to prove a very good bird for muling purposes. When in full, stout song, and with beak clear (or nearly clear) you can safely venture to pair him up. Often it is the end of April or beginning of May, before a Goldfinch is ready. They are late breeders in a state of nature. Every bird has to be considered by itself, that is, according to its own condition; some are always more "forward" than others, even if fed the same and kept under similar conditions.

A Greenfinch (A. Gardner).—Some cock Greenfinches are distinctly brownish in tone of colour, but always show more yellow in flights and tail than a hen. As yours carries plenty of gold, and sings, you can depend on it being a cock.

Wild Seeds (Perplexed).—Examination fails to reveal anything which seems to me likely to have been responsible for the deaths of the birds. It looks like the ordinary "wild seed" mixture, sold so widely now. You could test the matter by trying it on another bird, if you have one you can spare should it prove fatal. I would test it myself if I happened to have a bird whose loss I could view with equanimity in your interests.

Table Aviary (Aviary).—In a table aviary 18 by 16 by 11 inches, you could get far more pleasure out of a collection of small seedeaters than out of British birds, providing the wire mesh is half inch (or five-eighths). Our Mr. Page would give you a list of cheap and suitable species.

In an Aviary (A. G. Beeston).—The place you mention is quite large enough to house three pairs with prospect of success. You might add a cock Siskin. If any one particular bird turns out an inveterate squabbler, remove it. I have heard of the Goldfinch-Chaffinch cross, but the alleged young were never reared to maturity. Like you, I should imagine a Hybrid from this cross would be very handsome.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Young Grey Parrot III.

Hitchenough.—Seeing that your bird was brought over privately, it should have done well on the treatment given. I note you have already lost one bird, and if this bird occupies the same cage, it is probable it has become infected therefrom. A cage, after its occupant has died (more especially with these birds) should be thoroughly sterilised before being used for another bird—the method I employ is to first scald out with boiling water, thoroughly swilling out all crevices; then paint well with neat paraffin, let it stand for 24 hours, and finally well swill it with clear cold water and leave out of doors to dry. All you can do in addition to treatment given below, is to keep it warm, and out of draught, and hope for the best. For one day only put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia over its boiled maize, and repeat same after an interval of three days. Twice a day bathe or spray its nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline, and for some time to come make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's chemical food. Do not give slops or table scraps, or you will only make matters worse.

Madagascar Weavers.

J.L.G.—I fear there is but very little chance of their nesting in captivity. These birds (Weavers, Bishops and Whydahs), though very busy nest builders, very seldom make any attempt to reproduce their kind, not even in the largest of outdoor aviaries. Practically, covering all species of these birds, there are only one or two cases on record of any success having been attained. However, the keeping of these birds in captivity is most interesting, their courtship, their skilfully-woven nests, as well as their brilliant plumage when in summer dress, all tend to make them popular aviary birds. My Madagascars have been out of doors all through the winter, and are now in almost full colour. Your birds should commence to come in colour almost at once, and with the warmer weather the change should be fairly rapid. You have space for about a score of birds, but certainly for not more than half that number if you want breeding results. Ribbon, Zebra, and Spice Finches, White Java Sparrows, Bengalese, Grey Singingfinches, and Silverbills. A few small Waxbills would add a charm to the aviary, but they would not breed, neither would they interfere with the others doing so.

Young Grey Parrot.

Supelli.—Grey Parrots on arrival, while they must not be kept where the atmosphere is at all stuffy, must be carefully protected from draught, and a rapidly fluctuating temperature should also be avoided. It should be sufficient to give these birds the regulation diet: a seed mixture of Canary, oats, wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seed; with ripe fruit, plain biscuit, cuttlefish, and water ad. lib. If it refuses food, you might tempt it with a little boiled maize, but do not continue this for any length of time, as it is not so wholesome as the seed diet. In lieu of the chemical food give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (two tablespoonfuls) and repeat the dose in three days' time, giving the chemical food in between and continuing same till the bird has recovered. Bathe the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline; this will do much better than the acid, and it will do no harm if a little is swallowed. The birds must have been in a draught while windows were open for airing room, or something similar. Do not give any slops, table scraps, or animal food of any kind.

Causes of Colds in Parrakeets.

M.G.L.—The causes of colds in Parrakeets kept in an outdoor aviary are various (though I must say I've never been troubled with such complaints, which in the indoor aviary are fairly common), such as, sharp and sudden changes of temperature, especially as has been the case recently, where the temperature has varied considerably several times in a single day—again, a shelter used in which there are cracks or badly-made joints occasioning draughts, and an unsound roof. Such species as you name are kept in a very exposed aviary in my garden (London), and have been out of doors now several winters, and have come to no harm. And, providing your aviary is weather proof, your birds ought to do well, but an aviary should never be constructed so that the wind can blow through it. If both the ends of yours are open, I should certainly advise their being closed up, say, partly with wood and glass outside the netting. If any of your birds are really ill, catch them up and take them indoors, till the cold has passed away. The season is sufficiently advanced for you to be able to turn them out again, so soon as a cure has been effected. One teaspoonful of the mixture as under to two tablespoonfuls of water—this to form the whole of their drinkables till relief is given Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts.

Quaker and Tovi Parrakeets.

A New Hand.—I am afraid I cannot tell you what the birds you saw at the Zoo were; there are so many that would fit in with your description. The Quaker Parrakeet is as large as a Pigeon, and has a long tail. It is of a pleasing green colour, with the whole of the head grey. A pleasing and easily kept species, though somewhat noisy, it thrives upon a seed mixture of Canary, millet, dari, wheat, hemp, and sunflower seed, a little plain biscuit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. It is a native of South America. The Tovi Parrakeet is fully half as large again as the Budgerigar, and is a pleasing bird, which makes, as a rule, an ideal pet. Its description is roughly as follows: general body colouring grass green, lighter and yellower on the under surface; the head some of the wing and tail feathers and abdomen more or less bluish; there is a yellow wing bar and an orange spot on the chin; beak brownish flesh colour, legs and feet pale flesh colour. Sexes very much alike. Diet: Canary and millet, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, cuttlefish and water ad. lib. It is also a South American species. Both these birds are easy to keep in health, providing they get plenty of fresh air without draught.

Birds in Poor Plumage.

Anxious.—You do not describe the birds, but I should say your friend was right in calling them Spice birds. I should get a tin drinker, with only a small hole at the top for them to drink out of, or one of those glass drinkers with a projecting lip, which does not supply either sufficient space or quantity of water for bathing, and yet keeps up a constant supply for drinking, and I should add one teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food to the drinking water for the next month. If you get one of the baths made to hang over the cage door, outside the cage, you will find the birds will soon avail themselves of it. You could run your birds into a small all-wire cage once a day and spray them with a fine spray or with diluted quassia solution, as I feel convinced they are infested with insects; or you can catch them and dust them with insect powder procurable from advertisers in our columns. I expect the cage is also infested with insects; put the birds into another cage, and well wash your present cage with quassia solution, thoroughly scouring all crevices, and after the birds have been well dusted with the insect powder, and the cage is thoroughly dry, return them to it. Do not remove the perches. As soon as you can obtain them free from frost, give them grass flowers, and foliage or sprays from non-poisonous plants and trees that are infested with green-fly.

An Unsatisfactory Parrot.

"Rhubon Maub."—I can hardly advise you in such a matter; it is necessary to know the full details of the transaction. You had better write the Editor, giving him all the details, and he will advise you on the matter. In the first instance you give, you certainly have no remedy, as you kept the bird nearly 12 months after closing the transaction, and when you did return it (if you are not accustomed to packing birds) its death was very possibly due to faulty packing. Personally, if I was not satisfied with the way I was treated in any transaction, I should try another source and see if I could not do better elsewhere. However, you must note this: that a change of home will often throw a bird off talking for weeks. With the Amazon, you say it shrieks a lot; well, this shrieking is usually the result of fear, so that it is evident the bird is not yet used to his new home, and is not likely to talk, etc., till it becomes accustomed to you. As to whether this is the case you alone can judge by the bird's demeanour. If you write the Editor *re* the matter, you had better read up the rules referring to same before doing so.

Aged Cockatiel.

Rosella.—I have a Cockatiel in my aviary at the present time, which has been there over eight years and was fully adult when I received it, so that it must be at least 10 years old. It has been out of doors the whole of the time, and is in the very finest condition. I should say the trouble with your bird is constitutional, and that it will never again be of any use for breeding; it certainly is not while it is in its present condition. Probably with the warmer weather it may improve. You could put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, after making the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day. The young male will be of no use for breeding purposes till it is in adult plumage. I am afraid there is only one course open to you, that is to either get another bird, and put your present bird somewhere else till it becomes strong again, or leave them together and await results; while you are so doing, your young bird will be reaching maturity, and ultimately be able to take the place of your present bird if this does not improve. On the other hand, if your young bird was only hatched last year, it certainly will not be ready for breeding till next year. Sorry to be so indefinite, but with a bird affected as yours is, it is very doubtful of its being of any further use save as a cage pet.

What Bird, etc.

A.R.G.—The bird in question is the common Indian Avadavat, and the variableness of its plumage is due to the species having a seasonal change of plumage; when in full dress—that is, breeding plumage—these delightful little birds vary from a coppery-red to a rich scarlet in hue; if the birds are weak when the time of changing plumage comes round, the change is often only partial, and, again, it is only speckled with the brighter hues. It is as yet too soon for the full colour to be donned. You had better cage the pair up separately till it has recovered its plumage as its companions are peeking it, which is often the case with those small ornamental Finches in captivity. Lightly colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and if there should be any sign of constipation, making the drinking water slightly saline will. Epsom salts for one day should give relief. As soon as you can

get them, a few rose-sprays which are infested with green-fly will assist matters greatly. I take it that there is a circular opening left at top of cage for ventilation, after you have covered up for the night. If not, arrange for such. If the bare parts are dry and hard, lightly anoint the parts with clean vaseline. There is nothing but isolation for such cases till the plumage is renewed.

Amazon with Occasional Fits.

Baby Amazon.—I do not think there is much the matter with your bird, or that the case is at all serious. Nevertheless, the fits want to be got rid of as soon as possible. I should not renew his mixture till he had eaten, at any rate, a portion of the other kinds; all sunflower seed is not wholesome. Otherwise your diet, etc., is very satisfactory, and the use of Dinneford's is quite correct, so that its voidings do not become watery loose. If there are any indications in advance of a fit coming on, it may be often warded off by a sedative—say, three grains of bromide of potassium dissolved in a little syrup once a day, but not more than three doses should be given. This should be ample to give relief. I should continue the Parrish's Chemical Food when not giving the magnesia, as this will help to keep up the bird's strength. Be careful to avoid unduly exciting the bird at present, and also avoid any sudden or loud noises in its vicinity as far as possible for a time.

An Overgrown Beak.

"**Polly, North Shields.**"—Yes, it is quite possible for the beak to become overgrown. The preventative is cotton reels and wood to chew up. Probably with your bird the overgrowth is due to its sore mouth making it disinclined to follow Parrot nature and "chaw" up all wood within reach. The remedy is to let a vet. see it, and trim it down for you, or some local fancier who is accustomed to such operations; but I recommend the vet., and he would, at the same time, prescribe for the sores—seeing the bird means so much in such cases. Apart from this, I can only advise you to continue with the treatment already given; it ought to have a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia twice a week till it has had three or four or even more doses, so that its voidings do not become watery loose. Surely you can give this by soaking one teaspoonful in a piece of bread, plain biscuit, or piece of Madeira cake, or anything else of an absorbent nature that the bird will eat—if the bread or biscuit is left to become almost dry after absorbing the magnesia, I think the bird will eat it readily enough. The sores must be got rid of or the bird must ultimately become worse; see the vet., or persevere with the treatment already advised, modified as above. Note other replies in this issue.

Brevities.

Grey Parrot out of Condition (C.W.H.G.).—So long as you prepare the soaked maize fresh daily the bird will do well enough on present diet. If you can handle the bird, foment the eyes with a warm decoction of poppy heads or camomile flowers; and I should advise one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every third day. Between the doses of magnesia put the same quantity of Parrish's Chemical Food into the drinking water. Bathe or spray nostrils daily with diluted glyco-thymoline. Keep the bird warm, quiet, and guard carefully against draught; at the same time it must not be kept in a vitiated atmosphere. Hope there will soon be an improvement.

Pekin Robin with Swollen Eye (R. M. Young).—Deprive the bird of its bath for a few days; foment its eye with a warm decoction of poppyheads or camomile flowers, at the same time give every third day one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water. On other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. The following soft food is better for the Pekin. Equal parts auts' eggs, dried flies, ground puprе meal, and crumbled stale sponge cake, made just crumbly moist for use. It should also have ripe fruit, and a few mealworms (say half a dozen) or other insects daily. All the items mentioned for the soft food mixture can be procured from advertisers under "Foods." The bird should be kept out of draught; this is always necessary, even with the hardiest of birds, but especially with your bird at this juncture. If its excreta should become watery loose, you must, of course, cease giving the magnesia.

Budgerigars, etc., for Indoor Aviary ("Aigburth").—Your aviary has only space for one additional pair of larger Parrakeets for there to be any reasonable prospect of breeding, and for the capacity of your aviary the Rosellas are rather large, and I should advise you to get an adult pair of Cockatiels, which should settle down to breeding as soon as they have got accustomed to their owner and new quarters. You will require either large husks or nest-boxes with concave bottoms—consult our advert. columns. *Re* your box cage, two pairs might succeed, but your chances of success would be greater with only one pair. Put in the cage two husks and two nest boxes, the latter small square boxes about four or five inches, in fact a hollow tube, with a round hole about one inch diameter cut out for entrance, and a perch fixed in front of same. The following combinations would be the more likely to succeed, either White Javas and Zebra Finches or White Javas and Cutthroats; either would meet your case; personally, I should choose the former.

What Parrakeet? (B.J.).—You have a female or young male Alexandrine Parrakeet, which is one of the many species of Ring-necked Parrakeets, though not the species usually sold as such. The male has a scarlet collar round back of neck, which is joined by a similar collar which crosses the front of neck; he also has dull scarlet patches on each shoulder, and is much larger than the common Ring-neck. The female has the red shoulder patches, but lacks the ring of the male; this sexual distinction is common to the Ring-necks, which is a term covering several species and local races, many of which are so nearly alike that they cannot be properly identified save by either seeing the bird, or by a very full and detailed description of the whole plumage.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a report direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (W. E. B.).—This bird was very anæmic, the liver being of the colour and consistence of putty. Under these conditions I think it quite possible that the thundery weather and the green food you mention might affect such a bird prejudicially. Some Parrish's Chemical Food in his drinking water might have kept him in better health.

CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 4; The Border Fancy Canary: Its Exhibition Points and Failings.

Notes on the Drawing on Page 381.

By H. Bennet (Kelso).

The charming Border Fancy Canary is the subject of CAGE BIRDS chart, No. 4, which shows its good points and its failings. It is very timely, in view of the enormous number of classes given for it at most of our well-known exhibitions during the past season. The illustrations so ably set before us will greatly benefit those taking up the Border as their hobby. In the various specimens depicted on this chart by our worthy artist and keen fancier, Mr. Norman, he seems to have grasped well all those small "bits of failings" which go far to keep out of the prize list otherwise good Borders. In the centre we have presented the well-known model, given out by the Border Fancy Canary Club, and which most of us try and breed to for our exhibition specimens. This model shows (as near as it is possible) what we wish to obtain; lucky the exhibitor who can put down a team of birds, either cloars, fouls, marks, or greens, which come up to our club model.

In looking at the centre drawing we can see at once that this is the "reigning Queen" among the others, possessing as it does a neatly-rounded head, short beak, nicely-tapered neck (not too long), a well-filled-in back, with short wings, well carried, and lying close on the tail (a good finishing point in wing carriage). This bird, too, possesses from the under mandible down the chest and towards the tip of the tail, that gradual rounding off which gives it a neat, full appearance and general look of symmetry and uniformity all over. Further, the graceful pose on the leg lends to the bird that jaunty and independent appearance which adds so much to the beauty of every really good Border. The bigger the class in which a first-class Border has to compete, as a rule the better it brings out the real merits of the specimen; if it is properly handled, it will convince you of its superiority the longer you work on it.

Turning to the top left-hand model, we see, "back too flat." We sometimes come across Borders of this description, especially in yellows. The causes leading to this are many. Breeding from birds too long-sided, also mating double Yellows, will incline to throw young ones too flat and long in back. Further, Yellows are apt to run longer in body and get a little flat in their second season. These birds should be carefully paired up to a very short-flighted one, possessing other good qualities.

"Too much chest." Here we have a model which often gets into the prize-money. This style is generally to be found in Buffs — especially birds bred from double Buffs. They possess a really first-class finish of feather and lustre, however, and although a wee bit chesty, are hard to set aside when quality of feather and other properties are there. Given this style in a Buff cock, I could recommend it as a really excellent bird to breed from.

"High on legs." We have here what could be termed a little dip into the Yorkshire blood, showing, as it does, more upright in body, too much bare thigh, and lacking the easy, graceful pose of the Border proper. In breeding for marked Borders we often find this type of bird appearing; still, in recent years there has been a great improvement in the type of the marked Border.

Another drawback with a Border is to be possessed of "too thick a neck." Let a Buff Border be ever so good in wing carriage and well-rounded in body, and with a pipe tail, yet if it does not possess a neck well modelled and moulded, to give its head the nice, free and easy motion which is the crowning point of style, then this specimen fails as regards being a "top-sawyer." Nevertheless, a bird of this sort is not to be thrown out, if he has other good qualities, for if you should happen to own a Yellow hen a trifle thin in the neck (and generally a good percentage of Yellow hens have this fault), then pair this bird to such a hen and you stand a good chance of hitting the happy medium.

Another failng in a Border is what is termed a "Fish tail." Our artist's illustration clearly shows what is not wanted as a Border's tail. The fault is caused in various ways. Perhaps the bird is bred from parents not carefully matched up in this respect. Further, many good specimens are seemingly perfect when sent off to the show, but when seen at the show either through excitement or being unsteady on the perch, they have a knack of opening their tail, or of getting the end of it twisted in the wires. Or again, it may be due to injury brought about by carelessness in the pulling of it at end of moulting season.

One of the chief failings of a good show Border is to have "wings carried loosely." A bird possessing this fault is not very often found amongst the exhibits at the leading shows; still, they do crop up occasionally. The chief cause (if natural to the bird) is weakness, and very in-bred ones throw a good percentage of this stamp. Also, it may be caused by careless pulling of the flight feathers during the moult (giving the shoulder of the bird too great a wrench when pulling). The bird, again, may be too high on the rump, where his wings meet, which may cause him to leave a space between his wings. This latter specimen, if healthy and of good type and quality, should be given a chance to pair up with a neat one such as we see on the next picture (in the left-hand corner). This is a really good specimen of a Border, bar the one point, that is, crossing its wings.

We more often come across "crossed wings" than any other failing at an exhibition. Many a highly-prized specimen when sent out for the first time, looks a model of perfection, and the lucky owner expects to do wonders with it. When he arrives at the show he gets a sad disappointment over his model, which has perhaps been awarded a pasteboard card instead of the highly prized 1st. Well, that bird has a lot to contend with from the time he leaves his master's aviary until the hall is cleared after the show. He is sent a long railway journey, perhaps with a few changes from one line to another, and if at all roughly handled en route it will upset him. As it is this bird's first experience of travelling, he takes it badly, and arrives in the show feeling out of sorts. His master is not there to unpack him, and, of course, he misses the hand which gives him his daily food and toilet. (Mind you, they know their keepers as well as any other birds). This being the first show hall this bird has visited, everything is strange to him. He cannot settle down to take his food the same as he does at home, but has to be climbing along the wires of the cage, to see who occupies the next compartment. If the gas in the hall is blazing full, it takes the bird off his food, never having been used to it. When judging time comes round, next morning, the poor birdie has had neither a good sleep nor a good feed. Excitement, climbing on wires, handling before judging, etc., all have a tendency to make a young bird cross his wings. In the case of a fancier being the happy possessor of a really promising young Border, the best plan for him to follow is to enter that specimen at a local show, to which he is going himself, so that he can look after his valuable specimen. Then it will have got a little more used to the bustle and handling which it is to receive at other shows, and which will not excite it when it has been out a few times. Crossed wings are also brought about by feeding a Border into too high a condition; they then show what is termed a "too finely drawn" appearance, and are apt to cross their wings at times. Further, over-long flight feathers are very easily crossed, as the specimen has not the body in proportion to carry the flights correctly.

The next picture shows us another good specimen with just a wee bit of fault: a "drooping tail." A Border is not improved with this fault, of course, as it gives him a "broken" appearance and spoils his jaunty look and graceful carriage. This is a stamp of Border which should, if kept, be carefully paired up to a straight-tailed one.

A Border which "Fails in position," is sadly handicapped in a good class, no matter how good in all other points it may be. It does not possess the correct set on legs, which enables it to grip the perch, and get the proper balance to show off its points.

In our last picture is portrayed an even-marked which "fails in type and feather." This is a failing oft read about in reports on these Borders. It seems to be a very difficult matter to get a really good even-marked specimen which combines the type and quality of a good clear. The one presented to our view here shows a flatness on head, nice neck, a narrowness across the shoulders, while from across the middle of the body it shows too thick and clumsy right to end of tail. Take the marks off this specimen, and it could not hold its own in a class of good clears. But taking it as it stands (as a marked bird), it will "pass in the dark." It fails in feather also, but that could be put right during another moult, with good sound food, and a supply of soft Tweed water.

Scale of Exhibition Points.

Drawn up by J. B. Evans and reprinted from "Cage Birds Annual."

Head and Neck: Small, round, and neat-looking; bill, fine; eyes, dark and bright; neck rather fine, and proportionate to head and body	10
Body: Back—well filled and nicely rounded, running in almost a straight line from the gentle rise over the shoulders to the point of tail; chest also nicely rounded, but neither heavy nor prominent, the line gradually tapering away to vent	10
Wings: Compact and carried close to the body, just meeting at the tips	10
Legs: Of medium length, showing little or no thigh, fine, and in harmony with the other points; feet corresponding	5
Tail: Close packed and narrow, being nicely rounded and filled in at the root	10
Colour: Rich, soft, and pure, as level in tint as possible throughout, but extreme depth or hardness, such as colour feeding gives, are objectionable in this breed, and are debarred ..	10
Plumage: Close, firm, and fine in quality, presenting a smooth, glossy, silky appearance, and free from frill or roughness	15
Position: Semi-erect, standing at about an angle of 45°	10
Carriage: Gay and jaunty, with a fine free poise of the head	10
Health: Condition and cleanliness shall have due weight	10
	100

Size not to exceed 5½ inches in length, measured in the usual way.

Canary (S. J.).—Bird too fat and liver enlarged and inflamed, in which the lungs became involved.

Grey Parrot (A. A. Dunbar).—Disease of liver and consequent malnutrition.

Siskin (R. H. Crompton).—Softening of liver, feverishness, inflammation of lungs.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Cutting Out Cage Doors (G. Large).—Your contrivance seems very ingenious. But where do you buy (or how do you make) the fitting for the brace, and also the knife (cutter)? Without these particulars we cannot see how readers would benefit by the publication of the sketch.

Quantity of Water (Ireland).—The quantity of water is two tablespoonfuls, as a rule. We are under the impression this is generally mentioned, and not as you put it, "nearly always overlooked." Thanks for drawing our attention to it.

N.B.B. and M.C. (G. S. Closs).—The secretaries of the National British Bird and Mule Club are Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, 2, Broad-street Station, London, E.C.

A Strange Case (S. C. Rhodes).—It is certainly strange that the deaths of the young birds in the nest should seem to be due to the "black-beetles," though seeing that the latter swarm the place in the manner you describe, it is quite feasible that they are in some way responsible for your disasters. "Blackbeetles" cannot suck blood, but it is not impossible that they may have attacked the young birds in the nests; the large tropical cockroach, indeed, is known to occasionally attack human beings. The measure of iniquity common to the "blackbeetle" is not yet fully known.

Catching (W. L.).—You will find this matter dealt with in our correspondence columns this week. Watch subsequent issues also.

Club Notice (J. Kerr).—Sorry; your club notice came to hand a day too late to be inserted in last week's issue.

Cutting (J. McCulloch).—Thanks for your kindness.

Hall's Distemper (T.P.).—You ask us whether Hall's Distemper may safely be used in cleaning an aviary containing Parrakeets, which nibble the wood. We have written the manufacturers, Messrs. Sisson Bros., and Co., Ltd., of Hull, on the point, and this is their reply:—"Hall's Distemper can be used for painting out an aviary containing Parrakeets, and we should recommend a stone colour or a terracotta for the purpose. There are no injurious ingredients used in these colours that would be likely to affect the birds."

Suggestions (C. Mannington).—We thank you for the kindly interest displayed in our welfare. But as an old journalist yourself, you have surely found out that Englishmen will not be led in anything except politics. We often get our nose pulled as it is, for our well-intentioned (but ill-received) efforts in the direction you mention.

Will it Pay? (Grit).—There are many people who do make it pay, and as you appear to have plenty of the commodity indicated by your nom-de-plume, there seems no reason why you should not go and do likewise, especially seeing that you have had a lengthy experience.

Action (S.L.C.).—We shall be interested to hear the result.

A Food (Tom Gray).—If you will send stamped letter, we shall be pleased to address and post it to the gentleman named.

Rule Book (M. Jamieson).—We are much obliged to you.

Letter (J. De Ville).—Your letter has been duly forwarded.

Query (H. J. Stansell).—Our Foreign bird specialist, Mr Page, will answer your questions in next week's issue.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

SIR,—Having noticed a par with the above heading in "Club Notices" last week, signed O. Mitchell, sec., as it might tend to lead some of our members astray, and especially the committee, I beg to say that it is a new society formed in the Bradford district, and which has adopted our title. At present I have the honour of holding the position of secretary to the Norwich Plainhead Club.

J. RAYNES.

A CHAFFINCH SINGING PROBLEM.

SIR,—In answer to "Constant reader" in CAGE BIRDS of March 28th, asking if a "kiss-you-wear" counts in a Chaffinch handicap, my reply is, yes, of course it does. If being scored against, take no notice till you have sung the quarter, and then stick up for your rights. As long as the bird does a fair lead and finish and pronounces the R. at the end of the note, no matter what note it may be it is worth a chalk.

AN OLD FANCIER.

TWO EGGS IN ONE DAY.

SIR,—On April 3rd, I found a hen Canary very poorly. It was mated up, and expecting her to lay, I thought she was egg-bound and required assistance, which I gave. I anointed the vent with oil and gave some in beak. On April 4th I found two eggs in nest. The time when I observed her as being ill was from about 4 o'clock in afternoon of the 3rd to 9 o'clock a.m. of the 4th, being 17 hours. Has such an experience ever occurred with any Fancier living? This is what the Frenchman calls rightly a phenomene.

J.S.

SIR,—Being a breeder of Norwich Canaries and a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, I should like to ask whether any of your readers have had the experience I had this week. On going through my room before dark, one of my hens looked very lumpy and very much like being egg-bound. So being anxious about same, I got up early next morning, but there was no egg. Thinking she might lay later, I left her for half an hour, and on looking in the nest, behold there were two eggs, the usual size of Canary eggs, but one dented as if one had been pressed into the other. This is no two-hen theory, as the cock paired up to her bred for me last year.

E. W. LUNT.

MORE TROUBLE IN IRELAND.

Special Meeting of the Yorkshire C.C.

SIR,—An extraordinary meeting of the Y.C.C. of Ireland was held in Douglas Hotel, Dublin, on 13th March, requisitioned under Rule 9 by Messrs. F. R. Fry, J. Huggard, W. H. Sheridan, J. Dowling, W. Wall, W. Camp, and T. Farrell. Fifteen members attended, and it was proposed that Mr. Bray, of Dalkey, act as chairman. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Mr. Kenny, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Devins, and Mr. Wall. The meeting then went into Mr. Devitt's letter, which appeared in CAGE BIRDS, and after a conversation on it the Secretary read letters from Mr. Mulligan (Secretary, Sligo Association), Mr. McCollum (Secretary of Lurgan Association), Mr. Webster (Secretary of D.P.C.B. and P. Association), and Mr. McEneaney (Secretary of Dundalk Association), stating that the Secretary of the Y.C.C. of Ireland had not guaranteed any classes at their shows for non-feds. A letter was read from Mr. Trimble stating that the Secretary had guaranteed two classes for non-feds in Belfast show, but in these two classes Messrs. Sheridan and Fry did not nominate any cup birds. Mr. Devitt then offered an apology to the Secretary that he would withdraw the word "shows" from his letter and use the word "show," but as this would not meet the case, the Secretary would not accept it. A resolution was then proposed that Mr. Devitt withdraw his letter as contained in CAGE BIRDS of 7th March. Mr. Devitt then promised to write a letter to CAGE BIRDS, which would, he said, satisfy everyone present, and the meeting was accordingly adjourned to enable him to do so. Mr. Devitt having failed to carry out his promise, the adjourned meeting was called for Friday, April 3rd, when 14 members attended. Mr. Bray was again voted to the chair. A letter was read from Mr. Short, of Enniskillen, and the members declared the letter was beneath comment. A letter was also read from Mr. McQuade, of Enniskillen, with some suggestions, which were allowed to stand over for general meeting. A typewritten communication supposed to have come from Mr. Devitt, but which, however, was not signed by him, was put before the meeting. Considering the circumstances under which the communication was received the members could not accept it as bona-fide, and no action was taken in the matter. The following resolutions were then proposed and passed unanimously:—"Resolved that this club having had under consideration at our last meeting a letter which appeared in CAGE BIRDS, dated 7th March, signed by Mr. Devitt as chairman of the club, in which he made allegations against certain members, which we found to be erroneous, and having called upon Mr. Devitt to withdraw such letter, which he promised to do, but which promise he has failed to carry out, now deem it expedient to exonerate the persons from all blame in the matter referred to, and declare such allegations to be untrue and without foundation." "Resolved that the conduct of Mr. Devitt in writing the letter to CAGE BIRDS, of March 7th, be highly censured, and this meeting suspends Mr. Devitt as chairman from the Y.C.C. of Ireland for three months from this date, 3rd April, 1908." It was proposed and carried that Mr. Cloke be elected chairman *pro tem.* The Secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. Devitt the decisions of the meeting, and send a full report of same to CAGE BIRDS. The meeting then came to a close.

W. C. SHOLEDICE, hon. sec.

SIR,—The annual election of officers of the Y.C.C. of Ireland takes place shortly. Would you therefore kindly allow me to state, through the medium of CAGE BIRDS, that my connection with the club, as chairman, or ordinary member, entirely ceases after the general meeting about to be held to wind up the present club year. To our much esteemed President, Major W. J. Trotter, and Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Fortune, Rowe and Barclay and several members, I take leave, with a deep sense of gratitude and regard, and regret pressure of time prevents me corresponding with them individually.

RICHARD DEVITT.

A BLIND GOLDFINCH.

SIR,—Your readers may like to know that a Miss Alice Backhouse writes to a contemporary about a blind Goldfinch she has. Her interesting account reads:—"I have a Goldfinch that has been blind for the last two years, and her independence is wonderful. She lost first one eye, then the other; they just seemed to disappear. For a time she was dull and quiet, but has long since quite recovered her vivacity. She has a cage to herself, and is perfectly at home in it, lets herself down with the nicest precision to the dish where her hemp-seed is, and when returning to the perch almost seems to count with her bill (as she climbs up with her claws) the number of wires to the desired locality. She goes to roost as regularly as all the others in the neighbouring cages, and is astir again at the same time. Probably her acute hearing guides her in this.

WELL WISHER.

MULES AND HYBRIDS: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

SIR,—It appears quite obvious to me that the ancient aviculturist, on producing his first Hybrid (mark you, between Canary and Goldfinch or Linnet) was confronted with the difficulty of giving it a name. I can imagine him, whilst working at his looms, grappling with this enigma. In despair, he calls it a Mule. It is good business and philosophy—the rock-bottom of all argument—to quote a precedent. That useful Hybrid (a beast of burden) the Mule, appears to have furnished him with an inspiration; hence the name. Nevertheless the Canary-Goldfinch is a Hybrid. Had this cross been produced in latter days for the first time, it would undoubtedly have been called a Hybrid, and nothing else. How absurd it would be to call the cross between a lion and a tiger a "Mule." It is a fanciers' term pure and simple, and is very useful particularly in classification of shows. For my part I should be very sorry to see it done away with. Does Mr. J. H. Verrall mean that, in his estimation, Mules are barren, whilst Hybrids may have the power of reproduction? It is only a little while ago, it seems, that we saw the accepted Hybrid Bramblefinch-Chaffinch; now Mr. V. states this Hybrid to be fertile. Personally, I don't think it is, but I am open to conviction; so please, Mr. V., trot along for the sake of CAGE BIRDS' interested readers and give proofs, data, etc. I should also like to ask him on what grounds he believes the Canary to be a Hybrid? Seeing that both the wild and—shall I say?—cultivated variety will inter-breed and reproduce indefinitely, I require no further proof of the distinctiveness of this variety. If nature did not provide this check what a chaotic state the birdie world would be in! All that distinctiveness in habits, colouration, and structure characteristic of each variety would be confusion. But perhaps this is apart from the main issue; therefore I will conclude with just my idea on the subject—which is that all Mules are Hybrids, and that all Hybrids are not Mules. Quite an Irishism, is it not?

S. R. FULLER.

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AGE AND COLOUR CHANGES OF THE BULLFINCH.

SIR,—It is often said that Bullfinches are somewhat short-lived in captivity, and I think that, generally speaking, this is true. But the other day in looking over a weekly journal I came across an account of a captive bird said to be 11 years old, and, moreover, one which had undergone a curious colour-change. Its owner is a Mr. John Boggust, and this is what he writes:—"I have a cock Bullfinch about eleven years old, and very tame. He has always had the run of the table at meal-times. About three years ago, after moulting, he became very dark, entirely losing his fine red breast and the white spot on his rump. His plumage was so altered that he looked more like a dirty Sparrow. After moulting last year he regained his original plumage and now has a fine red breast, etc. The only reason I can give for the change is that for years his cage was hung in a small greenhouse, but previous to and after the last moulting he has been placed out of doors and in the sunshine. I have known Bullfinches change colour, but they invariably died soon after. I may say he has always had a variety of seeds, including hempseed and plenty of Green food. I should be glad to know if anyone has had a like experience?"

G. H. MORTON.

OPEN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

SIR—The first general meeting was held on April 4th, at the "Market Tavern," Bradford, Mr. D. Sunderland being voted to the chair Mr. D. Sunderland was unanimously elected chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. O. Mitchell secretary and treasurer. The rules, standard, etc., were discussed and passed as read. It was decided to issue ballot papers to all members to vote on committee of management, two auditors, etc., the 20 members receiving the highest number of votes, to be elected committee, and the one receiving most votes to be chairman of committee. The title of the club is to be the "Open Norwich Plainhead Club," and the society caters for all varieties of Norwich Plainheads. "That the members be divided into two grades viz., Novice and Champion, the word 'Novice' meaning one who has not won more than three first prizes in open competition before the current season".—Carried. A full printed copy of rules, etc., will be forwarded to all members, as soon as ready. It was decided to leave it in the hands of the sub-committee pro tem, to approach several influential gentlemen to become president and vice-presidents. A vote of thanks was passed to all subscribers to the fund, for providing trophies (which already amounts to £3). A vote of thanks to chairman for presiding closed a very successful meeting. Membership total, up to the present, is 65. All intending members kindly apply to secretary, who will be pleased to forward full copy of rules, etc., and all possible information.

O. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary.
13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford,
Yorks.

BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB AND ITS JUDGES.

SIR,—In answer to the somewhat wandering remarks of Mr. Lambie: firstly, he states that I am trying to evade his query as to whether fanciers outside the B.F.C.C. are capable of judging the Border Fancy Canary? I distinctly state that his remarks do not bear on the point at issue. I distinctly saw by his last that he had an axe to grind, and I decline to act as a grinding stone for him. If he has any grievance against the Border Fancy Club, let him attack it openly. If the heading had been "The Border Fancy Canary and its Judges," I should have answered him on this point, and, what is more, very straight, as my humble opinion is that no breeder of the variety is acting for its advancement if he does not pay the 2s. 6d. subscription and become a member (unless, as I have already said, they have a grievance towards the club). I once again say that I have never stated that only a few members are capable of judging the Border Fancy. If Mr. Lambie will take the trouble to count the judges acting in seasons past, he will find that they are a healthy few. What I stated in the letters he quotes are facts, and unless he can let your readers see wherein I have erred, there is no occasion for him to quote them word for word. When I am fighting for freedom (as I am on this question) I prefer to have other fanciers' ideas to criticise—not my own. To his last item, I would advise him to become a member at once, before the final selection of the new judges is completed and if he has the ability he may find himself very prominently.

J. PATTERSON.

ROLLER CANARIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

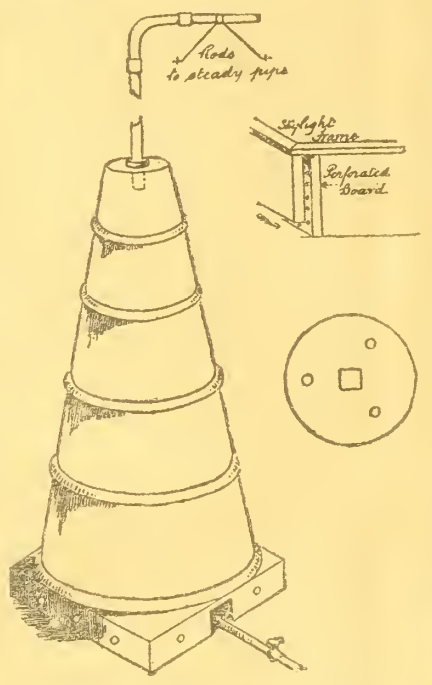
SIR,—I beg to inform your readers that the statements I have made under the above heading are absolutely correct, and it is very evident that Mr. Whittaker has not a copy of the letters he sent me, or else he would not be so foolish as to put in print what he imagines he has written. He won't believe that any member accepted his challenge, and says that I am bluffing. This is a slur on my honesty, and only a narrow-minded person would talk such nonsense. Now to prove that the challenge was accepted, I will give £5 to the funds of the club if it is not true, Mr. Whittaker to give £5 if it is true; and if he wants a side bet he can be obliged. Mr. Whittaker complains that I have taken extracts from his letters, which are false and misleading. A more bare-faced method of trying to get out of what he has written will be hard to find. I expect that his next move will be to say that he has not written the letters at all! He also says he has not backed out of the matches, and that it was impossible to pick a judge. Strange, that he should consider it so easy for me to find three judges, who were to have the birds three days each, yet when he is asked to pick one judge, he says it is impossible. I presume that he could have found one from his own district and have paid his expenses? But no; it did not suit his purpose. And the strange part of it is that the reply did not come till after the meeting at Manchester was over. He waited to hear what the verdict was about the bird. I am told by a member who was present, that it was the opinion of the meeting that if the bird in question ought to have been "the Palace winner, then there must have been a very poor lot of birds bred last year. Now we see his reason for saying: "We had better let the matter drop." I still say that he did alter the conditions, and having read the challenge again, I do not see anything stated about "if the two bird match was not taken up, the one bird match was off." In his letter to me, he mentions it twice. I also wrote twice to him saying that I only arranged the matches on condition that the loser paid the money to the funds of the club which he agreed to. It is no good his trying to get out of it by making false statements, and I advise him to speak the truth in future. He also states that I had to postpone three club meetings in succession, which is also untrue, as since the club has been formed there has only been one meeting adjourned; and if he looks at the rule-book he will find that the members in London number 23, and not 17 as stated by him. My record for the B.R.C.C. speaks for itself, and the other part of his statement I can afford to treat with the contempt it deserves. Mr. Whittakor gives his reply to my remarks on the Gluck birds, but as your readers do not know what those remarks were, I fail to see how they are going to make head or tail of it, and shall be pleased, Mr. Editor, if you will let my remarks that I sent to him appear. (Copy). "Now you say that Messrs. Roehl and Rettich having given undue preference to the Gluck birds, but you have forgotten one thing, these Gluck birds do the Gluck in addition to the other tours, therefore should have extra points; and if a member breeds other tours into the song of his birds, they would still get more points; and if two birds sing as near equal four tours each, the points would be equal, but, if one of these birds brings an extra tour, he is entitled to extra points, is he not?" I wish to ask the Roller fanciers who are following this discussion to place my remarks alongside Mr. Whittaker's reply in last week's issue, and see if there is anything surprising in the remarks. As far as I can see, anyone who has a little brains can tell what the answer is, and if they can find that I suggested that Mr. Whittaker had not brains enough, I shall be pleased if they will point it out to me. At the same time I must confess that I have come to the conclusion that there may be some truth in the remark he had made about himself. Now we come to the cause of the trouble, and I am very pleased to see that Mr. Whittaker admits he is a disappointed exhibitor. He states he had bred two young birds that answered all his expectations, and was quite sure that he had reached the height of his ambition, only to find that the birds time and again were put down below birds that were their inferiors. What a shock it must have been to him at the club show. Evidently the three judges did not entertain the same high opinion of the birds as he has formed himself; and it has been the same at the other shows. So according to him, all the judges are wrong, and he is right. What a pity to sell the birds; it makes one wonder why Mr. Whittaker says that as secretary I ought to remain neutral. Quite right; and I am as a rule. But I am not going to be insulted without saying something in return. Out of all my letters to him, he cannot point to one and say that he has not received fair play and justice. Members write to me and say that I have been shielding him. Now that he is a secretary, I hope he will remain neutral, and practice what he preaches. By doing so, we shall not have a repetition of the stormy scenes he has created at the different shows during the past two years.

J. W. NORRIS.

Hon. Sec., B.R.C.C.

THE HEATING OF A BIRD-ROOM.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. H. Tomsett's inquiry about my heating contrivance, I use a plant pot arrangement similar to the one described some years ago in your paper. My sketch shows how the pots are fitted. Nos. 1 and 2 are 12 in. plant pots, No. 3 is a 10 in., No. 4 a 9 in. and No. 5 an 8 in. The joints between the pots are first painted, then filled with plumber's putty. The joint between the flange on pipe and pot No. 5 is made in the same manner. The pipe, which is 1¼ in. in diameter, can then be easily taken off to



Mr. Wear's Heating Apparatus.

clean away the refuse which gathers around the holes in the pots and also in pipe. Two plates, with 3 in. holes in centre, are bolted over the centre hole in pot No. 1 to prevent this refuse dropping down on to the burner and thus extinguishing the flame. An illustration of these plates is also given. Insert putty between plates and pot. An old incandescent or small Bunsen burner can be used to supply the heat. The skylight window is held up six inches by three boards. Small holes are bored in the two side boards to supply the room with pure air. A board is screwed on each side of the outer frame of skylight window and these go down to within one inch of the roof. The air passes under these boards, then up and through the holes in ventilator board. I hope the inquirer will be able to understand this brief description and also the sketch.

E. WEAR.

THE SOUTHERN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB SHOW CAGE.

SIR,—Reading CAGE BIRDS this week, I came across Mr. A. J. Marley's letter, wherein he states that the rule made by the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club is hard and fast. Now I will agree with him on a certain point, but on the others I can't, because I think we ought to have a standard cage both in size and colour (inside and out), and thus do away with all suspicion on the part of both exhibitor and judge. As now you can hardly go to a show and not hear some poor downhearted exhibitor who has been beaten say "He," meaning the exhibitor, "showed at so and so, under the same judge, who gave him first and special, and he can't very well alter his award this time." Then you say to him, "How do you think he knows that man's birds after having had some hundred or two pass through his hands since then?" "Yes, that may be," says he, "but you don't find hundreds of cages painted and got up like his, with wire fronts enamelled same colour as the inside; nor cages with new water tins, not painted, or if painted, black outside, and enamelled same colour inside as the inside of cage." Now we want all this put a stop to. Let us have a stated size and colour for the inside of cages, also perches and drinkers, and not only for one society, but for all. Now I can't understand why the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club cage is to differ from that of the Northern by half an inch in depth (5 inches to 4½ inches). The Northern is far and away the senior society, and the Norwich Plainhead show cage has been made to their standard; the majority of fanciers' cages therefore will be 5 inches deep. The change will entail another expense on working men, like myself, with not too much of that stuff that is required to meet these new ideas. Every fancier often has to buy a pot of enamel, and therefore would only have to change the colour of his cage to meet the requirements were the colour the only question. Then again, with regard to the appointment of a cagemaker to the society; this is not right. I have to agree with Mr. Marley on this point. I say give honour where it is due, and it is due to the man who can breed, moult, and stage his birds, and at the same time make his own cage to the necessary requirements and perfection. I might say I think this will do the Southern Norwich Club no good, this altering of the size of show cages, and having them off their appointed maker. I, myself, was about to send my subscription to become a member, but if I have to buy new cages, etc., to meet the society's requirements, I will be contented with the various societies and associations I already belong to. I think this is a very special question, and one that needs to be settled.

GEO. H. NEAL.

SIR,—I noticed in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS that one of our members was against the idea of a universal pattern show cage. Now this is no new bye-law, as it was in rule-book from the start of the society and nearly every cage is so constructed. We have always adopted this plan, because it is far easier for judges officiating and we know that it is by far the best for our members' birds, as the cage shows the bird off to the best advantage. I know we are going a step further with the perches; that is for two reasons. One is that at present we have too many different shapes; the other is, that in the coming contest with the N.P. Club, we may be uniform in cages, as both clubs will then be using the same pattern of perch. So that any member can object to the judging in wrong cages. As a specialist club too, we should leave no room for marked, distinctive cages. This, I believe, is the entire wish of every judge and member. As to the cost of cages, I think we could not do better than wo say. If bought, they will be of the best material and good value; but if any working man has a hobby in making his cages, he has only to buy a club pattern, or read his rule for measurement, construct them as directed, get a sample perch, and paint inside with the right enamel. He can then use them with all confidence and pride that his birds may win in his own constructed cages. But to those who wish to buy, they have no need to worry as to getting the right kind, if they purchase the club's cage. If I remember right the worthy gentleman writing has cages constructed to our rules, or else I should have noticed the difference at the shows, for I generally look over our members' birds to see that they are not without food or water.

Hon. Sec. S.N.P.C. F. S. MATTHES.

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BIRD CATCHING.

SIR,—In the correspondence columns, I notice a Mr. Kinch stating that Fieldfares are caught in hedges. As a birdcatcher, I have used the nets he speaks of (hedge nets) for seven or eight years, during winter, and I can quite corroborate what he says, as there are swarms of them in the hedges round here at night. They roost in high hedges or tall thorn bushes, or tall firs, but they are so wary that you get very few of them, as they are off in quick time as soon as they hear you beating down the hedge, and they usually fly out the top of the hedge. I have heard of some netters using a light, but I prefer to be without one. I have tried a light, but never made it a success. As to Chaffinches, a friend of mine, not two miles away, sometimes gets very little else, as they roost in particular districts much more than others. I don't catch half-a-dozen myself all winter, out of a large number of various kinds of birds. Another person, from about a mile and a half away, has sent me as many as fifteen young Magpies at once. I don't see a dozen in a year round home. I buy them off him to hand-rear. Goldfinches I have never caught in a hedge net, as they always roost in trees; at least that is my experience. I append a list of birds I have caught in winter (of course, we somtimes have a special run round for summer visitors). The catch is then very different. If we have a spare day, we use clap nets for Goldies (or spring nets). I have never found trap cages a success for Goldies. Another bird that is difficult to catch, if you don't go the right way about it, is the Hawfinch, as if they spot you one field away, they will soon make it two. So you can't get near to clap-net them, and trap cages are usually declined with thanks. Then you have to spring-net them, but your traps must be the right kind, or you will get on badly. There are a good many made with a square wooden frame, which a bird of ordinary intelligence will not step inside, unless absolutely hard up for food, and if they get in they escape at the sides; as they are corded, and if they get wet the cords strain, and then when they dry they slacken. The best are the round, or oval wire-traps. I have made both sorts, but the latter kinds are worth a dozen of the former. A friend of mine got one or two square traps for Hawfinch catching, and tried for two years, but couldn't get hold of any. I then made him a wire one, and he caught thirteen in two or three days, two the first afternoon he set it. Of course it was a place where they had plenty of feed, and were well on it (green peas). He used to look to see if there were any in every time he passed the place. I don't wish anyone to consider I am writing a cheap advertisement, so I prefer to be known by the under nom-de-plume. I seldom use bird lime except in exceptional cases, as it mauls the birds so, although it will hold almost any sized bird, if made right. In night netting I have caught Blackbirds, Thrushes, Fieldfares, Redwings, Bramblefinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, two Longtailed Tits, two Goldcrested Wrens, Nightingales, Yellowhammers, Willow Wrens, Robins, Hedge Accentors, Missel Thrushes, Tree Sparrows, House Sparrows. Like a man Mr. Kinch speaks of, I am having a shot at Hybrid breeding (Goldie and Bullie). The Goldie is hand-reared from the nest, and the Bullie is wild caught, but she will perch on my finger. Both birds are quite fearless. I have seen him feed the hen. If she refuses to accept his tit-bits, then he spreads his tail and wings, and waltzes her round the cage a few times, singing lustily during the performance. Any question any reader likes to ask me on catching wild birds, or where to find them, I will willingly answer through CAGE BIRDS.

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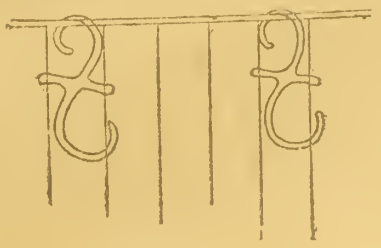
No. 195.

A HOOK FOR HOLDING SHOW CAGES TO BREEDING CAGES.

Sent by R. Rhodes, 55, Ravensknowle Road, Moldgreen, Huddersfield.

I think the hook which is illustrated will be useful, if adopted, to some of your readers, in hanging Yorkshire show cages on to breeding cages, in the rearing of



A Cage Hanger.

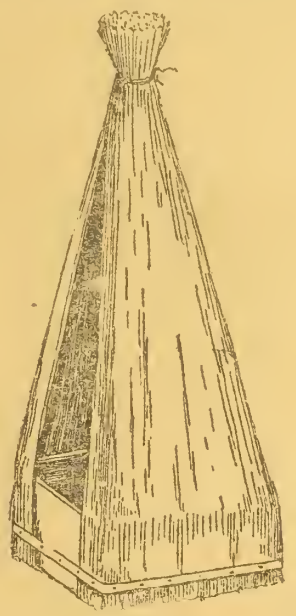
young when taken away from parents. The sketch shows how it fits on to the top bar of the breeding-cage. These hooks are easily made from ordinary cage-wire, and the side bits keep them from dropping inside the cage.—R. Rhodes.

No. 196.

AN ORIGINAL NEST BOX.

Sent by Miss M. Latham, Park Hill House, Stanhope Road Croydon.

I enclose a sketch of what I believe to be an original idea for a nest box, which I have found very useful for small foreign



A Novel Nest.

birds and Canaries in my outdoor aviary. It is a penny wooden nest box, with an opened bottle straw case tacked on to the sides, the tacks passing through a narrow strip of tin or zinc to keep the straw from tearing away. It is hung by a nail put through the string that ties the top. I put a small perch on the front of box with two wires. I hope this will be of use to the readers of Cage Birds.—M. Latham.

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Breeding Without Feeders.

Another grave error which the novice on starting to breed fancy birds falls into is to dispense with foster parents for rearing the young, or "feeders," as they are popularly termed. Of course, this is practically always the outcome of ignorance. The breeder is, perhaps, an isolated fancier with few kindred souls around him, and little or no opportunity of acquiring first-class information from more advanced breeders. He may have kept and bred the common type of nondescript Canary, then take a more aggressive form of "fancy fever" and think he would like to come out as a breeder of fancy birds.

To obtain the birds to start with in these days of Fancy literature and large firms advertising regularly is the easiest part of the whole business. He obtains his stock and forthwith commences to breed with them on precisely similar lines to those which succeeded all right with his common mongrels. But a rude awakening soon comes to him. The lackadaisical and blundering way in which the fancy birds treat the most serious parts of their business, from egg-laying onwards, comes as a revelation to him after being accustomed to put his common birds together and leave them to do all the rest themselves. If they get beyond laying a brood of eggs properly, and without a hitch, they may not feel disposed to incubate them; should their instincts carry them safely through the incubation stage, they may refuse at an earlier or later stage to feed the young. Altogether, compared with the common type of birds, they seem to make a hash of the whole business.

Of course, the result is failure all along the line, and the breeder is at a loss to account for it. The whole secret of his non-success lies in the fact that his highly-bred fancy birds require a stock of "wet nurses," as it were, to take charge of the task of rearing their young. Doubtless this may appear too sweeping an assertion to some practical breeders, and it is certainly a fact that under some breeders' management even high-class exhibition birds have not lost so much of their natural instincts as to be incapable of being trusted with the care of their own young. They will, and do, rear their own young very tolerably without assistance from feeders, but as they are the exceptions rather than the rule amongst high-class stock, the only wise and business-like plan in writing for the good of the real novice is to ignore them altogether.

As a rule the tyro should take it for granted that when going in for such varieties as Crests, Scotch Fancies, and Belgians, it is a necessity to put up a number of pairs of feeders not less than the number of pairs of the fancy birds; and even with most other fancy varieties which are highly bred and valuable specimens, even if the variety as a whole do not require the aid of feeders, it is a wise precaution to put up a pair or two of reliable feeders to provide against any contingency which may arise.

Birds for Feeders.

Supposing the breeder has progressed so far as to have some vague notion of the necessity and office of feeders, he is by no means always clear what to use, or how to use them. I have known fanciers who were under the delusion that one only had to keep a spare common hen or two handy, and when the better class of birds failed to perform their duties, just pop the young brood in to one of the spare hens, who would forthwith play the part of the good Samaritan and begin to feed and rear the young; and I have known them under the impression that a hen mule would do for a feeder.

Both ideas are not only erroneous, but are just as fatal to success as not having a feeder at all available. It must be remembered that the instinct of a bird to feed its young follows, or should follow, in due course the excitement of breeding and incubatory fever, and that without these two preparatory phenomena the instinct to feed young is never present in a bird, save in some few exceptional and rare instances, which, again, must be ignored in such a connection as this.

It will thus be seen that the pair of feeders must have gone through the whole process of breeding themselves before their services can be relied upon, and as the domestic arrangements of the feeders must, preferably, be in a somewhat similar stage to those of the birds whose young they are adopting, it is advisable to prepare both classes of birds for breeding at the same time and start them together, so that both pairs may begin nesting at about the same time.

As already intimated the type of the feeders may be of the very commonest kind. As a rule, in the hands of a novice who has had but very little experience in breeding, the commoner the birds used the better will be their chance of success with them. On the other hand, if one has acquired some skill in breeding common stock, he may prefer to use a fairly good type of Norwich bird. These are almost as trustworthy, where properly managed, as the very commonest mongrels, and it is no unusual thing to come across successful breeders of a variety which usually require feeders who make the breeding of the Norwich Plainhead a side-branch as it were, of their hobby, solely because they are able to utilise the services of the Norwich for rearing the higher class stock when required. By working on these lines they are, as far as the breeding of the Norwich is concerned, killing two birds with one stone, as the saying goes, as they are able to breed a fairly good Norwich type of sufficient average merit to win at small shows, and yet always have a very good chance of having a reliable foster parent available at any time to take charge of a brood of crests or any other breed they may favour of the higher order of merit.

Late Breeders.

By the time this note appears there will be no further necessity for making any effort to prevent the stock from breeding. In most cases they will be duly mated up, and provided only they were in good health and proper breeding condition, will set to work at once. Certain exceptions have already been pointed out which will be all the better for not being mated at all, or at least not for some weeks to come. But in the case of healthy and fully-matured specimens that have not yet come into condition, some efforts may now be made to bring them on a little faster. Very often a little Epsom salts in the drinking water for a couple of days to "clear the works," and followed by a little extra mixed seed, a crumb of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry wine every alternate day, and a leaf of dandelion daily will work wonders in the course of a week in bringing these backward birds up to concert pitch.

Foods for Rearing Young.

Doubtless a few notes on this important subject will be appreciated at this time. There are probably very few subjects upon which the principle of the well-worn adage: "many man, many minds," is seen with more effect than upon that of feeding and rearing young Canaries. Whilst in the early days of the Fancy there would seem to have been scarcely two ideas upon the question of the proper food for rearing the young, now-a-days, when the hobby is almost universally popular, this same question of food has become quite a thorny one, and instead of fanciers being of one mind, there are scores of fanciers to be met with daily holding just as many different views. There exist the egg and the no egg-from-conviction class, and a very great class who would like to dispense with egg-food on the score of expense, and to get rid of the trouble of preparing it keeping the supply fresh and sweet, each class having adherents holding scores of varying and dissimilar views.

The usual egg and bread crumb or powdered biscuit pabulum, which everyone is well acquainted with, may well be ignored here. It will doubtless continue to hold its own for a long time yet to come. The few notes may therefore refer to more or less efficient substitutes, and suggestions for those who care to dabble in

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experiments out of the beaten track. One of the most curious and inconsistent points about this search for a substitute for egg is the evident desire of so many searchers to fall back upon so-called egg-flake, which is simply a preserved form of egg-yolk. To any thinking mind this attitude must appear as ridiculous as objecting to pure fresh milk as an improper food for a baby, and suggesting the use of condensed milk as a wholesome substitute.

A Good Servant.

Still, the preserved form of egg is a most useful article, and when well mixed together with twice or three times its own weight of powdered biscuits, of any good plain brand, may be kept as a stock mixture which only requires slightly damping with a drop or two of water to make a food that is quite capable of rearing good sound healthy Canaries or Mules—provided only that they receive and assimilate enough of it. This is the real crux of the matter in respect to every kind of food. If the old birds do not care for it, they will not give it to their young—then, be it ever so good and wholesome, its value is absolutely nothing for its intended purpose. In making up this stock food, it is best to avoid highly-flavoured and fancy biscuits. The plainest are the most serviceable, as well as the cheapest, and well mixed broken biscuits, which may be bought very cheaply, are very good, as the less wholesome can easily be picked out and discarded before the rest are found.

Egg Cakes.

Then there is the method of making up a cake in which quite as large a proportion of eggs is used in the bulk as one would employ in the food prepared in the usual way. A couple of such recipes are here given, which have been used with success by many breeders. Recipe No 1 consists of a cake made in the ordinary way of domestic cakes, composed of two eggs, four ounces flour, half-ounce beef dripping, a teaspoonful of soft moist sugar (heaped), and a small pinch of carbonate of soda. Get the housewife to make these into a small cake, using a little milk, or buttermilk, to bring the dough to the proper consistency, if any moisture is required beside the eggs and dripping, and bake it in a moderately hot oven. It will require to be kept a day, or perhaps two days, before it will break up into nice moist crumbs. When it has reached this degree of staleness, all you have to do is to break off a piece the size required for use each day, and break it up into small crumbs. It may be slightly damped with a drop of water if necessary, but when it is in the proper condition, no additional moisture is required.

Recipe No. 2:—Three eggs, tablespoonful soft sugar (not heaped), ditto of honey, two heaped tablespoonfuls of finely ground peameal (sifted to remove skins), ditto of finely ground maize meal, a teacupful of flour, and a small pinch of carbonate of soda. Make all into a dough, using a little milk if required, as before, and bake in the ordinary way. It will be found best to add the sugar, and later the honey, mixed with a few drops of milk, to the eggs whilst beating them. Of course, in both cases, the whole of the egg is used, both yolk and white. The method of using is also the same in both cases.

Here then are two very useful and wholesome foods which anyone may employ, and at the same time know just what the birds are having, which may help them to discard fresh hard-boiled eggs altogether.

Bread and Milk.

As regards other kinds of rearing foods, what is there to object to in just plain bread and milk? This is given just as a suggestion, and for what it may be worth, but seeing that birds are as a rule most partial to it, and rapidly grow fat upon it if given at ordinary times to any appreciable extent, and further, that young birds may be readily brought up by hand on a diet consisting chiefly of bread and milk, it seems to possess every requirement contributing towards success. I give it now as a mere suggestion for the simple reason that I have not put it to a practical test in this direction. Some day I hope to submit the plan to such a test, and must confess to feeling rather confident about the result. If it appears to cause undue looseness in the bowels, a regular supply of cracked hemp as an accompaniment should remedy that.

Oatmeal Has its Faults.

Another food I have known suggested, but have not known to be actually used, is course oatmeal or rolled oats, mixed with egg in the place of powdered biscuit. From this method I should certainly expect little good result, for, although, as we all know, oats and the meal from them form an excellent and nourishing food, my experience of them is that their use as a food for birds confined in small cages should be strictly limited. They are much too heating for any except birds flying loose in a room or in a outdoor aviary during cold weather.

When given to caged birds even in comparatively small quantities regularly, their use is frequently followed by a peculiar condition of the bowels in which the droppings are very copious, white and chalky looking, and of a sticky viscid nature, which causes the birds some difficulty to part with them, and even when voided they still adhere to the feathers, and cause the feathers about the lower part of the abdomen and under tail coverts to become soiled and matted with filth. I have also noticed a very similar result to follow the addition of oatmeal to the food on which young birds were being fed by hand. Therefore, I should be very chary of adding it to any appreciable extent to the soft food for rearing valuable young birds.

The Hen to Decide.

As already intimated, the taste or idiosyncracies of the parents, and of the hen in particular, must be the real deciding factor—the casting vote, as it were—whether any food is used or not. If she is a whimsical feeder, there is absolutely no other course but to pander to her tastes if the young are to have any chance at all in life. A really good thorough-going feeding hen will bring up excellent young in all respects of health and stamina, upon hemp seed, soaked rape, and green food, whilst another perhaps with much better opportunities will fail to bring up a decent brood on any kind of food at all.

Cracked hemp and soaked or scalded rape should always be supplied regularly in separate vessels, when there are young to be fed. They are in themselves excellent foods for rearing fine young birds, and indeed, few young will be found to thrive so well as those which are being crammed well with these seeds, and they possess the additional advantage of being invariably greatly appreciated by the parents of both sexes.

(To be continued.)

Rare Birds in Kent.

Mr. Clifford Borrer in the "Field" notes an interesting occurrence of the Hen Harrier in Kent. This bird, which is rapidly verging on extinction in this country, gets its name from its alleged predatory visitations to the poultry yard. Along with the rest of its kind it has fallen under the ban of the gamekeeper, and the specimen seen by Mr. Bowrer was nailed to the kennel by a keeper, having been shot by him last winter. A second specimen was seen with it when alive, but this fortunately appears to have escaped.

The "Most Famous" Parrot.

In the London newspapers for October, 1802, the death of the most famous of British Parrots is (according to a weekly contemporary) thus announced: "A few days ago died in Half-Moon Street, Piccadilly, the celebrated Parrot of Colonel O'Kelly. This singular bird sang a number of songs in perfect time and tune. She could express her wants articulately, and give her orders in a manner nearly approaching to rationality. Her age was not known; it was, however, more than thirty years; for previously to that period Mr. O'Kelly bought her at Bristol for a hundred guineas. The Colonel was repeatedly offered five hundred guineas a year for the bird by persons who wished to make a public exhibition of her; but this, out of tenderness to the favourite, he constantly refused." This bird also appeared to answer rationally the questions put to it and on one occasion it certainly put to the blush a German quack named Dr. Bossy. Hearing at an open window the account an old woman (in collusion with the doctor) was giving from the quack's stage of all the wonderful cures he had effected in her case, the Parrot shrieked out, "Lying old ——!" to the confusion of the quack, but delight of the audience.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL INVESTORS.

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The thrifty habits of the Continental middle and working classes are proverbial, and it is scarcely surprising, therefore, to learn that something like £7,000,000 has been invested in Premium Bonds in Europe, mostly the savings of these classes. These securities undoubtedly offer most tempting inducements to the small investor, and it is pleasing to note that the British small investors are now beginning to appreciate their value.

There is no home security that offers to the man or woman of limited means the same golden opportunities of wealth, while capital and interest are at the same time fully secured. In the first place, the Premium Bond may be described as the foreign equivalent of our own Consols or Corporation Stock, they being Government and Municipal securities, many foreign States and cities employing this method of raising loans.

How it is Done.

The system is as follows. A foreign Corporation wishing to raise, let us say, a loan of £3,000,000 at three per cent., issues Premium Bonds to that amount. The interest on £3,000,000 would amount to £90,000 per annum, and the average British Corporation would distribute the whole of this amount pro rata among its shareholders. But they manage things differently abroad. A certain sum is deducted from the amount of the interest, and placed in a special fund, out of which cash bonuses are distributed periodically, these distributions generally taking place from four to six times a year.

When the holder of a Bond receives one of these cash awards—which, in some instances, amount to as much as £20,000, that Bond is automatically cancelled. In this way every year sees a reduction of the Corporation's indebtedness until the entire debt is paid. This is undoubtedly clever finance, for a British Corporation after paying its annual interest of £90,000, would still owe the original £3,000,000, whereas the Continental Corporation would have wiped most of it off. At the termination of the tenure of the loan, the Continental Corporation agrees to purchase all Bonds that have not received a bonus at a fixed par value, in some cases of as much as twice the original price of the Bond.

Fortunes Given Away.

To make this quite clear, let us take the case, say, of Panama Bonds, which, it must be remembered, have nothing to do with the success or failure of that enterprise. The cash bonuses attached to Panama Bonds are very large, there being annually distributed

3 cash premiums of £20,000 each.
3 cash premiums of £4,000 each
6 cash premiums of £400 each
6 cash premiums of £200 each
15 cash premiums of £80 each
150 cash premiums of £40 each

Thus a Bondholder may become the possessor of a fortune without incurring the slightest risk of losing his capital.

The chief credit of introducing these securities to the British investor belongs to the International Securities Corporation, Ltd., of 113, Westminster Palace Gardens, Victoria Street, Westminster, London, S.W., a firm that offers to its clients many additional inducements. Every purchaser of a Bond through this agency is automatically insured against accident and sickness, in the former case to the amount of £500 and £1 a week, and in the latter to £1 per week.

This firm also makes the purchase of Bonds by easy payments possible, and, in some cases, an investor can become a Bondholder by the payment of as little as 2s. 6d. per week. In every case the purchaser of a Bond becomes *immediately* entitled to participate in all allotments of cash bonuses just the same as if the Bond were fully paid up. Thus a man might have the good fortune to receive a bonus after only paying one or two small instalments.

A Generous Offer.

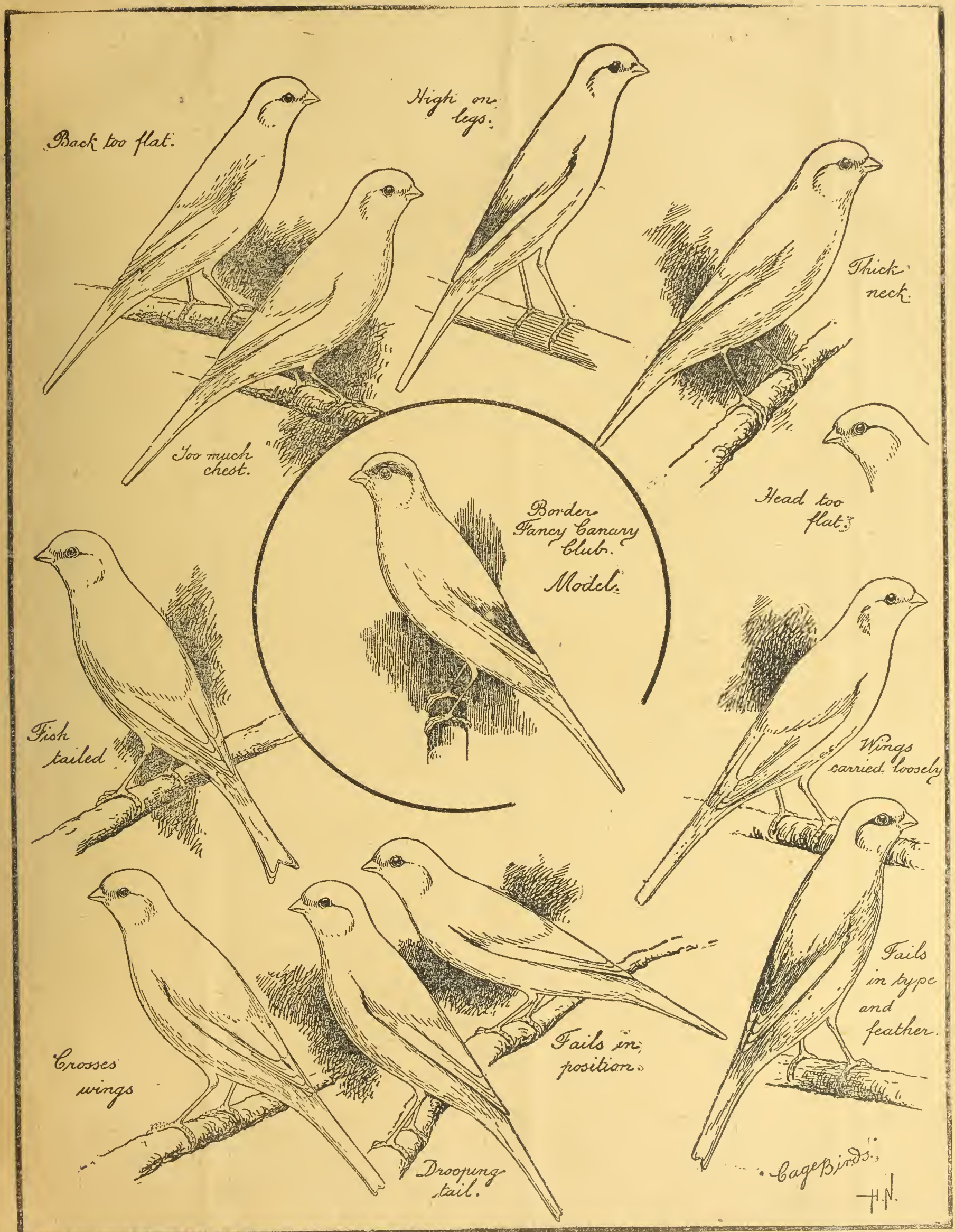
The whole system is lucidly and graphically explained in a beautifully produced volume issued by the International Securities Corporation, Ltd. Though originally published at one shilling—a sum which would scarcely cover the cost of production—the demand for these Bonds has now become so great that the proprietors have decided to offer a copy of this book free to every reader of "Cage Birds," until the present edition is exhausted.

This offer does not imply any obligation on the part of the recipient, it being made solely with the object of bringing to the notice of small capitalists a form of investment that is at once the safest and the most profitable in the world, a security that offers such apparent advantages that it is its own best advocate. The book itself literally teems with amazing revelations about the science of money making, and is not marred, as such works so often are, by a superfluity of technical and financial terms. It is a plain, unvarnished statement of facts that will appeal to all level-headed men and women. Some of the combinations of Bonds pointed out by the author open up almost illimitable opportunities of becoming rich, and that, too, without any risk of either capital or interest.

Book for the Thrifty.

The book is printed on superfine art paper, which does every justice to the beautiful photographs of famous people and places abroad, and makes it a veritable art album of the world. The Bonds of Paris, Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent, Verviers, of the Panama and Suez Canals, of the great land banks—the Credit Fonciers as they are called—and many others are here fully described, and a reproduction of a City of Paris Bond of the issue of 1865 is reproduced.

Every reader of "Cage Birds" who wishes to find a safe and profitable market for his spare cash or his savings should write to the Secretary, International Securities Corporation, Ltd., 113, Westminster Palace Gardens, Victoria Street, London, S.W., for a free copy of this book. The demand is already very great, and as the edition is limited, early application is advisable to guard against disappointment. All applications, it may be added in conclusion, will be dealt with strictly in the order of their arrival.



CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 4.—THE BORDER FANCY CANARY: ITS EXHIBITION POINTS AND FAILINGS.

(Notes on the Drawing, by Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso), will be found on page 376.)

THE BREEDING OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

By Fred Allen.

Lecture delivered before the members and friends of the Tong and Dis. C.B.S. on March 24th.

Having been asked by your Secretary to give you a lecture on the breeding of Yorkshire Canaries, I promised to do so, in the hope that I might assist or instruct your members in any way. I may say here that although a young man, I am an old fancier. My father bred Canaries for 35 years, and I have never been without them. The past 12 seasons I have averaged over 100 each year, and the most hens I ever bred from has been 13.

Four seasons ago I bred 131 young off 12 hens (three nests each)—nearly 11 per hen—which I claim is a record. I may say that amongst them were the two best teams of young birds out that season, these winning nearly all the prizes possible. And this notwithstanding they were exhibited in the hotbed of the Fancy—Great Horton, Windhill, and Bradford. At old shows I had no less than five Cinnamon marked cocks, all 1st prize-winners at principal shows, and the noted Cinnamon marked stock bird, besides supplying some of the "shining lights" in the Fancy with their best birds. I can, therefore, fairly claim to know a little about what I am going to speak upon.

The Main Point.

My ideas and methods perhaps may not suit all of you, but they have done very well for me, and if any of you are successful in your own way of procedure, stick to it, and leave mine well alone.

The main point in all stock is to have them perfectly sound and healthy, and unless you have your breeding stock in such a condition it is simply a waste of time, money, and disappointment. Birds which have had a hard up-bringing are of no use to a successful breeder, as birds are made birds in the nest, and if neglected when young their faults can never be repaired. To breed certain show points into your stock, you must inbreed. Some fanciers seem to forget (or don't know) that to breed with bad feeders is to add to their stock of bad feeders.

Some Pairing Points.

Most of you are getting your birds ready for pairing up. I consider the last week in March quite early enough for this. In pairing or mating stock two specimens with same faults should not be paired together. Whatever one is weak in, let its partner be extra strong in. I have proved that the hens are responsible for type and quality. As a rule mine have followed the type and style of the hens. I like medium-sized hens, straight from head to tail, and no hollow in neck, as you get that too often ("breedy," as some term it). Cocks should be as long as you can get them, if typical, good, and vigorous.

Yorkshires can't be too long for me, providing they are typical and well feathered. They talk of birds being overlength, but as yet I have never seen what I call an exhibition specimen over 6¾in. in length. Anybody can breed nice little birds, but when fanciers come to me for stock, they all want "big uns" and not nice little ones.

Cages and Nests.

There are many ideas about breeding cages. I prefer single breeding cages. I should advise having the same size as mine, and made to fit a rack; then you can easily get them out to clean. Mine are 20in. long, 11in. back to front, and 18ins. deep. My nests are made of tin with plenty of small holes in them, and a good rim round the outside. In order to ensure the old birds a firm grip, I always place my nests on a level with the perch. When the youngsters are 10 or 11 days old the parent bird can stand on the perch to feed their broods.

Most hens make a poor attempt to build a nest, so I always line mine with carpet felt and give them moss and fine fibre to play with, or, if they like, to build with.

Having paired your birds, and providing they are in good, sound condition, you can expect eggs in from six to 12 days. I take mine out as laid till the evening when the third egg is laid, placing the three eggs back, and giving the nest a good dusting with insect powder. At the same time I always take the cocks away, as the hens sit and feed better when young are newly hatched or two or three days old.

A Word on Food.

I always give in the egg food some cod liver oil when feeding my birds up for breeding, and I am never troubled with sickly or egg-bound hens.

Some fanciers say give the hens nothing but plain Canary seed when sitting. I give mine a little mixed seed every day, as it helps them to get into good condition, and makes them more ready to feed their brood. When a hen has laid a clutch of eggs she is weakened a lot, and sitting close on her eggs for 14 days makes her weaker still, and we cannot expect her to do her duty if she is in a poor condition. That is my reason for giving mixed seed during incubation.

In feeding I give egg boiled hard, and bread crumbs, egg-cake and boiled rape, crushed hemp seed (as much as they care to eat), and Canary seed steeped in water 24 hours and then dried with a towel or cloth; if this is given at night they will feed splendidly on it. I feed mine as early as possible with egg food, then fresh dandelion, but not till the youngsters are five days old. When dandelion gets coarse I give lettuce.

Always let the young ones stay in the nest as long as they will; they will be larger and stronger. I find that when youngsters are seen out of nest second or third time, that is the best moment to take them away, as they learn to pick for themselves sooner. To leave them, say, another week, and then take them away, they will cry out before they will learn to pick or feed themselves.

Never give green food of any kind to youngsters after they leave the nest. If any youngsters seem mopish, give them a milk sop with a little treacle in it, and let it stop on till they eat it up. If it goes stale it will do them no harm.

THE FEEDING AND REARING OF YOUNG CANARIES.

By C. E. Brown.

Lecture before the Bristol C.B.S. on Mar. 1.

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How to Treat Inflammation.

If I get a bird with inflammation I immediately stop all soft food until the inflammation has abated. I give the bird one drop of the best castor oil. I give this with a medicine dropper, and then I am sure the bird only gets one drop. I then take the bird by the tail and flights, and, blowing up the feathers on the stomach, I just draw a feather that has been moistened with turpentine over the inflamed part. I fancy I hear some one say: "You do it; I certainly shall not." Well, gentlemen, everybody to his own fancy, as the old woman said when she kissed her cow. Of course, there is such a thing as doing a thing and overdoing it. But until I can find a better remedy I shall continue to do as I have stated.

Until the birds are well, I feed on plain Canary seed, and very little of that, and bread scalded in milk with a pinch of maw seed over it. I also give in the bird's drinking water a few drops of tincture of gentian. In fact I give my young birds a few drops of tincture of gentian twice a week in their drinking water from the age of five weeks right through the moult; I certainly think it acts as a great check to a lot of sickness among young birds.

I never give my young birds any green food after they leave the parents until they are well into the moult, and then only a very little—one small dandelion leaf per bird a day, as I find you must guard against diarrhœa. A capital thing to give old or young birds once now and then is a raw onion. I often cut up one for my birds, and have no trouble to get them to eat it. But every particle that is left in the evening should be removed. I also give them a small piece of mutton suet or fat bacon in the wires of their cages every week.

Diarrhœa Prescribed for.

I seldom get a young bird with this complaint; but if I do I immediately give lime water made weak, and twice or three times a week the following mixture: Tincture of rhubarb, essence of peppermint, and laudanum. My local chemist makes this up for me, and I give the birds in their water three or four drops well mixing it with the water.

I also give them milk sop, made as follows: I take a slice of stale bread and break it up into a jug or saucepan, and also a teaspoonful of skim milk. But if you do this, be sure the milk is skim (not new). Pour the milk into the jug and place it in a saucepan of boiling water over the fire. Or, if more convenient, put the bread and milk into a small saucepan and place over a steady fire until it is scalded. Do not let it boil (if you have a thermometer you cannot make a mistake, as, of course, 150 deg. is scalding heat). When it is cool strain off all the milk you can, add a little more seed and a little coarse oatmeal, and just enough castor sugar to sweeten it before giving it to the birds.

When the youngsters are going on nicely, I remove them into a large flight cage for a week or two, taking great care to hang some pieces of rough string or twine (hay or straw ties are a capital thing) along the wires of the cage for the birds to pull at. This oftentimes prevents them from plucking each other, for should they get their flight, or tail feathers, pulled out, they are done for, so far as showing in the unflighted classes is concerned, should there be a show specimen among them. And not only that, but the new feathers come much longer and so spoil the bird altogether for showing during that season.

Concluding Remarks.

Last year, as some of you are aware, I fitted up a separate room, which is about 14 feet square, for my youngsters, and after my birds had been in the flight cages a week or two, I transferred them to this room. I must admit they got rather wild, but at the same time the improvement in wing carriage was wonderful, and they were the healthiest lot of birds I ever had. As regards the wildness, I soon got over that difficulty with the specimens intended for show. Having plenty of show cages I placed the best birds in them two or three days a week, giving them a little niger as a treat, and they soon got as used to them as the rest.

When the young are between two and three weeks old, I hang on the bath for the old birds. When the young are five weeks old I give them a bath, into which I stir a couple drops of disinfectant fluid, which I find braces them up wonderfully.

During the breeding season I wash my room out twice a week and well cleanse with disinfectant fluid. Another very important item is the soft food pans, which should be well washed out every day and dried with a clean cloth before re-filling. I use the white earthenware food pans, which I find much better to clean than any other I have used. In conclusion, I wish to thank you all for your kind attention, and if any fancier present has heard anything to his benefit, I am amply repaid for my trouble.

Books every Bird Keeper and Breeder must have.

Canary Breeding for Beginners - - Post free, 7d.

By Claude St. John.

A practical, up-to-date guide to the cult of Canary breeding, designed specially for the use of the beginner in the hobby. It contains many helpful illustrations, and deals very fully, and in an easily-understandable manner, with the choice, sexing and mating of the birds, feeding for condition, the cages and their fittings, the bird-room, egg-food, nest-building, rearing and moulting the young, colour-feeding, training for show, and all the details and difficulties likely to confront the breeder.

House's Canary Manual - - - - Post free, 1/2

This is a thorough and practical guide to the general management and breeding of Canaries, written by a well-known expert and judge. It contains chapters dealing fully with the breeding, etc., of every member of the Canary family, and an illustration of each bird, by the master Canary artist, Mr. H. Norman, reproduced in the finest art style. There are also exhaustive chapters on aviaries and cages, breeding procedure, moulting, exhibiting, diseases, and seeds—a compendium of knowledge approached by no other book of its kind at the price.

Cage Birds 1908 Annual - - - - post free, 7d.

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My Methods of keeping Foreign Birds.

By DR. T. J. LEONHARDT, Ph.D.

The Advantages of a Large Aviary.

There are two topics with which I shall deal: firstly, where and how I keep my Foreign Birds, and secondly, some of the kinds I keep. I believe much in giving these lovely pets at least a part of their freedom back again, and therefore I let them fly loose in my conservatory. I have kept some in cages, but after having seen how they thrive and enjoy themselves in their "bigger cage," nobody could persuade me to cage them again.

One of my experiences is, therefore, that Foreign Birds develop themselves quite differently in a large aviary to what they do in a cage, even at its best. The perfect plumage (to which I shall refer later on) of some birds, into which they moult, cannot be got in a cage, Neither do *some* species ever attempt to sing in cages, as they do (and that to perfection) in a large aviary.

I should advise every lover of Foreign Birds to try and find a sheltered place and to build an outdoor aviary. Plans for such small buildings have been given over and over again in CAGE BIRDS, and their structure has been criticised and corrected by Mr. Page in answers to queries. The latest full description has been given in one of the recent numbers of CAGE BIRDS by Mr. Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

I will try to give an idea where I keep my Foreign Birds; it may, perhaps, be of use to some of my colleagues. My conservatory is 15ft. long, 10ft. wide, and 16ft. high, sloping to 9ft. on to the front. It is built against the southside of the house. Entering it from the French window of the drawing-room, you see that the front and right hand side walls have the under parts of wood and the upper parts of glass. The left hand side is a brick wall, and the roof is of painted glass. The glass door which leads out of the conservatory into a garden has a second door of wire netting, so that the inner glass door may at any time be opened without the birds being able to get out. As a matter of fact, the glass door is opened in the morning and shut after sunset. For cold winter days and hot summer nights I have a special ventilation above the glass door, as for various reasons I have to shut the latter.

There is a large old vine sending its branches all over the roof and giving the birds the natural perches of different sizes and cosy little places for nesting. In addition to these I have made about thirty snug little nesting boxes. I have also made two hanging perches which lead down to their tray.

About 6ft. from the floor I put two brackets in the wall on which rests a tray one and a half yards long and one foot wide. This tray can easily be removed for cleaning. I do it once a week; first I cover it with red sand, then I put some best bird grit on it in the shape of a T. To the right and left I put some white shells, and over the red sand I scatter egg shells. At one end of the tray I put shavings of cuttlefish, which I cut very thin with a knife, in a little glass trough. I have never heard of its being done before, but I can assure readers of CAGE BIRDS that the birds like it very much; indeed, some are so greedy for it that they are waiting impatiently till I am finished cutting it, and as soon as they hear the noise they come flying along. I have tamed Zebrafinches and Waxbills entirely with cuttlefish shavings. Of course I renew the latter every two days, and on the tray I add every day a bit of fresh grit and white shell.

The Supply of Food.

I have detailed the arrangement on the tray at this length because I find that it is a good thing to get birds accustomed not only to know where to look for their food, but where to look also for their grit. The food is given in a glass dish 1ft. long 3ins. wide, and 3ins. deep. It consists of white millet, Indian millet, Canary seed, and rice in husks (paddy rice). I do not mix the food, but arrange it separately in the glass dish.

Do not give them too much food or they will waste it; it will take you some time to find the amount. But when you have once found out how much will do, in the mornings they will be waiting for you and will get to appreciate you. Mind I am not advising by any means to stint them, only they must get to know that it is you who give them fresh food. Needless to say, in such a case one must be very punctual. I can safely say that I am never five minutes late.

In another glass dish I mix insectivorous food with crumbled biscuits, and procure as many live insects as I possibly can. Often I give them some egg food (hard boiled egg, crumbled biscuit, and sugar) on a shell, which they eat with delight. I give them green food every day, and doubtless the seed of grass in flower is their favourite food; the little Waxbills which I have perfectly tamed devour it while sitting on my hand.

The Supply of Water.

I give them water in a long, narrow glass trough to prevent them bathing in it. Their bathing is done in three wide glass dishes which stand on another shelf covered with American leather to prevent the wood from rotting. They indulge in the sport of bathing very often twice a day, and to see them sometimes four or five together in one bath, splashing away with about half a dozen others standing on the edge impatiently waiting to go in, or enjoying the shower bath, is a grand sight. Then to watch them drying and pluming themselves, looking so important and busy as if everything depended on how they stroked their little feathers, is most interesting; very often they gallantly help each other.

And here I cannot dwell sufficiently long or point out too strongly: never be too lazy to give the birds fresh water. In my opinion the supply of fresh water is much more important than one would imagine. They want fresh water at least twice a day. I renew the water regularly at 9 o'clock a.m., at 1 p.m., at 5 p.m. to let them have a fresh drink before they go to bed, and then last thing at night I change the water again, so that they may have nice water in the morning. They get up, not as early as the wild birds, but shortly after 5 a.m.

Some of my colleagues may smile at my "water theory," but I can assure them I know the value of it. I know myself that they will not do with much less care than I give them; but, on the other hand, I have them in perfect plumage and health, and I certainly attribute it to a large extent to the fresh water. Shall I point out that the water vessels have to be kept very clean? They must always smell sweet. I brush them weekly and rinse them every day. It is marvellous how one can train birds to observe regularity. My birds, for instance, know quite well when it is time for them to get fresh water. I am sure they wait for quenching their thirst, for as soon as they see the sparkling of the water they come along to get just one or two drinks.

The floor of the conservatory is well arranged. From the drawing-room to the outdoor is a piece of concrete covered with light linoleum (for obvious reasons) which is washed once a week. But the two sides are plain, dark soil, highly appreciated by the whole lot of birds. On this soil I scatter ants' eggs and dried flies. Once a week I turn the soil over, and then one can see a picture: they don't seem to care for seed or anything else, but down they come and pick it over as quickly as I turn it. Now and then I change the soil; I carry it out in the garden and provide a new supply, and then they have a great day trying to get every bit of good out of it; the Cordon Bleus and the Pintail Nonpariels especially spend any amount of time on the soil.

The Story of "Mannie."

Now for the kind of Foreign Birds I am keeping. I will say at the beginning that I have not yet gone in for very expensive birds. I wanted first to get, keep, and see how those birds which can be bought at very reasonable prices would thrive.

I begin with the well-known Zebrafinches, those plucky, inquisitive, and confiding little birds. The little Cockbird especially is most attractively clad in a grey coat, a snow white waistcoat lined with a chestnut border which is strown with white dots; when he opens his little bright red beak he utters a pretty song.

I bought "Mannie" quite accidentally. Two years ago I passed a bird shop, and such shops always having had for me a great attraction, I entered it, just to see what was in it. There I noticed in a fairly large cage about twenty foreign birds, and by looking closer I found that they were chasing in turn what seemed to me then a little ball of flesh. It was a poor Zebra Finch, the only one of its species in the cage. Drawing the attention of the dealer to the bird, I said: what a pity it was; he ought to kill it, as it had not ten feathers on its body. The man then told me that all its feathers had been plucked out by the others, but that it was a healthy bird. "Of course," I said, "otherwise it would have been dead long ago." As the old man did not seem to be inclined to kill it, I said, "Well, I'll buy it and let it die in peace. How much do you want for it?" "All right, sir, I'll let you have it for sixpence. I feel sorry for it myself." So I gave him the money and went home with my bird. I thought I had better leave it in that travelling box, and after having given it water and seed I put it on the window ledge, the wires against the glass, through which a beautiful sun was shining.

The following days I could put my hand in the cage to renew seed and water. The little bird never moved, but I could see that it had taken some food. Only the fourth day I put in some grit, as it had not had any in its old deathtrap.

By the way, novices especially ought to be careful in giving grit to newly bought birds; as a rule they have not had any for a long time, and they swallow it too greedily and often die. I only begin the second or third day to give them very fine sifted grit, and by and by get them on the ordinary grit.

(To be continued.)

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

The Spring Migration.

When considering the question of migration, it is fairly easy to find a satisfactory answer to the question — "Why do birds migrate?" particularly is this so when we are dealing with the autumn flitting of our Warblers and other summer birds. Our winter is cold and sunless, and insect food is not to be found in sufficient abundance to feed the thousands of tiny songsters and their young; so no doubt the want of food, or rather the search for food, is the chief factor in the autumn migration. It is not so clear why birds should fly from south to north in the spring months —why they should leave the sunny haunts of the south, where insect life is plentiful—to journey to a country where the cold east wind generally predominates until the month of June is well advanced. Of course one must not overlook the fact that these creatures are natives of this land, and that, in returning to us, they are in a sense, coming home. We have continued proof of the affection birds have for particular haunts; in fact, this love of one's native land and locality appears to be inbred in every living creature, to which man is not by any means an exception. Another reason may be that the hot, dry atmosphere of the south may not be altogether suitable to the rearing of fairly hardy species, and that if breeding was carried on in the tropics, these migrants as a race would soon degenerate. Tropical birds as a rule are less given to migration than our own resident birds. In the spring and autumn migration birds follow particular routes which for generations their forebears have followed before them. To trace out some of these roads is most interesting, and it is singular to note that the number of birds visiting us in the spring is far in excess of the numbers staying here to breed.

Hardy Gulls.

A photograph of the nest of the Herring Gull has been taken in the far North. The nest was actually scooped out of the snow some four inches deep, and contained eggs.

The Bloodthirsty Tit.

A trap baited for Sparrows unfortunately caught a little blue Tit. Immediately its companion (probably its mate for the breeding season) flew to the trap, and at once proceeded to peck a hole in the skull of its unfortunate friend, making a dainty meal of its brains.

The Ancients and Migration.

Aristotle, Pliny, and other ancient writers accounted for the disappearance of birds at stated seasons, by declaring that they retired to holes in the trees and rocks, and that some species actually hibernated at the bottom of the sea. Even so recently as the time of Gilbert White, the idea that Swallows and Martins retired for the winter, was believed in by many.

The Coming Cuckoo.

We are all longing to hear the voice of the Cuckoo, the most pleasing of feathered songsters, the "harbinger of Spring." And it can only be a short time now before we hear it. As the old rhyme says, "The Cuckoo comes in April etc;" but his stay is brief, and does not probably last more than about twelve weeks, which fact has been advanced by many as a reason for his parasitic habits. But there is no reason whatever why he should not stay longer. If the offspring can find sufficient and suitable food until the month of September, the old birds could easily remain long enough to rear their own young.

On Wild Fowling.

We understand an association has been formed to encourage Wild Fowling, or so we take it, although the objects of the society appear to be a little vague. Wild Fowling is just one of those sports in which one indulges alone, or with a single companion. It requires no encouraging, for nearly every possessor of a rusty old gun living along the shore or within touch of the marshes, is a born Wild Fowler, and it is these that shoot at sight any strange or beautiful bird daring to visit our shores. I must confess that Wild Fowl shooting has a charm of its own. One may go all day and get only a single specimen, and yet trudge home happy and contented. The fresh breeze from the saltings, the wash of the sea on the beach, and the ripple of the water round the old boat, together with the freedom of the venture, give a healthy pleasure to those fond of the open air. Even the sight of the birds one is unable to approach form pictures, which we treasure in the memory for years. This form of sport needs no protection or encouragement; it is the rare species of birds which generally drop to the inviting stretches of marshland and reed beds that require all the protection we can give.

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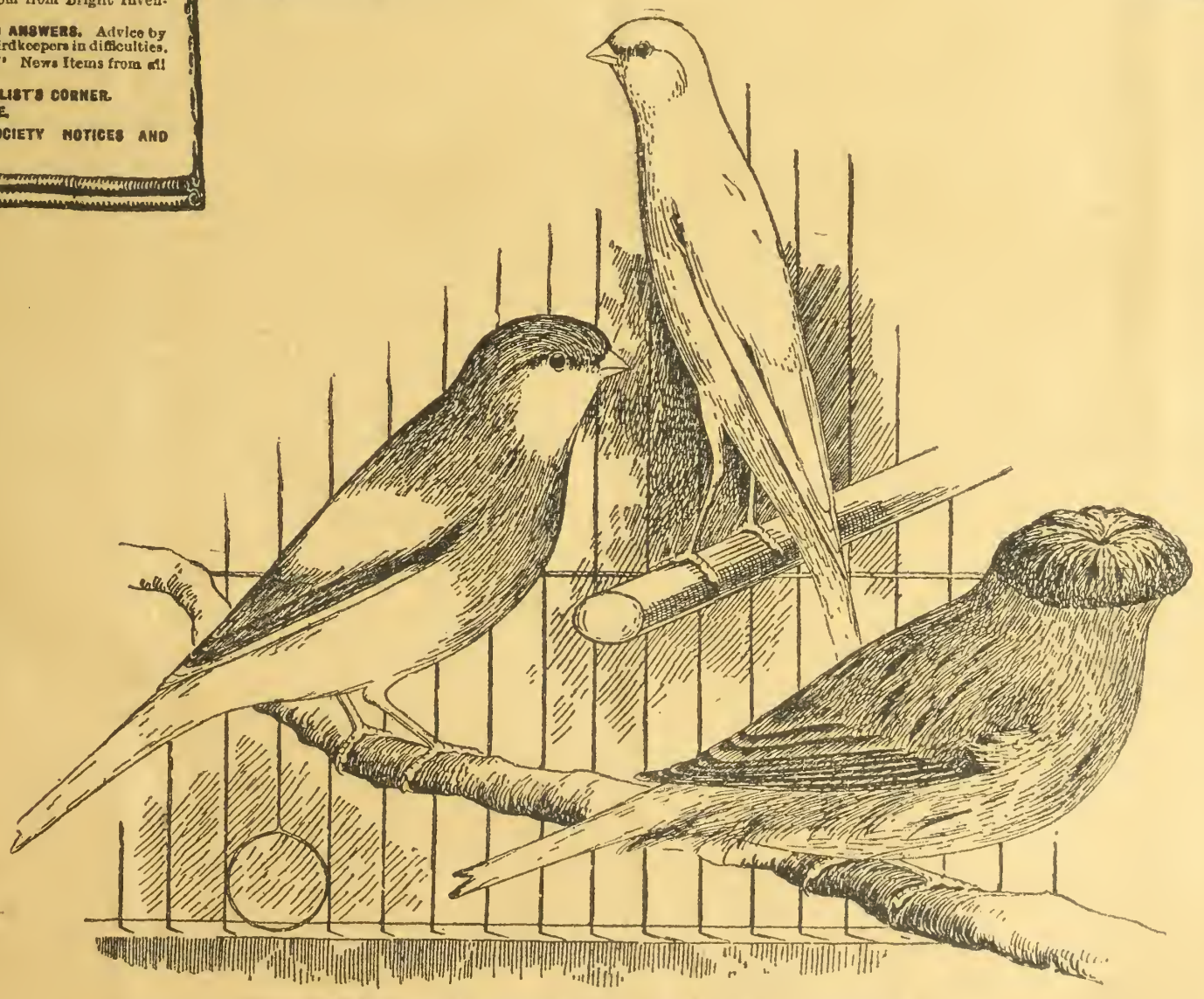

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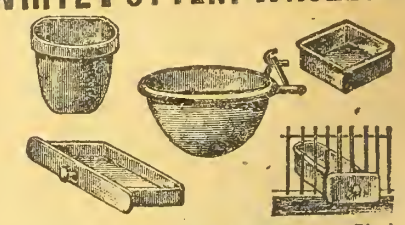

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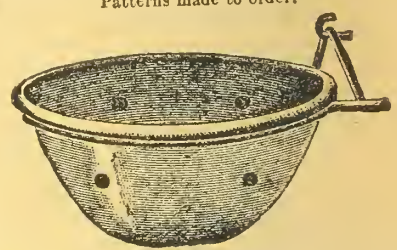

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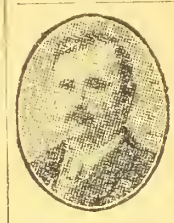

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Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

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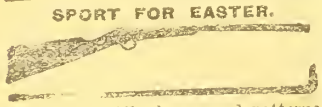

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CLUB REPORTS.

KILSYTH F.A.

President Hardie occupied the chair at the monthly meeting on April 4. Consideration was given to the cage bird classification, when it was agreed to restrict some of the Canary classes, which for two years have filled badly, and to extend the British bird classification. Several judges were suggested, and the Secretary was instructed to ascertain terms.—A. D. DUNCAN, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.A.

At the last meeting, before a good muster of members, Mr. F. Easterling read a paper on "Is it Bird Fever?" His paper was much appreciated, and contained some very useful hints, which should prove very beneficial to all who were present. It was keenly followed by a string of questions that drew forth some useful information. A henrty vote of thanks to Mr. Easterling for his very instructive paper, and a suitable reply closed the meeting.—J. C. BIRCH.

HAMILTON (CADZOW OAKS) O.S.

The annual general meeting was held in the Royal Hotel, Hamilton, on April 4, the Vice-President in the chair. The balance-sheet was gone over, and showed a satisfactory surplus. The office benrers elected were: President, Mr. W. Haddow; Vice-President Mr. D. Johnston; treasurer, Sergt. E. J. Smith; secretary, Staff-Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. A. Cant, A.P.C., 59, Bayestreet, Hamilton; auditors, Messrs. R. Gadsden and W. Brownlie. The date of our next annual show was fixed for November 28 to avoid clashing with other local fixtures. During the meeting a discussion took place on two specials promised by a certain donor, but which had not been forthcoming. No reply having been received from the donor to several communications sent him on the subject, the meeting agreed to pay these specials. A communication on the subject has been addressed to Mr. Bennet (Kelso), one of the winners. The other winner, who was present at the meeting, declined to accept his special from the society, and withdrew his claim. This being all the business, the meeting was closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.—A. CANT, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIST. C.B.S.

On April 11, at the Bull's Head Hotel, Mr. R. Halliday gave a lecture on "The Pairing and Rearing of Yorkshire Canaries." He was accompanied by his old friend and Fancier, Mr. Whatmough. There was an excellent meeting, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Halliday's interesting and instructive lecture. He answered many questions, and his able paper doubtless proved of great assistance to many of the young Fanciers. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Halliday, to which he suitably replied. Three new members joined the Society, and this brought to a close a pleasant evening. Fanciers round this district are invited to join us.—A. E. MORTON, Hon. Sec.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

The members held an enjoyable smoking concert on April 1st., at the Forester, Burleigh-street. Mr. A. E. Brooks presided, and there was a good turn out of members and friends. During an interval Mr. F. Doggett exhibited a number of excellent photographs of Carl Hagenbeck's famous menagerie at Stellingen, Hamburg, the largest in the world, and they proved highly interesting to the company present. The musical programme was sustained by:—Messrs. A. Butler, Dean, Catling, H. Cousins, T. S. Moore, J. Clark, R. Witt, G. F. Pryor, H. W. Wilkin, B. Worboys, J. Bilton, W. Baker, and Mr. A. Whale made an efficient pianist.—T. S. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD CITY O.S.

A good number of members turned up at the Flying Dutchman to hear Mr. C. Whiting deliver a lecture on the "Breeding and Moulting of the Yorkshire Canary." He spoke, he said, as a breeder of 25 years' standing. Dealing first in getting stock birds, and how careful one should be in doing so, the lecturer said it meant nearly everything to a breeder. He preferred a cock 7 in. long, and a hen 6½ in., as he found these gave the best results. He also believed in gaining the confidence of birds, playing and talking to them. He then described the method of feeding during incubation, and the feeding of the young. On moulting and colour-feeding, he said that this was the most critical time in a bird's life. He advised fanciers to buy the best of everything, and try and get that rich colour that fanciers loved to see. He also gave a few hints on washing, and told us his method of doing it. This brought the lecture to a close. Many questions were asked, and were answered to the satisfaction of all. Many of the members gave freely of their knowledge for and against inbreeding. A vote of thanks to the lecturer brought a most instructive and enjoyable evening to a close. —A. G.

NATIONAL BRITISH B. AND M.C.

A committee meeting was held at headquarters, 25, High Holborn, on March 16. Present, Mr. Fulljames (in the chair), Messrs. Lott, Vale, Weston, Galloway, Best, Dobson, Maxwell, Trower, Cooper, Silver, Cook, Wyse, Hathaway, Robson, Plumbridge, and Carr. Letters were read from Mrs. Soames, Miss Hopwood, Messrs. Nicholls, Arrighi, Cunningham, Robinson, P. Walsh, Crabb, Goodall, Galloway, Frostick, Collins, etc. Proposed by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Vale, that Messrs. Cooper and Allen Silver be asked to check the voting papers sent in on the bird list. Only three birds were added, viz., Crested Tit, Golden Oriole, and Hoopoe, the remainder had a majority against (see list already published). The question of the club show-cage was next brought up for discussion. A good number of cages were sent from Messrs. Dewer, Galloway, Cullen, Walsh, Watson, Sandiford, Newley, and Hathaway, but none met with the approval of the committee, many being the ordinary box-shape, and several had too much bow front. After an hour and a half's discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Trower, seconded by Mr. Silver, that a sub-committee of five be formed, viz., Messrs. Robson, Vale, Weston, Fulljames, and Loft, to draw up a cage they considered most suitable, and report to the committee. The following new members were elected:—Messrs. A. Coffey, 69, Victoria-street, Liverpool; C. Cutting, 47, Bedford-road, Clapham; H. B. Withers, 249, High-street, Watford; and R. A. Newley, 24, Stockwell Green, S.W. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Lecture by Mr. F. W. Nelson.

There was a good attendance of members at the Boar's Head Hotel, Stockport, to hear the recent lecture. Very little time was lost in the introduc- Norwich Pairs Matched for Breeding." Mr. T. E. Dickenson presided, and after the usual business was done, he called upon Mr. Nelson to give his lecture. Very little time was lost in the introduction. Mr. Nelson brought four pairs of birds to give the members a better grasp of what he hoped would prove a useful discussion. The lecturer commenced by taking the Norwich first, and with pair No. 1 (which he described as a good-sized Buff cock, rare head and neck, nice quality, sound colour, rather long-sided, paired to a Yellow hen, short and typical, good head and neck, fine feather, clean cut, good colour, and a very good hen), he described that this pair should breed something very good. He also impressed upon the members not to lose sight of colour, and for that purpose he had brought pair No. 2—a Yellow cock heavily marked, rather long sided, but a good stock bird, paired to a nice Buff hen, good quality, sound in colour, short on leg, and very typical. As colour is one of the chief points in Norwich, the lecturer laid great stress upon it, as without colour Norwich were at a disadvantage on the show bench. Having done justice to the Norwich Fanciers, he took up pair No. 3, Yorkshires, viz., a Buff cock stock bird, over length, good long flight, well up on leg, inclined to frill, and rather snaky in head, paired to a Yellow hen, typical; in fact, the lecturer described her as a show bird, except in length; she was a bit short, but had rare quality, good legs, clean cut away, nice head, and was an upstanding bird, with feather like boxwood. Mr. Nelson dwelt at length upon this pair, urging the Yorkshire Fanciers in particular to note the good and the bad points, and they would see that where one failed it was counterbalanced in the other. Next was pair No. 4—a clear buff, a pink-eyed cock, rather short in length and leg, and also a bit stout-looking, paired to a Cinnamon Yellow hen, bred double Yellow of extra good length and leg, but rather flat in cheek; she had a very good back and tail. This hen Mr. Nelson expects to breed something good, as she has a good pedigree, and he advised the members to look well to the pedigree of their birds. Having finished his description of the birds, he set himself to answer questions.—Mr. Hill: What is the lecturer's opinion of double Yellow and double Buff?—He would double Buff to shorten feather, but it would cause the feather to come thicker. Double yellow would cause the feather to come thin and scanty, but with a Yorkshire he would keep the best bird bred off double yellow to use for second cross purposes.—Mr. Dickenson: What would you expect from a pair of heavily-marked Norwich?—He would get very good colour, and possibly greens.—Mr. Hill: How would you get rid of flat-headed birds?—Try to breed it out by pairing to birds that are extra good in roundness of head.—Mr. Oldham said he appreciated the lecture very much, especially the recommendation of the lecturer in regard to knowing the pedigree of the birds.—Mr. Massey also approved of the general remarks of the lecturer. He was very pleased with pair No. 1, though as regarded No. 2 pair, he thought they might come out too heavy in markings. He endorsed Mr. Nelson's remark in respect to double yellow and double Buff. —After a few useful hints were given by Mr. Nelson, Mr. W. Stafford proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer.—Mr. Oldham seconded.—Mr. Hill supported.—Mr. Davies also made a few noble remarks. —Mr. Nelson responded, and thanked the members for their kind attention, and hoped there would be as good a muster to hear Mr. Oldham at the next meeting.—W. STAFFORD, secretary.

LEWISHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A well-attended meeting was held on April 7th at headquarters to hear Mr. Hazell's lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. Prize money and specials for late Pair Stock Show were handed to the respective winners. Schedule for British and Foreign Bird Table show was duly drawn up. Two new members were elected—Messrs. Fisher (New Bridge-street, E.C.) and H. Pallett (W. Dulwich). The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, Mr. Hazell, for his most interesting lecture, and for his able replies to the questions with which he was bombarded at the close of same Mr. Hazell suitably replied.—H. THOS. LUCAS, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting was held at 6, The Broadway, on April 6th. Mr. F. Piper presided, and there was a good attendance. Secretary reported proposal to hold annual show on November 17th and 18th, provided they could get Queen's Hall. Young Bird show will be held on July 6th, Mr. J. Robson to judge. Three new members were nominated. A discussion took place on proposed Federation rules, and several deletions and amendments were suggested to the delegates (Mr. J. Carson and the secretary). Impromptu questions occupied the remainder of the time, and a very interesting meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to Mr. Piper for presiding.—H. SMALL, Hon. Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

About 20 members attended the monthly general meeting held on April 7th, at headquarters, the New Inn, Station-street, Mr. R. Coltman in the chair. The secretary read a letter received from Mr. W. A. Cook acknowledging a present of a pipe and case, also a tobacco pouch, presented by his colleagues, the committee, on his leaving England a week ago. Mr. T. Kirkland then gave a very interesting exhibition of washing Canaries. The two subjects for the bath, judging from their soiled plumage, had evidently been waiting for some time for this exhibition. In six minutes for each bird their appearances were very much altered, and towards the close of the meeting both birds were on the perch looking the picture of health and cleanliness. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Kirkland for his instructive exhibition. Then we had an excellent paper on rearing and feeding the Hawfinch by Mr. S. Hakes, a well-known exhibitor of this beautiful Finch. The paper proved of very great interest, and Mr. Hakes was warmly thanked for the trouble and pains he had taken to lay bare so many useful hints. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—S. A. DICKEN, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.A.

The adjourned extraordinary general meeting was held on April 6, at headquarters. The President, in opening the meeting, asked the members to follow up the good work already done, and sanction the recommendations of the committee for the smooth and proper working of the association's affairs. The secretary read two letters he had received from the hon. solicitor to the association, relative to the provision of alterations and additions of rules, and consequent upon this a new rule was added limiting the power to do so at the annual or a specially convened meeting. The recommendations of the committee were adopted *nem. con.*, and the regulation of the time of ordinary monthly meetings was embodied in Rule 2, the time agreed upon being 8.30, and to terminate at 10.30. The question of headquarters was carefully gone into, and it was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation to return to the old headquarters at the "Goat and Compass," Euston-road. The President congratulated the members on the splendid manner in which they had received the suggestions for the re-organisation of the association, and said he felt sure the London and Counties would be able to make good headway in future. The work was now complete, and it rested with the members to make it a success. A vote of thanks to the chair closed the meeting.—J. C. A.

SCOTTISH NORWICH PLAINHEAD C.C.

Committee meeting held in Neilson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, on April 11, Mr. Winter, President, presiding, others present being Messrs. Aitchison, Chalmers, Ferguson, McLay, McFarlane, Sloan, Searle, Watson, Young, and the newly-elected secretary, who received a cordial reception. The first business dealt with was the International contest between the English and Scottish Plainhead Clubs, all present sincerely regretting that no contest had taken place during the past two years, and trusting that the clubs would once more meet in friendly rivalry during next show season. With this end in view, the secretary was instructed to get in touch with the English Club secretary as to the most suitable date, and report at next meeting. The question of a Club Show was then tackled, and it was unanimously agreed to hold the same in conjunction with some open show other than the contest show. At this point, Mr. Ferguson moved, and Mr. Aitchison seconded, that birds in unflighted classes competing for club trophies during the next show season be bred by the exhibitor, and this was agreed to. Societies desiring the contest or club show to be held in conjunction with their exhibitions, and those desiring the patronage of the Club, are requested to make early application, in order that their claims may be considered at next committee meeting. Members please note that birds must be exhibited in club show cages, which are identical with the English Club cage. Mr. James F. Dewar, 2, St. Patrick Square, Edinburgh, is the appointed cage-maker, but members are at liberty to get their cages from any other maker, or make their own, the only stipulation being that they must be strictly club pattern. The following gentlemen were admitted to membership:—Messrs. T. and H. Nisbet (Musselburgh), W. Simpson (Airdrie), J. McNaughton (Dunipace), A. Miller (Glasgow), H. Moreland (Falkirk), W. Shearer (Hamilton), J. Allan Hill (Blath). The secretary will be pleased to hear from any Fanciers desiring to join the Club, and equally pleased to hear from all old members. Annual subscription, 2s. 6d.—J. BROWN, Secretary, 97, Petershill-road, Glasgow.

STONEHOUSE (N.B.) C.B.S.

A meeting was held on April 4, Mr. John Whitelaw presiding, over a large number of members. Mr. George McAlpine was elected vice-president, and it was also decided to hold our first open show on December 19, providing this date is not taken up by any other society. If we have taken up any other society's date, the Secretary of such society should communicate with us at once, to avoid clashing. This was all the business. The next meeting will be held in the Public Hall on April 19.—JOHN GOVAN, Sec., 7, Union-street, Stonehouse, N.B.

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DULWICH O.S.

Committee meeting held April 2nd, when dates of shows were confirmed as follows:—Annual, October 27th and 28th, Messrs. G. Gardner, W. Mundell, W. Vale, judges; Young Bird Show, June 18th, judges Messrs. Gardner and Robson; British and Foreign, September 1st, judge W. Vale. Country ramble, first outing, third Sunday in May, with Messrs. Gain, Lovesy, Pocock, Rogers, and Mazzoni as sub-committee to carry out arrangements. The society's challenge cup was selected, and weighs 49 ozs., and is solid silver, of a beautiful design, value £15 15s. Mr. Roger's cup, value £2 2s., for Young Bird Show, was greatly admired, being very pretty; also his gold medal for most points in novice classes. Mr. Wilmot's cup is also a beautiful specimen. Messrs. T. Boydon, T. Silverthorn, Hyams and Pardon were elected members; total on books, 70. Votes of thanks were accorded Mr. Goodwin for presenting society with complete set of hooks, and Mr. Pocock for a ledger account book. Arrangements were made for lecture by Mr. Morris on Norwich Plainheads at next meeting.—ROGERS and MAZZONI.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting held at Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle, April 1. It was decided to hold three table shows for young birds during the coming summer. The following are the dates and judges:—May 27, Mr. J. Shepherd; June 17, Mr. T. C. Crawhall; and July 8, Mr. J. Slack. The Secretary promised a special for most points over these shows, and will not himself compete for it. It was also decided to hold a nest feather show on July 25; five classes, as last year. It was decided to give three medals at each show, as last year, one each respectively for old bird, young bird, and novice. Societies requiring our patronage must give at least five open classes for Yorkshires. In order to encourage the novices, it was decided to ask the committees of shows having our patronage to provide at least one class for novices. Mr. Ellwood will guarantee the class at one show, Mr. Crawhall at another, and the N.Y.C.C. at two more, prize money to be according to the schedules. The novice medal is to be awarded to birds shown in novice classes. At least three members must compete for medals or they will be withheld. The exhibitors at table shows must be paid up, or they will not be allowed to compete. Messrs. Butler and Campbell, of Jarrow, and Mr. Crawhall are giving two cash specials for most points, and second most points in novice classes. Thus it is hoped to help the novice in this variety, and give him a chance of winning some of his entry fees back again. The following gentlemen were admitted members:—Messrs. G. Tweedie (Maryport), E. Woodhead (Hartlepool), and White (Newcastle). Intending members should apply at once to—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec., 121, St. George's terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GATESHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At the last meeting the following gentlemen were proposed and accepted as members:—Messrs. J. Gilhespy, S. Robson, J. Jonasson, J. Campbell, W. J. Smith, E. Carr, W. Richardson (all of Gateshead), Messrs. T. Pearce (Newburn), M. Waugh (Newcastle), G. Dobinson (Seaton Delavel), J. Dutton (Hebburn), J. Lennox (Pelaw). These all received a hearty welcome into the ranks of the "Palace of the North." A letter was read from Mr. Vardy, and after discussion Mr. J. Trengove was finally selected as one of our judges for show on December 11th and 12th. It was agreed to hold the first feather show on June 20th in a large room adjoining the Old Five Hand, and Mr. Lippenwell has very kindly offered 42s. towards expenses. It was also agreed to have 19 classes—two each Norwich, Yorks., Cinnamons and Borders, and one each Mule or Hybrid, Crest, crest-bred, A.O.V. Canary, novice, A.S. Linnet, Goldfinch or Bullfinch, A.O.S. Finch or Bunting, A.O.S. British bird, novice A.S. British bird, and Foreign—with an entrance fee of 6d. per cage. Mr. Boyle (York) was selected to judge F.F. Show. After discussion it was proposed to alter novice members' class to two separate classes—Crests and crest-breds. A letter was read from the secretary of the Northern Crest Club *re* a novice class for Crests or crest-breds. After some discussion Messrs. T. Almond and T. Taylor offered to guarantee one class each, and it was agreed to put on, open to all, one class for novice Crests and one for novice crest-breds (young birds). Members are requested to assist secretary by paying subs. by date of next meeting, April 29. Twenty new members have joined this year, which should be a happy augury for our 1908 exhibitions.—T. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

A special meeting was held at Ye Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on April 4, and was well attended. Mr. John Garner (Hazel Grove) took the chair. The ordinary business of the Society was first gone through, one pleasing feature being the proposing of new members, these being Messrs. A. C. Dandie, President Scottish National, and W. P. Barnes, the well-known Canary judge. The presentations were then proceeded with, and Mr. Jos. Hampshire (of Oldham) presented the Lancashire Challenge Cup to friend John Garner in a few well-chosen remarks to which Mr. Garner suitably replied.—Mr. Garner then presented the Lizard Challenge Cup to Mr. John Dewsnap (of Glossop), who jocularly mentioned his pleasure in winning the cup from Mr. John Rukin, who had previously held it. Mr. Oldham then received a beautiful gold medal for most points won by a novice. He remarked that with only one exception he had won it with birds bred by himself, and he gave Mr. Garner due notice that he meant having hold of the Lancashire Challenge Cup next time, if trying would do it. Mr. Garner then presented Mr. Hector Oliver, the late secretary of the Society, with a splendid gold medal and also a gold brooch for his "better half," as a memento of the appreciation of the members of the L. and L.F.A. Several members spoke very feelingly, and it was the general opinion that his place would be hard to fill. Mr. Oliver replied on behalf of himself and wife, and was evidently gratified at such exhibitions of good will. The rest of the evening was spent in a social and convivial manner. Will all Societies desiring our patronage kindly make early application, so that they can be considered at our next meeting. I shall be pleased to forward rules and particulars to anyone wishing to become a member of the L. and L.F.A. Next meeting to be announced in CAGE BIRDS in due course.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE CANARY ASSOCN.

Meeting held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Oldham. Mr. J. Nuden presiding over a good attendance. We discussed the medal business, and selected a firm to place the order with, but left the matter over for the secretary to write asking for a selection, and we hope to have some before our next meeting, which is to be held at Littleborough on the date of the first Feather Show held there. We also proposed two new members to our ranks, and hope to have more names for our next meeting. By joining our Society early Fanciers will have a grand chance of competing for the medals. We provide three separate medals for the novices.—WM. ADAMS, Sec.

SHETTLESTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

The adjourned meeting was held in Railway Mission Hall, Station-road, on April 4th. Mr. Andrew Berry presided. The office-bearers for year 1908-9 are as follows:—President, Mr. Andrew Berry; vice-president, Mr. George A. Henderson; committee, Messrs. William Aitken, John McKay, William Christie, and George Corbett; secretary and treasurer, William Devlyn, 12, Balgair-terrace, Shettleston. It was unanimously agreed that the district be left open for this year. Mr. Robinson, Scotstoun, was elected a member. The committee were instructed to meet and draw up a draft of rules to be submitted at next meeting. Fanciers desirous of joining this Society are cordially invited to communicate with the secretary.—WM. DEVLYN, Secretary.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

A meeting was held in "The Cafe," Fawcett-street, Sunderland, on March 31st. The inclement weather accounted for only a moderate attendance. Mr. Currah presided. Mr. Thomas Robson was re-elected C.B.U. representative. It was decided that societies desirous of having the patronage of this club should provide six classes for Crests and crest-breds, viz.:—Crested cock, crested hen, crest-bred cock, crest-bred hen, young crested class, and young crest-bred class; the points gained in the young bird classes only to count for point specials. As to whether N.C.C. clips should be attached to cages at the forthcoming shows, it was decided that in no case must N.C.C. clips be attached to cages excepting at the show that has received the club's patronage, viz., Gateshead. It is therefore hoped that members will take note of this so that no trouble will accrue at other shows. The Rev. Father Rickaby was elected vice-president, and Mr. Colin Miller, 13, Hope-terrace, Leith, was made a member. It is to be hoped secretaries will take note of the above-mentioned classification for future guidance. The society is greatly indebted to Mr. George Goulden (Longwathby), who has promised to provide a medal to be competed for in novice competition, probably at Gateshead. If any of our members have a medal or two to spare I would be very much obliged if they will send them to me so that I may arrange for them to be competed for by novice members.—JOHN G. HUTCHINSON, Hon. Sec.

SINGING CONTESTS.

DARLINGTON.

Open Linnet singing contest at Mr. H. Brownless's "George Hotel," Darlington, Saturday, April 25th. First prize, timepiece; second prize, silver medal. Entrance fee, 6d. each bird. First birds to be hung at 2 o'clock.—Judge, T. Cannon.—(ADVT.)

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, April 11th, when 20 birds sang. 1st, S. Hardcastle; 2nd, T. Johnson; 3rd, D. Clegg. Judges, Messrs. Crane and Towers. Also on April 12th, when 38 birds sang. 1st, C. Biss; 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd, T. Johnson; 4th shared between Hardcastle and T. Stead.—Judges, Messrs. Cooper and H. Hayes.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Contest held at the Don Inn, when fifteen birds competed, the first winner being Knight, 66; 2, Knight, 66; 3, Baker, 47. Judges, Messrs. Timms and Blackhadder.—TIMMS, Sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, April 11th, when thirty birds sang, with the following result:—1, J. Lee; 2, T. Buckle; 3, J. Firth; 4, G. Oxberry; 5, G. Horwell; 6, R. Grainger; 7, T. Lambert. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. J. Mason.—J. W. SMITH, Sec.

Usual weekly contest held at the Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, on April 11th. Result:—1, J. Limbert, junr.; 2, A. Chaplin; 3, Thos. Massheder; 4, Moley Warp; 5, J. Evans; 6, Shoddy Foster. Judge, Mr. Jno. Paver; timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert, senr.—WM. EMPSON.

WARRINGTON.

Usual fortnightly contest took place at Alexandra Inn on April 11th. A large number of entries were present. Results:—1, H. Stanway; 2, W. Leah; 3, T. Armitage; 4, W. Mather. Judges, Messrs. H. Richardson and S. Leigh. Timekeeper, Mr. T. Crawford. Next contest, open to all comers, 1s. per bird, time singing, will be held at the above place on April 25th, when we expect to see some of our Lowton friends, to arrange a match, seeing they have challenged to sing any club in Lancashire for suppers.—J. W. MATHER, Sec.—ADVT.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Lark F.A. held an open sing on April 11th at the Commercial Hotel, Nova Scotia. The following were winners:—1, G. Knowles, "Owd Cobbler," 9min. 56sec.; 2, J. Hunt, 9min. 45sec.; 3, J. Counsell, 8min. 35sec.; 4, S. Fletcher, 8min. 8sec.; 5, R. Airey, 7min. 52sec.; 6, Jackson (Burnley), 7min. 4sec.—Timers, Messrs. W. Sharrock and R. Sheffield.—JOHN SHEFFIELD, Sec.

The Blackburn Linnet S.A. held week-end contest April 11th at the club headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snigbrook. Winners: 1st, J. Dobson; 2nd, G. Rostron; 3rd, R. Topping.—R. HAYHURST, Sec.

SKININGROVE.

Week-end contest held on March 28th. 1st, Long; 2nd, Jackson; 3rd, Long. On April 4th: 1st and 2nd, Long; 3rd Dobson. On April 11th: 1st, Dobson; 2nd, Long, 3rd, Fox. Mr. J. C. Havelock, timekeeper; and judge, Mr. F. Deadon.—M. DOBSON, Sec.

ELSECAR.

A contest for the benefit of Mr. J. Vaines was held on April 4th, when 22 birds were entered. Members gave two silver medals and a breeding cage, and other gifts made a total of 18s. The winner did 4 min. 26 sec. out of five minutes. Prize winners:—1st, H. Watkin, 4 min. 26 sec.; 2nd, A. Marples, 4 min. 4 sec.; and 3rd, J. Fenton, 4 min. 2 sec. Usual week-end contest held on April 11th at Furnace Inn, Milton, when 16 birds entered, the winner doing 3 min. 50 sec. out of five minutes. Prize winners:—1st, S. Vaines, 3 min. 50 sec.; 2nd, A. Marples, 3 min. 42 sec.; and 3rd, W. Lofthouse, 3 min. 30 sec. Timekeeper, Mr. E. Charles. Marker, Mr. J. Denton.—E. CHARLES, Sec.

FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

Caterham F.C.

The annual dinner was held at the Railway Hotel, Caterham Valley, on March 23rd. There was a very large assembly of patrons and friends. The chair was taken by the President, W. G. Soper, Esq., J.P. The loyal toasts were duly honoured. W. J. Morcomb, Esq., proposed "The Fanciers' Club," in a felicitous speech, in which he claimed a six years' membership of the club, and said he had exhibited with some measure of success at the shows. He spoke in eulogistic terms of the officers, from the excellent president to the indefatigable hon. secretary (Mr. J. Kirby), all of whom did their best to make the club and its shows a success. The president and the hon. secretary replied. The latter said that the show of 1907 was a marked success. They had a balance on the right side of £9 12s. 9d. (Applause). This enabled them to discharge an overdraft at the bank of £4 12s. 3d. and another item of £4, and still leave a balance in hand of £1 10s. 6d. (Applause). This year they intended making a new departure, i.e., to hold two members' young stock shows, one in July for rabbits and cage birds; and one in August for poultry and pigeons. (Hear, hear). The other toasts were "The Visitors," proposed by Dr. Davey, and responded to by Sir W. Lee-Warner; and "The Chairman," proposed by A. H. Rolls, Esq., J.P. A splendid programme of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, etc., was supplied by Messrs. Tanner, Mathieson, Snow, Vincent, Goodall, Doyle, Crane, Victor Fletcher, L.R.A.M., Mason, Dr. Bligh, A. H. Rolls, etc. Mr. C. J. Tugwell, F.N.C. Mus., presided at the pianoforte.

City of Glasgow O.A. hold a Successful Smoker.

The members of the City of Glasgow Ornithological Association held a smoker on April 3rd in the Trocadero Restaurant. Mr. A. Jardine (President) occupied the chair, and ably performed his duties. He was supported by the following well-known fanciers:—Messrs. J. Renwick, T. Thomson, D. Black, S. Russell, A. M. Baird, Ferguson, McIlwain, Knox, G. Marlin, and A. Malcolmson. The "King" was toasted with enthusiasm. Master Kerr then gave a very fine reading (a young artiste of much promise), and some musical items followed by Messrs. Muir, Begg, Junr., Mowatt, D. H. Gordon, and an instrumental combination by Messrs. Milligan, White, and McNab, all of whose efforts were much appreciated. The function of the evening was the presentation of a gold medal, with suitable inscription, to their late president, Mr. John Young, along with a handsome umbrella for his good lady. The medal bore a suitable inscription. In making the presentation, the Chairman (Mr. Jardine) remarked that he had a very pleasant duty to perform. No doubt, he said, you are all aware that Mr. Young asked at a general meeting to be relieved of the office of president, as he considered that the honours ought to go round. It was at once thought that something should be done to show their appreciation of the way he conducted the affairs of the City of Glasgow Association during the time he was president. He was courteous in his manner, unfailing in his duties, and he earned the respect of all the members. He (Mr. Jardine) found as his successor in office he would have a lot to do to come up to Mr. Young's standard. We have had many presidents, he continued, but none more popular. Mr. Young is a crest—or should he say, a Norwich?—fancier, and he felt sure they could not have had a president who could have been less biased, every fancier and every bird being alike to him. His whole object was to make the City of Glasgow show a success. In the name of the subscribers he had pleasure in presenting Mr. Young this very handsome gold medal, or pendant, as a mark of esteem and appreciation, and trusted he would long be spared to wear it, and look back with pleasure to the time he was president of the City of Glasgow show. He had also much pleasure in asking his acceptance of an umbrella for his wife. Gentlemen, concluded Mr. Jardine, "I ask you to drink to the health of our esteemed friend, Mr. Young." This was done in right royal manner. Mr. Young, in reply, said that the chairman had spoken so many kind things about him, and their handsome gifts had been so unexpected by him, that he felt quite overcome and almost speechless with their kindness. He had done his best in the interests of the Fancy, and hoped that any unintentional shortcomings on his part would be received in a generous spirit. He would always remember their kindness, and in the future, as in the past, he would always take a lively interest in the welfare of the City of Glasgow show and its members. In thanking them for these handsome gifts, he could assure them that in the years to come he would treasure them as evidences of their kindness and goodwill towards himself and his wife, who would be afforded much gratification by such a handsome and useful gift. More musical talent then favoured the company, Messrs. Murray, Smith, Thomson, Conie Mitchell, Farquhar, Chalmers, McGil and Young (duet), and Edwin, from Birmingham. Mr. Alex. McDonald proposed the Kindred Societies, in a racy speech, and gave a hearty welcome to those friends who were present. Mr. A. W. Baird (Paisley) expressed the pleasure it gave him and others to be with them, and also for the kind manner of their reception. Mr. Marlin (Hamilton) proposed the City of Glasgow show, and his remarks showed the steady progress and present high position attained by the City O.A. The Chairman, in his reply to Mr. Marlin, mentioned that he was in favour of equal prize money all round, a remark which seemed to meet with general approval. He also said that he was pleased to see such a large turnout of members, and he would embrace this opportunity of stating that, as their President, nothing on his part (with their kind support) would be found lacking in furthering the interests of the City of Glasgow show, and the hobby which they all had so much at heart. There was a large turnout of fanciers, including Messrs. Jardine, Knox, Renwick, Black, Russell, Baird Senr., Baird Junr. (Paisley), Renfrew, Baird (Springburn), J. Philips, McDonald, T. Thomson, Semple, McIlwain, Kerr, Paterson, Cliff Bell, Jackson, Kinloch, Slater, J. Adams, G. Martin, M. Craig, Erskine, Shaw, J. Young, Muir, Millar, H. Henderson, T. Ferguson, Malcolmson, T. Thomson, Junr., McFarlane, Begg, etc. The musical talent was of a high order, and the society is to be congratulated on the arrangements made for the comfort of a record attendance.

THE SHOWS.

WEST BROMWICH & DIST. C.B.S.

At the last members' table show of British birds and Mules there was a fairly good entry, and some very nice birds. GOLDFINCH AND BULLFINCH: 1, spl. for best bird in British, Viles; 2, 3, Green. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Norris; 2, 3, Green. MULES: 1, Sturges; 2, Green; 3, Viles. Mr. Weaver, of Wolverhampton, judged, and afterwards gave us a splendid lecture on the breeding and general management of birds during the breeding season, which everyone present enjoyed. A hearty vote of thanks brought a pleasant evening to a close.—T. DUFFIELD, Hon. Sec.

TREDEGAR AND DIST. F. AND F.S.

At the local show held in connection with the above, three classes were provided for cage birds. With the exception of the Foreign Bird class, which only contained one entry, these were well filled, the British Bird class being exceptionally strong. Mr. Tippins won the points' special. Mr. Gower judged. CANARY: 1, Beavan, typical clear Yellow Yorks., hen good length, nice style and feather; 2, 3, Tippins, with a clear Buff cock Yorks, and a clear Yellow Yorks in the order named, both nice quality exhibits. BRIT.: 1, 2, Tippins, winner neat Goldie, A1 blaze and chest, second a good Magpie, not in the best of condition; 3, Williams, nice Goldie, fine blaze and condition.

YARM C.B.S.

The first members' exhibition took place in the Town Hall on April 2nd. The society has only recently been formed, and the promoters are to be congratulated on the success it has so far attained. Some very fine birds were shown, and Mr. Marwood (Thornaby), who acted as judge, had some fine points to decide upon. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Messrs. J. Wilkinson and E. Danby. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, vhc, Weedy; 2, Garbutt and Clement. BULLFINCH: 1, Johnson; 2, Chadwick; 3, Cartwright; vhc, he, Weedy; c, Smith. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, vhc, Garbutt and Clement; 2, Danby; 3, Hunsom; hc, Walinger; c, Henderson. LINNET: 1, Weedy; 2, Garbutt and Clement; 3, Cartwright; vhc, Smith. ANY VAR.: 1, 2, 3, Wilkinson and Danby; vhc, Garbutt and Clement.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

The following were the awards, most ably placed by the judge, Mr. W. Stevens, and which gave general satisfaction. This being the last Table Show of the season, the competition was keen, some good specimens being shown. Through illness, Mr. Hunt was unable to stage any of his birds; it was a slight attack, however, and he is now about again. The show was held at headquarters, the Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High-street, on April 8.

HYBRID PAIR (for breeding, between British or Foreign and Canary): 1st, vhc, Tyler; 2, Heighton; 3, Warren; hc, Seal. (Between any variety British or Foreign): 1, Seal; 2, Harkborn; 3, Moore; vhc, he, Tyler; c, Collins. A.S.BRIT. (that has previously been shown, not having gained a prize): 1, Collins; 2, vhc, Tyler; 3, Ride. Mr. Seal was awarded first with a fine Goldfinch, but was disqualified.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting and show of British birds was held in the Joiners' Hall, Partick, on April 9th. There was a splendid turn-out of exhibits, and quality was good. Mr. T. Erskine (Glasgow) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

FOR. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (3): 1 and spl. for second best bird in hall, McRobbie; 2, Gow; 3, McLintock. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (8): 1 and 4, Gow; 2, Simpson; 3, Coltart; vhc, hc, c, Brown. LINNET (8): 1, 3, Graham; 2, 4, Kidd; vhc, Gow; hc, Fairweather; c, Priest. SISKIN (3): 1, spl, for best bird in hall, Gow; 2, McLintock; 3, Kidd. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, Graham; 2, Gow; 3, Simpson; 4, Coltart; vhc, Priest; hc, McLintock; c, Brown. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Gow; 2, Graham; 3, Webster; 4, c, McLintock; 5, Coltart; 6, McRabbie. A.O.S. (5): 1, vhc, Gow; 2, Simpson; 3, Coltart. LIGHT MULES: 1, Webster. DARK: 1, Coltart.—J. HENDERSON, Secretary.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Monthly meeting at the Hall of Science, Freeman-street, on April 6th. A letter was read from Mrs. Barwick expressing her willingness to become a patroness of the society. Mr. J. H. Roe (Derby) was elected to judge the Canary classes, and Mr. Fred. Medley (Hull) the British and Foreign at our open show, 20th and 21st October next. The following judges were elected for our Nest Feather Shows: May, Mr. H. E. Stubbs; June, Mr. George Harland (Hull); July, Mr. D. Hope (Hull); August, Mr. Pepper (Hull). It was proposed that our members arrange for a country ramble, with the object of studying wild bird life in the neighbourhood of Newsham Lake, about the middle of May, and the matter was left with Mr. Albert Sutcliffe. Those wishing to take part in the ramble should notify the secretaries at the next monthly meeting in May. Table Show result, Mr. W. H. Moore, sen., awarding the cards to the satisfaction of all:—GOLDIE OR BULLFINCH: 1, Harness; 2, Way. LINNET OR GREENFINCH: 1, Way; 2, 3, Drinkall; 4, W. H. Moore; vhc, c, Dowie; hc, Harding. CHAFFINCH: 1, W. H. Moore. REDPOLLS: 1, Dowie; 2, W. Drinkall. FOREIGN: 1, W. H. Moore; 2, Toole.—MOORE and CROWSTON, Secs.

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Chiff Chaff and Wheatear.

Observers say the Chiff Chaff has this year arrived before the Wheatear. As a rule there is very little difference between them, and when we consider that they both winter in northern Africa, and are early starters for their summer haunts, they should arrive here simultaneously. The wind that would bring one, would bring the other. No doubt many Chiff Chaffs stay with us all the year round, especially in the south-west of England, but I cannot remember any record of the Wheatear having done so. Surely the lesser bird is not the hardier of the two? It is so much like the Willow Wren and Wood Warbler that many are unable to distinguish them; but the latter birds will not arrive just yet.

TWITTERINGS.

The Bodmin show will be held on November 11th, writes Mr. A. E. Jago, the hon. secretary.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) tells us that he has already upwards of 60 youngsters (Norwich and Yorkshires) doing well.

We have removed from 113, Hillhouse Lane, Huddersfield, to Clement Street, Birkby, Huddersfield, write Messrs. A. Moss and Son.

Mr. John Bee, late secretary of the Burnley and Dis. C.B.S., informs us that he has removed to the Railway Inn, Hapton, near Burnley.

I have been elected secretary of the Stirling and Dis. O.S., in place of Mr. J. McLaren, resigned, writes Mr. G. Hislop, 114, Baker Street, Stirling.

The Oakham and Dis. F.S. show, writes Mr. John Hibbitt, Junr. (hon. secretary), will take place on November 12th, and will be held under Cage Bird Union rules.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) is engaged, we hear, to judge at Hull, November 20th; Liscard, November 21st; Jarrow-on-Tyne, November 27th; Harrogate, December 5th.

Cage Birds Charts.

No. 5 of "Cage Birds Charts" is now in course of preparation. We anticipate it will be one of the most popular of this popular series, and readers should make certain they do not miss it,

All my birds are sold, writes Mr. P. W. Sumner (Birmingham). Letters were too numerous for me to answer all. Postal Orders were all returned with many thanks.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS for my hen Bullfinches, writes Mr. Geo. Lawrence (Redhill), as they are too numerous for me to answer by post.

Ten classes (five each Canaries and British Birds) are provided for in connection with the Doncaster Agricultural Society's show, to be held on June 25th. Entries close on June 10th.

I have always been highly delighted in looking at CAGE BIRDS. It is a very valuable paper to all bird breeders, and full of genuinely helpful matter.—H. CALVERT (Bradford).

The Kendal and Dis. C.B.S. will hold their first show on New Year's Day, 1st January, 1909, writes Mr. W. Vart, hon. secretary, when Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) will judge all classes.

I have sold all the birds I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Harry Allen (Wellingboro'). I could have sold them twenty times over, which speaks well for the circulation of CAGE BIRDS.

Mr. Clarkson, of Halifax, gave a lecture to the members and friends of the Bradford West C.B.A., on April 11th, writes Mr. H. Clegg, secretary, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

The Barnsley C.B.S. looks like springing into life again, writes Mr. E. Carlisle, secretary. We have got a good working committee together, and hope to induce the breeders in the district to join us.

Mr. J. Copeland, assistant secretary of the Sunderland C.B.A., writes that a special meeting will be held on April 25th, and requests members to attend, as some special business is to be transacted.

It is definitely decided to re-name the Ilford Fanciers' Association, "The Ilford Fur and Feather Society," writes Mr. C. Collins (Ilford). It is open to the whole of Essex. Will fanciers kindly note this?

Kindly thank all who applied to my advertisement in last week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Lewis (Aughton). They are too numerous to reply to. I am sure CAGE BIRDS is *the* paper for all bird fanciers.

The Charts now appearing in the columns of CAGE BIRDS are a great help to novice exhibitors, and should be the means of improving our knowledge of birds of all descriptions.—ARTHUR H. C. LEGG (Perth).

The secretary of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, Mr. J. Brown, 97, Petershill Road, Glasgow, is anxious to hear from societies desirous of having the proposed international contest, and the club show, held in conjunction with their fixtures, so that all claims may receive due consideration.

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Mr. W. Mundell will again judge at our open show, to be held on October 17th, writes Mr. R. S. Black, hon. secretary of the Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. We have also decided to hold our first feather show on July 4th.

Will all members and friends of the Bradford East O.S., who intend joining in the ramble to Grassington on Easter Monday, writes Mr. H. Hill, secretary, meet at the entrance to the Midland Station at 8.30? The train departs at 8.50.

Kindly thank all who wrote in reply to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, re Budgerigar, writes Mr. Chas. Groves (London, W.), as I had far too many to be able to answer them. Letters came from all over the country, which speaks well for your paper.

At the general meeting of the Perth and Dis. C.B.S., held on April 4th, it was decided to hold the First Feather show on July 18th, at the headquarters, Danix Temperance Bar, Hannah Street, Perth, writes a local correspondent.

At our meeting on April 6th, writes Mr. Stephen H. W. Baker, hon. secretary of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A., it was decided to hold an open show on October 1st and 2nd, under C.B.U. rules. The judges at same are Messrs. J. Robson (Canaries) and Allen Silver (British and Foreign).

We have no doubt that Llanfhaiadrymmochnant is a very nice place to live at, but as the address for an advertisement at the "three words a penny" rate, it seems like "hitting below the belt." Yet this appalling collection of letters of the alphabet is what we have had fired at us this week.

The special meeting of the Ealing, Hanwell and Dis. F.S., called for this week, writes Mr. W. Bird, secretary, will not be held, but the business will be discussed at the usual monthly meeting on April 23rd, at the Mission Hall, Church Road, Hanwell, when Mr. Howe will lecture on "How to succeed in the Fancy."

We hear that wedding bells will be ringing at Perth on Easter Tuesday, when that well-known local bird-lover, Mr. A. H. C. Legg, is to lead to the altar the lady of his choice, Miss M. Jones. The ceremony is fixed for 9.30 am., in the English Congregational Church. May happiness wait upon them, will be the wish of all.

I received this morning, writes Mr. J. Sandiford, the well-known Preston dealer, an order for 3 cwt. Royal Red Feed from Melbourne, Australia, and am also sending out this week Siberian Goldfinches to Oporto, Portugal, Norwich and Roller Canaries to Claremont, S. Africa, and a quantity of mixed birds to Christiania. These orders were all received through your noted paper, CAGE BIRDS.

At the last monthly meeting our esteemed secretary (Mr. R. Sampson) resigned office, and I was duly appointed to take on his duties, writes Mr. H. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road, Cardiff. The date of our forthcoming open show is fixed for November 25th and 26th; judges' names will be announced later. Mr. Sampson will have the sole management of that show, as in the past, I myself being unable to give the necessary time to it.

The magnificent Imperial Hall has been booked for the Dulwich O.S. annual open show on October 28th and 29th, write Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, hon. secretaries. It is second to none for a cage bird show, has an excellent top light, and is lighted throughout by electricity. It has been hired at a considerable figure for three days, so that the birds may be staged and attended to on the day before the show.

We are now preparing the manual for 1908, writes Mr. A. B. Forse, secretary of the Walthamstow F.A., and I should be glad to hear from any fanciers who are desirous of joining, so that their names may be included in the membership list. Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1907 should do so at once to ensure their names appearing in the manual. Communications should be addressed to me at 29, Thornhill Road, Leyton, N.E.

The recommendation of the Board of Agriculture that farmers should combine and exterminate the rats, which cause such incalculable damage around the farms and in the fields, seems likely to bear fruit. The Rev. Canon R. Abbay, Rector of Earl Soham, Framlingham, has lately been successful in inducing the residents of that important agricultural Suffolk district to apply several hundred tubes of Danysz Virus simultaneously over the whole parish. The Virus was applied over an area of 2,000 acres, each farm and homestead being systematically treated in turn.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Hamilton Cadzou Oaks Ornithological Society, after eight years of office, writes Mr. R. Gadsden, and would like to thank all fanciers and exhibitors for support and assistance rendered me. Q.M.-Sergt. Cant, A.P.C., 26, May Street, Hamilton, has been appointed my successor. He is the right man for the position, and will make a very able secretary, and I hope fanciers and exhibitors will support him in the future as they have myself in the past.

I have taken over the secretaryship of the Barrow and Dis. C.B.A., writes Mr. G. Large, of 7, Back Salthouse Road, Barrow-in-Furness, and it is my intention to do my best for our association. All correspondence should be addressed to me. Our next meeting is on the 22nd of April, when all members should attend, as the business is of great importance.

Y.C.C. of Ireland.

A lengthy letter on matters concerning the Y.C.C. of Ireland comes to hand from Mr. R. Devitt, but owing to the holidays necessitating our going to press a day earlier than usual, we have had to hold over its publication until next week.

"Cage Birds" Charts.

We have to tender an apology to those readers whom we have been unable, up to the present, to supply with copies of Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of "CAGE BIRDS" Charts. The run upon them has been quite unprecedented, and we are right out of stock at the moment. But we are reprinting, and hope by next week-end to have filled all the orders we have still on hand.

The Yorkshire Union.

Will secretaries of societies in the Yorkshire Union kindly forward to the new secretary of the Union their addresses, and also the names and addresses of the delegates for next session, and state whether their society intends holding an open show next winter, so as to enable him to gather together the business for next delegates' meeting?—Samuel Dean, hon secretary, 6, Ashmount, Great Horton, Bradford.

Welsh Cage Bird Club.

The annual meeting will be held on Easter Tuesday, April 21st, at the Locomotive Inn, Aberdare. Committee will meet at 10.30 a.m.; general meeting at 11.30. A washing competition will commence about 2.30, open to champions, also a competition for those who have not won more than three first prizes in open classes. Presentation of cups, teapots, and medals, songs, papers, and a recitation by a noted Welsh hard, gramophone selections, speeches, etc. Will all who wish to compete send in their names at once. Fanciers who wish to join the club should send on 2s. 6d., which will make them eligible to compete, or attend. This is the first meeting of the kind held by the club, so that we want to make it a success. A club show will be discussed, also alteration of certain rules, etc.—D. H. Tedstone, hon. secretary, 4, George Street, Brecon.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

In consequence of the Easter Holidays,

The Offices of "Cage Birds" will be closed from Good Friday, April 17th, to Easter Monday, April 20th, inclusive.

We shall re-open Tuesday morning, April 21st, and ask correspondents and advertisers to make sure their announcements for our next issue reach us on that day.

We Think So.

Mr. Allen, of Faversham, sends us a recent cutting from the "Kent Express" recording the doings of the Lenham Sparrow Club, from which it appears that during the past year the members were responsible for the deaths of several thousand rats, moles, etc., 2,931 Sparrows, and 222 Bullfinches. He pertinently asks whether, seeing that the Bullfinch is protected in the district throughout the year, steps ought not to be taken to bring to book those offending against the Act.

The Swallow a Resident.

It is interesting to learn that the Swallow (*hirundo rustica*), in which the migratory instinct is so strongly marked may yet be a permanent resident in certain districts. This is the case, according to Major Magrath's letter to the "Field," in the Bunnu district of the North-West Frontier Province. This region is a plain, the lowest part of which is 900 feet above sea-level, and it is bordered by hills. The extremes of summer and winter temperatures are great, ranging from a maximum of 125deg. F., to a minimum of 30deg. F., both in the shade. Here our summer bird of passage is content to remain the year through, building in the mud hovels of the villages

Habits of Golden Plovers.

The birds come to the moors in March and scatter out, but if there is severe weather they flock for a time. After April the males get black breasts, and when not feeding their mates they fly in flocks. Before the birds begin to change their plumage they may be shot, not afterwards, as they are nesting. In September the "creepers" are found dodging about, but as soon as they are strong on the wing they flock and go to sea. There are certain places they frequent that are called after them, such as Crossfarnoge, Co. Wexford. About the end of October they go inland to the callows and estuaries of the rivers, where they are joined by the foreigners. Of course they diminish during a series of dry years as the foreigners do not come, while they increase amazingly in a series of wet years.

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Oct. 17.—**Darlington C. and B. B.F.A.**
Oct. 17.—**Kelty & Blairadam C.B.A.** D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.
*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth & Dis. C. & C.B.S.** W.P.B.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties Plymouth)** C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.** J.H.R., and F.My.
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.**
Oct. 22.—**Potterics and Dis.**
*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare.** J.H.P.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C B.S.**
Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B., and A.G.D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S** T. McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.**
Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.**
Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
Oct. 28 and 29.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., and W.H.V.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B.
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** H.W.B., E.B., and J.S.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** J. R.
Oct. 31.—**Dyeart C.B.S.**
Oct. 31.—**Alnwick & Dis. C.B.S.** A.Hy., J.Mn.
Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** T.H., J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C B.S.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C. S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and E.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.**
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S.**
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.**
Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.**
Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**
Nov. 11.—**Bodmin.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.**
Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.**
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. Mck., A.C., and P.P.
Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 18.—**Reading & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven. s. C.B.S.** H.T.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.**
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.**
Nov. 21.—**Perth. S.**
*Nov. 24.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B. Dis. F.A.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and**
Nov. 25.—**Whitby F.S.**
Nov. 26.—**Newark.**
Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R, J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).**
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.**
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., and W.G.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 28 and 30. **Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 & 39.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., and A.Wd.
Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth and Dis. C.B.S.**
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**
Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** J.C.B.
Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R., G.E.W., & J.B.E.
Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T.
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., P.P.
Dec. 24.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.**
Dec. 31.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.**
Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(Key to Judges' Initials on page 371 last week.)

The most delightful and appropriate Postcards for Bird Lovers on the Market are those published by "Cage Birds"

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE Great Horton Good Intent O.S. have issued their syllabus of meetings, lectures, and shows for the next twelve months, and the items therein all deal with very interesting subjects, the lectures being on "The Yorkshire," "Bird diseases and medicines," "Colour feeding," "The Breeding Room," "In-breeding," and "Hints on the Yorkshire Canary," truly an array calculated to attract fanciers. It also embraces a country ramble to Harden Beck, a place well-known to local British bird fanciers as an ideal spot to view wild bird life. Three members' shows are provided.

THE C.M.Y.C.C. annual general meeting, held on Saturday last, was fairly well attended, and a large amount of business was got through. The principal item of interest was the subject of Cinnamon Ticked birds, where should they be shown? Some fanciers were of opinion that they should compete in the regular ticked Yorkshire classes, others that special classes should be provided for them, and still others that they should be ignored altogether. The latter seems somewhat bard. The birds are there in fairly decent quantities, and some provision should be made for them; also they are very useful as breeding birds. If Cinnamon Ticked birds are to be of no use, the C.M. breeders are going to have a lot of "Bacca brass," and in truth they have a lot of that already. Of course, it is a well-known fact that a good typed bird with good markings is a lot harder to breed than a good type of a ticked bird, and those who for years have been trying to get both type and markings should not be beaten by ticked birds that can be secured in one season's breeding.

THE outcome of the meeting and discussion is that the minimum of four classes required at shows at which the patronage of the club is given shall be all Unevenly Marked Classes. The option of making classes for the Ticked Birds is left with the society holding the show, and where two such classes are provided the C.M.Y.C.C. is to take half the loss, if any, on them. Many were for the classes being designated "Cinnamon Marked, etc.", thus allowing even marked birds to complete but this was thrown out, as it was thought it would leave open the door for trimming. At the same time it should not be overlooked that an even-marked bird will be open to similar practices to enable it to be shown in uneven marked classes. Time will prove the wisdom or otherwise of this step by the C.M.Y.C.C., and in my humble opinion it is a step in the right direction.

BRADFORD West C.B.A. had a fairly numerous gathering on Saturday last to hear Mr. J. S. Clarkson, of Halifax, lecture on breeding, etc. Mr. C. can "lay it down," and he does not require any notes, having during his long experience of breeding and exhibiting gained much valuable knowledge, which he freely gives for the benefit of the novices in the Fancy.

MEETINGS of the Societies in the Yorkshire Union, and those of the Specialist clubs, have been pretty numerous lately, and many have clashed with each other. In my idea, if societies would all hold their meetings during the first fortnight in each month, so as to leave the Yorkshire Union and Specialist Club meetings the last fortnight, many fanciers would be able to attend both sets of meetings, instead of, as at present, having to miss one or the other, and the business of the Y.U. would be better dealt with as the Secretary during the last year has been hampered somewhat by the societies who hold their meetings late in the month.

KEIGHLEY Society had a lecture on the "Yorkshire" Canary at their last meeting on March 31st, by Mr. Samuel Dean, of Great Horton. A large company assembled, the room being filled, and the lecturer had the undivided attention of the audience for about an hour. Several questions were asked and answered, the meeting closing with a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer.

WIBSEY and District O.S. had down on their agenda for Saturday last a discussion on "Cinnamon Marked Yorkshires," the leader being Mr. James Hartley, the noted breeder of this variety. James is keen on Cinnamon Marks, and opened the discussion by giving a retrospect of the winners of the past, after which he discoursed freely upon the question of Cinnamon ticked birds, where they should be shown, whether they should be allowed to compete for the C.M.Y.C.C. trophies, etc. In his opinion they should be shown in the ticked Yorkshire classes. He quoted the wording of the rules of the society, which state: The patronage of the society shall be given where not less than four open classes for Cinnamon Marked Yorkshires are provided (or other words to the same effect). If this was strictly enforced, then the object of the society, as stated in Rule 2, i.e., "The encouragement of the breeding and exhibiting of the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Canary," would be carried out. Nowhere in the C.M.Y.C.C. Year Book are ticked birds mentioned, and if the marked birds are to be ousted by the ticked birds, what is the use of breeders trying to get the good markings? The general meeting takes places before very long, and it is hoped by many that this subject will be thoroughly thrashed out by the members. Questions were asked on various topics relative to Cinnamon-Marked breeding, these without exception being ably answered by Mr. Hartley. A hearty vote of thanks for leading the discussion brought an enjoyable and instructive evening to a close.

Y.U. members, and also the members of the Specialist Clubs, are delighted at the offer of Mr. Carl, proprietor of CAGE BIRDS, for the provision of prizes for competition during the next season at shows held under their rules and patronage, the statement that the said prizes are for amateurs only meeting with great acclamation. That they will produce some good competition is certain, and I am sorry I'm not a runner for them.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

SOME NOTES ON THE ROLLER CANARY.

By J. W. NORRIS.

A Lecture delivered before the City and Suburban A.C.B.

(Discussion continued from page 358.)

Mr. Wynn asked if continual darkness were detrimental to the bird's sight?—No; it is very seldom one sees or hears of a blind Roller. Mr. Curtis: And is that so in the case of Roller Crests?—Just the same. It is said that the Crest came from the Roller in Germany. Mr. Wheller: Is there more colour and more variety than there was in the Roller years ago?—Yes, there is more of the green type, because as a rule the green is a better singer. And I must say that the young birds bred here are larger than the usual run of young birds imported from Germany; which goes to prove that our way of feeding to a large extent is better as regards size.

Mr. Crisp: Do you contend that Canary seed is better than rape seed?—No; but I have not the least doubt that Canary seed helps to make size. If you fed two birds continually on rape-seed you would not get much size out of them. Mr. A. C. Burn: Do you give your birds hemp seed?—Only the young ones. Mr. Curtis asked if the Germans used soaked rape, and the reply was that they did sometimes, but not very often or to any very great extent. Mr. Easterling asked if the lecturer used greenstuff. Mr. Norris: Yes, I give watercress; when I can't get that I give dandelion.

Judging in Germany.

Mr. Wynn: Do you give them anything special to drink just previous to entering for the singing contests?—As a rule simply water is given. I have heard that in Germany, in order to excite the birds so that they should sing, they give a mixed food of some sort. But judges say that exhibitors make a mistake in doing this, because the mixed seed being at the bottom of the cage the bird is down in the seed pans and is too busy to sing. The mode of judging in Germany is to have three judges, and the judging lasts from three to four days. Lotteries are attached to the shows. Each competitor pays 6d., and that entitles him to a share in a lottery. That goes to the funds of the club. I don't think they pay out prize money. The first prize medal, however, is as big round as the palm of my hand. The competitors, of course, pay entrance fees, and their birds are taken out of their cages and put into others.

Mr. Crisp: What is a reasonable price to pay for a Schoolmaster.—At the present time you would have to pay from four to five pounds. The demand for good birds in Germany is greater than in England. They will pay more there, and when they get them they won't let them come out of the country. Mr. Burn: Do you consider that the popularity of the Roller in this country is increasing?—Yes, undoubtedly it is.

Mr. Easterling: Do you ever hear of good birds being sent out to Germany from this country?—No, not yet. But I don't think it will be a great time before we do send them. There is no reason why we should not. Mr. Lissenden said he had heard that America had recently taken a great interest in the Roller. Mr. Norris confirmed this, and stated that it was no uncommon thing for an American to pay £20 for a good bird. Mr. Pullinger: In getting hen Rollers, is there no method by which you can tell whether a hen is a good one?—No, there is no method. Mr. Pullinger: So that you can go down the Row and possibly get a good one for a few shillings?—Yes, with a stroke of luck you might.

In reply to Mr. Wheller, the lecturer said that once a Roller learnt a song he would always sing it. Answering other questions, Mr. Norris said that the best way to get a Roller to open up into song was to get it used to being moved from one place to another. He personally often took one of his birds to business with him, although he was often told to take him home again. (Laughter). By thus travelling a great deal a bird might be depended on to sing anywhere and at almost any time. Mr. Crisp asked the concluding question, which was: Have we a dearth of good Roller Canary judges? Mr. Norris replied in the affirmative; there were plenty of good judges, but unfortunately they were unable to devote the amount of time necessary. With this the meeting was brought to a close, a very pleasant and instructive evening having been spent.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—April 21, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Lecture on Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. J. Lindsey.—B. Head.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—April 21, Temperance Rooms, 8. Judges for Old and Young Show; also schedule for Young Show. Fanciers heartily invited.—J. Richardson.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.—April 25, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. To discuss rules and enrol new members.—E. Carlisle.

Bramley and Dist. O.S.—April 18, Club Rooms, 7.30. Impromptu meeting.—L. Craven.

Bradford and County B.B. and M.C.—April 25, Market Tavern, Godwin-st., Bradford, 7. Annual general meeting, business important. Alteration of rules, etc.; fanciers invited; all residents in Yorkshire eligible for membership.—W. R. Myers.

Bradford West C.B.A.—April 18, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 8. Union judges.—H. Clegg.

Cardiff and Dist. C.S.—April 23, Maskell's Restaurant, Queen Street, 8. Meeting postponed from 16th to 23rd.—W. S. Negus.

City of Wakefield O.S.—April 18, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. Fixing date for British Bird Show.—Parker and Atkinson.

Derby C.B.S.—April 25, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 7. Alteration of meeting time. Visiting Committees.—W. Stevens.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—April 25, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7. Lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. W. Cruise, at 8.

Green Canary Assn.—April 23, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Business important.—S. Hadwin.

Glasgow and Western Counties N.M.B. and B.F.C.—April 25, Table Show, at Headquarters, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow. Classes: Bullfinch, Lesser-Redpoll, Larger-Redpoll, Twite; and other important business.—A. Malcolmson.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.A.—April 20, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30. To arrange classes for Young Show.—G. Waddington.

Huddersfield O.S.—Postponed from April 20 to April 27, 8. Guarantees for F. F. Show, extended to April 27.—S. Lodge.

Liverpool O.S.—April 21, 24, Shaw Street, 8. Report on Halls, Norwich, Judge suggested, cycle runs, and other important business.—Metcalfe and Hillmen.

L. and P.O.S.—April 23, The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, 8. Table Show of Mules, British and Foreign Birds. All friends welcome.—H. Lambert Brown.

Leicester C.B.S.—Headquarters: Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street. April 22, 8.15. Lecture on "The Rearing and Management of Young Birds from the Nest," by Mr. C. Walton; all lovers of Cage Birds heartily invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—April 24, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30. J. Simon.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—April 21, Railway Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Open discussion.—R. H. Davies.

Musselburgh O.S.—April 25, McDonald's Rooms, 7. Last meeting for new members joining. New members earnestly requested to attend.—David Kay.

Nottingham N.P.O.C.—April 25, 8. Business urgent; at Shoulder at Mutton.—H. Davis.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—April 23, Holy Trinity Schools, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson. Canaries and Their Breeding. Friends welcome.—W. Pawley.

Poplar and Dist. C.B.S.—April 30, School Room, Newby Place, at 8 (near the Town Hall, and near Poplar Station, N. London Railway). Mr. C. A. House will lecture; friends cordially invited.—H. W. Cook.

Provincial Roller C.C.—April 25, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester. Important Rules, rings, etc. Friends invited.—W. Whittaker.

Rochdale O.C.—April 21, Club Rooms, 7.30. Lecture on Cage Making, by J. Butterworth.—J. Butterworth.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—April 18, Station Hotel, 7.—J. W. Nicholson.

Stockport B.F.A.—April 23, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. General business. Subscriptions due. Hints on Rearing Young Birds, by W. Stafford.—W. Stafford, sec.

Sunderland B.A.—April 25, Summons Meeting, special business; usual meeting room.—J. Copeland.

Tunbridge Wells and Dist. F.A.—April 22, Friendly Society's Hall, 8. Judging Competition.—H. G. Whibley.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—April 25, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Final selection of judges and other important business. Also to enrol new members.—D. Jeremy.

ENGLISH AND WELSH BORDER FANCY CLUB.

Result of season's competition:—Northern Division (cup): Wilson, 111; Poole, 83; Hopper Bro., 63; Lewthwaite, 39; Pennington, 32; Hadwin, 29; Cubby, 29; Thompson, 28; Smart, 22; Hawkins, 17; Wagstaffe, 17; Ellwood, 15; J. Pearson, 14; Bullmore, 12; Drinkwater, 10; Levason, 9; Peans, 9; Waters, 9; Bayley, 9; Walker, 9; J. B. Moore, 7; R. W. Pearson, 7; Blackshaw, 7; Clinch, 6; Bancroft, 6; Beatty, 5; Harrison, 4; Hay, 1; and Woodman, 1. Cash Specials: Wilson, 162; Poole, 92; Hopper Bro., 74; Lewthwaite, 39; Pennington, 39; Cubby, 33; Thompson, 31; Hadwin, 29; Smart, 23; Hawkins, 17; Wagstaffe, 17; Ellwood, 15; J. Pearson, 14; Bullmore, 12; Drinkwater, 10; Levason, 9; Peans, 9; Waters, 9; Bayley, 9; Walker, 9; J. B. Moore, 7; R. W. Pearson, 7; Blackshaw, 7; Clinch, 6; Bancroft, 6; Beatty, 5; Harrison, 4; Hay, 1; and Woodman, 1. Southern Division (cup): D. Jenkins, 117; Brownlie, 110; Sheldon, 52; E. R. Roberts, 38; E. M. Evans, 26; Tidstone, 24; A. J. L. Taylor, 15; W. J. Jenkins, 15; O. Connell, 14; Bowes, 12; Phil Jenkins, 6; and Cunningham, 2. Cash Specials: D. Jenkins, 180; Brownlie, 168; Sheldon, 54; E. R. Roberts, 12; E. M. Evans, 28; A. J. L. Taylor, 15; W. J. Jenkins, 15; O. Connell, 14; Bowes, 12; P. Jenkins, 6; and Cunningham, 2. International Contest: Poole, 20; Cubby, 17; Thompson, 15; Hawkins, 12; Walker, 8; Hadwin, 6; Waters, 6; J. Pearson, 5; Pennington, 4; Hopper Bros., 2; and Woodman, 1. Will members please check these figures, and if incorrect communicate with the secretary? Novices at the commencement of the season (see Rule 13) please write secretary at once. The secretary very much regrets having to make a further appeal to the members for funds to enable him to pay out specials and to purchase cups. Show Committees wishing for the Society's patronage will please communicate with the secretary before July 20, after which patronage will be given out. Will all new and old members please forward subscriptions (2s. 6d.), so that their names can go on the voting papers which will shortly be issued? Rules, standards, and all particulars may be obtained from the secretary, S. HADWIN, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life **H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Bird Better; Size of Aviary.

F.S.C.—Am very glad to know the bird is better already. Persevere with the treatment until it is quite well, and do not try to mate the bird for some little time after it appears quite well. Allow it an interval in which to lay in some reserve strength. As regards the size of aviary in which to keep 20 to 30 Canaries, you do not say whether it is to be in or out of doors, nor whether the birds are wanted to breed, and these are all-important factors to be reckoned with. In a general way, you may take it that the space required in any aviary, whether indoors or outdoors, should not be less than one square foot of floor space for each bird the size of a Canary. Thus, if you had an aviary twelve feet long by three feet wide, its maximum accommodation would be 36 birds. Height is of no account at all; floor space is of prime importance. This calculation is for birds that are not intended to breed. If you wish to breed with them, then at least two-thirds of the number given would have to be discarded. Doubtless CAGE BIRDS' latest handbook on "Aviaries" would prove helpful to you. The best position for an outdoor aviary would also depend solely upon the surroundings. Other points being equal, you should aim at getting an aspect facing south-east, south, or south-west, with good shelter from rains and winds on the west, north, and north-east.

Ought She to Breed?

No Name.—As the bird has not yet reproduced any of the feathers around the neck, the probability is that she will not do so until autumn. Meantime, continue to feed and treat her as advised, and as she is anxious to nest you may allow her to breed, and continue doing so until the middle or end of August, and the process of incubation will very likely help a good deal towards throwing the bird into a healthy and normal moult. To assist her in reproducing the plumage perfectly, as soon as she drops into moult give her plenty of tepid baths, and keep her in a warm and rather moist temperature. Of course, you will have to guard against chills very carefully.

Nothing Came of it.

G.R.B.—Your birds acted just as I should have expected. You paired the birds when the hen was in just fair breeding condition, and the cock totally out of condition. Result: the hen builds a nest, but all her tempting wiles fail to rouse the cock to the same way of thinking as herself, and so matters come to a standstill. The hen does not lay; you remove the cock. After a time the cock gets in "a better state," as you put it; in other words, he begins to come into breeding condition. Then you replace him with the hen, and she forthwith sets to and destroys the nest—presumably the one she built before the cock was taken away from her. This is just what you might have expected, and may serve as an object-lesson for other novices. When the cock was removed, the desire for nesting in the hen was arrested, and when he was returned, the hen, being still in good condition, sets about nesting again, and, naturally, makes a new start from the beginning; consequently, the first step she takes is to pull out the old nest in order to start building a new one. Now, what you should have done in the first instance was to have kept the birds separate until the cock was in the proper condition, and as anxious to begin nesting as the hen. Next, when you found he was useless for breeding, and the hen did not lay, you did quite right to separate them and feed up the cock until he was in good, vigorous condition. But when you removed him you should also have taken away the nest, but not the nest-box, and all nesting material, and given fresh material again in a day or two after the cock was returned just the same as you would to a pair of birds which had been put together for the first time. If the cock is really in good order now, they will probably soon settle down to work.

An Injured Leg.

J. Turner.—I am inclined to think your bird which went lame and left the nest the day after she started to sit closely, and now sits quietly, holding up its foot unless it is disturbed, but seems otherwise in good health, has got its foot or leg injured in some way in the nest. It may have got a piece of strong hair, or a thread of cotton twisted around its foot, and this may have given its leg a nasty wrench as it attempted to leave the nest. It is not improbable the leg may be broken near the joint, but even if it is, seeing that the bird holds it up in a good position, you could not do better than leave it entirely alone, and keep the bird very quiet until it begins to use its leg freely again. Place its seed and water conveniently so that it does not have to strain after them, and give a few grains of Epsom salts now and again to keep the blood cool. The eggs are probably spoilt. Unless you have a sufficient number of hens just beginning to sit to give one of the eggs to each as an addition to its own clutch, I would not advise you to trouble about them any further. You should remove the cock until the foot is recovered.

Still Moulting.

G.B.—You must have been keeping the bird in a damp or draughty situation for it to have been moulting for the last six months, and not be finished yet. Your diet also is not sufficiently nourishing under the circumstances. Keep the bird fairly warm and in a regular temperature, and see that it is fully protected from chills and draughts. Give tepid baths, but only during mild bright weather. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and every second day give a few grains of either hemp or linseed, first one and then the other, but not both on the same day, and on the intervening days, when not giving either of these extra seeds, give a small piece of stale sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry wine. In the drinking water give fifteen drops of chemical food daily for a week, and during the second week omit the chemical food every second day, and give instead five drops of tincture of steel. If by that time the feathers have ceased dropping out, you may begin to gradually drop off all these extra items. But if they have not quite stopped continue the same feeding, and begin with the chemical food daily again and repeat the two weeks' course. Give a little green food daily all along—dandelion or chickweed preferably.

Breeding Queries.

Jimmy McDermott.—1. "How are cinnamon-marked birds bred?" This is the whole sum and substance of your first query. If you mean, how are they originated? it is by mating the cinnamon variety with the one upon which the cinnamon markings are desired. On the other hand, if you wish to know how you can breed cinnamon-marked birds you need not go this roundabout way to do it, as there exists plenty of material ready made for the purpose. You need only use cinnamon-marked birds to breed with, or birds with cinnamon markings and clear ones with pink eyes; the pink eye showing the presence of cinnamon blood in the bird possessing it. 2. The only way by which you can hope to breed greens from the Yellow Yorkshire hen described is to mate her to a self green cock. Even then you must not expect a large proportion of the progeny to be self greens. 3. If you mate her to a self green cock the vast majority of the young will be variegated and broken greens, with probably a few ticked specimens, now and then a clear with dark flue, and an occasional self green. Of course, you must not take this as an infallible rule, as much depends upon how the parents of the hen were bred, and also upon the parentage of the green bird, but it is what you must expect to get in all ordinary cases.

Breeding Too Fast.

Wheatsheaf.—As you have already tried removing the cocks without any effect on checking your hens of the desire to go to nest again when the young are ten or twelve days old, I doubt the practicability of giving them anything to try to stop them wishing to breed. You had better look to the cause and try to prevent it from that direction. The warmth of your kitchen may be an exciting cause of it, and again you may give your egg-food too strong. When you removed the cocks did you still keep them near the hens, where the latter could hear and see them? If you did that would be almost as bad as leaving them together. With hens so fast as yours you should take them quite out of sight, and, if possible, out of earshot. After the young are five days old begin to gradually weaken the egg-food, and bring it to three parts bread crumb or biscuit powder to one part egg; give a regular supply of soaked rape, but limit the quantity of cracked hemp. Do not give dandelion at all, but plenty of lettuce, chickweed, and watercress. If the hens appear to be getting fresh when the young are eight to ten days old, give enough Epsom salts in the water to make it taste of it a little, and let them have this water for four of five hours during the middle of the day. Give fresh water during the afternoon and morning. Repeat the dose, if necessary, after an interval of one day.

Who's the Culprit?

G.M.D.—There may be several causes for the eggs disappearing from your nests and only the yolk being found at the bottom of nest. There may be a plague of red-mites which keep the hen constantly disturbed, and she breaks the eggs accidentally, the shells being afterwards carried out of the nest on the feathers of the bird, or eaten. Or it may be that the cock is in too high condition; as one of them is constantly pulling the nest about this seems probable. In this case you could not do better than remove the cock as soon as the hen begins to sit, and either mate him to another hen or keep him in a separate cage, leaving the hen to hatch and rear by herself. Thirdly, and this view I am rather inclined to take of your case, the nests may be rifled by mice. Keep a sharp look-out and try to ascertain if this is the cause. If it is, the remedy is obvious: nothing but total extermination of the pest will be of any use. This latter remark would also apply to the first suggested cause. You did quite right to place the two eggs you saved from one nest under another hen—I am assuming that you took the precaution to select a hen for the purpose whose eggs were at about the same stage of incubation, so as to prevent any great disparity in the ages of the young when all are hatched out.

Making No Progress.

G.L.—As you say you were very successful with this pair of birds last year, I think the reason why the hen makes no attempt to begin nesting now you have mated her is that you worked her a little too hard last year. You would have done better to have kept her un-mated until the middle of April, or even towards the end of that month, and fed her up meanwhile. By doing this you would have been just about as forward as you now are, and the hen would have made a better start when mated. As the birds do not quarrel, you may now leave them together, and practise that great virtue—patience—for a little time. After your feeding as follows, and the hen will probably get fresher in a short time. Instead of giving a pinch of rape only twice a week, give a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts of hemp and rape to the two birds twice a week. Instead of maw, give a pinch of inga with a sprinkling of gold of pleasure twice a week. For green food give a leaf of dandelion to each bird every day, and twice each week substitute a teaspoonful of crumbs of stale sponge cake for the egg-food. Every third day until the hen begins to get fresh you may add twenty drops of sherry and five of tincture of steel to the water.

Shell-less Eggs, Progeny, etc.

G.B., Harringay.—The cause of the hen laying two shell-less eggs, although apparently in the best of health and condition, may be over-feeding. You say she has plenty of sand and cuttlefish, but you must not overlook the adage about one man taking a horse to the water, etc. Perhaps she does not touch it. Try crushing up a bit of old mortar into powder and strewing it on the cage bottom, then throw in a few grains of inga. Also scrape a little cuttlefish and mix with the egg-food, together with a pinch of maw seed, and add twenty drops of chemical food to the water daily whilst the hen is going to nest. As to whether the progeny of a Roller hen and a Yorkshire cock will take the Roller or Yorkshire song depends entirely upon which bird they are trained under. If they only hear the Yorkshire cock they will only sing the Yorkshire song, or, which is practically the same thing, the song of an ordinary untrained Canary; if they are placed under a Roller cock the song will probably be that of a common German Canary.

Laid on the Floor.

A.R.W.—The fact that two of your three hens totally ignored both the nest pan and nesting material, and laid their eggs on the floor, whilst the third put only a small amount of material in the nest pan and also laid her eggs on the floor, seems to make it clear that there was something about the pans which the hens did not approve of. Perhaps the position or fixing of them was at fault. Some hens are extremely whimsical in selecting a site for the nest, and if you watch them closely after they are mated you may soon discover if they select a different site to the one you have provided, and then you can remove the nest pan into that place. This is generally the best way out of the difficulty. In your case I should say the upper part of the cage was too exposed for them, and they probably hit upon a corner of the cage bottom as the correct thing. In such a case you should have used the square wooden nest box, and stood them on the bottom of the cage in the chosen spot, and the birds would probably have gone on nesting in the proper way. You need not separate the birds. Let them go on until they are getting ready to begin nesting again, then put some light cover over the cage front just in front of the nest pans to make them a little more secluded, and keep your eye on them to see if they are satisfied with the arrangement or wish some other site—if they choose some other site let them have it.

Cock Bird Still Moulting.

C.H.M., Nottingham.—The fire in your kitchen being out at night doubtless makes the temperature very variable, which might be the cause of the prolonged moult. Keep the bird where the temperature is fairly equable day and night, but see it is quite free from chills and draughts. Give only tepid baths, and those only on mild bright days. Every second day give a bit of stale sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it, and a dandelion leaf every day; otherwise, continue to feed as you are now doing. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food one day, and five drops of tincture of steel the next, and continue to give these alternately until the feathers cease dropping out. Give the chemical food on the days when you are not giving sponge cake. Do not mate the bird until it is perfectly recovered from moulting; if you do, the probability is that you will get only clear eggs.

Song Still Weak.

"Nancy."—It is doubtful whether the Roller will ever regain his full powers of song, but he will certainly sing again when the weather gets warmer. All you can do is to guard carefully against any more chills. Give only tepid baths, and these only when the weather is mild and bright. Give him a crumb of sponge cake, with a few drops of sherry on it twice a week, and three times a week give him the following decoction to drink instead of water, letting him have it for one full day each time. Place half a teaspoonful of linseed, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and a piece of liquorice extract the size of a small pea in a teacup, and half fill the cup with boiling water; stir it, and place a saucer over it to allow it to infuse; and allow it to stand until cold. Then well stir it, and strain off sufficient to fill the bird's drinker.

Not Laid Yet.

"South Devon."—The reason No. 1 hen wanted to go to nest in March, and when mated built a nest and sit in it, but has not yet laid, is that she is probably one of those giddy little things who only raise one's hopes to shatter them again. Separate her for a time, and give for a day or two as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece, and after that give a little egg food three times a week, a small piece of niger on each of the intervening days, and a leaf of dandelion daily. A fortnight of this treatment may bring her round, and after that time if she is anxious to mate, put her up with a lusty cock who is in good trim.

Not in Condition.

Roller.—It is quite useless attempting to mate the birds until they are in a much better condition. For one day give the hen that breathes heavily as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. Then for a few days give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and ten of syrup of squills in the drinking water. Continue this until the breathing is better. Every second day give a teaspoonful of crumbs of stale sponge cake between the two birds, and on the alternate days give the hen a pinch of niger and gold of pleasure seeds mixed, and the cock a pinch of gold of pleasure and hemp seed. Give two leaves of dandelion to each bird daily, and for one week give twenty drops of chemical food in the water every second day, and on the intervening days five drops of tincture of steel.

Powdery Substance.

Crest Fancier.—Have you carefully examined this powdery substance which comes off the birds? I strongly suspect it is a bad attack of grey lice. Ascertain whether this is so or not, and if it is, supply a tepid bath daily in which a little essence of quassia has been mixed. If this surmise is not correct, you would do well to hand-wash the bird and mix a little borax with the lather, and add a teaspoonful of Jayes' Fluid to a pint of the washing water in the first two basins. Afterwards add a piece of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water, and also ten drops of lemon juice. You should be giving a little mixed seed and a teaspoonful of egg food each twice a week, and add a little green food daily now. You do not say how or from what part the feathers have come off.

Brevities.

Mopy and Gaping (Frank Howell).—I suspect the fire is allowed to go out at night, and as the bird hangs near it it is subjected to extreme fluctuations of heat. This would quite account for its condition. Hang him where the heat will be fairly regular at all times, even if it is not quite so warm, but be careful to see that there is no cold draught to get to him. Give tepid baths only, and these on mild, bright days. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary and one part summer rape seed as a staple. Give a spray of watercress or leaf of dandelion daily, and every second day a small piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it, and on alternate days give twenty drops of whiskey, and ten each of glycerine and syrup of squills in the drinking water.

Stamping Canaries' Wings (C.T.P.).—You would run a very great risk of having your birds passed, even if they were not disqualified, if you stamped the young birds' wings. You might mark them with a rubber stamp and indelible ink if you did not intend showing them in nest-feather classes, and were going to "flight" them—always an objectionable practice—at the moulting season, but not otherwise. Marking rings are far the best and safest system of marking you can adopt for all birds you intend to exhibit, or, in fact, for all birds: or you can, if you so desire, use the rings, which can be moved and replaced at will.

Hen Caught Chill (Tom).—Give twenty drops of whiskey and ten of glycerine in the water for two or three days, and for a day or two give a teaspoonful of crumbs of stale sponge cake slightly moistened with a few drops of sherry, and if you also guard against chills and withhold the bath for a little time you will get the hen all right without separating her or stopping her breeding at all. It will not hurt the cock to have the same treatment. You are giving too much egg-food. Cut it down to a teaspoonful twice, or three times at most, a week.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Trio.

Signalman.—1. The beak of the Greenfinch does not change colour. Your bird may certainly breed Mules if kept in a very quiet spot. Put him beside the hen, a wire partition between them, and when he feeds her through the wires, and sings to her, then, if she is ready, you can safely run the two together. 2. It is certainly not too early to mate up a Linnet, for this bird is often in breeding trim (apparently your own is) very early. 3. Here is the recipe for making bird lime. It was given by a correspondent some time ago (have never made it myself): Take one pint of best raw linseed oil, put into an old quart saucepan, put on the fire and simmer gently for three or four hours. On no account let it boil; stir every few minutes. No change will be noticed until after the second hour, then it will show froth on top, this being a sign of thickening. It must be given every attention, or it will boil over. When it gets about as thick as treacle, take it off the fire and pour into a pan of cold water; stand till cool, then work it up with the hands till it shows no signs of having water in it. This will be found to work on twigs quite easily. It can be taken off when not in use, and used over and over again. If too stiff, mix with it a little of the so-called "treacle." Boiling will thicken it if needed. Made properly this will hold anything from a Wren to a Blackbird. An outhouse is more suitable for the boiling purpose than the kitchen, as the preparation has a very sickly odour.

Canary-Bullfinch Couple.

Bullfinch.—The feeding of young mules is dealt with in another reply this week (see also reply to "Novice" last week), as is also the feeding of Goldfinch-Canary couples. For the Canary-Bullfinch couple, give us a stock food: Canary and teazle three pints of each, charlock and summer rape one pint each, linseed half-a-pint. Vary this with daily feeds of (1) sunflower seed (lightly cracked) and hemp; (2) niger and maw seeds mixed in equal parts; (3) a good wild seed mixture; (4) a good maker's packet Finch mixture, not giving them all at once, of course. Thistle, teazle and hardheads, if you have them, may be given, while dandelion, shepherd's purse, chickweed and groundsel (especially flowering and seedy) should be given freely. A dietary such as this will suit all Hybrid couples, especially those with a Bullio hen as one of the partners.

Greenfinch Canary Muling Couple

Alpha.—The stock mixture you should use is: Canary and teazle two pints each, white sunflower, safflower, summer rape, charlock and linseed half-pint each. Also use the following. (1) hemp two parts, niger and maw one part each, (2) a good wild seed mixture, to which has been added a dash of thistle and dandelion. Give a teaspoonful of these on alternate days. A very important point is that you should look out for the young dandelion leaves, and gather a daily feed; also for seeding chickweed (obtainable practically all the year round in suitable sheltered spots), shepherd's purse and groundsel. These spring "salads" are invaluable aids in bringing all the Finches into proper breeding trim—especially the flowering and seeding dandelion heads. The earlier you get the latter, the better your chances.

Mule Breeding.

Beginner.—I hope you will succeed in breeding "clear Mules," but don't be disappointed if they turn out very much the reverse. It is not good to begin with a black-legged Goldfinch which is very wild, and "nearly always on the cage front." That is not the sort of Finch I should choose for my own

use. It is certainly no use pairing it up until it is in full song. Are you sure you have a cock bird? The Goldfinch has a pretty song, and a good bird sings freely all day long. As regards mating him (if a cock) and the yellow hen Canary, the simplest and most straightforward procedure is that I am always recommending, viz., to get a two-compartment breeding cage, and run the hen in one half and the cock in the other, the wired slide being between them. When the hen shows a desire to go to nest, hang in the nest-box, give a supply of nesting material, and draw out the dividing slide. You can, if you choose, give the birds a run together for a time daily before leaving them finally together. Sometimes, however, if one should happen to be ardent and the other not yet properly heated by "love's fire," this leads to the former experiencing disappointment. The result, sad to say, is usually a fight. The procedure when Mule-breeding is practically the same as when Canary-breeding, and you should most certainly invest in a book dealing with the latter, and carefully study the instructions given therein for the mating of birds, and for the management and feeding of young. There can be no "exact date" for pairing any breeding couples. Breeders have to settle the point for themselves, being guided by the state of their birds. You will find plenty of signs to help you. When the cock begins to take an interest in the hen he will be found feeding her through the wires of the sliding division; he will also serenade her in most vigorous tones. She, on her part, will accept his offerings of fodder, and as the pairing fever fills her veins, will "bounce" from perch to perch, flapping her wings, and "calling" in a high-pitched voice. One of the best things to do, however, when an understanding seems on the verge of being arrived at between any given couple, is to keep a sprig or two of nesting material in the lady's side of the house. When she begins to carry this about in her beak, and to look for a suitable place in which to deposit it, put in the nest-pan, and pull out the slide. Afterwards you must be guided by what happens between them. Should the cock bird interfere with the nest, only let him run with the hen a few hours daily, say in the morning, and shut him off entirely after the third egg has been laid.

Management of Siberian Goldfinch.

H.S.B.—I can only repeat the full details of my own methods, which I have often given before. You will find the mixture I recommend much better than the one of which you send a sample. As regards "pairing up," see other replies this week. A good stock mixture now would be hemp, canary and teazle three pints each, linseed half a pint, summer rape and charlock not quite a quarter-pint of each. Give a little maw and niger frequently, also a good feed of white sunflower seeds (cracked if necessary)—not all at one time, of course, but one or other daily. When newly-imported, I add two pints of niger (or inga) seed to the above stock mixture. Thistles, hard-heads, dandelion, flowering groundsel and chickweed, with seeds, etc., are all good for them, and appreciated. Many Siberians are lost through wrong treatment when first bought, owing to the unfortunate inexperience of the buyer. They are immediately put in a cage with food and water hung outside, consequently they starve or die of thirst, never before having seen a water-hole, much more put their head through one. Food and water should always be put inside to them, and it should be seen they get at the same. Inga (niger) seed is their staple food during importation. When they have got the taste for sunflower seed (it comes quickly, for they are very fond of it, and it is a grand food for them) gradually wean them off the niger. Should a bird seem to droop at any time, give at once a dose (two, if necessary) of sulphate of soda for one day; as much as just covers a shilling, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water. Follow this with a course of citrate of iron as a tonic, a tiny pinch (just a few granules) dissolved in the same quantity of water. Watch its effects on the bowels; it is constipating when given too strongly. Also, don't give grit freely at first. They will simply "gorge" it; and then comes trouble.

Wild Seed Mixture.

P.M.—The residue from a thrashing machine is good to offer any British seed-eaters, especially a collection in an aviary. Your own "wild seed" is a very fair sample of such residue. Its value is only small; you will see from our advertisement columns the prices at which others offer it for sale. The up-to-date vendor, however, mixes thistle, gold-of-pleasure, dandelion, etc., seeds with it, thus much enhancing its value to the buyer. The only possible way to name every weed which contributes its quota to such a mixture would be by sowing some of the seed and identifying the plants produced by it. The bulk is the produce of the group of plants termed Brassicas (charlock is one) known as "bird rapes," and many of the seeds of these plants are not to be differentiated by even the expert in such matters. As I am only very much a novice in the science of botany, you will forgive me, I am sure, "turning down" the job.

Nightingale Cage and Seed Husks.

Airship.—A Nightingale does not thrive well in a small cage, and if your space is too limited to permit its being a fairly large one, you had better give up your idea. Your other query I cannot answer, and doubtless the Editor will propound it in the correspondence columns, for you, when some reader or other may be able to supply the desired information. I always blow the husks from off the top of my own seed-hoppers, and the seed-drawers in my cages. It affords excellent exercise for the lungs, and the muscles of the arms are exercised in equally excellent manner afterwards, in the sweeping up of the husks from the floor, so that I may not trample them about the house, and by doing so bring upon my head the wrath of my "better half."

Brevities.

Identity of Bird (Puzzled, H. L.).—The bird you describe is the Reed Bunting, sometimes termed the Reed Sparrow.

"Hardiest and Best Songster" (Song-Loving Novice).—You name four birds, and ask me which is the "hardiest and best as a good cage songster." After grave deliberation, I place them as follows: Skylark, Blackcap, Pekin Robin, Nightingale. The low position of the latter bird is due to the fact that so many turn out so disappointing in a cage, considered from the song point of view. The Skylark sings all the year round (excepting only, of course, during the moult), when properly kept.

A Sex Puzzle (R.E.B.).—You say that an "expert" has seen the two Greenfinches, and been unable to "come to a decision" with regard to their sex. How, then, is poor me to do so, with only be given when tainted with frost.

written words to go upon? To hazard a guess (it may be a shocking bad one). I should say the small Greenie is a cock, and the larger one a hen. Cock British birds will certainly feed and "fuss about" each other when under the influence of amatory passion, so to speak.

Only One Wing (C.B.).—Really, I have never tried to breed with a Goldfinch having only one wing, so cannot offer any definite opinion. I prefer "whole" birds myself. I don't see why you should not let the couple go ahead, however, seeing how friendly they are, providing you will not feel too much disappointed should the eggs prove clear. Glad to hear of your success last year when following my advice.

Muling Matters (Collier).—Sometimes muling hens take no notice of a cock Canary which is in the same room (especially if he is mated up), but sometimes they "fall in love" with his voice, and then refuse to have anything to do with the British Finch, often attacking him savagely. Muling Finches don't want drugs to bring them into condition; feed as advised other querists this week.

A Hard Lump (A Subscriber).—The only likely treatment I know of is to touch the lump daily with a camel-hair pencil brush dipped in tincture of iodine. The latter is very powerful stuff, and should be very carefully used (only a slight smear of it), while it should be kept off surrounding parts (the eye, etc., in particular).

Starling's Voice (J.B.).—Crush up a chlorate of potash lozenge and dissolve half of it in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Repeat this for three days, and give on alternate days afterwards (plain water in between) for a short time if necessary. I think this will restore the Starling's voice. Keep him out of draughts.

In an Aviary (W. Vowles).—The aviary looks a very likely one to breed a few Mules in. As it is very small, however, you would be wise to have only Canary hens in it. You could turn in three or four more hen Canaries, and, if you like, a cock Goldfinch (or another cock Linnet). For feeding, see other replies this week. The hen Greenlinch might quite likely never bring up any young to maturity.

A Pairing Matter (A Beginner).—The way to go about it is to remove the cock Canary when the hen Canary starts to sit (out of the room, if possible), and let her rear the young herself. When the young are out of the nest, and just about able to "do for" themselves, then introduce the cock Goldfinch. The Goldie and hen Canary can be allowed to see each other (to become "acquainted") some little time previously, of course. He can be in one half of the breeding cage towards the latter end of the time—about the period the young are ready to transfer to a nursery cage.

Breeding from a Mule (Horace Wright).—I can only say as I have often said before, that it has never been satisfactorily established yet that a Mule has bred. Whether it ever will be, is a point I prefer to pass no opinion upon here. I have a perfectly open mind (despite personal failure), and if you mate your Mule up, and get any youngsters, I shall be most pleased to hear of it.

Opinion on Thrush (W.G.).—I am afraid there is no room left for reasonable doubt: the bird is a hen. A last year's bird (hand-reared) would, if a male, have come into song long ago on the treatment you describe. So far as plumage and general appearance go, cock and hen Song Thrush are as like as two peas.

Redpolls and Teazle Seed (Sample).— 1. Both cock and hen Redpolls carry the red tint on the head, but when in full colour in the wild state the cock has the breast suffused with rosy-red also, whereas the hen has not. 2. The sample of teazle looks like excellent seed. I prefer it a shade darker in colour, but this cannot always be secured.

Thistle-seed and Cocoanut Fibre.—Hardbill).—The thistle-seed you enclose is not the right kind to give to birds, and you will be foolish if you offer it to any of yours. The "small, cream-coloured seed" (as you describe it) is the correct sort of thistle seed. Will you let me know from whom you bought this? 2. It is cocoanut-fibre that so many fanciers use at the bottom of show-cages (especially for Softbills), and this may be bought at any good florists, or shop where garden seeds and the like are sold.

A Breeding Question (Novice, J.V.).—The bird may be merely a Canary with more or less dark plumage about it, as such are thought by many people to be "Mule-Canaries." Of course, it may also be really a Linnet Mule. One could only tell for certain by seeing it. As regards Mules breeding, see another reply this week. The hen Canary may have been carrying fertilised ovum (or eggs) when she passed into your possession. Pity you don't know some experienced fancier you could ask to look at the birds. Ten years is a very big age for a Canary, or similar small bird, to begin breeding at.

A Variety (P. Farrer).—1. The smell of paint, if at all strong, is certainly injurious to birds. (2) The food of Siberian Goldfinches is dealt with in another reply this week, as also is (3) the rearing of Mules for the nest. Many of my Siberian Goldfinches eat a small mealworm now and again with great relish. I always clear out the cages of my hen Canaries when they are sitting, doing it as quietly and unobtrusively as possible.

Linnet and Canary (Limtot).—Pairing matters are dealt with in another reply this week. The "fondling of beaks" through the wires of the partition is a sign the couple are arriving at an understanding.

Siberian Goldfinch (D. A. J.).—The feeding of Siberian Goldfinches is dealt with at length in reply to "H. S. B." this week. Canary, linseed, and summer rape make but a poor mixture for them to thrive on. There is no reason why a this year's bird should not Mule successfully; anyway, I am using two or three myself.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Food for Budgerigars.

Miss Knowles.—Treat your bird as follows:—Diet, canary, millet, and spray millet, greenfood, as much grass in flower as it will eat, and a few crushed oats, cuttlefish and water. Do not give bread and milk; the bird does not need such, and is better without it, the diet advised above being ample when the bird has recovered its plumage. Till this takes place soak a piece of household bread in clear water, and after squeezing out all the water you can, well dust it with flour of sulphur; give this daily. Also add sufficient Parrish's Chemical Food to its drinking water to make it the colour of pale port wine. If the bird will eat it, a little ripe apple, orange, etc., may be given, and will be a wholesome change. Give it as much grass in flower (grass in the ear) as you can get, or it will eat, as this is their natural food. It must not

Birds for Indoor Aviary.

Inquirer.—It all depends for what purpose you require them; if for breeding no more than three pairs, only two pairs would be better. 1: One pair each Zebrafinches, Norwich Canaries and Bengales. 2: Two hen Norwich Canaries, 1 cock each Grey and Green Singing Finches, and one pair White Java Sparrows. 3: One pair each Cutthroats, Silverbills and White Java Sparrows. If breeding is not an object, then you could keep the series given below; providing strict attention is paid to cleanliness, the aviary well furnished with twiggy branches and seed hoppers so arranged that contents cannot be fouled. Pairs each of Avadavats, Green Avadavats, Zebra, Grey and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, and odd males. Gouldian, Alario and Green Singing Finches, Norwich Canary and Silverbill. Diet: Canary, millet, and spray millet, greenfood, such as fresh lettuce, grass in flower, chickweed, etc., a few ants' eggs, and if obtainable, sprays from rose and fruit trees and hedgerow herbage, that are infested with green fly. The bottom of aviary should be covered with gritty sand, on top of which should be scattered cuttlefish that has been crushed to the size of millet seed. The aviary should have a light, sunny position where it will get plenty of fresh air, yet where the birds will not be subjected to draught or the wind blowing direct into the aviary or aviary cage.

Madagascar Weavers, etc.

G. E. H.—1: No; the male will thrive well enough as a bachelor. I have one among Budgerigars, etc., which appears quite happy in living his own little life, and ignores completely the other occupants of the aviary. 2: You would be more likely to succeed better if you had males of other species, but with the Madagascar I never had any trouble and have had two odd cocks agree well together in a moderate sized outdoor aviary. My experience with Weavers in captivity has been, that the males practically ignore the females and very seldom is a serious attempt at nesting made, most of the species spending the bulk of their time in weaving toy nests all over the aviary. 3: Weavers, though they do well enough without live insects for a time certainly should get a little of this kind of food, especially during the period of the moult and seasonal change of plumage. 4: Within the space of your aviary I should not anticipate any trouble from the introduction of two more cocks. They may chase one another about a bit, but if you have your aviary well furnished with twiggy branches in the various corners and along the back, nothing more serious should result. But there is as much individualism with birds as there is with people, and no hard and fast rule can be laid down.

Grey Parrot and Sunflower Seed.

W. P. C.—Probably it may be nothing more than the moult with your bird, but for its dietary to consist largely of sunflower seed is most certainly not right and will lead to trouble later. I am glad to note the previous trouble has been got rid of, and I should advise at present making its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day only, and repeat the dose after an interval of three or four days. Do not leave the water in its cage, but let it have a fair drink three or four times a day. Diet: With the exception of the seed mixture, your diet is fairly correct; as it will not eat canary seed, let it have the following: Dari, oats, wheat, maize, hemp and sunflower seed in equal parts. Fill up its hopper in the morning and do not give any more seed till the following day, and then do not throw away the leavings; remove any refuse there may be among it, and then fill up with fresh seed; you will of course give the ripe fruit, etc., as usual. It had better be on short commons for a few days; than get such an excess of sunflower seed. Well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food for the next month or longer.

Pintailed Nonpariel's Food.

W. R. White.—Diet: Canary seed, white and spray millet, oats, paddy rice (rice in the husk), greenfood, such as fresh lettuce, grass in flower, etc., and if they will eat them I should give them a couple of mealworms each daily, and as soon as they are obtainable a few small spiders and green fly from hedgerow or garden. Opinions vary, but I always prefer a box cage to any other, as this type provides better protection against draught and also supplies a little seclusion for the birds. The roomier your convenience permits you to make it, the better for the birds. A good size is 2 ft. by 1 ft. by 1½ ft. high; such a cage furnished with twiggy branches for perches at either end should enable you to enjoy the birds as you never could in a cage, which merely enabled them to hop from one perch to another. The temperature of an ordinary living-room would be ample, but wherever you keep them see that they get fresh air and are not subjected to draught.

Breeding Cutthroats.

Ignorant.—The hen Cutthroat resembles the male save that she is not quite so warm a colour, and lacks the scarlet band across the throat and the chocolate-coloured patch on centre of abdomen. You evidently have a true pair, and should succeed in getting them to breed. They should do so in an ordinary breeding cage, but the larger it is the more probable are your chances of success. As regards nesting receptacles, if you can obtain one, get one of the Hartz travelling cages, remove the fittings, and cut out two of the bars for entrance, supply them with hay rubbish and a Canary nest bag, and leave them to themselves, and in due course you should have a brood of young Cutthroats. When they are feeding young supply them with ants' eggs (cocoons) and soft food. Several good soft food mixtures are advertised in our columns.

Foreign Birds in Cages.

Theta.—In respect to your large cage, you have already too many birds in it as it is, but as they are doing well, and you keep them clean, it is a pity to disturb them, but you ought to supply a few oats for the Java Sparrows, and I conclude you are supplying greenfood, grit, and keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage. Your square cages are too small except for the Waxbills, and these would be better in one a little larger. The disease the majority of cage birds die of is lack of space and exercise. There is no cage like a box cage for keeping birds in, and to my mind a plain well-made box cage, stained black outside and pale sage-green inside is fully as handsome, if not more so, than a fancy wire cage. The Pekins, Lovebirds, and also the Waxbills, would be better in box cages of a minimum size of 18 inches long, by 12 inches deep and high. In such cages such birds as White Java Sparrows, Bengalese, Zebrafinches, and Cutthroats, would be very probable breeding. The Pekin should get a liberal supply of ripe fruit as well as the soft food, and also two or three mealworms or other insects daily.

Amazon with Sore Mouth.

J. H. While the bird's mouth is sore I should give it some boiled maize daily. This should be of much assistance to it, but you must note that this soon turns sour and must be made fresh daily, also see that food vessel is kept very clean and that no stale scraps are left about the cage. Every third day, so long as its excreta does not become watery loose, soak one teaspoonful of Bimeford's Magnesia into the boiled maize. Put into the bird's drinking water (say about one ounce), twenty grains of chlorate of potassium, and 4 drops of glycerine daily, till relief is given. If the bird will let you handle it or permit you to wipe out its mouth with a small camel hair brush, do so with the following mixture: Twenty grains of chlorate of potassium, and two drachms of glycerine, well cleansing the brush and using a fresh portion of the mixture for each occasion. Keep its cage strictly clean and let it have such ripe fruit as it will eat.

Cockatiels Out of Doors.

W. H. H.—It all depends on the temperature they have indulged in lately. Is your greenhouse heated? If not, and there is a shelter shed attached to your outdoor aviary, you could turn them out at once. Of course if you have been keeping them in a warm temperature you must harden them off a little, much as you would bedding plants. It should be quite safe to put them out at the beginning of next month, whatever the conditions they may have been kept under. Feed them on Canary, white and spray millet, and a few oats, green food, such as fresh lettuce, grass in flower, etc., cuttlefish and water. They are but small drinkers and for the next month or more well colour their drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. I shall be pleased to assist you re your aviary through the medium of this column at any time.

Brevities.

Books on Foreign Birds (Quait).—You would find Dr. Greene's "Favourite Foreign Birds" helpful, though it is a little out of date. A small booklet on the subject will be published almost immediately from this office, from my pen, on this subject. The series Housing and Keeping, etc., of Foreign Birds in Captivity will be published at some very near date, and should fully meet your requirements. Books such as you ask for are costly, and many of them do not touch upon the question of keeping them in captivity, but are costly and mostly purely scientific works.

A Pet Dove (T. D. F.).—I really don't feel competent to help you in this matter. I never kept Doves in cages. The Diamond Dove is a lovely little creature, but rather wild and not easy to tame; but once this was accomplished it would be very charming both as to beauty, robust and hardy constitution. Its coo is almost musical. An odd male would cost about 5/- or 6/-. Diet: Canary and millet seed, greenfood (grass in flower mostly), cuttlefish, grit and water for drinking and bathing. Failing this I can only advise you to try the Barbary or White Java, either of which would meet your requirements. Perhaps one of our readers could help you through our correspondence column.

Sample of Seed, etc. ("No Noise Wanted).—(1) The birds you refer to are most probably Grey Waxbills. You could put the following with your Canary, one pair each Zebra, Grey and Orange-cheek Waxbill. The only addition you would have to make to your diet, would be to supply a mixture of white and French millet, and to hang up a millet spray occasionally, and supply grass in flower or seed as greenfood. (2) The sample of rape sent appeared a very fair one, which after examination I threw to my birds. If the bulk is quite sweet in smell, and there is no mould on any portion of it, it will be quite safe to use, that is if the bulk is equal to sample; use it by all means.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 135, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (H.).—Your very fine variegated Yellow hen died of inflammation of the liver, lungs, and spleen, ending in apoplexy—all the symptoms of bird fever.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Article (S. A. Dicken).—Yours duly received and noted. Accept our thanks for your kindness.

Paper (R. McCaw).—We are very much obliged to you for forwarding us the paper, which we shall hope to print in the near future.

"Darkening" a Hen (Bird Lover).—We prefer to leave the matter to the readers of our correspondence columns. You ask us to recommend you a colour wherewith to stain your light hen Canary dark! Surely, you do not wish us to try to stain our spotless reputation? My word!

Cutting (J. Hill).—Accept our thanks for an interesting cutting, which, however, as it deals mainly with the squirrel, is hardly suitable for our columns.

An Exchange (W. Lawrence).—Probably the best course you and your friend could take would be to write a joint letter of complaint to the police headquarters of the district.

BRADFORD & COUNTY B.B. & M.C.

A committee meeting was held on April 7th at Market Tavern, Bradford, the president, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, in the chair. The following gentlemen were enrolled as members:—Messrs. J. Rankin (Bradford), T. Oxberry (York), D. Hunter (York), J. Lano (Bradford), Isherwood (Wakefield), and W. H. Shackleton (Wibsey). A letter was read from Mr. Fred. Hammond on behalf of the CAGE BIRDS competition committee stating conditions under which the prizes given by Mr. Carl were to be competed for. This letter was passed as read, and the secretary was empowered to thank the donor for his generosity. The following alterations of rules were recommended to be placed before the annual meeting to be held April 25th in Market Tavern. Proposed by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, seconded by Mr. Duncan, "That all exhibiting members to pay the sum of 2s. 6d. annually to compete for specials offered by this club, such fee to be paid to secretary before points counts for said specials. Amendment, proposed by Mr. T. H. Inman, and seconded by Mr. Sam Dean, that "The fee be 2s. all round, for non-exhibiting as well as exhibiting members." It was also suggested that the name of the club be altered to the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club. The above, of course, are suggestions only, and must be ratified by vote at annual meeting.—W. R. MYERS, Hon. Sec.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A CANARY SEED PROBLEM.

SIR,—Can any reader kindly let me know, through CAGE BIRDS, whether there is a machine for getting rid of the husks of Canary seed quickly, when cleaning out, or is there any way of doing this other than by turning the seed hoppers out, and blowing on same?

AIRSHIP.

WILL A GOLDFINCH WITH ONE WING BREED MULES?

SIR,—Can any reader kindly tell me whether a Goldfinch with only one wing is of any use for Mule breeding? I had the bird last year, and intended mating it with a Canary this year, but unfortunately a cat got at it through the wire of my outdoor aviary, and tore the wing completely off. However, I bathed the bird, etc., and eventually it got well again. At present I have it caged with a Canary and they are on excellent terms with each other; the Goldie is very attentive to her, feeding her, etc., and she seems most anxious to build. By following the information that CAGE BIRDS gave me last year (on Mule breeding), I was successful in getting seven Goldfinch Mules from the pair that I had put up. This was my first venture in breeding.

C.B.

TWO EGGS IN ONE DAY.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondents, J. S. and E. W. Lunt, in your issue of April 11th, referring to their experience of a Canary laying two eggs in one morning, may I say that on Thursday, April 9th, I quite expected that when I went into my bird-room I should find an egg in the nest, where I had one of my pairs up for breeding; but I did not find same. Being a little anxious, I looked into the cage on the evening of the same day (April 9th), just as I was retiring to bed at about 11.15. The hen, which was on the perch, was apparently all right. When I went in next morning, I was astonished to find she had laid two eggs. One was rather large with one end much thicker than the other, and almost flat, with a dent in the middle. The other egg was of the ordinary size with a white ring on one side as though this had been embedded in the dent on the large egg. I may say these were laid without my having to interfere in any way with her and by all appearances she looked as if she would lay again in the morning (April 11th).

J. G. COWLEY.

A SURE WAY OF CATCHING AN ESCAPED BIRD.

SIR,—My plan is to get a garden syringe, fill it with water, carefully approach the bird, and, when within a few yards of it, play the water on it. This damps the bird's wings and effectually prevents it from flying away. While the bird is in this damp state, it can, of course, very easily be caught. I also enclose an extract from the "Evening News," headed "A Canary Chase." If in this case my plan had been carried out, the "chase" might have had a different ending. I trust this method may be of some use to your readers. "Two men with a ladder, followed by an excited crowd, hurried through the streets surrounding Leicester-square early to-day. Every few minutes they would stop, place the ladder against the front of a house, run up, perform a few acrobatic evolutions at the top, and then descend. Advice was freely showered upon them when it became known that they were in pursuit of an elusive half-sovereign. Before they could obtain it, it was necessary that they should capture a Canary. This Canary had escaped from its cage, and had perched upon a sill on the opposite side of the street. Then the fun commenced. The cheeky Sparrows watched the little yellow stranger as it flitted from perch to perch. It waited until its pursuers' fingers had almost closed upon it, and then it flew away. It did this repeatedly, until at last, in Leicester-square itself, it perched upon a narrow coping between two windows. From one of the latter crept a man, hugging the wall closely. With the skill of a Blondin he crept on and on but the bird only glanced at him contemptuously and then flew away again. One member of the crowd threw his cap at the bird. It missed it by a good foot, and remained on the ledge. The ladder men did not think it worth while to rescue it, so one spectator at least went home a sadder, and possibly a wiser man. And finally the chase had to be abandoned. Tired of the attention of the pursuers, the Canary tried a longer flight, finally perching on the parapet of a lofty house. So the men gave up the chase in despair, and carried their ladder home. A bird in the hand, indeed, is worth two on the roof."

EDWARD PARRINGTON.

A GOLDFINCH'S "CROSSED" BEAK.

SIR,—I notice that A. B. Hanley, last week, asks Mr. Weston some questions about a Goldfinch with a "crossed" beak. Last year I had a similar experience with a bird, and as it sat moping on the perch, evidently in great pain, and not eating anything, I scalded it some rape, of which it was extremely fond. After eyeing it for a time, it fluttered down, and commenced to eat. Whether it had a seed, or husk, lodged in its maw, and whether this had "put it out" I do not know, but tho wet soft food put it right again, or else, in shelling the seeds, the mandibles worked back to their right place again. The bird did it several times during the time we had it, but the "crossed" beak always went right after a dose of soft food.

NEARLY THE SAME.

THE HEATING OF A BIRD-ROOM

SIR,—There is a slight error in my description of my heating contrivance, which appears in your issue of April 11. Tho lines, beginning "two plates," should read: "Two plates are bolted to cover the centre hole in pot No. 1 (this size of pot has four holes in the bottom). The three-inch hole is bored in the centre of plate, upon which the pots stand. As you will understand, this little detail makes all the difference in the working of the apparatus, for should the flame be extinquished and the gas tap remain open, the pots would become charged with gas, and therefore dangerous if anyone approached the heater with a light.

E. WEAR.

A DULWICH AND PECKHAM MATTER.

SIR,—I notice that the "Fancy" are to be treated to two open shows in S.E. London, these having similar names, viz., the Dulwich O.S. and the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. Would it not be better alike for exhibitors and the Fancy in general, if the latter society altered its name to Peckham C.B.S., seeing that their headquarters are in Peckham? I believe that out of their membership only three reside in Dulwich. Their annual show is also to be held (accordiug to reports) in Peckham. The annual show of the Dulwich O.S., I am informed, is to be held in Dulwich. Most of the officials of the D.O.S. are Dulwichites, with their headquarters in Dulwich; the society also is the only Cage Bird Society in Dulwich. The Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. having left Dulwich, why should thoy retain the name of Dulwich? I write this, not wishing in any way to dictate, but it will save a lot of confusion.

TIT LARK.

MR. F. HAMMOND TENDERS HIS THANKS TO THE FANCIERS OF YORKSHIRE & ELSEWHERE.

SIR,—I cannot allow my retirement from the office of secretary to the Yorkshire Union to pass without expressing my heartfelt thanks to the multitude of fanciers who, in various ways, have added so materially to the pleasures and useful experiences which the office has afforded me. Without such friendly co-operation and assistance, I feel that the duties would constitute a barrier too difficult for any ordinary individual to negotiate with any degree of satisfaction to either the Union or himself, and, in this connection, I would most sincerely bespeak for my friend and successor, Mr. Dean, all the sympathy and help that has so readily been accorded to me, feeling, as I do, that he will prove himself worthy of it. More he can neither desire nor expect. I have already availed myself of the pleasurable opportunity of thanking the president and other officers, along with tho entire body of delegates forming the Council, for the unbounded confidence they have invariably placed in me, and for the unfailing appreciation and courtesy which have never been denied me. No less satisfactory and helpful has been the attitude of the societies, who, without exception, have done all they could to make my task the easier, and I trust they will entertain no doubts that my thanks are heartfelt and most sincere. Especially, I would convey such a message to those societies and individuals who have accepted so loyally the interpretations (sometimes conflicting with their own desires and interests) which I have been called upon to place on the rules of the Union when time has not permitted the calling together of the committee to deal with such matters. The donors of the valuable prizes offered by the Union have already received the thanks of those present at the united gathering when such prizes were presented, but I feel that such generosity is so particularly gratifying to the secretary of any institution upon which it is bestowed, that I wish to place on public record that which I trust I have already conveyed to those concerned. I should feel myself guilty of great ingratitude were I to omit mention of the many who, although in many cases in no way connected with the Union, have congratulated me upon and encouraged me in the discharge of my duties From north, east, south and west letters of praise and commendation have reached me, and although I feel that far too generous words have been written of me and much unmerited praise lavished upon my work in this connection, it is, nevertheless, a source of happiness to know that in my retirement from the office, I am accorded the good wishes and deep respect of so many, and that such efforts as I have been able to put forward on behalf of my fellow-fanciers have been so kindly received and keenly appreciated. Greater reward I neither know nor desire. Lastly, but none the less appreciated on that account, I beg to tender to you, Sir, my most sincere thanks for the ever ready willingness with which you have opened your columns to me on all occasions, for the reports of our meetings and other matters, without which, I am afraid, much that has been accomplished would have remained undone

With kind regards and best wishes to all interested, I remain, very faithfully,

FRED HAMMOND.

Late Secretary, Yorkshire Union.

BIRD CATCHING.

SIR,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS a letter from "Constant Reader" about bird-catching, perhaps he would be good enough to answer the following questions for me. What is a suitable distance to be from the nets (clap-nets) without the birds taking fright at you and not dropping? How do you train the bird, or birds, to the flur stick, so that they flutter properly; also what kind of birds can be used as flur birds? What is the best time of the day for using clap-nets, as I shall have time for using them in November or December? What sort of call birds can be used, Goldfinches, Linnets, etc.? How do you get the birds used to the call cages and how do you arrange the call cages round the nets and the flur bird between them? Thanking "Constant Reader" in anticipation, and hoping he will write more on bird-catching very shortly, I am,

NOVICE.

SIR,—I shall be very grateful if "Constant Reader" would give me a few hints on Bullfinch catching. I have caught them with limed twigs set on docks, but this method spoils their plumage, and the greater part I caught died. I once tried a two-compartment trap cage, but without success. Would he tell me if they can be caught with net traps, or a small net, and whether brace birds are required, as I understand that bracing birds is illegal in the county of Durham?

ANXIOUS.

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NEW SOCIETY FOR CARMARTHEN.

SIR,—I shall be obliged if you will announce in your columns this week that an enthusiastic meeting of fanciers was held at the Plough Hotel, Carmarthen, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when it was unanimously decided to form a "Fur and Feather Society." A further meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at 8.15 p.m., at the above hostelry, when all fanciers are cordially invited to attend. There is every prospect that the outcome will be a good strong society, as numerous promises of support have been received from fanciers of cage birds, etc. It is proposed to cater for all sections. Post-cards will be sent to all fanciers in the district, but should any be inadvertently overlooked, it is hoped that they will put in an appearance at the meeting on the 22nd inst.

R. DAVIDSON.

Guildhall Square.

MULES AND HYBRIDS: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

SIR,—In reply to S. R. Fuller, I think it would be preferable to name all crosses in which one parent is a Canary as Mules. All other crosses should be named Hybrids. I have to trust to memory to give anything like a date when I saw the first young produced from a pair of Bramble-Chaffinch Hybrids. The parents were the first known of this cross, and were exhibited at the Crystal Palace in 1872, I think, and were shown by the late T. J. Monk, of Lewes, who bred them in his aviary; he also bred Hybrids between Pied and Grey Wagtails. I think the Canary is a Hybrid on account of the sports that have been produced from it. Fertile Hybrids, amongst other feathered stock, sport in many curious ways, as can be seen in Pigeons, Pheasants and Water-fowl. I have never heard or read of the domesticated Canary producing fertile young from any of the so-called Wild Canaries. Many have bred from Serinus canicollis, the bird most frequently offered as the Wild Canary, paired with the Common Canary; and the progeny have been Mules. Some writers think that the Canary originated from the Serin. I have bred from Serin and Canary, but the only young one I had was quickly purchased, and I never heard anything more about it. I wish someone would try breeding from the Serin paired to the Citril-Finch; I think the progeny would be much like a green Border Fancy. I have neither an aviary nor a bird room now, so must look for novelties from the younger generation. I wish some fancier would try and breed from the American Purple Finch and English Bullfinch; I think some very handsome Hybrids would be produced, especially if colour-fed. I have bred several young from Purple Finch and Canary.

J. H. VERRALL.

TANAGERS IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—I had intended writing you many weeks ago, to tender you my sincere thanks for illustrating my Blue Tanager in your valuable CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, but with so many business details to constantly occupy my attention, I had quite unintentionally overlooked it. Although the old adage is "better late than never," I contend it is "better never late." However, I now ask you to kindly accept my sincere thanks for such a life-like reproduction of one of my favourite birds. Although this season is now so far advanced, this bird, in common with all my other Tanagers (numbering 20 of various species), is still in the same beautiful condition as when it was on the show bench, due, I believe, to their diet, and to no heat whatever being used during all the severe and changeable weather conditions of our climate. I am convinced by practical experience that once artificial heat is given to foreign birds, it must not only be kept up, but the slightest change in temperature is apt to be dangerous. Let the food be something that will give them stamina, and the conditions under which they are kept be favourable, and Tanagers, Fruiteaters, and all species of insectivorous foreign birds can be as easily kept in perfect health and feather as any Seedeators. Some of my Tanagers, including the above, have been in the travelling box (to and from the shows) upwards of twenty hours at a time, and when unpacked, have been as lively as if they had only been there a very short time. In fact I have one Olive Tanager that invariably sang within five minutes of being unpacked after a journey lasting from twelve to twenty hours. I only mention this because I have so often heard fanciers say that it is well nigh impossible to travel Tanagers to such an extent.

O. MILLSUM.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

A LINNET AND GOLDFINCH PROBLEM.

SIR,—Having been a lover of Linnets and Goldies for years, I find that I lose a number of them with inflammation. I have "rung the changes" upon most seeds, and tried different remedies, but still find them sitting moping, and on handling them, the abdomen is found to be red and swollen. At present I am feeding on Canary rape, teazle and hemp, with linseed, maw, and niger given sparingly. Could any reader give me a cure, or better still, a preventative?

KITTY.

CANARIES' EARLY NESTING IN OUTDOOR AVIARY.

SIR,—I sent in a report a fortnight ago respecting a nest of young Canaries in an outdoor aviary, they being three weeks old today, and in the best of health. Now at the time of writing again, I have two more nests of eggs of four each. The aviary is in a very exposed position, having no shelter of any kind; for the first week after the young were hatched, I had to break the ice, which on three successive mornings was an eighth of an inch thick; and there were also several hail storms from the north east. This shows that we are inclined to keep our little friends in too warm and cosy temperatures. I must say, that though only living in a small village, there are several fanciers, and we are always anxious for our CAGE BIRDS on Friday mornings.

WEST WELL HARLIQUIN.

THE CHALLENGE CUP AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

SIR,—We notice Mr. C. Baker, of Bedminster, advertising in your valuable paper under heading of "various Canaries" that he has supplied "Winner of challenge cup, Newcastle-on-Tyne." We wish to state that we have had no dealings with Mr. C. Baker. We were the winners of the challenge bowl in 1906, for the best young bird in the show, bred by the exhibitor, and the bowl was for the first time in competition that year. We hope Mr. Baker will reply, and give us the name of the person, and the year the challenge cup was won, as stated in advertisement. We have been asked several times by fanciers if we bought our challenge bowl winner off Mr. C. Baker. We bred the said bird ourselves, and it was seen by several fanciers from leaving the nest till the time of our exhibiting it.

DOBSON & SON.

In answer to a direct enquiry from ourselves, Mr. Baker states that the bird was sold to a John Harker, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, adding: "I could not state where this cup was won." Possibly some Northern fanciers can enlighten us on this point.—EDITOR.

BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB AND ITS JUDGES.

SIR,—Horace says that, "to write well, one must think justly"; but I cannot say Mr. Patterson has done either in his last epistle. He seems to be in straits with regard to the heading of the discussion, and to give him freedom to answer me, you, Sir, might alter the heading to read as he suggests, for since he thinks he has silenced the opposition of the B.F.C. he seems now to look upon me as a wandering intruder. I will leave it with your many readers to judge for themselves, and I think they will easily see he has made many unrighteous insinuations, and prophesied what would take place. Now he says, what he has written are facts. Is it a fact that, suppose the B.F.C.'s judges were engaged to their limit, there would be none but perfect novices to place the awards at the remaining shows? If this is so, the exhibiting of this variety cannot continue long. But I am satisfied that, through experience and the many helps CAGE BIRDS affords, there will always be fanciers capable of judging this variety apart from the B.F.C., and I can assure Mr. Patterson that I have no axe to grind, and therefore do not require a grinding stone from Chirnside. I am quite willing, however, to defend capable fanciers and judges outside the ranks of the B.F.C., and not being a member of that club, I have no personal grievance. Further, the B.F.C., as well as some other clubs, has that rule not to patronise any societies unless they select the club's judges (which has proved itself not in the interests of this variety). Surely more honour for the B.F.C. members to win with neutral judges. Now, Mr. Patterson gives it as his humble opinion that no breeder of the variety is acting for its advancement if he does not pay the 2s. 6d. subscription and become a member of the B.F.C. From my experience in the Fancy, I hold a different opinion, and am quite prepared to discuss the difference of our opinions through your columns. Therefore, I ask Mr. Patterson what the many breeders outside the B.F.C. are doing to advance this variety, who supply beginners with good birds at a small price, and show them CAGE BIRDS, and adviso them to get it weekly and read it carefully? Again, what are the breeders doing who have run a show for years and risked no less than eight classes for Borders without the patronage of the B.F.C., and have still a few pounds in the bank? Why is it if the B.F.C. has advanced this variety, that it has only 300 members? Why is it that in districts I have visited, I have come in contact with many breeders and found so few of the club's members, sometimes only one or two in a large district? The town I live in has almost twenty breeders of this variety and only one a member of the B.F.C. Now as your time, Mr. Patterson, to aim at a straightforward, honest policy for the welfare of our favourites, without embittering the feelings of anyone who makes them his hobby, in advocating unity not only with the B.F.C. and the societies that seek its patronage, but amongst all the lovers of this variety. United we stand, divided the club may fall.

ROBT. LAMBIE.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S. SHOW.

SIR,—The great difficulty that faced the committee of the re-organised Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. with regard to staging for our show has been met, an officer of the society (one of the best known breeders and exhibitors of the Norwich down South) having spontaneously come forward, and generously provided the necessary funds to purchase same. The work has been put in hand, and two officers of the society (both practical men) are now busy making staging sufficient for 1,000 to 1,500 birds, so that by the time our shows come round the society will be in possession of one of the finest and most up-to-date lot of staging in the Kingdom. The society is flourishing in its new home; some 30 new members have been elected since taking up our new quarters.

W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

STANDARD SHOW CAGES FOR BRITISH HARDBILLS.

SIR,—I was rather disappointed when opening my CAGE BIRDS on Friday last, not to see a reply from Mr. L. J. Arrighi, to "Well-wisher of the S.B.B. and M.C.," after requesting his name, before he would reply, for I have now given my name. I fully expected to see some of his views expressed through your valuable paper, so that I might have rendered him any assistance I could in the adoption of a standard show cage for Hardbilled British in Scotland, as I believe this cage would give much more satisfaction to both judges and exhibitors. The question is well worth discussion, I believe.

RICHARD GADSDEN.

SIR,—Mr. L. J. Arrighi's tardy conversion to the idea of a "Standard show cage" for Hardbilled British birds, is apparently only half-hearted after all, as he has no intention, apparently, of supplying "Wellwisher" who has now revealed his identity, with the information he desires. Personally, I do not agree with the idea of a standard pattern show cage, as there are numerous workingmen fanciers who make their own cages and make them well too, who will by its adoption be debarred from indulging in this branch of their hobby. To a large number this is a real hardship, as they will be forced to spend money, which they can ill afford to do, on an article that could be manufactured by themselves at much less cost and with more satisfaction. It is intended, I believe, to give the "right" to manufacture and sell these cages to one firm. This is "monopoly" with a vengeance, and is very unfair both to the "trade" and exhibitors of "H.B.B.," as all competition is thereby debarred. This is a serious consideration as it will probably cause a large decrease in the number of "H.B.B." exhibitors, men who, as already stated, cannot afford to pay an inflated price for the privilege of exhibiting in a "Standard show cage." If the latter must be adopted, cut the monopoly out, and allow exhibitors to make their own or purchase where they like, so long as the "Standard" is conformed to. It seems to me, however, to cast a reflection on our judges to enforce a standard or uniform pattern show cage. Surely a man who accepts the high position of judge, can be trusted to judge the birds and not the cages. If he is found to betray this trust, societies have the remedy in their own hands—boycott or "black list" him. Hoping to see a reply from either of your correspondents.

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ROLLER CANARIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I see Mr. Norris, in his reply to Mr. Whittaker, makes use of two expressions, one: "Then what a pity to sell the birds. It makes one wonder why." It is on the strength of trying to answer them, Mr. Norris, that I hope you will pardon my temerity in writing this letter, as I have no desire but to see the Roller fancy progress. Now, as the buyer of one of the birds in question, I cannot help thinking the remarks are out of place. I cannot see where the "pity" comes in, as what is Whittaker's loss is (or, I hope so, at any rate) my gain. How are we novices to attain prominence in the fancy if not by buying the best that a breeder has? If every breeder stuck to all the good birds he bred, it would be uphill work indeed for novices, like myself, and would not be much encouragement for fresh fanciers joining our ranks. As regards the other expression, as to why Whittaker had sold the birds, I will, as far as I can, enlighten you, for your remarks imply that he (Mr. Whittaker) had been doing this writing to sell the birds, which, in my case, is not so by a long way. It was only as a personal favour (for which I shall always be grateful) that Whittaker let me have the bird. The bird has been in the breeding cage and put a hen to nest, and I am just as satisfied with him, as I was while he was at Moses Gate (probably more so). If he retains his present excellence (I hope he will) I shall be perfectly satisfied as I have been with others I have had from the same room. As regards the other bird (ex. 3rd at the Palace) it is only because I could not have it that it is not another link in a novices' team of Rollers, and if I thought Mr. Bramhall could be induced to part with it, I should, all being well, soon be at Gt. Lever to buy the bird. As regards the Manchester meeting and the above bird, and the members alleged remark, that "if that ought to have been the Palace winner then there must have been a poor lot bred last year." I hope, Mr. N., you will pardon me referring to the matter in discussion between you and Whittaker, which I most certainly should not have done if you had not quoted "A member's opinion" (above stated), and I claim the same privilege, as I was present at Manchester at the meeting. It was quite clear to anybody who had only a little knowledge of Rollers that the bird did not sing his song. But it certainly did not do anything wrong, and that seems to me to be (or should be) the chief point at issue. The "member" in his wisdom seems to forget the bird scored 24 points at the Palace without any added for purity and delivery (which it ought to get, in my opinion), and if instead of debiting it with seven points for faults (which I feel sure was a mistake) it had got the points added on to its score, it would have scored more points than we get a bird to do every year. But even without the purity and delivery points, it would get equal points to the winner, so that I think the remarks are out of place altogether, as the "member" never yet heard it do anything to bring a 7 points debit. My advice to the "member" is to labour hard to breed birds its equal, and then, perhaps, they will qualify him to be exempt from the novice or amateur classes. I fancy there were few at the meeting besides Whittaker, who could claim that honour. In conclusion, I wish all Roller fanciers a good breeding season.

S. G. PARR.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Norris, I must say that I have a copy of all my letters and that if he has got his "feathers so ruffled" that he allows his pen to run away with him, I have not. Fancy Mr. N. not denying, if he could, any statement I have made. So far, Mr. N., you have given a straight forward denial to only two of my statements. One is that you still say my challenge was accepted, and that you will give £5 to the funds of the club if it was not, while I am to give £5 if it was. Well, Sir, I am enclosing £5 as my deposit to accept that offer, and I hope you will act as referee. I am also posting to you copies of all my letters to Mr. Norris, and of all his letters to me on this subject, and I have written to him asking him to forward to you his £5, and do the same. I suggest the loser pays you your charge for trouble, etc. Now, Mr. N., I hope you will not run away from this point, like you have run away from all the others, and I suggest that the £5 of the loser be given as specials, say 50s., 30s., and 20s., for the three best 1907 rung birds at the next club show. The other denial is about the club meetings. I may be wrong in this, but my information comes from a reliable source, and when you average the attendances up from your own returns, and they work out at less than six per meeting, it does not speak for much. You presume that I might have found a judge to judge my birds, and paid him and his expenses up to London, and then have rung for the benefit of the club. What in the world will you presume next, I wonder? No "heads I win, tails you lose," about me, Mr. Norris. If I make a match and lose I pay, and if I win I expect to draw. Once more let me say that my challenge had nothing to do with you, or an offer to sing for the benefit of the club, or even the B.R.C.C. Here are a facts about your letter: 1. The member who told you the opinion of the Manchester meeting was so and so, told you an untruth. 2. You do not speak the truth when you say that I agreed to sing for the loser to pay the money to the funds of the club. 3. You know quite well that these two birds did not come to the club show (so this is another shock for nothing). 4. I only know of one "stormy scene" at a show, and you did a lot to make it (at Wakefield, 1906), when you made such a bother over the uniform club show cage (and where are they now?)

W. WHITTAKER.

[We have to acknowledge receipt of a money order value £5 from Mr. Whittaker.—EDITOR].

EARLY SPRING IN CHESHIRE.

SIR,—The first day of spring was a most genial one for a ramble, so I decided to take a short trip into Cheshire in quest of the signs of spring. Leaving Manchester Central in the morning, I went south-west to a Cheshire village far away from townships and city. I had not got far from the station when a Starling with a long straw in his beak caught my eye, and he was very soon out of sight under the eaves of a large dwelling-house. The time of year was greatly in evidence further along the road, for in the cottage gardens there were in profusion the lovely blooms of the hardy crocus, the rose and lilac trees all bursting into leaf, and the cheeky little Chubbie with his mate on the spouting in the outhouse. Daffs were in bud (in some cases breaking into flower), and here and there along the uncut hedges were the silvery buds of the palm, which bids fair for a green country by the time Easter is here. Away in a clump of stately elms the Crows were repairing their old habitations and making a fine noise as if they were aware that spring had come. One could not help but notice the lovely green of the pasture lands and the springing wheat, barley and oats in the arable land along the roadside. Continuing some two miles along this road, I turned to the left down a lane which apparently led to a farm. I made my way and here it was quite a sight to see the birds bathing in the sunshine on the sides of the lane. On the top of a small haystack a Chaffinch was singing his hearty chorus, and in the hedge just to the front was the Jenny Wren hopping about, first to the top to sing his wonderful song and then down again. In an ash tree hard by the Robin was singing for all he was worth, and the artful little Blue Tits in a slow plum tree were apparently having a quarrel. Coming to a cottage, I obtained permission to go across the grounds to the road beyond. Greenery generally was well on its way for its full summer dress. Crossing a stream where the Blackbird and Thrush seemed to abound, I made my way to a gate that led to a ploughed ground where I saw a pair of Pied Wagtails and three Pipits, their "tweet tweet" being distinctly audible in the wind, and although so close to a ploughman and myself they didn't seem to fear. Keeping along by the side of the hedge, I thought I could see a Sand piper by the side of a huge pool, and I was most anxious to make certain; taking a further stile I managed to get a better view, and then satisfied myself as to its identity. On the same water the Moorhen was washing herself by the side of some rushes, and from a gravel slope close by some Linnets flew up that had apparently been down to bathe. The sun was quite hot. I think this was the first time I have perspired this year. Not knowing my way, I returned to the ploughed ground, at the far end of which the Peewit was hovering, making his plaintive cry. The south side of the hedges are well forward, but the north sides do not appear to have awakened from their winter sleep. Leaving the ploughed ground for a rough pasture which was apparently waiting to be turned up, some hundreds of Linnets, Greenfinches, Pipits, and Yellowhammers flew up, crossing the ground. The hedge seemed all alive with bird life, the Yellowhammers and Greenfinches being most conspicuous amongst the others. In a small brake in front the cooing of Doves and Woodpigeons could be distinctly heard, but although I waited some minutes I didn't see or hear the Woodpecker. Getting into a narrow lane, I saw a pair of Bullies flying down the hedge, and up in a stately spruce tree the Song Thrush was singing his beautiful song. Unfortunately, the time of day was getting on, and I had to make for the station after a most enjoyable ramble all on my own.

S. W. BIRCHLEY.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

(*Continued from page* 379).

The Sweating Hen Tragedy.

There are few more thoroughly disheartening experiences in the career of the amateur bird-keeper than the tragedy of the sweating hen, as it may well be called. It so often occurs among the very best, and apparently most vigorous hens, and the initial stage, mating, nesting, egg-laying, sitting, has all run so smoothly that the thought of any serious hitch occurring is never for a moment entertained. Hatching goes off without a shadow of anxiety, the hen feeds well, and for a few days everything seems to go on well. Perhaps there is a brood of four or five thriving chicks, the sight of which keeps the owner on very good terms with himself and the world in general. Then comes a change.

One morning when he goes to attend to them he finds the hen looking dull and care-worn, and showing no inclination to leave the nest. If she is driven off, the iron or disappointment may enter the breeder's soul. The brood which yesterday looked so charming may perhaps gape half-heartedly, or they may lie limp in the bottom of the nest—no longer the soft, fluffy little "balls of tow," but moist, dishevelled little mites, with the erstwhile pretty upstanding down, lying damp and prostrate about their bodies. The hen, too, who will be waiting for a chance to pop on to them again, has a similar limp appearance, and a kind of moist look about the plumage of the abdomen. An experienced eye would have noticed yesterday that she was changed, that a listlessness was growing upon her, and that her plumage on the lower surface already showed signs of a heated and moist condition, which was not quite normal. Now when things have reached this stage one can pretty safely forecast the result.

A Suggested Treatment.

I call it a suggested treatment, because I have never yet had an opportunity of putting it to a practical test since it occurred to me. I have, however, sufficient confidence in its utility to give it here for what it may be worth, so that anyone who has the said trouble to contend with may put it to a test, in which case, if they find it proves an efficient remedy, they may perhaps remember that "one good turn deserves another," and be prompted to send a short note to our correspondence columns to report the result for the benefit of their fellow-fanciers. The treatment is simplicity itself. On the first sign of listlessness, when the hen shows that peculiar condition of plumage underneath which is the precursor of sweating, give her a tepid bath, in which a quantity of boracic acid has been dissolved equal to a teaspoonful to each pint of water, and in each ounce of drinking water dissolve as much of the acid as will cover a threepenny piece, and the same quantity of Epsom salts. This medicated water may be given during the middle portion of the day only—say, for four or five hours—and may be repeated on two or three consecutive days. The bath also, prepared as above, may be given each day until the hen appears all right again.

Lest the quantity of water mentioned for drinking, should cause any confusion to arise, it may be as well to say that two ordinary tablespoonfuls is approximately one fluid ounce, and, further, that the ordinary types of drinking vessels for cages are constructed to hold about one fluid ounce. These measures may not be quite correct scientifically, but they are near enough for all practical purposes. This bath and medicated water for a day or two is the essential part of the treatment I would suggest, but as I have so often known the trouble to arise and go on persistently in cases where the green-food consisted mainly of dandelion, I should also reject this altogether and substitute lettuce, or chickweed. This must not be taken as implying that dandelion is the real cause of sweating. Whatever trouble it may help to cause in other directions, I should scarcely add this to the list. The real cause in all probability, as shown by modern discoveries, is septic disease germs in a non-malignant form, and the suggested treatment is based on this assumption.

Out-of-Date Remedies.

To go through an extensive list of other remedies which have one after another been weighed in the balances and found wanting, seems very futile. The one that perhaps had some little method in its favour was to add a variety of other foods beside egg-food to the dietary, and also a variety of green-foods. If this change was made in time, it might ward off an attack, and allow a hen to continue to perform her duties, but when once she has reached the afore-named condition, the chances of her recommencing to perform her duties are by no means very abundant. A dose of Epsom salts in the water in conjunction with the change of food was of good service. Indeed, the bottle of salts was a mighty secret, which once upon a time created a great *furore* as an infallible cure for sweating. That it had its useful purpose there is little room for doubt, but seeing that the boracic acid is exceptionally antagonistic to the septic germs and that nothing of practical service is at once so safe and harmless to use, there seems a very good prospect of the suggested treatment proving of some material use.

Two Nests at Once.

In a few cases one will find some good and careful parents, who will, if supplied with a second nestpan, carry on the operations for a second nest whilst at the same time treating the young of the first brood quite satisfactorily. In such cases, it will be found that the young have reached an age when they do not require the constant brooding of the hen—say, from twelve to fourteen days' old. The cock is also generally a good feeder, and has already taken upon himself a large share of the feeding of the young, so that, as a matter of fact, the hen is really not much occupied with them. The only point of any real importance is her behaviour towards them when building the second best. The danger is that she may take a fancy to the growing feathers of the young with which to line her second nest.

In the Nursery Cage.

The young at this time are quite able to do without regular brooding during the day, and may be placed, nest-pan and nest, altogether in a nursery cage, and hung on the front of the breeding cage, hanging them rather low down, so that the hen cannot easily reach them when they are lying quietly in the nest, and yet so that both parents can reach to feed them quite easily when the young raise their heads and gape for food. When the birds are about going to roost at night the nest pan may be replaced in its original position when the hen will very often sit upon them or upon the side of the nest and keep them warm and cosy until morning.

Then one will have to be up betimes to remove the young again next morning, or the chances are that they will be in a pitiable plight by breakfast time. It goes without saying that one must keep a watch upon the hen the first night or two that the young are replaced, in order to see whether she begins to pluck them instead of settling down comfortably. Should she do this, the nest and young must again be returned to the nursery, and the nest nicely covered with a fold or two of soft warm flannel or woollen, until morning. This will, as a rule, be quite sufficient protection from cold at all times after the young have begun to shoot their tail feathers, except it should be in very early spring, or during extreme snaps of cold weather.

To Prevent a Chill.

In either of the latter events, some simple means of preventing a chill during the night may be devised. One of the simplest, which may be made to answer admirably, is to thoroughly heat a common fire-proof brick in the kitchen oven, then wrap it up well in several thicknesses of old flannel or woollen, and place it on some support immediately underneath the nursery in such a position that the nursery practically stands upon the swathed hot brick. It will give out a nice comfortable heat for hours, so that if one is placed in position late at night, it will give sufficient heat until early next morning, when it may be renewed if considered necessary. A couple of such bricks would provide a constant relay of heat supply for a nursery cage.

Feeding Too High.

One way by which the tyro is apt to bring about this trouble with too rapid breeding is in keeping the old birds in a too highly stimulated condition. The situation in which they are kept always plays an important part in the question of feeding. As a rule the amateur breeder quite overlooks this fact. He has one system of feeding for given seasons, and only one, regardless of the fact that it makes a very material difference upon birds kept in a cold room to what might reasonably be expected with those which are kept in a heated room, or one which is equivalent to a heated one. I say equivalent, because there are quite a number of working-men fanciers who breed with a few pairs of birds and who keep their stock in the kitchen or the ordinary living-room. Now, this situation is very often quite equal to what would be termed a very warm room, and is at all times—at least, during the day, and sometimes at night, too, as a very great number of the working classes have a practice of smothering the kitchen fire and allowing it to burn slowly all through the night—quite equal in temperature to a moderately-heated room. Yet in spite of this obvious fact, the owners almost invariably consider the birds as being in a cold or unheated room. Then the birds are highly fed, and this stimulation added to the warmth of the room, and the still more potent influence of the on-coming spring force the birds to an abnormal and unnatural productiveness which bring on the desire to recommence nesting almost as soon, in a manner of speaking, as they have got through one period of incubation.

(*To be continued.*)

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No. 197.

ADJUSTABLE PERCH AND RED MITE TRAP.

Sent by Irvin Iredale, 9, Esmond Street, Great Horton, Bradford.

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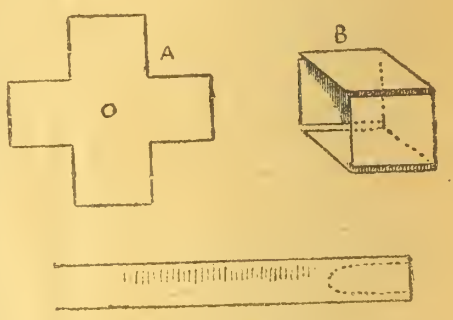

A Novel Perch.

tended for the perch; then cut four saw gates ¾in. long. The hole should be stuffed with cotton wool. Adjust perch in tin socket, at back of cage, with the front end resting on cross-bar of cage front. The perch can be easily taken out to be cleaned, and cotton wool removed and searched for red mites.—I. IREDALE.

No. 198.

AN IMPROVED NEST-HANGER.

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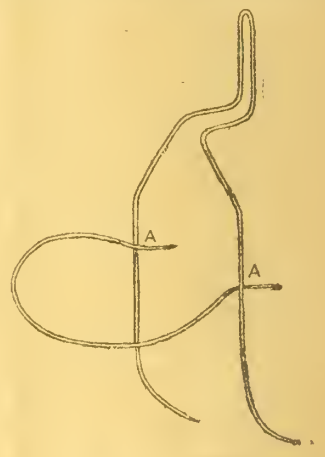

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CHAP. X.: THE BEARDED TIT (continued).

When I got them home I let them loose in a fair-sized aviary in company with other Britishers, and it was very pretty to see how they explored every nook and corner of their new abode. I could fancy them saying, as I listened to their happy chatter, "Well, this is really something like; and quite reminds us of the Norfolk Broads."

At first, like all the lower orders, they were clearly suspicious of any unknown object. The best rule in such a case is to act naturally, with more quietness than usual, and give them time to forget their suspicions. I did so, and they now creep about my person as if I were of no more interest to them than Alexander was to Diogenes. When I throw down some maggots they come skipping along from bough to bough. "To the discreet belong the spoils" is written in every timorous step and stealthy movement.

They are "cocky" little beggars, and as full of self-importance as the Minister of the two Cumbraes (the miserable little islands off the mouth of the Clyde), who offered up the prayer: "O, Lord, please be gracious to the Greater and Lesser Cumbraes, and in Thy mercy do not forget the *adjacent islands* of Great Britain and Ireland." The Tits seem to say the same to me: "Look after us, and do not forget the rest." They are a most devoted little couple, never apart for more than a few moments, and then never happy until they are together again. If one were to die I do not think the other would be long behind. I never see them making love; it is always there. It reminds me of what a dear old man used to say to me of his love-making: "I didna make it; it comed spontaneous loike."

Living in Hope.

I hope some day to be able to report the successful nesting of this devoted little couple; but then Hope is a hen that lays more eggs than she can always hatch out. I console myself with the thought that there is plenty of time yet, as the parish priest once said to his bishop who had written to him for neglecting his spiritual flock. The letter ran somewhat as follows: "My Lord Bishop—I have received, and beg respectfully to acknowledge your Lordship's letter. I believe that your Lordship can hardly be aware of the condition of the roads at this time of the year. I am satisfied that if your Lordship saw them you would think with me that it is impossible at present for our Great Enemy to reach my parish. As soon as the weather mends and the roads give signs of becoming passable, I assure your Lordship that I will take care to be beforehand with him."

I find my Bearded Tits, while making my soft mixture their staple diet, do not despise Canary and millet seed. They are terribly wasteful where seed is concerned, as they stand in the middle of a full pot and scatter it right and left, like an old hen, until they find a bit that will suit their dainty appetites. I need hardly say that they require a regular supply of live insect food, though this need not be given in any alarming quantities. Still, it must be given "little and often." When seeking this food on the ground they have the same curious habit of scratching, just like Combassous and Whydahs.

For those who are not familiar with the appearance of the Bearded Reedling, I append the following brief description. The length of the bird is 6½ inches, of which the tail exceeds 3 inches; the bill is rather long, thin, slightly curved at the point, and of an orange colour. The eyes are "gravel"; the nape of the neck back, rump, and tail are what we used to call, in Mice, rich sable; over and below each eye is a black marking almost in the form of an acute triangle, hence the name —"Bearded Tit." The throat and lower part of the neck are silvery white; the sides and thighs pale yellow, and the vent black. The quill feathers of the wing are blackish brown edged with white. The lesser coverts are of the same colour; the greater coverts chestnut orange with pale margins. Legs and feet lead colour.

The hen is very easy to distinguish from her mate. She has no cheek marking; the vent is the same colour as the abdomen, and the body colour is altogether paler. Here is the advantage of buying Bearded Tits; you can always be sure of picking out a cock and a hen. The Bearded Tit is even a better hand than an old cock Blackbird at finding cover—and keeping it. No matter how you try to catch him, he will always have something between you and his person. Unless you have tried personally to catch him in the aviary, you have never realized how much good cover there is in an elder bush or even a few bare pea sticks.

The Damp British Climate.

My Bearded Tits live in a large covered aviary, as I have learned now by sad and bitter experience to distrust the British climate, and I know how many promising nests have been sacrificed for being placed sub Dio. About the middle of May I saw unmistakable signs of nest-building, all the German Canary cages in turn were inspected by the cock, meekly followed at a judicious distance by the little hen. They were evidently house-hunting. Already I had visions of little Bearded Tits and medals; but as Mr. Poyser used to say: "Its your dead chicks that take the longest to hatch"; and so the event proved. In this world there's nothing certain but death and taxes. For some days all went well; the Tits were busy day and all day breeding and building. At last a little nest was finished in the old German Canary cage, and then there came a pause, such as one sometimes notes on a lovely summer's day.

I wanted to look inside that nest ever so bad; but prudence held me forcibly back. She argued wisely—if there are eggs, your looking won't alter things, and if there are none you will only be disappointed. I held out as long as I could at the imminent risk of something giving way inside; but on the fourth day I could restrain myself no longer. I took just one peep and to my joy I saw eggs. Eggs—writ large. How many, I had no time to see, but I *thought* three. Now was the crucial time. Would the hen sit? I had had many a bird lay and then refuse to have anything further to do with their eggs. Happily, my little friend was quite normal and sat with the admirable patience of a Dame Partlet.

A Decoration Just Missed.

At the end of fourteen days—to be exact, on the thirteenth evening—the eggs hatched. Oh, how badly I wanted to see the youngsters. My anxiety reminds me of the answer of the Abbè Bourgeois to Prestmitch, who, quite forgetting his clerical character, had asked him to dine on Good Friday. "Malheuresement, les circumstances n' empèchent." It was the same with me. Circumstances unfortunately forbade me to look. I knew that if I did my chances of a medal would be gone; and so I tried to possess my soul in patience. For some days I could tell that all was going on well. The visits to the nest and the food trays were regular and satisfactory. The great difficulty in these cases is to provide plenty of insect food. Gentles are very good up to a point; but after a time the birds seem to sicken of them; at any rate when feeding young. Maybe they know that these gentry (no pun intended) do not altogether suit little digestions. At any rate, I always try to have an alternative diet, as the doctors say. Far away, in a retired corner of Yorkshire (which I shall not name for obvious reasons), I have a dear friend the happy possessor of a wood in which a big colony of wood ants dwell. Year by year, as the season comes round, generously and at great risk to his legs, to say nothing of helping a possible rival to a medal, he sends me a constant supply of eggs. Bearded Tits are particularly fond of these dainties, and so are their young.

As soon as the eggs arrived the Tits were everlastingly at the saucer, busily collecting supplies. It went on early and late, and I began to feel like the man in America, who once actually prayed: "O Lord, give us self-complacency, that most precious of all Thy gifts." But, alas, my self-complacency was premature; all went well for a fortnight. The little birds were then covered with brown quills all over, and looked like little porcupines. The next day I thought that the old birds were not going to the nest quite as often as I should like, but still I hoped for the best—though I expected the worst.

Alas, I was not disappointed. I looked next day, and the youngsters were dull and apathetic; the next day they were "wuss," and the next they were dead! When I took them sorrowfully out of the nest I could tell by their gaunt and emancipated bodies that they had suffered severely from mal nutrition. The only bit of consolation I had was that of the editor when Carlyle died, and who exclaimed: "Thank God, he has died in time for the outer sheet." My only consolation is that I have been able to record this somewhat disappointing experience for the benefit of my readers.

Gently Put.

I was reading a book on birds the other day, and anent Bearded Tits I came across the following cheering sentence: "These birds will not breed in confinement; in fact they can only be kept alive in health by exercising great care and giving a frequent change of diet." Well, I have proved both these statements to be "inaccurate," to use a nice gentlemanly word. I have kept them alive with the greatest ease; and I have very nearly succeeded in getting a medal for rearing the young. What the future may therefore have to unfold—well, nous verrons—we shall see, as the French say. Of course I never may succeed. It may be said to me what Chalk said to Edward Tredgold: "You never will see it. I'll bet you two to one in golden sovereigns that you'll sink into your honoured family vault with your justifiable curiosity still unsatisfied."

Now I had better end, or you will be saying of me what Dr. Woodford of Leeds once said to one of his priests. A dispute had arisen about two men in the diocese. "Now, my Lord," said one, "you have heard this man, and I am sure you will agree with me that he is a decided High Churchman." "Not in the least," rejoined the other. "I appeal to your Lordship to bear me out in what I say. His sermons show him to be what he is—a Low Churchman." "Well," replied the cautious old Bishop, "you say he is High, and you, Sir, say he is Low. Now, for my part, I say that I consider him—Long!"

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DO STARLINGS PREY UPON SKYLARKS?

The appended paragraph was taken from the March 19th issue of "The Northern Herald." Possibly some of our readers may have something to say with reference to the allegations here made against the Starling.

Observers of bird life in the North of Scotland cannot fail to be struck by obvious changes in the habitat of some well-known varieties of songsters. In our own district, old fanciers recollect a time when that loveliest of British birds, the Goldfinch, was so common that flocks of them could be seen rising from fields where thistles abounded. The Gaelic name of the Goldfinch is lasarcoille—"flame of the wood"—and it is an expressive phrase, for the rapid flight of Goldfinches through the trees is a perfect blaze of light and colour. At the present time no Goldfinches are to be seen in this district. Starlings, on the other hand, have increased with great rapidity, and their numbers are becoming almost abnormal, while the Thursh and Sky lark are getting rarer every day. I have a suspicion, founded on general observation, that the Starlings are accountable for the diminishing number of the Sky-larks, for they prey upon the eggs of these birds, and occasionally even interfere with the young broods. It is likely enough that the nests of the Thrush are similarly invaded by the voracious Starling, whilst the Blackbird appears to hold its own against all-comers and continues plentiful in the wooded portions of the northern area.

You Wish You were the Bird!

A writer in a northern journal on the subject of bird and nature photography, speaking of devices such as a stretched skin of an ox, hollow rubbish heaps, and imitation tree trunks, as means of reaching the subjects without disturbing them too much, remarks: A study of the ways and habits of birds and beasts (domestic as well as wild) is very necessary for the designing photographer. Otherwise, he may have an experience which fell to a lady of my acquaintance. She designed and constructed a shelter in the form of a sheaf of grain. Getting inside this, she took it to a field where she wished to leave it for a few days until the birds, etc., might become accustomed to the sight of it, and as she was walking painfully along, able to see nothing more than the little circle of ground at her feet, she was suddenly startled by a great thundering of hoofs, and found a whole herd of young cattle charging towards the curious object. Needless to say, she very soon struggled out of the sheaf, and was very glad to be just in time to escape being rolled over by one of the heedless enthusiastic young beasts.

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...s of keeping Foreign Birds.

By DR. T. J. LEONHARDT, Ph.D.

(*Continued from page* 383.)

...w Home.

...that little bird ...e, I put it in a ...in the conserva... ...ot know at the ...k or a hen, it ...s in wings and ...utes after, you ...leasure this little ...ng the well-known ... The other little ...s had soon discovered it, and ... were sitting on its cage looking ...ng, singing, and trumpeting. Suddenly my little patient found its full voice. He went nineteen to the dozen and tried hard to show the others that he was a gentleman and ready to make love to a little hen (widow) who was spending the most of her time on his cage.

I knew he could not fly, so I opened the door just to see what would happen. And as soon as I had opened it, in went the little hen. What joy was to be witnessed. Sympathetically she cuddled up to him, began to plume his few feathers and he plumed hers. I left the door open, but she never attempted to come out again. The next day I found some other visitors in the cage, and my little pair were fighting hard to get all out and not be disturbed. They wanted to be alone. It was decidedly a case of love at first sight. So I shut the door and left them to themselves. They were very tame and looked at me with eyes full of thanks for having kept those intruders at a distance.

My little "Mannie" soon got some quills and then feathers, and when he was well enough I opened the cage again. First the hen came out on the top, and he followed, and from the roof of their "Abode of Love" she explained to him the dimensions of their "Liberty Hall," serving as guide. The pair went from branch to branch on the old vine, and in the evening they had already found a new little home, high up in a cosy little box. There they slept till the morning; and a busy morning it was, too, for they had to make their "little wooden hut" comfortable. So up and down they went with hay, moss, and feathers.

To-day "Mannie" is a beautiful bird, his plumage being like wax, but every time I enter the conservatory he comes down and sings to me and thanks me once more for having rescued him from a certain, bitter, and premature death, for he wanted to live. And I am proud of that bird although you can buy a nice specimen for 2s. or 2s. 6d., that bird is more valuable to me than ten times his real value. Nobody but those who have seen me bringing him the second time to life know how often I got up during the night to see whether the lamp beside which he was placed was not too hot or smoking. I wanted to save that little chap, and there is no end to what one can do with systematic perseverance, even with Foreign Birds.

The Soil-loving Cordon Bleus.

Talking of perseverance, I never thought I should be able to keep Cordon Bleus. I don't know how many I bought of these birds. Once I got six pairs, and of the lot after a few weeks I had only one hen left. Yet I persevered and bought some again and again till I had two pairs left which seemed to thrive. Just a tip when buying Cordon Bleus, or other small Finches. I had experience in that line at any rate. When you enter a birdshop simply say you want to have a look round, then keep your eye on the Cordon Bleus; dont' go too near them, or they will begin to fly about. You ought to try and see if, when quiet, they shut their eyes and keep them closed for a short time. When that is the case you had better refrain from buying or you will lose as many as I have lost. As a general rule I always go by the expression of the eye in birds—and people.

Cordon Bleus are very fond of soil, indeed, and that is very likely the reason why they come to us half dead. For during their long voyage they miss it. My Cordon Bleus spend hours on the soil searching for insects, and I have seen them eat plain soil. One pair is now building and I have never seen a prettier pair, even at the shows, although I say it myself. The cock bird is of a most delicate deep turquoise blue on the breast extending under and below the wings to the tail which is of a paler blue. As to the plumage, there is a difference of colour between some kept in cages and some flying loose. That deep turquoise blue, their fan-like pale blue tail while flying, and the crimson patch on both sides of the head of the cock bird make them look quite gorgeous.

I don't know whether it is commonly known that Cordon Bleus have a very sweet song. The cock bird is often chattering away for a few minutes exactly like a swallow. The first time I heard it I could not quite make out which bird it was that was singing, but after a bit I discovered the little blue cock high up on the vine swelling his throat and singing, ending each time with a very high, long-drawn note. I do not think that they would attempt to sing in a cage; at any rate, I have never heard them utter more than a simple chirp when caged.

The Avadavat Family.

Another very pretty species of foreign birds are Avadavats. Can there be anything prettier, anything more graceful, than a few pairs of Pondicherry Avadavats? They are little birds the size of a nut, the male, in colour, of a crimson red, with white dots. He flutes a delicate song. Only a few days ago I went to a large dealer in foreign birds, and presently a gentleman came in who wanted to know whether they had some very rare birds in stock. The dealer answered in the negative, but showed him the birds he had. When pointing out a splendid lot of Avadavats, the gentleman said, smilingly: "No, certainly not, those are no good, they don't sing." I could not help asking him whether he had ever kept Avadavats, whereupon he told me that they were far too cheap. "Well," I said, "it should not always be a question of money; they are cheap, but nevertheless, they are beautiful, and they have as nice a song as one can wish for." He looked at me full of doubts, and left the shop. How could I dare to praise such "cheap little things," and tell a fact which even he did not know. To begin a successful career as a foreign bird keeper, one ought, in my opinion, first get to know and study the likes and dislikes of more common birds, and from them go on to the rarer kind.

I think I am right in saying that there are three different kinds of Avadavats: first, the brown Avadavat, which never changes its colour. I have kept some of these for three years. They are undoubtedly the best singers. They cuddle up to the hen and suddenly stretch their whole body, and wagging their tail, sing and charm everyone who hears them. The next are the red or Pondicherry Avadavats, which I have described above. Two of these mites sleep, strange to say, in one shell, although there are plenty of "houses to let." When they fly along so silently they always remind me of a moth. Then there are the Green Avadavats, which are much larger than their cousins and have a very pretty plumage. One might feel inclined to call them yellow Avadavats, for they are of a distinct greenish-yellow, and below the wings have stripes of black and white which are very conspicuous and add largely to their beauty.

Waxbills and Nonpariels.

Other very satisfactory birds are the African and Senegal Waxbills, only a little larger than Pondicherry Avadavats. They have built three nests on the floor behind the stems of the vine, and one can only be amazed at their work. The nest is of the size of a large cocoanut, and is made of hay and feathers. They have deserted one nest, and I really thought it worth while to take it and exhibit it in my study as a work of art.

Living Rainbows.

The little Orange Cheek Waxbills remind me often of a Robin. They are very affectionate and come every morning to get a bit of grass in flower from my hand. Of course, I never enter the conservatory without a bit of dainty, and the birds soon get to know it.

I am afraid it would be too long to enumerate many more birds I keep. I should, however, just like to mention my Pintail Nonpariels. Those birds have been lavishly gifted by nature. The cock looks as if a brilliant piece of rainbow had fallen on him. They are very delicate indeed, but once one has succeeded in having nursed and fondled them up into a healthy pair, they are of no trouble. One of my Pintail cocks died from starvation. It was such a beauty, and the hen and he were building a nest. Unfortunately he tried to pull up into the nest a heavy sod of grass and strained his neck. Poor bird, I nearly cried to see him fade away, and yet I could not have ended his pains. I was too fond of him for that.

But I have now another pair which are building. One of my hens had a fit last New Year's night. I found her lying on the floor about 1 a.m. My last walk before going to bed is always in the conservatory to see whether they are all alright. I picked her up and brought her in. I thought she was dead, yet her body was still warm. So I just left her lying on the table, and went for some brandy. I put it on her nostrils and a thing occurred which I never thought possible; she actually came round again. I then put her in a small cage, wrapped it in shawls and placed it on the stove, which was still a bit warm. The next morning she was quite herself again, and since then she has never ailed anything.

I should like to have talked of my other birds; for instance, of Combassous, Nuns, Paradise Whydahs, Madagascar Weavers, Bengalese, Fire Finches, etc.

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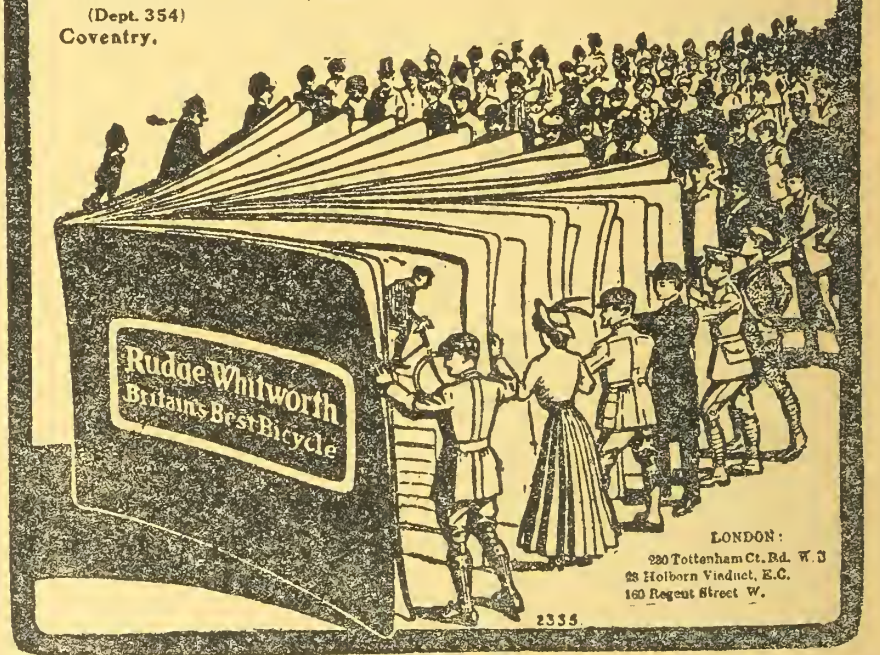

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*The Easily-caught Greenfinch.

The other dinner time, to my surprise, I saw a Greenfinch hopping about on some ivy outside the window trying to get at the Canary, which we had hanging in the window. I took the Canary down and put it just inside the kitchen, and then opened the door. As soon as the Greenfinch caught sight of the Canary it flew in. Then I shut the door and caught the bird. As soon as it was in the cage it began to eat.—Tom Haddon, 11, Melton Street, Kettering, Northamptonshire.

Our Favourite Skylark.

One day while I was walking through a field at Bedside, I noticed a bird lying on the ground, apparently dead. I picked it up, and found it was a Skylark. It had an injured wing, which seemed to have been done by a catapult. I took it home, and the wing got better, and the bird turned out a lovely singer. One fine day, while it was hanging outside, a cat pulled the cage down and killed it. The body was too mutilated to be stuffed. Sent by John Weighell (age 13 years), 31, North Terrace, Bedlington, North.

*Bullie Comes Home.

We have a Bullfinch, which is two years old. One day last summer, when my father was cleaning out his cage, he hopped out and flew through the open door into some gardens, a hundred feet away. We thought we should never see him again, but about two hours after, while we were having dinner, a thunderstorm came on, and you can understand how surprised we were to see our Bullie fly straight in and pitch on the table. Father said it was the storm that drove him in.—Sent by Percy Dibsdall (age 10 years), 97, N. Allington, Bridport.

**Our Knowing Little Thrush.

I have a Thrush; he is a great pet and so very tame. I took him from the nest, and he knows us all and is not afraid. He sings beautifully. I call him Joe; when he wants food he picks a large piece of grit from the bottom of his cage, and knocks with it on his food glass. If it falls out of the cage, he pokes his head through the bars, as much as to say, "Pick it up for me, please." He takes meat and worms from our hands, and seems to love us as much as we love him, for he sings so merrily when we are playing near his cage.—Sent by Doris Lycett, age 11 years, Apidalo View, Chesterton, Staffordshire.

Hints to Novice Canary Breeders.

By J. C. BARNES.

To bring a bird into the robust condition of health required for the breeding cage, nature needs a little help in many cases. A little soft food by way of egg (hard-boiled) and bread-crumbs, with a pinch of mawseed and soft sugar added, is very beneficial, say, half-teaspoonful per day per bird. A tonic of some description is also advisable, say, five drops of gentian and ten drops of tincture of steel in every ounce of water or thereabouts, three times a week. Should this be followed out, the condition of the birds will improve quickly, as a rule.

It is advisable to attend to the cock-birds most, as the hens are best left to come on more gradually. It is an advantage to give your hens a little inga (or niger) seed about three times a week; this helps to avoid egg-binding. Staple food for both cocks and hens should be good, sound, Spanish Canary seed, with a little German summer rape, the latter two or three times a week. Sweet apple, placed between the wires, is relished greatly, and the acid in the same is good for the blood.

During frosty weather, I never give my birds the water straight from the tap; I always make it luke-warm, and I find by so doing I am hardly ever troubled with inflammation in my birds, as is often caused by administering icy cold water. This is worth following out; it pays, I can assure you.

Let your birds have as much room as possible, especially your hens. There is nothing better than plenty of flight-room. Exercise is very beneficial, and birds that can enjoy such never, or hardly ever, get too fat. You don't want your birds fat for success in the breeding-cage. Mind you, I like birds to feel plump, but there is a difference between plumpness and fatness. Fatness is in many cases the cause of egg-binding, and of hens dropping off (dying) on the eve of laying.

On nice bright days supply a bath of tepid water, both to cocks and hens; all your birds will be the better for it. Always hang on the bath in the early part of the day, so that when they have finished "plunging" they may have ample time to dry themselves previous to their "bed-time." Let your birds have plenty of fresh air, but avoid draughts.

Some Important Items.

When you are pairing your birds together, see to their claws. Cut all that are long and liable to prick their eggs, but be very careful in doing so. On observation you will find how far the blood runs into the claw, so cut accordingly. For all birds that have a tendency to carry too much feather, it is advisable to clip away the same from around their vent. Superabundance of feather in this locality is, in most cases, the cause of so many clear (unfertile) eggs. The beaks of the birds are also an item one must look to. Beaks that are allowed to grow long are very sharp, and spoil many a clutch of eggs; therefore reduce them somewhat with a pair of sharp scissors.

As to food, when youngsters appear, the following should be given: Egg and bread crumbs mixed, and hemp seed, along with ordinary Canary seed, for the parent birds to feed upon. When the youngsters are three days' old, you can give with advantage a small quantity of dandelion or watercress (little and often), and German summer rape that has been previously boiled for about 15 minutes (teaspoonful per day for each pair of birds).

Don't pair up your birds too early, but have patience. New beginners, I know, are very anxious to get going, but East winds and frost are very often knocking about in March and also in April, so it pays one to exercise patience and wait a little longer, than to go headlong into disaster; nothing is more detrimental to success in Canary rearing than east winds and frost.

I always leave the cock bird with the hen during incubation. Should the former behave himself and not molest his mate, I contend that two feeders are better than one. If the cock bird is mischievous at all, out with him clean away from the hen; she will bring up the brood all right; don't be afraid to move him. Many times have I been asked if I approve of one cock running with two hens? I must admit I am not in favour of it. I believe in keeping one cock bird with one hen; the progeny are then far stronger and larger than if you run one cock bird with two hens. That is my experience, anyhow, and I would advise this.

Some Nesting Matters.

White earthenware or terra-cotta nest-pans (perforated) I prefer to all other kinds for building in. They are round, and do not harbour filth, as do the square boxes, and they are also cooler. I generally line mine with felt linings, fastening them in with ordinary paste. I give the birds a little moss and cow hair to play with. When sitting my eggs, I dust well inside the nest with Keating's insect powder; this keeps down "red mite" should there be any lurking about. When the eggs have been under the hen, say, eight days, I give another good dusting with the powder, and again the day previous to the eggs hatching. By this procedure you will be troubled very little with insects.

When the youngsters are about eight or nine days' old, should their nest have got fouled very much, it is advisable to replace with a clean nest. At the age of 28 days all young birds can be taken away from their parents, and placed in a flight or large cage; they will be able to manage then for themselves. Provide them with the ordinary egg food and crushed hemp seed for the first few days, and gradually wean them off this on to hard seed. Do it by degrees, and don't be in too great a hurry, for fear of bringing about mishap to their digestive organs.

Don't give any green food until after they have moulted. Young birds are very liable to gorge with greenmeat, and this causes diarrhœa and inflammation. In their drinking-water you can give a little Parrish's chemical food, so that they can just taste the same; this helps to steady them from drinking too much, and at the same time is strengthening.

Keep their cages scrupulously clean, and leave no waste matter about. The youngsters that possess show points begin to train in their infancy, by running them into show cages as often as possible. When the Nest Feather Shows come about, have a flutter, and see what they are capable of doing on the Bench. If you should win with them, all well and good, but if unsuccessful, inquire from the judge what they lack, and he will be only too pleased to explain to you their deficiencies. When your young birds attain the age of about nine weeks, place them on weak colour food, gradually working it up to full strength.

Luminous Birds.

The luminosity of the plumage of birds appears to be more frequently seen in the Herons than in any other species, and has been noticed both in the old and the new worlds. The Blue Heron of America gives off this peculiar light more than any other, and a famous American naturalist records having been attracted by an intermittent light, which he found to proceed from the breast feathers of the bird. He attributed this to the presence of powdered or pulverised barks of the feathers, which could be somewhat controlled by the raising or lowering of the feathers. This luminosity of plumage ceases after death. In Norfolk a luminous Owl has caused considerable interest recently. This, like the blue Heron of America, lost all speciality when dead, and appeared simply an ordinary dead bird.

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Bird Visitors to the Elms.

Trees appear to be indispensable to the majority of birds. Knowing this, we naturally go to the woods and hedgerows, whenever we wish to watch the doings of the wild birds that perch. The Plovers, Snipe, Teal, Wild Duck, and many of the Wagtails and Pipits are to be met with upon the marshes, and even there we may with advantage watch near a clump of trees (of which there are generally one or two), as by so doing we get many more species within view, in a given time. If the bird-lover is able to have a few trees constantly under observation, it is astonishing what a number of birds visit them from time to time, although at a casual glance they may appear very little favoured. As a rule, small trees and bushes attract the feathered creatures more than large ones, excepting where such trees are in a direct line of flight, close to a common feeding ground, or occupying some prominent positions from whence the surrounding country can be kept under observation. In a corner of the old park is a clump of venerable elms with a few equally ancient walnut trees among them; they stand upon rising ground and command a clear view of the park and village. These trees are in sight from my windows and garden, and at any time one may see some signs of bird life among them. At present they show very little evidence of spring verdure; there is just a thickening of smaller twigs at the extremities of the branches, showing a brownish tinge, only perceptible in certain lights, where the swelling buds are getting ready to burst into leaf when the weather is more congenial than it is at present. Looking across at the trees in the uncertain light of a dull spring day, I can see a dark-coloured bird popping in and out of a knot hole in one of the thicker branches of a walnut. He does not stay long in the hole, only perhaps while one can count ten or even less; then out on the branch and back again. It is a Starling looking for a nesting site! He is too far away f… ing; he simply lo… we do not mistak… He is differently … and the habit of e… foreign to the tur… pair of Wood Pigg… the strong east wi… turning, beat back to a … of the elms, they run up the b… extremity, where possibly they ha… uninterrupted view of the district. … Pigeons are much more cautious when the trees are bare of foliage than they are in the summer and autumn; then, they are hidden by the dense foliage and are safe from detection while remaining quiet. We know that these birds are Pigeons by their buoyant flight, rounded contour, and strutting manner of walking up the branch. They are common in the district, and one or two are generally to be seen about these trees. A pair of Jackdaws have persistently hunted through the timber for a nesting site, but somehow they do not appear to find one just to their liking, as they have not been such frequent visitors this last few days. Their love-making is noisy and accompanied with considerable chasing and buffeting. So determined is some of this play that one would sometimes think they were fighting. Upon bright sunny days the "pink, pink" of the Chaffinch is frequently heard, and it is just possible the beautiful nest may presently be hidden against some moss-grown trunk, where with an exterior of moss and lichen it will be difficult to locate. The Greenfinches are frequent visitors, and they accompany the hordes of Sparrows to the neighbouring gardens. All the Tits have from time to time been seen there, and the loud call of the greater is sounding even now. In the early morning and at sundown it is good to listen to the cheery song of the Thrush, and the more liquid notes of the Blackbird, for they love the elms, especially he of the golden bill. The observant poet says: "The mellow Ouzel fluted in the elm."

NOTES AND QUERIES.

A Persistent Songster.

The song of the common Hedge Sparrow can be heard in every month of the year, a record which few birds possess.

The Shorelark.

It is said that these birds are gradually extending their range westward. If so, we may possibly expect to see them visit us in the autumn in greater numbers. They must be exceedingly hardy, for they nest above the forest line in northern Europe upon the open waste, practically exposed to arctic weather.

Our Departing Birds.

At first sight it is strange that such birds as the Fieldfare, Redwing, and Bramblefinch, which visit us in winter, should leave our shores, just as summer is coming, to take up their residence in the north for the purposes of nesting. The two former are so closely related to our familiar Missel and Song Thrushes, and, the Bramblefinch to the Chaffinch that where one of these birds thrives, it is only reasonable to think the other could. Yet of all the thousands of Bramblings, Fieldfares and Redwings that we have seen during the winter, one can safely say not a pair will remain to breed. No doubt a pair or two have stayed behind at some time or other, but they would only be the exception, and a single nest of either would not make the bird a breeding species. I have somewhere read in one of Jeffries' books of his recording a nest of the Redwing.

The Indian Crows.

Gamekeepers just now are jealously watching the doings of our Rooks and Crows, for their thievish prying habits are detrimental to safe game preserving. They must thank their stars however, that they do not have to deal with such birds as the Crows of India. These consist of one bird all black, and one grey-necked. Both are vagabonds of the worst description. Did the Black Crow alone exist, it would be considered the emblem of all that is evil and mischievous, but its iniquities pale into insignificance beside those of the grey-necked bird whose specific name is, curiously enough, "the splendid." He is a villian of the deepest dye, and commits acts of vandalism out of pure malice. He is a terror of the gardener, for he roots up his choicest seedlings, nips off the most beautiful flowers, and flies off with the labels attached to the plants. He has been known to help himself to the contents of a basket carried upon the head of a native, being artful enough to refrain from alighting, but flapping along just above, keeping pace with the carrier. The pet dog when fed finds a Crow pecking his tail; he naturally turns to punish the offender, when another imp of Blackness flies away with his food. They mob every strange bird, and all together enjoy life in their Crowish way immensely.

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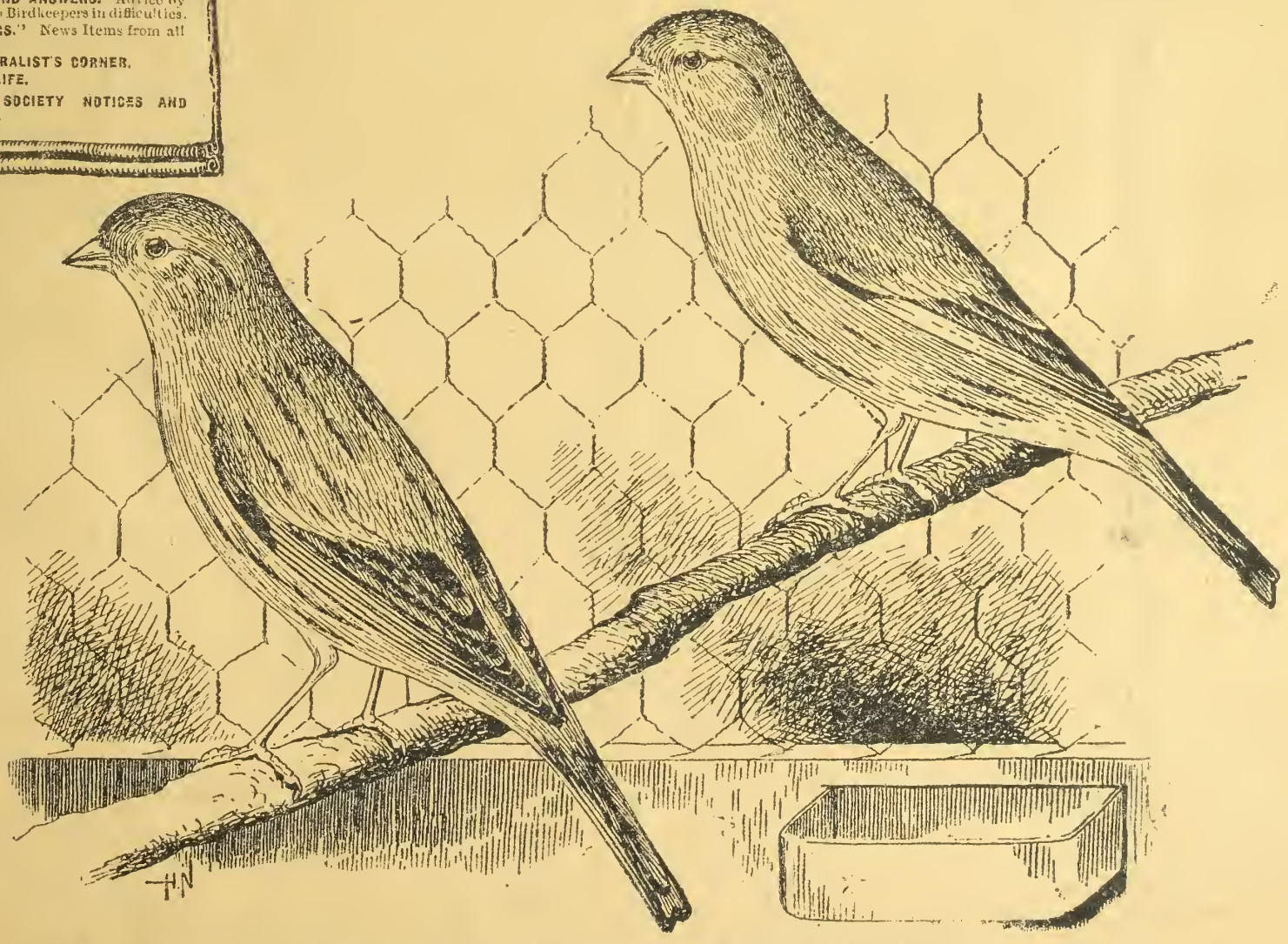

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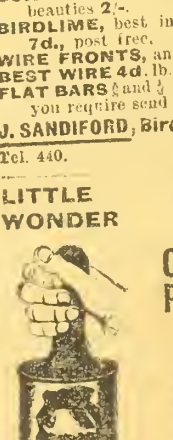

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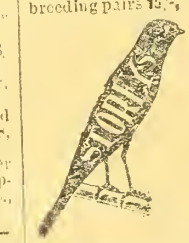

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SINGING CONTESTS.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Linnet S.A. held their All-England singing contest for quality on April 18th at the club headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snigbrook, Blackburn. There were 43 birds which competed for seven prizes. 1st prize, timepiece, valued 21/-, and 3rd, H. Heaps; 2nd, W. B. and D. Bentley; 4th, T. Pickering; 5th, W. Barnes; 6th, R. Holden; 7th, P. O'Neil. Judges, Messrs. J. Dobson, G. Rostron, G. Jump. Timekeeper, W. Wrench.—RD. HAYHURST, Sec.

The Blackburn Lark F.A. held an open special sing on April 18th, at The Good Samaritan Inn, Grimshaw Park, where a very interesting afternoon's sing was gone through, 23 birds competing for eight prizes. The following were prize winners:—1st, S. Fletcher, 9-35; 2nd, R. Sheffield, 9-20; 3rd, G. Knowles, 9-2; 4th, J. Hunt, 9-17; 5th, J. Sheffield, 8-36; 6th, R. Sheffield, 8-12; 7th, J. Abbott, 8-2; 8th, N. Jackson, 7-41. Timer, Greenhalgh; booker, R. Sheffield.—JOHN SHEFFIELD, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual Linnet singing contests held at the old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, on Good Friday, when 26 birds sang for three good prizes. 1st prize, S. Hardcastle; 2nd, F. Galley; 3rd, T. Stead. Judges, T. Summers, C. Cooper. Also on April 18th, when 28 birds sang in heats for three good prizes. 1st, T. Stead; 2nd and 3rd shared between F. Galley, D. Clegg, and T. Stead. Judges, T. Summers and H. Hayes; timekeeper, W. Fisher. Also April 19th, when 30 birds sang. 1st, T. Johnson; 2nd, C. Biss; 3rd shared between W. Naylor and T. Stead; judges, T. Summers and C. Cooper. Also on Easter Monday, when 36 sang for three good prizes. 1st, C. Biss; 2nd, S. Hardcastle; 3rd, T. Stead; judges, C. Cooper, B. Mawson, H. Hayes.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

CROOK.

A Linnet singing contest was held on April 18th at Royal Oak, Crook, when 40 birds sang, with the following result: 1st and 3rd, Bailes; 2nd, W. Holmes; 4th and 5th divided between Cole and Hutchinson. Judge, Geo. Reed (Brandon); timekeeper, Wm. Rutherford; bookkeeper, Wm. Fairless (Brandon).—W. RUTHERFORD.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contests took place at the Prince Albert Inn L.A. The results were as follows:—On April 11th judges were Messrs. W. Hinnson and W. Dean. Result: 1st, J. Chippendale; 2nd, J. Sellers; 3rd, W. Farrar. Also on April 12th, when 16 birds competed. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood, B. Jackson, and H. Allen. Result: 1st, A. Binner; 2nd, C. Lorriman; 3rd divided between F. Callaghan and W. Turner. Also on April 18th, 13 birds competing. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood and B. Jackson. Result: 1st and 2nd divided between A. Binner and J. Chippendale; 3rd, J. Sellers. Also contest on April 19th, when 27 birds faced the judges, and some very good singing was heard. Judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and G. Towers. Timekeeper, Mr. E. Wood. Result: 1st, W. Neat; 2nd, H. Bryan; 3rd, A. Binner.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

The usual weekly contest was held at the Bricklayers Arms on April 18th, when 24 birds faced the judge. Result: 1st, A. Chaplin; 2nd, J. Evans; 3rd, Sykes; 4th, Laverick; 5th, H. Allan; 6th, Moley Lambert, sen. The 31st annual Easter Linnet singing contest was held at the Bricklayers Arms on Easter Monday, when upwards of 30 birds faced the judge. The following are the results: 1st, J. Limbert, jun.; 2nd, A. Chaplin; 3rd, Joe Whitehead; 4th, J. Moore; 5th, G. Horwell; 6th, Geo. Key; 7th, Thos. Spence; 8th, T. Lightfoot; 9th, T. Masheder; 10th, Joe Andrew. Judge, Mr. J. Paver; timekeeper, Mr. J. Lambert, sen.—WM. EMPSON.

CLUB REPORTS.

BELGRAVE AND DIST. F. AND F.S.

A meeting was held on April 14th. A table show of British birds A.S. was held, with the following result:—1st and 3rd, Coddington; 2nd, Agar. Mr. Shepherd judged.—W. H. RILEY, Secretary.

CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

Election of officers for 1908:—President, Mr. W. A. Bladen; vice-president, Mr. J. Jones; committee, Mr. W. Dormer, 23 votes; Mr. E. Godley, 21; Mr. C. L. Quinton, 16; Mr. A. Bentley, 12; Mr. F. W. Baker, 11; Mr. W. Milburn, 9; Mr. O. Handt, 8; and Mr. J. H. Roe, 8; auditors, Mr. T. Heath 17 votes, Mr. J. Dobson 14; judges, Mr. T. Heath 22, Mr. J. H. Roe 22, Mr. J. H. Payne 19, Mr. J. Robson 18, Mr. H. W. Battye 17, Mr. J. Dobson 16, and Mr. E. Godley 16; hon. secretary, Mr. R. J. Pretty. Forty-one voting papers issued and twenty-eight returned; one spoilt.—Signed, Th. Heath, J. Dobson, scrutineers, March 15th, 1908.

LEITH JUBILEE O.S.

Monthly meeting held on April 7, Mr. Begg, the President, in the chair. The President moved that we elect judges for our forthcoming show on October 17, after which the secretary received entrants of hens; 155 were booked—a slight decrease on last year's number. But if all the fond hopes of members are realised, there will be a good many birds of circle and top end bred from some of this lot, as though the "Jubilee" is not numerically strong they have always stood their ground when meeting their neighbouring club members in open competition. Mr. Petrie promised to give us a lecture on "Hybrids" at our meeting on May 5th.—JAS. SINCLAIR, Secretary.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members were entertained to a splendid lecture on the breeding and rearing of Canaries by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), on April 4th. Mr. Clarkson touched on the money-making side of the Canary Fancy as a hobby, and also gave hints to young breeders (of which we have a large number) with regard to the selections of stock for breeding purposes and the rearing of young birds in the nest, and after leaving the old ones. Mr. Clarkson also touched on the ailments which young birds are heir to, and gave us his ideas as to the causes and cures of same. A very interesting and instructive evening was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer.—E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD C.B.S.

Owing to the change of secretaryship, the meetings of the above Society have been held rather irregularly since the end of 1907. Now that we have a new secretary, we shall hold our meetings as formerly, on the second Thursday in the month, when we trust all members will give their whole-hearted support. A successful meeting was held on April 9th, when it was announced that Mr. S. S. Stidolph had again consented to be our President. The business of the evening was the election of officers. Mr. F. Meades was elected chairman, and the following gentlemen were elected members of the Committee of Management:—Messrs. Allison, Hack, Hill, Kidman, Putner, and Simants. Members are requested to watch for the announcement of our next meeting.—F. W. HAMER, Hon. Secretary.

CITY OF HULL C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in the Oddfellows' Hall, where 33 members assembled to take part in a discussion on the rearing and feeding of young birds, together with the best means of colour-feeding for show purposes. The chairman, Mr. D. Hope, asked Mr. Harland to introduce the subject, which he did in a very clever way, beginning with the preparing of birds for breeding, and the various ways and means of dealing with them throughout the season, and finishing up with his own idea of colour-feeding. He was closely followed in his remarks by those present, and several questions put to him were answered to everyone's satisfaction. Mr. Oliver also gave his style of dealing with this momentous question. This fancier does not use an egg mill or sieve for egg, using an ordinary dinner fork to crush it; he demonstrated it to the audience present, who were surprised at the case with which it broke up. A few members have got young birds, but the majority are content with eggs if this cold weather lasts. Next month the first Nest Feather Show will be held, and we hope to see a few nice birds there. Members should remember "The early bird catches the worm."—F. H. STAMFORD, Minute Secretary.

CINNAMON MARKED YORKS. C.C.

The annual general meeting was held on April 11th at the Market Tower, Bradford. There was a good attendance of members. Mr. Greaser, president, was in the chair. The minutes of the last committee meeting were passed, as was also the balance-sheet for 1907, which showed a surplus. An honorarium of 30s. was given to the secretary. Mr. W. Gledhill (Huddersfield) was elected president for 1908; vice-president, W. Richmond (Rodley Crofich); trustees, J. E. Brotherton and R. Sutcliff; auditors, H. H. Tower and J. H. Hahnesheur; with the following committee: J. Hartley, T. Odgen, F. Hammond, R. Sutcliff, F. Armstrong, R. Lemmett, J. Wilcock, E. B. Denton, A. Haigh, T. Bentley, H. H. Towers, W. Crabtree, A. Hirst, A. Blakey, J. Greaves, J. S. Clarkson, T. Portman, W. H. Shackleton, D. Mallingson, A. Dearden, J. W. Wharton, A. Cooper, J. W. Lawford, F. Richardson, Gibbons, J. Norris, R. Halliday, H. J. Chittenden, and R. Garnett, 17, Woodmill-terrace, Windhill, Shipley, secretary and treasurer. We had a very able discussion on the wording of our classes, and the following was adopted: That societies applying for the patronage of the club must make at least four classes for Yorkshires as follows, Cinnamon uneven marked Yellow Yorks, cock, ditto Buff, ditto Yellow hen, and ditto Buff hen. If any society obtaining our patronage will make two classes as follows: Cinnamon ticked Yorkshire cock and Cinnamon ticked Yorkshire hen, the club will bear half the loss, if any, in these two classes; they must not apply later than the last Saturday in July, and must state the date of show and the judge appointed for our classes. All application for the winter shows will be considered on the first Saturday in July or early in August in each year. The members also decided to give specials in first feather shows, if the societies make two classes for Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires (open). Applications for these specials should reach me not later than May 23rd next, when they will be put before our committee. The following gentlemen have promised special prizes or cash towards our competition prizes for next season shows: Messrs. Ramsden, R. Sutcliff and Son, J. W. Wharton, T. Bentley, Ogden Bros., A. Blakey, J. Greaves, H. Simonett, A. Cooper, A. Hirst, and Mr. F. Carl, of CAGE BIRDS, and as we shall be at extra expense in guaranteeing classes etc., this year, I hope other fanciers will help us. Votes of thanks to retiring officers concluded the meeting.—R. GARNETT, Secretary.

EDINBURGH NORTHERN O.S.

Next meeting will be held on May 4th, in Tow's Coffee Rooms, 112, Rose Street, at 8 p.m. Young members invited to join. Classes for Scotch Fancy, Norwich, and Border Fancy Canaries, British birds, Variety and Mules. Any other information can be had from the secretary, THOMAS PURDIE, 42, Stewart Terrace, Edinburgh.

BURNLEY C.B.S.

A tea social and presentation was held on Good Friday on behalf of our late secretary and steward, Messrs. John Bee and Alex. Whitehead. Mr. J. Haylurst, after a few remarks, made the presentation of a pair of beautiful bronzes to our late steward, and a splendid gold albert to the late secretary, both subscribed to by our members. After this we sat down to a splendid tea provided by Mrs. Huggins, one of our fanciers. After tea we had a splendid evening's enjoyment.—G. WATSON, Sec.

ACCRINGTON AND DISTICT C.B.S.

We had our monthly meeting on April 9th. After the business had been gone through, and Mr. L. Lane (Barnoldswick) had been accepted as a member of our society, we had an excellent lecture on British birds by Mr. D. Bentley (Great Harwood). He extolled the virtues of the Song Thrush, Blackbird, Missel Thrush, Fieldfare, Redwing, Skylark, Woodlark, Nightingale, Blackcap, Redstart, Lesser and Greater Whitethroats, and Starlings. He gave the exhibition points and standard of a good bird, also his method of keeping them in commencing. He had some nice ingredients for the making up of Softbill foods. He then gave his experience in and method of keeping the Linnet, Goldie, Yellow Bunting, etc., strongly recommending the wild seed for bringing up the bloom so much required after the moult. After a few question were asked and answered, the meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer for his instructive lecture.—JAS. W. PHILPOTT, Sec.

TONG AND DIS. C.B.S.

At our monthly meeting on April 14th we had a very large gathering of members and friends. The main items of the evening were, "Shall we join the Yorkshire Union?" and a paper by Mr. A. Bottomley on "The Rearing and Breeding of the Yorkshire Canary." With reference to the first item, it was unanimously decided to join the Y.U. After what was said by Mr. S. Dean, who was with us, Messrs. T. Ogden (Ogden Bros.) and W. H. Shackleton were duly elected Union delegates. Mr. Bottomley was then asked to give his paper, which he did in fine style, taking great pains to mention all the ins and out of the rearing and breeding of the Yorkshire Canary. He gave us some very useful hints, which were very much appreciated. A great many questions were asked, and were answered to the satisfaction of all. At the close Mr. Bottomley was heartily thanked for his services, and suitably replied. We shall be pleased to see all Fanciers and friends at any of our lectures, etc.—J. SMITH, Secretary.

SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Annual Report.

The annual meeting was held at the Napier Tavern, Holborn, W.C., on April 10th. The President (Mr. R. L. Crisp) presided over a numerous attendance. The balance-sheet was adopted, and showed a balance in hand of £3 3s. 7d., against 6s. 8d. last year, with assets to the value of £1 12s. 8d. The Chairman presented the prizes, and congratulated each upon their success. The trophy winners were:—First, Mr. J. Hawes; second, Mr. H. Knight; third, Mr. A. E. Pattrick; fourth, Mr. W. J. Webb; fifth, Mr. J. W. Rennie; sixth, Mr. R. L. Crisp. Novice teapots, Messrs. W. S. Bennett, J. Carson, J. Dobson, T. W. Adams, and C. H. Withers. Novice medals, Messrs. Carson, Dobson, Rooke, Rorke, Edwards, and Cross. Ladies' specials, Mrs. F. Smith, Mrs. Vipond Crocker, and Miss Price. For Messrs. Ramsden's and Easterling's specials Messrs. Mabey and Knight tied, and Mr. W. J. Webb was third. Mr. Easterling's cup, Mr. R. L. Crisp; Mr. Browne's teapot, Mr. W. J. Webb; and Mr. Gladwin's special for first year champion, Mr. J. Hawes.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the donors of special prizes, also to the vice-presidents and committee for the valuable services rendered to the club during the past year, and to Mr. V. Wynn for so ably acting as scrutineer.—The Secretary, in making a retrospect of the past season, said he thought the Club could claim to have had a very successful one, as by the members subscribing so generously to the special prize fund, which reached the total of £10 10s., and the special prizes, so kindly presented by Messrs. Gladwin, Ramsden, Broome, and Easterling, the members had during the past season won prizes to the value of £24, all outright. He said he would like to take that opportunity of thanking the subscribers and donors of special prizes. The shows to which patronage had been given had had splendid entries in both sections. In the six champion shows they had had 889 entries, giving an average of over twenty per class. Cardiff stood first with an average of nearly 33, and Hastings lowest with an average of 10½. The novice classes had not been of quite so good an average. The patronage given to Llanelly was void, there only being three Club competitors. The other five shows had an entry of 467, an average of over 15 per class. We have had twenty new members during the past year, the number paying subscriptions being 95, an increase of 12 over that of last year. The balance has slightly increased. I am pleased to say we have gone through the season without any disqualifications, etc., although personally I think the long birds at Plymouth were disqualified, as they were left out of competition. Several members expressed their approval of convening a meeting to discuss the length question, but upon consulting the President we concluded we should gain nothing by having a meeting. Owing to the C.B.U. Rule, more novices now pass to the champion ranks than when our novice definition was a "first at three separate shows," and personally I think if our novice classes are to fill well we must obtain a good many new novice members. The committee have only met on a few occasions, and I am pleased to say nearly every committeeman residing close by attended. In conclusion, I should like to thank the Press for their kindness in inserting notices and other matters appertaining to the Club. This not only gives publicity to our members, but brings the Club to the notice of all Fanciers, which greatly helps to bring us new members. Up to the present this year we have seven new members. The result of the voting for officials was as follows:—President, Mr. R. L. Crisp, 45 votes; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. E. Pattrick (38), J. Robson (37), F. Easterling (35); committee—London: Messrs. J. W. Ramsden (30), J. Tyson (28), G. H. Couzens (23), C. W. Mabey (23), W. Maybank (22), H. Peverall (22); Provincial: W. G. Elsmore (32), Capt. Fellows (26), F. J. Gibbs (18), W. W. Warr (18), R. P. Broome (17), E. A. Lovell (15); hon. auditors, Mr. G. F. Males and Miss Craddock; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. L. Crisp (34); hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Reunie (47). The notices of motion were then discussed and voted upon, as under: No. 3, "that no patronage be given after the 14th"—lost. No. 4, "to amend Rule 11 by the addition of unlighted class, to read 'yellow and buff'"—lost. No. 5, "that the Club shall not give its patronage to more than one show in the same week"—carried. No. 6, "that preference be given to shows applying for the Club's patronage, which employ specialist cage bird judges"—carried. No. 7, to amend rule 4, "To substitute seven days for fourteen days"—carried. No. 8, to amend Rule 12 by the deletion of the words "confine the classes to novice Club members only"—carried. No. 9, "that by-laws 8 and 9 be transferred to rules"—carried. No. 10, "that a £10 10s. or £21 challenge cup be subscribed for and be competed for at shows held under the S.Y.C.C. patronage (champion section) to be won three times, not necessarily in succession, before becoming the absolute property of the winner." This met with the approval of the meeting, and was left to the committee to deal with, as was the motion, "That patronage be given to more shows."—The Secretary read a letter from the secretary of the Y.C.C. respecting upholding each other's decisions in regard to fraudulent practices, etc., and this met with approval. Motion No. 11 (a) "That in future only those birds bred by exhibitors shall count in the Club's competitions, and (b) Names of breeders of exhibits shall be stated on entry form and catalogue." This motion was lost.—A very hearty vote of thanks to the President, proposed by Mr. Robson, and seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, terminated a very pleasant evening.—J. W. RENNIE, Hon. Secretary.

WEST OF SCOTLAND N. & B.F.C. M.B. AND F.B.A.

The usual monthly meeting was held on April 4th, Mr. T. A. Boyd, president, in the chair. It was unanimously agreed to have a ramble on June 6th, the train leaving Glasgow at about 2.45 p.m. to some convenient spot. The ramble is being arranged by the committee. A bowling match is also being arranged by the committee between the Canary and British bird sections, and all members are requested to be at the next meeting, when the rinks will be drawn. Mr. R. Tomlinson (Paisley) was enrolled as a member. The secretary will be pleased to hear from any intending members, and to give any information. Mr. Jas. Anderson judged the table show of British birds. Mr. John Young secured two firsts for British Goldfinch and Linnet, and Mr. A. Muir swept the decks in Foreign Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Siskin or Redpoll, and Bullfinch hen. There will also be a table show at our next meeting, and two classes will be provided for Softbills—one each for Yellowhammer, Chaffinch, and Bramblefinch.—GEO. SMART, Secretary.

FROME F.A.

There was a large attendance at the monthly meeting held at the Lamb Hotel on April 8th, Dr. Percival Cockey presiding. The object of the meeting was to hear a lecture on Canary breeding and colour feeding by Mr. C. E. Brown, of Shirehampton, Bristol. Dr. Cockey, in introducing the lecturer, mentioned that he was well known as a practical breeder and successful exhibitor, having been awarded the medal for the best-fed bird at the great Crystal Palace Show in February.—Mr. Brown, before reading his paper, stated that he had read it before the Bristol Fanciers, and that they had decided to have it printed and distributed amongst the members. The lecturer in a practical manner explained his method of preparing, feeding, and moulting the birds, and satisfactorily answered questions put by Mrs. White, Miss Walker, and Messrs. A. Barnes, W. Minty, P. Edwards, White, Pickford, H. Coombs, the Secretary (Mr. C. I. Young), Dr. Cockey, and others. The Chairman, in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, said he was struck by the knowledge displayed by the lecturer, who evidently knew the medicinal value of the articles mentioned, as in almost every case they were the same as would be prescribed in similar cases in the human race.—June 18th was fixed for the young bird show.—A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a most successful meeting.—C. I. YOUNG, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

The executive inform those societies in Kent desirous of the Association's patronage that application must be made to the hon. secretary (Mr. Geo. Sanderson, 17, Beaconsfield Avenue, Dover), not later than July 31st, or their applications may not be considered. As last year, the competition for the Mule Cup will be by birds of any age. Societies receiving the Association's patronage will be required to provide classes for birds bred during the current year where the competition for the Association's bowls is confined to birds bred during 1908. All members who are not already aware of the fact, please note that our chairman (Mr. Nelson Campany) offers a gold medal to the member who introduces the greatest number of paid-up new members during 1908. The medal will be a substantial one, and well worth an effort to win. Subscriptions are solicited for the purchase of a rose bowl for Borders, to replace the silver cup won outright last year by Dr. Bowes, of Herne Bay. That gentleman has generously started the ball rolling with 10s., and several smaller sums have either been paid or promised. Will those members who intend adding their "mites" kindly communicate with me, stating the amount they are willing to contribute? Hurry up, gentlemen, and let us see what we can do for the "natty little Border." It has been decided that we hold an Association show this year, but the date and town has not yet been fixed.—GEORGE SANDERSON, Hon. Secretary.

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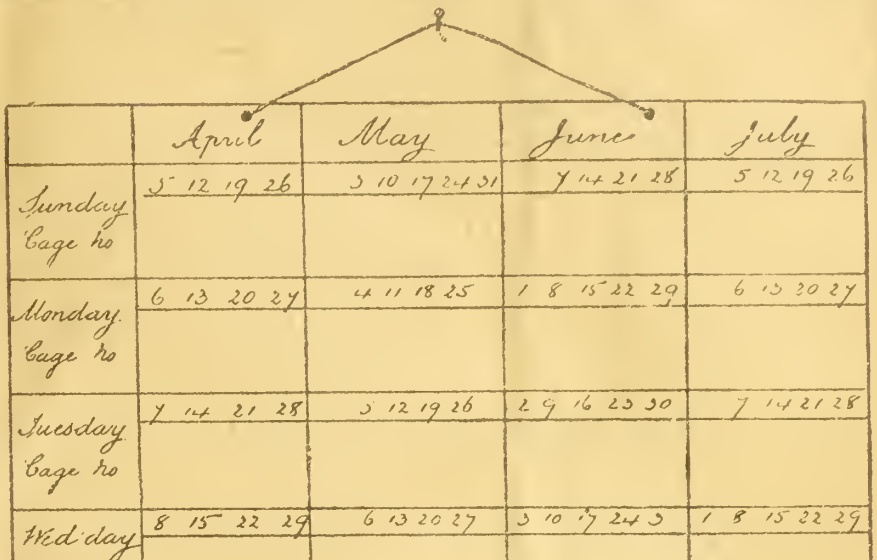

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Mr. J. Fowler's Date Tablet for Hatching Eggs.

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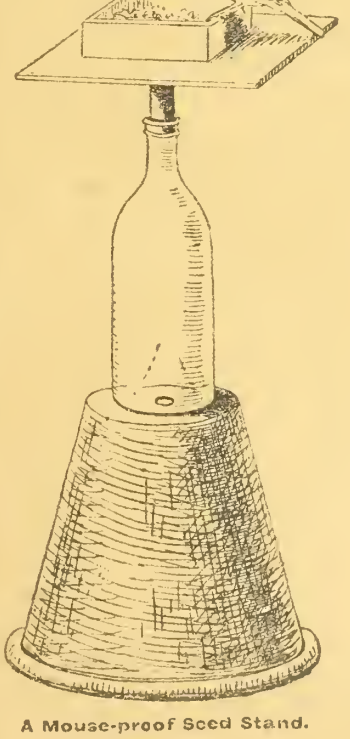
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 199.

A MOUSE PROOF SEED STAND.

Sent by J. H. Rollins, 2, Charles Street, Headless Cross, Redditch.

Enclosed is a sketch of a seed stand, which will serve to keep the mice from the seed. It costs but a few pence. You require one flower pot, about ten inches high, one pint bottle, and two pieces of



A Mouse-proof Seed Stand.

wood (one 3 inches by 1 inch by 1 inch, and one 6 inches by 1½ inches by ½ inch). Place the flower pot upside down, and place the bottle on the top of the pot. Then take the three-inch piece of wood and shape it to fit the neck of bottle. Afterwards nail the piece of board on the top of it. Then put the seed-box on the top of this board. The glass bottle, being smooth, the mice cannot climb it to get the seed.—J. H. ROLLINS.

No. 200.

A DATE TABLET FOR HATCHIN EGGS.

Sent by J. Fowler, 60, Queen Street, Le

I enclose you a copy of a system I u in my bird-room in reference to eggs hat ing. As Canary eggs hatch in 11 da this simplifies matters very much. my breeding cages are numbered. Whe set a Canary I refer to the register, a take the date next but one on the sa line, and write cage number underne Say it is April 14th, for instance, then latter date is April 28th. I find t plan of keeping account very easy, a have only to look at the register to when the eggs are due to hatch. — FOWLER.

NORTHAMPTON HAND-IN-HAN C.B.S.

The annual meeting was held at the club ho Foresters' Arms, on March 31st. The balance-sh for the past year was passed as read by the a tors, Messrs. Law and Brettinfield; it shows a balance in favour of the society of £5 15s. This, together with other assets, brings the t to £10 0s. 6d. The presidents and vice-presid were all re-elected for the ensuing year, tog with the following executive committee:—Me A. Burrows (chairman), J. Martin (vice-chairm G. Brown, sen. (treasurer), J. Nason (secret Geo. Jeffs (collector), W. Munday, A. W. Law, A. G. Brown (committee). Messrs. Dickens, and Moreton were appointed on the investiga committee. It was decided this year that society should hold an All-England Open Show October 17th and 19th, Mr. J. H. Roe, of De being engaged to judge; also that the Nest Fea Show be held on June 27th at the club house. hundred and forty-three entries were taken out same, and Mr. J. H. Roe was appointed to judg JNO. NASON, Sec.

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TWITTERINGS.

I am having a record sale through my advertisements in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. John Martin (Castle Douglas).

I have changed my address from 564, Leeds Road, to 14, Woodall Terrace, Thornbury, Bradford, writes Mr. J. Child.

I have changed my address from 47, Upper Grove Street, Smethwick, writes Mr. W. Baker, to 50, Poplar Street, Smethwick.

Our society have fixed November 18th and 19th as the dates for our annual show, writes Mr. S. W. Collum, hon. secretary of the Lurgan C.B.S.

We hear that Mr. W. Thomas, late secretary to the Carlisle C.B.S., is leaving for Belfast, where he hopes to continue his efforts in the Fancy.

My stock is quite sold out, writes Mr. A. Riley (Leicester). I might add, too, that I have had a good season through advertising in CAGE BIRDS.

The Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S. have engaged Mr. F. A. Lester to judge Roller Canaries at our forthcoming show, writes Mr. F. Howes, the secretary.

My advertisements in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Wm. Thomas (Carlisle), were quite a success. I sold out in a few days, and had to disappoint some applicants.

The members' first feather show in connection with the Stockport B.F.A., will be held on June 18th and 19th, writes Mr. W. Stafford, the secretary. Mr. A. Wellings will judge.

We have a faithful old cat, which is nursing a Canary with a broken wing, two chickens and two kittens, all in the same basket, write Messrs. Hollins and Son (Hull). How is this for a happy family?

We learn from the secretary, Mr. Thos. Smith, that the name of Mr. R. Johnstone (Musselburgh) has been added to the membership roll of the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A.

Mr. A. H. Jones, of 25, Chandos-street, is leaving here to take up a new business at Abbey-road, Bearwood, near Birmingham, writes Mr. Chas. Draper, secretary of the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.

Your paper, CAGE BIRDS, came under my notice only recently, writes Mr. Ernest Mitchell (Penzance). I think it by far the best paper for those interested in the keeping and breeding of birds, and especially British and foreign.

CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 5 of "Cage Birds Charts" will appear in our issue of NEXT WEEK. Order your copy at once, and make certain of securing it.

Kindly state that ballot papers of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club have been sent out, and if any member has not yet received one, will he kindly communicate with me, writes Mr. O. Mitchell, hon. secretary, 13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford.

I have removed from 60, Exchange Buildings, to 16, Victoria Terrace, Guiseley, writes Mr. W. S. Thompson, secretary of the Guiseley, Yeadon, and Dis. C.B.S., and all matters in connection with the society must be addressed to me at the latter address.

The annual general meeting of the Border Counties Norwich and Cinnamon C.C., writes Mr. Anthony Hay, secretary, will be held in Lockharts (room 10), 37, Clayton-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on May 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. The business is very important, and all fanciers are invited.

I shipped ten Canaries to Montreal (Canada) last week per ss. "Empress of Ireland," writes Mr. J. A. Taylor, the well-known Yorkshire Canary breeder and exhibitor, of Frizinghall, Bradford. I am also sending to Belgium this week a pair of exhibition Yorkshires. Both orders came through CAGE BIRDS.

Permit me to congratulate you upon the fine plate of my young Crested Hen on the front page of CAGE BIRDS of last week, writes Mr. W. Prance (Paddington, W.). Great credit is due to your artist, Mr. Norman. It was first at the City, and second at Battersea, the only times shown.

The Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S. First Feather show has been fixed for July 11th (Saturday), in the Chestergate Assembly Rooms, writes Mr. F. Broadhurst, hon. secretary, and Mr. A. G. Davis, Manchester, will judge. The cage bird hobby still grows apace here, and we are anticipating good times in the future.

The undernoted judges have been selected for our show on October 31st, writes Mr. Jas. Logan, secretary of the Dysart C.B.S.: Scotch Fancy, Mr. W. McSwinton (Methil); Borders, Mr. J. Hamilton (Eskbank); Crests and Plainheads, Mr. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch); and British and Foreign birds, Mr. Peter Pettigrew (Glasgow).

The Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S. has arranged an excellent programme of lectures, shows, washing competitions, etc., for the ensuing season, and fanciers in the vicinity would do well to communicate with the hon. secretary, Mr. F. Broadhurst, 77, Barton Street, Macclesfield, who will supply them with all particulars of membership, etc.

I have very much pleasure in announcing the removal of our society to St. George's Hall, writes Mr. W. Brotherton, secretary of the Rotherham C.B.S. We have engaged Messrs. W. Vardy and W. H. Shackleton to judge our open show on November 20th and 21st. All interested are cordially invited to become members of the society.

We have balanced up our last year's working, with the grand result of £6 2s., writes Mr. A. Flint, secretary of the Tideswell Cage Bird Improvement Society, and I wish to thank on behalf of the society all exhibitors who gave us their support. Our next show is fixed for November 14th, with Mr. J. H. Roe to judge, and we hope fanciers will note the date and help us to further success.

We have received from Mr. R. Hogg, of 17, Bridge Street (West), Middlesbrough, a very neatly printed illustrated catalogue of high-class aviaries, cages, wire-fronts, and bird-room appliances generally (which he will be pleased to send any reader on receipt of a postcard giving address). Mr. Hogg (who has had 20 years' experience), guarantees his goods as made of the best materials, and that orders will be promptly executed.

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Arrangements for the Dulwich and Peckham and Lewisham C.B.S. combined ramble, writes Mr. E. S. Lugg, secretary of the latter society, are in full swing, and tickets will be ready shortly. (Look for particulars in CAGE BIRDS next week). It will be conducted in two sections, under the leadership of a Surrey Cage Bird Society. We are promised an exceptional treat, and the date is May 10th. All fanciers and friends are invited.

Kindly state for the benefit of the Welsh and other fancier friends of Mr. James Pritchard, of Mountain Ash, writes Mr. T. L. Castree (Mountain Ash), that after a long and painful illness his beloved wife passed away on Monday, April 13th. Mr. Pritchard is so well known as a breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads that I am sure his many friends will, with myself, greatly sympathise with him under such sorrowful circumstances. The funeral took place on Good Friday.

The birds and cages were all sold in one lot the same day my advertisement appeared writes Mr. W. Laskey; in fact, I could have sold them over and over again. I was quite surprised to get so many applications. You will, I know, be pleased to hear this, as it speaks well for CAGE BIRDS, and such results must be most gratifying to both you and those that advertise with you. I sail on the "Empress of Ireland" on Good Friday, and herewith convey my kindest remembrances and best wishes to friends in the Fancy. My next address will be, care of Mr. Mountain Bailey, 3,124, Westminster Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Thank you very much indeed for the great honour you have done my bird, the Bramble-finch-Chaffinch Hybrid, by giving him premier honours in your delightful CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, writes Miss Janette Reeves (Wateringbury). He is indeed greatly honoured by appearing on the beautiful coloured plate. I am charmed with the ANNUAL, as I had never seen it before, and had no idea there was published such a useful little book for bird lovers. The country is just lovely now, and I have found Wrens', Robins', Hedge-sparrows', Blackbirds', Thrushes' and Missel-Thrushes' nests, and have a hen Bullfinch in one of my aviaries building.

Rooks as Weather Prophets.

The opinion of a farmer who regards Rooks as weather prophets is recorded by the "West Somerset Free Press." If the birds build their nests high in the trees, he states, the spring will be a wet one, while if they build low it will be dry.

English and Welsh Border Fancy Club.

Owing to an oversight, the points gained at the International Contest by the Southern division members were omitted from my last week's report. The following is the corrected result:—D. Jenkins, 21; Poole, 20; Cubby, 17; Thompson, 15; Hawkins, 12; Brownlie, 12; Sheldon, 12; E. R. Roberts, 9; Walker, 8; Hadwin, 6; Waters, 6; J. Pearson, 5; W. J. Jenkins, 4; Pennington, 4; Hopper Bros., 2; Woodman, 1.—S. HADWIN, secretary.

Timing the Lark.

Regarding the popular statement that the time of the Lark's song does not exceed two and a half minutes' duration, Mr. T. D. Ward writes in a contemporary:—In the year 1902 I had one particular bird under observation, and found that at the beginning of February his song was finished at the end of a few seconds; by March 2nd it had extended to 2min. 25secs., and on April 16th it was usual for him to carol for 3min. 35secs. The result of this observation inclines me to believe that as the spring advances the time of the Lark's song becomes extended.

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The Canary Section.

In the Canary section the first prize has been awarded to—

Mr. J. B. Waterman,
9, Herne Grove,
Dunstans Road,
East Dulwich.

for an essay entitled "Canaries: Their Management and Exhibition." Of the keen struggle for this prize we shall have more to say next week.

The British Bird Section.

In the British Bird section the first prize has been awarded to—

Mr. J. Jeffrey,
144, Wood Street,
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for an essay entitled "Twelve Years' Experience with the Nightingale."

The results in the two remaining sections, with fuller particulars of the competition in all of them, will be given in next week's CAGE BIRDS.

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Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.**
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.**
Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

Key to Judges' Initials (See page 371. No. 326.)

THE LANCASHIRE AND CRESTED CANARIES.

Lecture delivered before the Stockport B.F.A. on April 9th.

There was a good attendance of members on April 9th to hear Mr. G. W. Oldham's lecture on Lancashires and Crests. Mr. T. E. Dickenson presided. Mr. Oldham, in his opening remarks, said he had not been a very big exhibitor, but he had studied the various points of the two varieties, and what he had to say would be the result of his own experience. He did not claim to know everything about Lancashires and Crests, but what he did know he offered to tell them. He thought fanciers gained knowledge quicker by practice than by theory.

The Lancashire Coppy.

In speaking of the Lancashire, he dealt with the Coppy first, and described the shapes of coppy. Some were flat, he said, some oblong, and some drooped, and it was difficult to follow judges sometimes, as they differed in the type they favoured.

The bird he liked was one with a nice neat coppy, having the centre in the right place; one that was upstanding, with good strong legs, nice neck, fairly large bulk and size, neat wings and tail. He did not forget colour, he said, as nothing looked nicer to him than a yellow Coppy carrying a good colour.

If fanciers found that the Coppy was too scanty, then he would advise them to double Coppy; but when they bred double Coppy the birds used must be yellow paired to Buff, and not double Buff, as this shortened feather, was a point not required in a Lancashire.

The Lancashire Plainhead.

The lecturer then went on to speak of the Plainhead Lancashire. The bird was similar in build to the Coppy excepting in the head, which he contended should show true Lancashire properties—good head and lash, and running away smooth at back, and not a bird that one could hardly tell from a Crest Bred. The lecturer explained that there was a lot to learn from a Plainhead, and he advised to fix a strain to double Coppy, so that the fancier would have a better percentage of Coppies to start with; also to keep the best. The birds must be in vigorous condition; also they should be free from markings

The Norwich Crest.

Mr. Oldham next dealt with Crests, which he said were a variety in which marks did not count. A Crest ought to be massive in body, having the crest nice and round, and of good veiny feather and droop. There were various types; some were long like Lancashires, but he preferred the Norwich type with nice, compact body, when breeding for head feather. He contended that we sometimes got too much feather in body, also that a bird with a flat crest sometimes appeared to be larger in head than one with a drooping crest. The ideal bird to aim at was one with a clear body and dark crest. In the lecturer's opinion the Crest had not improved in head feather since the plate that was issued in 1902.

The Norwich Crestbred.

He next dealt at length with the Crestbred. This bird, he considered, was the most important in the Fancy, as a Crestbred for the breeding room was not always the best looking bird in head properties. A crestbred should have a nice cushion head, should be well lashed, and carry feather well down the back of head. But one could not always tell which would do the most good in a crestbred, as sometimes if you double crest you get a Crestbred which will have a small head with long feather; in his opinion such was the bird to keep for one's own use. In the lecturer's opinion double cresting was essential, but one must be careful in selecting for same. Those full in feather at front, and spare in feather behind, were the birds to double crest with.

Crests were not a vigorous variety; therefore he recommended fanciers to breed from the most vigorous birds. Blindness, he said, was considered by some to be hereditary; he was thankful to say that his birds had been free from it. He thought it might be caused through wildness and by the birds knocking their heads, causing some disease; or, again, through lime in the cage.

After a few useful hints Mr. Oldham closed his lecture, but the Chairman soon had him up again by inviting the members to ask Mr. Oldham questions. Mr. Nelson asked why he recommended double-cresting for new beginners?—If you get a Crestbred from such a cross you can mate it up with a Crest next year, and you will know how it was bred. You could tell better in buying a Crest than a Crestbred. A very interesting discussion took place, Messrs. Massey, Hill, Garner, Nelson, Dickenson, Davies, Beswick, and Stafford contributing. After this Mr. W. Stafford proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Oldham for his very able lecture. Mr. W. T. Hill seconded, and this was carried. Mr. Oldham replied, and said that if any member had benefited he was amply repaid for his trouble, and he hoped to see as many at next meeting to hear the secretary on "The management of young birds."—W. STAFFORD, Secretary.

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

BRADFORD and County British Bird and Mule Club hold their First Annual General Meeting to-day (Saturday), and much business of interest is to be brought forward, on the formation of this club the annual subscription was fixed at one shilling, but this is inadequate to run a club, and on Saturday this matter will be one of the most important under consideration. Many think 2s. 6d. is small enough, while others are of the opinion it is too much. A large number of the members are Canary fanciers, who keep just one or two British birds, and the Club will do well to bear these in mind when fixing the amount of future subscriptions.

THE Tong and District Society had Mr. A. Bottomley, of Laisterdyke, at their headquarters on Tuesday, the 14th inst., to read a paper on breeding, colour feeding, and exhibiting. The evening was very interesting, as the lecturer dealt in a lucid manner with the principal points of our hobby, his remarks being closely followed throughout. The Society has now a membership of about 30, and hopes to increase the number in a very short time. At their last meeting it was decided to join the Yorkshire Union, and this fact will doubtless bring more members into the fold, as I hear several were holding aloof pending this event.

WIBSEY O.S. are having a grand tea and entertainment on Saturday, May 2nd, and expect a big turn up of fanciers from all the surrounding districts. If the tea is anything like the suppers this Society provide, it will be as the Yankees say, "all O.K."; and for the entertainment in the evening a grand programme has been arranged. One of the most interesting items is the presentation to their energetic secretary, Mr. E. W. Johnson, of a splendid framed picture containing Mr. J.'s photo as a centrepiece, surrounded by photos of above 60 of his co-members. It is given as a mark of appreciation of his valuable services to the Society; and well does he deserve it.

BRADFORD East had an excursion arranged for Easter Monday, and the venue selected was Grassington. The day proved fair so far as the weather was concerned, and a ramble through the district is always interesting, bird life being abundant. Many birds not often seen by town dwellers are to be found there in good numbers.

IT was my good fortune to have a day's outing on Good Friday with an ardent observer of Bird Life. Two of the items were of great interest, viz., a Dipper's nest containing eggs, and a view of several pairs of Herons disporting themselves in and about their nests on the tree tops, truly two good things to see on one day. Many of the wild birds are later this year than for many years past. To-day (Sunday) I have seen several nests of Blackbirds, Song and Missel Thrushes, with the hens sitting, but these are fully a fortnight later than is their wont; in fact, I have seen in the same place nests of the same species containing eggs in the second week in March.

STRAIGHT UN.

Kindly thank applicants for my Pom Bitch advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. H. Wilcock (Sheffield), as the replies are too numerous to answer individually. I have had letters from all parts, and this speaks well for CAGE BIRDS as an advertising medium. I sold the Pom Bitch before a great many had got their copy of the paper. I also find CAGE BIRDS very instructive, and would not be without it.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ayr and Dist. C B.C.—May 4, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. General business.—C. C. Irvine.

Border Counties N. and C.C.C.—May 2, Lockhart's (Room 10), 37, Clayton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 6.30. Business important.—A. Hay.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—April 28, Round House Inn, 8. Lecture by Mr. S. Dean, Sec. Y.U.; fanciers invited.—F. Mitchell.

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dist. C.B.S.—May 2, Co-op. Hall, Blaydon, 7.30 Consideration of schedule.—D. A. Ogilvie.

Bingley and Dist. O.S.—April 28, Co-op. Rooms, Chapel Lane, 8.—A. Livesey.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.—April 28, New Inn, Loughbro' Road, 8. General business.—W. H. Riley.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—April 27, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. A Paper on the "Cinnamon Canary," by Mr. W. A. Bladon. Visitors heartily welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Civil Service F.A.—April 28, Ye Old Bell, Noble Street, Gresham Street, E.C., 8.30. Annual General Meeting; Committee meeting, 8 p.m.—A. Watson.

Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—May 2, Horse Shoe, 7.30. Business of importance.—W. Rutherford.

City of Bradford O.S.—April 25, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. To fix dates and select judges for Members' Shows; intending members please attend.—J. Rhodes.

Darlington C.B.S.—April 29, Half Moon, 8. Classification and Judges for Open Show.—E. Brunskill.

Edinburgh Northern O.S.—May 4, 142, Rose Street, 8.—T. Purdie.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—April 25, Barley Mow, 8. Business, Members' experience in Canary Fancy in buying, keeping and breeding.—J. E. Hudson.

Forfar and Dist. C.B.F.S.—May 2, Granite Bar, Forfar, 7. Election of judge or judges for First Feather Show, to be held on July 4, and classes for same; debate on breeding of Canaries; all invited.—W. Grewar.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N. M.B. and F. B.C.—April 28, 122, Ingram Street, 8. Show of British Birds, Yellowhammer, A.O.S. Bunting, Chaffinch and Bramblefinch. All competent business. — R. A. Brown.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—April 29, Lockhart's. Election of new members and general business.—T. Taylor.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—April 25, Crown Inn, 7. Business important.—A. J. Notley.

Hyson Green and Dist. C.B.S.—May 1, usual place, 8.—A. E. Garton.

Heywood and Dist. C.B.S. — April 28, Central Dining Rooms, Market Place, 7.30. First Feather Show.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—April 25, Masonic Hall, 7. Issuing of members' cards, application for club show, and general business.—J. Ford.

Larkhall C.B.C.—May 2, Miners' Hall, 7. Important business.—G. Kirk.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—April 28, White Swan Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Needham, on "Pairing and Rearing, and the Management of a Bird Room"; fanciers cordially invited.—C. Draper.

Macclesfield and Dist. C.B.S.—Thursday evening, Daybrook Street School, 7.30. Mr. W. Lee will give a paper. Subject: "Breeding the Lancashire Canary."—F. Broadhurst. (Date not mentioned.—Ed.)

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. April 27, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Mr. W. Pease, one of the founders of the Society, will give his Reminiscences of Past Officials of the M. and N.C.O.S.—E. Jones.

Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.—April 28. Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Selection of judges for First Feather and Back-end Shows.—F. Steeple.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—April 27, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 8. First Feather business. — W. Jackson.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—May 7, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Arrange schedule of Young Bird Show.—J. C. Birch

Rotherham C.B.S.—April 25, St. George's Hall, 8. Lecture by G. Browning on Breeding and Rearing of Young Canaries. Friends and fanciers invited.—W. Brotherton.

Reading and Dist. C.B.S.—May 6, Palmer Hall, 8. Colour Feeding, introduced by our old esteemed member, Mr. T. Yates.—G. A. Charles.

Sale Open O.S.—April 27, Sale Hotel, 8. Letter from C.B.U. and other business; open discussion, etc.—G. F. Hardcastle.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—April 30, Oxford Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Table Show for Greenfinches and Redpolls; four classes. Judge, Mr. J. Richards; and other special business.—A. Hutchings.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S.—April 28, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Paper by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), on the "Breeding, Rearing and Exhibiting of the Yorkshire Canary." Fanciers invited.—J. Smith.

Western Counties O.S.—April 27, Boro' Arms, Plymouth, 7.30. Paper on Norwich, by Mr. F. Snell; also business connected with First Feather Shows.—T. Pope.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—April 28, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Selection of judge for Open Show, and other interesting business.—T. Duffield.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—April 30, Station Hotel, 7.30. General business and First Feather Show schedule. Good turn out requested; intending members specially invited.—Jas. Johnston.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Troublesome Cinnamon.

Cinnamon.—Your bird has evidently been a troublesome subject, but most of its troubles are due to mismanagement, I think. You must first get the bird well and in good condition before you think of mating him. Carry out the following treatment for a month, and then report result. First give the cage a thorough overhauling inside and out, and re-distemper and varnish to get rid of the red-mite, which are a serious obstacle to the bird's recovery. Whilst the bird is in temporary quarters give it a tepid bath daily with a few drops of quassia in it, but do not overdo it; you evidently made it much too strong when you gave such a bath before. Keep it quite free from chills and draughts. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary and one part rape as a staple, and give half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week separately. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crumbs of stale sponge cake with five drops of sherry and three of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed with it, and sprinkle it with a few grains of gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water for the first two days give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards ten of chemical food in the water every second day; on the alternate days five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid for a week. Then drop the acid and give instead five drops of tincture of steel twice a week. Give a little chickweed or dandelion daily—two small leaves of the latter will be plenty

Success and Failure.

"Patience."—It is certainly disappointing that you should have tried four years to breed birds, and succeeded each time in getting birds, and having good feeding hens, and still having all the young die. Perhaps your egg cake is at fault, but you give no details as to how it is made. You might compare your method with some recipe mentioned in a recent instalment of the "Novices' Notebook." You might try mixing an equal bulk of bread crumbs with your egg cake if you really wish to avoid boiled eggs. I would, however, advise you to try the usual mode of feeding with your first nests and note the result. Boil eggs ten minutes; take out yolks when cold, chop them into very small grains on a plate; you may add a slight sprinkling of fine sugar to help the mincing process; then add at least twice the bulk of bread crumbs and well mix together, and give to the birds. This is for ordinary use after the birds are a few days old. On the day they are hatched give the pure yolk without bread, and afterwards gradually add the bread in greater proportions each day until it is the above strength. All you need be chary about is allowing the egg food to become stale. Keep it freshly made every day. You should be able to get young leaves of dandelion almost anywhere now. Every field, hedgerow, country lane, or waste place will yield its quota. The symptoms of inflammation naturally depend upon the part inflamed, but there is always great and apparent prostration and rapid exhaustion.

Feeding and Feather Plucking.

A. Johnson.—1. The feeding of Norwich Greens whilst breeding should be the same as for any other variety. The mixture you suggest is not an ideal one by any means, and a teaspoonful of egg food every day for each bird is far too much. As a staple give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part rape, and give all the other seeds separately, allowing a teaspoonful of hemp every second day to each pair of birds, and on the intervening days, but not often, give a similar quantity of egg and biscuit to each pair, and a small pinch of inga in addition. Give a little green food daily, and if the birds are backward let it consist of one or two small leaves of dandelion to each bird. As soon as the hen has laid the third egg drop off the inga, and also the egg food as soon as she commences to sit, and withhold it until the young are due to hatch. The inga will not be required again until the hen is getting forward with her second nest. For further details you should look up our "Novice's Note-book" page. 2. It is quite clear that insect pests are the cause of the German hen picking her feathers. It is probably the cage that requires attention more than the bird. Give it a thorough overhaul before the warm weather comes, and meanwhile give the bird a bath with a little quassia in it daily.

In a Bad Way.

G.F.K.—I am afraid your pair of birds were not in a fit condition for mating at all. Therefore, do not be disappointed if you find the eggs turn out to be unfertile. The birds have either been exposed to draughts or damp, or had a severe chill. You must strictly guard against these now; keep the birds warm and comfortable; withhold the bath until the weather is warmer; and follow up this treatment for two or three weeks. Give half a teaspoonful of stale sponge cake crumbs with five drops of sherry wine and five of cod liver oil emulsion mixed with it every second day, and in the drinking water give one day twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glyceerine, and five each of syrup of squills and sweet spirits of nitre. Next day give twelve drops of chemical food, and continue these on alternate days for the length of time named. Give a little green food daily, and, of course, the usual seed diet. You had better treat the hen the same. If she sits out her time try to have another hen available to take to the young and rear them, if there should by chance be any hatched, as this hen will not be fit to rear them.

Moulting for Two Years.

E.H.D.—Your management is at fault somewhere. Is the bird kept in a position where there are great variations of heat, or above a gas jet when alight? If so, these conditions must be altered by placing it where the heat is more regular, the air pure, but free from draughts. Feed on plain Canary seed, with a small piece of sponge-cake daily, with five drops cod liver oil emulsion on it, and twice a week give half a teaspoonful of hemp seed, and a similar quantity of scalded rape twice a week. In the drinking water give one day fifteen drops of chemical food; next day twenty drops of sherry and five of tincture of steel; the third day give pure water. Then begin again, and repeat this over again and again for two or three weeks, or until the bird ceases dropping feathers.

Brevities.

A Prolific Canary (J.H.B.).—Your hen which laid over forty eggs last year, and has begun laying again this year, although not mated, is simply exhausting herself. If the treatment you are now giving her does not stop the diarrhœa, discontinue egg food and bread and milk altogether, and substitute every second day a teaspoonful of crumbs of stale sponge cake slightly "peppered" with prepared chalk. Withhold green food, and do not give cold baths until the weather is warmer. In the water give fifteen drops of chemical food one day, and the next day fifteen drops of sherry wine and five of tincture of steel. Repeat these on alternate days for a fortnight.

Two and Three (J.H.B.).—The second and third queries you send seem to point to the fact that there is something radically wrong with your management. If you write again, state definitely and clearly how you feed and manage your stock, then I may be better able to help you. The hens appear to be greatly over-stimulated. Feed No. 2 hen on a plain diet, with a little green food daily—watercress, chickweed, or lettuce, but no dandelion at all—and add a few grains of Epsom Salts to the water three times a week. When she has reached a normal condition, mate her to a healthy vigorous cock without any previous feeding up. No. 3: Treat this cock for a fortnight by giving the medicine advised for the No. 1 prolific laying hen. This should soon put him right.

Birds with Sore Beaks (F.J.H.).—Have written you about the birds with sores round the beaks. Should the bathing with warm, strong boracic solution not prove quite successful, and you find it necessary to write again, do not fail to describe the appearance of the sores, and say how the birds are fed and kept, and whether the complaint spreads quickly from one bird to another in the same cage, or in the same room but in separate cages.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

More Pairing Matters.

C.L.—Did you notice the reply to "Beginner" in last week's issue? It seems to me to cover the queries you now put. I point out (1) that you leave the partition between the birds until both show signs of readiness to nest; or at least until the hen begins to carry nesting stuff about with intention of starting to build. In the latter case, however, if the cock bird is not also "wound up" to breeding pitch, then clear eggs may be one's portion for that clutch. (2) That it is no use putting in the nest-box until the hen evidences a desire for such a receptacle. Her condition and action guide one as to this, and, of course, if you stick a little nesting material between the cage wires, she will, when ready, be seen carrying it about the cage. Even then, however, a hen is frequently some little time before she starts seriously on the task of nest-building, and during this time some "play" at nest-building, carrying bits of stuff into the nest-box, and then carting them out again, sometimes even getting the nest partly constructed, only to pull it to bits again. One has to "humour" such hens. I see no reason why you should not mate cock Goldfinch to hen Canary; this cross is a very common one. The Goldfinch is a late breeder by nature; in captivity some Goldies may be got to breed very early, however.

Siberian Goldfinch Very Fat.

Devonport.—You did not, in my opinion, give the Siberian Goldfinch a lengthy enough spell in the flight cage. You should turn him into the latter for three weeks at least; longer, if possible. Let him have a "reduced" diet; that is, give in the stock mixture Canary and teazle seeds, with just a very light sprinkling of rape and linseed. Give half a teaspoonful of hemp one day, mixed niger and maw the next, and a teaspoonful of sunflower the next. Let him have the opportunity to take a bath daily should he desire to do so. Every second day, for about 10 days, dissolve in every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water just about as much sulphate of soda as will cover a shilling. You will have to use your discretion in this, for you only want to make his bowels move freely—not to give the soda so as to make the bird's excreta very loose and watery. This treatment will get rid of the superfluous "yellow fat" you describe, and bring the Goldie into condition again. Probably he is one of the "lazy" kind; occasionally you get such a lethargic bird among the Siberians.

Concerning the Robin.

Anxious.—1. The young Robin assumes the red breast at the first moult, *i.e.*, when it loses its spotted nestling plumage, at the end of the summer (broadly speaking) during which it was born. 2. Robins do not change their colour with the seasons, in the same way, that is, as many other species—the Grey and Pied Wagtails, for instance. But the male Robin is duller in colour during the winter, especially on the breast, which takes on a much ruddier tint as the breeding season approaches. 3. I am not good at defining colours in exact shades, but the breast colour of an adult cock Robin I should describe as cinnamon-red in the winter, brightening to a deep orange-red in summer. The young male (one year old) never, by the bye, has the breast colour so intense as two and three-year-old males. In a good specimen the red extends down the breast to the abdomen—usually extending further down the flanks than it does in the centre of the breast. I am judging by the pet Robin, which I have myself in a cage, and which I fancy is a decent bird from the exhibition point of view.

The Crow Family Again.

J.C.—No doubt you would notice that in our last issue I dealt with a similar query to yours, and gave details of the feeding of various members of the Crow family. An aviary 25 ft. long, 12 wide, and 7 high ought to make an admirable place to keep a few of our Corvine friends in. You could choose between Raven, Chough (both Cornish and Alpine), Jay, Jackdaw, Magpie, and Nutcracker, or include them all, and add a Rook and a Crow if it pleased you to do so. I should not advise you to attempt anything elaborate in the way of "fittings"—a weather-proof shelter, plenty of stout branches and perches, and an artistic rockery (or imitation rocky cliff) will "fill the bill" admirably. You should consult Mr. Norman's book on "Aviaries." I do not know that either a Gull or a Stork requires any special "sleeping accommodation" beyond, say, a sheltered corner it can retire to when so disposed. I am sure you would find the projected aviary of the Crow family a very interesting one, and not at all in the nature of a difficult problem, providing you can easily fill the birds' wants so far as food is concerned. A large bathing trough (not deep, but of considerable area) would be a decided acquisition to the place, and should be compassed if at all possible.

Owing to the Easter Holidays many Queries have necessarily to wait until our next issue for an answer.—EDITOR.

An Anxious Mule Breeder.

Yorkie.—It is no use being "anxious." What will you gain if you pair up the Goldfinch and the Canary only to get clear eggs? As I am often pointing out, May is the earliest month (especially if we have cold, backward weather during the early spring), in which the Hybrid-breeder can hope to get full clutches. Just look at the weather we have had this last week! In a state of nature the Goldfinch is a late breeder, May being well turned ere he is far embarked upon domestic duties. Of course, we sometimes hear of Goldfinches kept in captivity (in, say, a heated living-room), and fed on stimulating seeds, fertilising eggs in February, or even January. But don't be misled by reports such as these. I cannot do more than assure you that the majority of my own muling and hybrid couples have not been finally put together yet.

Treatment of Buntings.

A. Stenson.—You are right; the Yellowhammer, Cirl, and Corn Buntings require practically identical treatment when in captivity. The only "stock mixture," in fact, you require for all Buntings is plain Canary seed. Few will eat any quantity of other seeds, though now and again small oats, wild seed mixture, rape, cracked hemp, coarse oatmeal, or maw, seeds will be picked over and a few grains eaten. To make up a little variety in the diet, it is best to give a feed of soaked ants' eggs frequently, and live insect food (mealworms, flies, scoured gentles, small beetles, and grubs generally) according to season. Fresh (live) ants' eggs are relished exceedingly. "Shop" ants' eggs (get the best quality only) are well liked if soaked in a little new milk, drained on a cloth, and then given the birds. Many Finches, too, appreciate them when prepared in this way. It is well to mix a sprinkling of a good insectivorous food among the ants' eggs, gradually increasing the quantity, as in this way Buntings (other species, too) can be got to eat it readily; and it is very good for them. Green food these birds are not keen on, but you can always offer them a sprig of whatever you may happen to have in the place.

Bullfinch with Eye Trouble.

Bombadoss.—Put the bird in a larger cage; clean the perches daily. Dissolve a small teaspoonful of boric acid in a pint of boiling water; use a little of this, just nicely warm, to bathe the eyes with twice daily, morning and evening. A piece of very soft old linen, gently applied, will answer for the latter purpose. Afterwards dab dry with a soft cloth (used lightly), and lightly smear the scurfy parts around the eyes with a little mild sulphur ointment, applied with the tip of a finger. The ointment and acid you can obtain from any chemist. Give a fair daily supply of green-food to eat; buds from hawthorn hedges, fruit trees and bushes, also seeding dandelion, shepherd's-purse, chickweed, groundsel, etc., and young dandelion leaves. If you persevere with this treatment, you will find the troublesome and objectionable condition gradually righted.

Brevities.

Off-Song Goldfinches (A.H.).—The seed mixture is not at fault, so probably the conditions under which the birds are kept may be to blame. Let me know what style of cage you use, whether you keep them in a heated room, and whether you think they may be troubled with red-mite, and I will try to put things right, with pleasure.

Thistle Seed (Hardbill).—I note your further letter with interest. Thanks for writing.

An Aviary (A.L.N.).—Certainly; your aviary would, in fact, easily accommodate three or four more hen Canaries.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Parrakeet?

W. H. Boxley.—Your bird is either the Indian or African Ring-necked Parrakeet. From what you say as to its size, I think it is the latter. Most Ring-necks make very fair talkers, but there is a great deal of individualism with these birds, and some are much more teachable than others. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, also teach it by the constant repetition of words and short phrases. See that it neither gets scared nor yet irritated, or instead of talking it may do nothing but scream. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, nor yet any kind of animal food. Diet: A seed mixture of Canary, millet, wheat, dari, oats, hemp and sunflower, one part each of the two latter kinds, and two parts each of the others. To vary the diet, also give ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing.

Breeding Budgerigars.

Enquirer.—(1) Canary, white and spray millet seeds, with a few oats once or twice a week; green-food (grass in flower or fresh lettuce), cuttlefish, grit and water. (2) I think, if anything, the original stock, viz., the Green variety is the more hardy, but still both are sufficiently so to be kept out of doors all the year round. (3) Both varieties are free breeders, and providing the sexes are equal in number, and the aviary is not overcrowded, two or three pairs together usually breed with greater freedom than a single pair. You must note the following: They readily cross pair, and the progeny of such are pure Greens, so that if you require any Yellows start with two pairs Yellows and one pair Green, and then you will be sure of having one pair of Yellows properly mated. Also note, you must hang up double the number of nesting husks that you have pairs of birds. Birds purchased now should commence breeding as soon as they have become accustomed to their quarters.

Zebra Finches.

A.W.—You did quite right in removing the Love-birds; such are never safe even in a large aviary with Finches, and are really dangerous in a cage such as yours. If you really wish to try and get a hybrid, then get hens of either of the following: Diamond Finch, Silverbill, Bengalee, or Bronzewing Mannikin. Whichever you choose, put it in with the Zebra Finch and leave them pretty well to themselves. With hybrid breeding you need a lot of patience, and they may remain together several seasons without attempting to nest; on the other hand, they may do so almost at once. One thing in your favour is that a Zebra Finch is always anxious to nest under almost any conditions, and if he can only get the hen to condescend to his attentions, undoubtedly some young hybrids will be the result. Your other alternative is to get another hen Zebra, and breeding results should follow. A hen Canary put out as soon as the weather is warmer could be left out all the year, but any result from such an union would be very improbable.

Grey Parrot's Strained Leg.

W. Ellis.—I am rather at a loss how to advise you; you give me practically no history of the trouble, as to whether it is of quite recent origin, or whether the bird has been in this condition for some time. As you cannot handle the bird you cannot foment or anything of that kind, but I strongly suspect it to be a case of constitutional weakness. Remove the grating from bottom of cage, and place food vessels within easy reach and let the perch be fixed only a few inches from cage bottom. Make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food for, say, a month or six weeks at least, and give twice a week a piece of bread, plain biscuit, or something similar which it will eat, into which you have soaked one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia. Do not give table scraps, milk, tea or coffee slops, or any kind of animal food whatever. Let your diet consist of the usual seed mixture, *ripe* fruit, green-food, plain biscuit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), cuttlefish, and water. If you write again giving fuller particulars, also stating how you have been dieting the bird, possibly I might help you further.

Budgerigars not Breeding.

T.S.—I am afraid I can suggest but little, but the time is now fast approaching when you can easily procure grass flowers or seeding grass. Give them as much of this as they will consume. Supply them with old mortar rubbish and crushed cuttlefish. From your description I should say they would soon settle down to breeding, unless you have got hold of old and worn-out males. I presume mice are not occupying the husks, and so interfering with the birds' nesting arrangements. However, so far as this year is concerned, there is plenty of time, and it is quite as well they have not yet started; at any rate, so long as the present awful weather lasts. Have you got a friend you could exchange a pair with? Sometimes this acts as a stimulant.

Moustache Parrakeets, etc.

Parrakeets.—I much regret if a query of yours has been overlooked, and I certainly do not remember a case referring to this species, though often I am compelled to defer a reply for a week. It is not easy to give you the sexual distinctions, as there are several near species sold as Moustache Parrakeets, but I am assuming your bird is *Palæornis javanicus*. The male has the breast rosy, and the whole of the head, excepting the black streaks, grass-green. In the female the breast is green, the head much suffused with yellow, and the moustachial streak much shorter and of a downward tendency. I expect you lost your cock Dove from the effects of importation; many of these arrive in a very rough condition. Once they get over this they are hardy enough. There are two species, the Indian and the Australian; the former is of a darker hue generally than the Australian species; otherwise they are much alike. Give the hen, if she still lives, a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful) in the drinking water (one ounce) for one day. Follow this, by putting in the same quantity of water as much prepared chalk as will lie on a shilling, and five drops of laudanum; well stir up occasionally. Rosiumps are the hardiest of Parrakeets, and you have been most unfortunate; Canary, millet, oats, and a little hemp, with liberal supplies of green-food is about all they require. The White-eats are not unduly noisy, though they have a shrill call, and should do well in your aviary. If you care to send me a rough plan and description of your aviary, perhaps I may be able to assist you re your losses.

What Bird, etc.?

Java.—(1) From your description I should say it is some kind of Cowbird, and a female. As to whether it is rare or otherwise I cannot say from your details. Can you give me a few more details, as to shape of head, beak, etc.? In form does it

resemble a Thrush as well as in size, or is it a Grosbeak like bird? (2) Cardinals are bad breeders in captivity; they will build, lay and incubate well, but very few young are reared, and this only at the cost of keeping up an almost constant supply of live insects—cockroaches, mealworms, beetles smooth caterpillars, etc. (3) Give the bird a dose or two of Epsom salts; make the drinking water just saline with the salts. If this does not give relief, I should say it is crop-bound, and you had better let a vet. see to it. (4) If these hens were mine, I should get rid of them. Turn them loose in some open space or park where there is plenty of grass, and get one or two fresh ones; these will never be of any use for breeding, in my opinion. Do not let your male Budgerigar pair till it is quite recovered.

Brevities.

Cockatiels, British and Foreign Finches (J.W.J.).—Cockatiels are quite safe; I never knew them to harm the smallest Waxbill, but Budgerigars are quite another matter, and are really dangerous company for Finches, etc., even though you keep them together without loss for a year or so; sooner or later you will be finding maimed and dead bodies about, and the Budgerigars will be the culprits. The only British birds I should advise you to include are Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Twites, Brown Linnets, and Redpolls; you could also include a pair of Norwich Canaries. You can accommodate in your aviary 60 or 70 birds.

Ring necked Parrakeet in Poor Plumage (Roller).—Continue the treatment already advised; a good many Parrots and Parrakeets are moulting now. Continue the Parrish's Chemical Food, making the drinking water the colour of port wine. Soak a piece of stale household bread or biscuit daily, then squeeze out all the water possible, and well dust the sop with flour of sulphur. Persevere with the treatment previously advised, with above modifications, and it should ultimately hear fruit. As it recovers tone its plumage should improve, but usually in such cases this is somewhat slow.

Teaching Parrot to Talk (A.H.K.).—As near as possible make the bird one of the family. See that it is neither irritated nor scared. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, also teach it, by constant repetition, such words and short phrases as you wish it to repeat; it will pick up others from the general conversation.

Avadavat not Regaining Seasonal Plumage (M.O.T.).—I should say the temperature you keep your bird room at is too enervating for the birds; 50 degrees Fahr. would be ample. I may say I have kept these birds out of doors all the year round, and they usually came into colour fairly regularly. See that your birds get plenty of fresh air without draught. Give them small squares of turf (grass in flower), blighty foliage, and a liberal supply of spray millet, as well as Canary and white millet seeds. Well tint their drinking water every other day for the next month with Parrish's Chemical Food.

Foreign Songsters (Ireland).—Seed-eaters, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Alario Finch, Cape Canary. All the Serins are of fully average merit as songsters. Insectivorous: Grey Bulbul, most of the Foreign Thrushes, Mocking Birds, Pekin Robins (individuals vary much in song capacity). The Persian Bulbul is a very fine songster. Repeat query if above does not cover your need. Cockatiels are rather erratic breeders. Some pairs do nothing much but lay eggs, forsaking them when half incubated, and then lay another clutch. You certainly have a probable chance of success.

What Dove? (J.C.).—Before I attempt to name your bird, please give me some idea of its size, and state whether it is stoutly or slenderly built. I have kept your description by me, and will name it for you on receipt of above particulars. I may say there are but few species that will breed under any other conditions than those of the outdoor aviary, but there are some species that must be taken indoors in the winter.

What Parrot? (H. G. Nap).—Before I can name your bird you must tell me whether it has a long or short tail, and the colour of its beak. Upon receipt of these particulars I shall have pleasure in attempting to name it for you.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Misfortunes of Married Mandarins.

H. Lewis.—A mated Mandarin Drake never shows more than toleration to any other Duck than the one he really cares for, and sometimes they will be, as in your case, really spiteful to her. Naturally, also, the real mate does not care much about the presence of a third party. Often, however, a drake will fertilise the eggs of both, but this does not seem likely in your case, and I should advise you to dispose of the bird he dislikes, unless you prefer to get another Drake and try your luck with the two pairs. The fact that your Drake prefers the Duck, which was originally a stranger to him, to the one you got along with him, shows how exclusive these birds often are in their attachments, and if you got a new Drake you might find the despised Duck cherished a hopeless love for the other. The mated Duck ought to lay soon now, but breeding is not such a certainty with Mandarins as with some of the coarser fancy waterfowl. Nowadays, so many of them are wild-caught, and, as the species is such a nervous one, I think this has made them uncertain breeders. Your surroundings, however, seem favourable; you should put in a covered nesting-box raised above the ground, with a ladder leading to it if the birds are pinioned.

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Canary (M. Sharrock).—Inflammation of liver, lungs, and spleen, suggestive of fever.

Canary (C. Lloyd). Effusion of blood on brain, possibly caused through a knock against a perch.

Cock Canary (Miss Martin).—Apoplexy. Body overloaded with fat.

Canary (Novice).—Immediate cause of death was apoplexy, but this resulted from a feverish condition of liver, lungs, and spleen, suggestive of bird fever.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Outdoor Aviary (W. Tuck).—You will find designs (photographs, as well) of outdoor aviaries, and full particulars for their erection, in our handbook entitled "Aviaries, Birdrooms and Cages," which can be sent you post free in return for postal order value 2s. 3d.

Postcards (John Kay).—We are afraid we cannot promise to produce the postcards you mention this season. Will see what can be done with regard to the other matter.

A Canary Seed Problem (T. Reynolds).—We are interested in hearing you have a home-made machine for getting rid of the husks of seed. Why not send a sketch and description of it, and so lend a helping hand to the enquirer?

Suggestion (Yorkie).—Thanks. We shall adopt your suggestion. The book by Buffon we should have no use for, but some reader might entertain an exchange with you.

Catching (W.B.).—The "close season," generally speaking, is from March 1st to August 1st, but certain birds are protected in certain parts of the country all the year round. You could get a copy of the act as applying to your district, by sending a request, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, to the town clerk. This would give a list of the species fully protected. It is illegal to use a trap cage in the "close season," of course, for the purpose of taking protected birds, just the same as it is nets.

Paper (G. Peters).—Thanks very much for the paper, which we will see is returned to you in due course.

Sea Sand (Val).—We hardly think the town authorities would entertain the project of sending you on a portion of their beach now and again. The ordinary (very fine) sea sand is useless for birds—it is the gritty kind (small shingle) that bird-keepers require. An advertisement in our columns would probably get you in touch with some fancier residing at the seaside who would be willing to put you a small quantity on rail as required.

A Mixed Family (A. C. Eley).—Thanks for your interesting photograph, which we shall hope to reproduce in the near future.

LONG EATON AND DIS. C.B.S.

General meeting held at the Co-operative Room, Station Street, on April 11th, when there was a good turn-out of members, including several of the vice-presidents. Mr. H. M. K. Berridge (vice-president) occupied the chair. Mr. A. Horward was nominated for membership. The election of President and vice-presidents for 1908 resulted as follows:—President, Councillor G. Smith, J.P.; vice-presidents, Mr. F. R. Claye, J.P., Mr. J. Orchard, J.P., Councillor F. Mansfield, Councillor A. Chester, Councillor G. A. Perks, Councillor E. Wallis, Messrs. F. C. W. Dakin, G. Wilcox, J. R. Smith, T. C. Guttridge, W. Hooton, W. Wallis, W. H. Morris, B. Storey, J. G. Smith, H. M. K. Berridge. The date of members' show was altered from December 26th to December 19th, which we found will be more suitable to the members. A silver cup was offered for competition by Mr. G. A. Perks for the best young Norwich Plainhead, to be won three times, not necessarily in succession. Silver cup also offered by Mr. H. M. K. Berridge for best young Yorkshire, to be won on the same lines. This makes four silver cups in the Society, which we think is very good, and most encouraging to our members. These gentlemen were greatly cheered by all present for their kind offers. —TURNER and BARKER, Secretaries.

RUGBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

An Interesting Washing Competition.

The bird-lovers of Rugby and District spent a pleasant evening at the club house, the Moat Restaurant, on April 13th. Recognising the importance of cleanliness on the show bench, and desiring that those connected with the society should have an opportunity of seeing how a bird ought to be washed, the committee had invited Mr. George Hall (Leamington) to give an exhibition in the washing of birds. Five Canaries were "tubbed" by Mr. Hall, and one was treated by a member of the society; it need hardly be said that the whole lot survived the ordeal, and looked much the cleaner for it. Mr. Hall went about his work in his own way, and he certainly was not long over it. Confidence he regarded as the great essential to success. Three ordinary wash-hand basins were procured, and each was half filled with nice, soft water. In the first basin about a teaspoonful of borax was dissolved, and from a piece of special soap a good lather was quickly produced on the surface of the water. For soaping the bird Mr. Hall used a piece of flannel, which he considers better than anything else, and the ease with which the dirt was removed was really surprising. The tail first received attention, then the back and wings, the neck and head being dealt with later, care being taken the while to wipe away all grime from the base of the beak, where it accumulates so readily and so often. With dexterity, the bird was next turned over and well washed on the underside, the butts of the wings not being omitted. "Use plenty of water" was one piece of advice given, and "always apply the flannel in the same direction" was another, the direction indicated being, of course, towards the tail. The first stage being completed, and hints having been given as to the correct way of holding the bird, with the tail lying across the wrist, etc., "Dickie" was passed on to basin No. 2, containing clear water; here the bird's feathers were "stroked" with a camel-hair brush, in order to free the plumage of the dirty soap. The third basin was reserved for the purpose of rinsing the bird. To help produce a gloss and put on a better finish, about a tablespoonful of glycerine had been added to this water, which was applied with a sponge, held above the bird's back, and squeezed over him several times. The sponge also came in handy for partially drying the bird, and before being placed in the drying cage our feathered friend was also wiped with a silk handkerchief. The temperature of the cage was raised to 100 degrees, and as the process of drying advanced was gradually reduced to somewhere about 60 degrees. This was easily effected by drawing the cage back from the fire. Mr. Hall placed a damp towel over the muslin front, as he thought this helped to ensure the feathers drying out soft, and would help to give that sheen we all like to see on an exhibition specimen. A number of questions were asked and satisfactorily answered, and Mr. Hall was heartily thanked.—CLEM. F. SAVAGE, Sec.

THE BREEDING AND MANAGEMENT OF CANARIES.

By S. R. COMPSTON.

Notes from a Lecture delivered before the Macclesfield and District C.B.S. on March 28th.

One of a series of interesting lectures during 1908 was delivered by Mr. S. R. Compston (Whirley). Councillor Thompson presided, and in opening the meeting said it was a great pleasure for him to be amongst them. He was delighted, he said, to find the society in such a flourishing condition, and so evidently on the up-grade.

Mr. Compston said: I am only too pleased to assist by giving you a few hints on this remarkable subject, Canary breeding and management. There are many varieties of Canaries from which the fancier is able to make his own choice. The address I am giving you to day applies equally to all varieties.

Selection and Mating of Stock.

As to the selection of your birds, don't buy birds you know nothing about, or all your efforts will end in disappointment. It is nothing to buy a large number of birds, and all of them have had points about them. Whatever you do, don't mate two birds together that have both bad points about them, and if you want good birds, start at the beginning with good ones. Remember the old saying, which assures us that like breeds like, and that therefore blood will tell.

The best possible time to mate up your birds is, according to my idea, when the birds themselves tell you they are ready. There is no useful purpose served in forcing them, as the saying is; let them gradually come on themselves. Another guide as to the proper time to mate them up is when you see the wild birds outside beginning to pair up and build their nests; then is your proper time.

In the management of your birds, see you get plenty of fresh air in the birdroom; this is one of the most important points in having healthy birds. A Canary can stand a considerable amount of cold, but be careful to avoid draughts. A pure atmosphere is one of the chief points in a bird's health. Next comes the water; if you can change this two or three times a day, so much the better, as it becomes stagnant and impure. Use plenty of good grit, as it contains the mineral salts necessary for the birds in the digestion of their food. Use only good, clean, white seed for the staple food, giving a change of mixed seed occasionally.

Feeding and Doctoring.

Of course you all have your own ideas as to feeding the young when they arrive. Most of you will use the ordinary egg and bread, but I think when you are making your egg-food, you should use the crust of bread or biscuit, as it is far superior to soft bread. A little dog biscuit (Spratt's puppy) powdered very fine and slightly damped, will be found very beneficial, and will afford a nice change for the birds; but do not use this every day, only now and again.

I should like to advise you a little on the important subject of medicines. Before using any kind of drugs, always try and find out what ails your bird. When a bird is ill you will find that very probably it is feverish. One drop of aconite given in the drinking water, fresh each day, will suffice to bring down the temperature of the bird to its normal point in a day or two. Every bird lover should keep aconite in the bird room, as it is a most valuable medicine.

Inflammation.

Inflammation is indeed a complaint that is often met with by the bird fancier. Many fanciers believe in turpentine, which is all right as far as it goes, providing when the turpentine has been on a bit you just go over the same place with a little olive oil; but as we all know, turpentine burns, more so in some cases than in others. Belladona is, I think, a good cure for inflammation, and one that is inexpensive.

After the lecture, several important questions were put to Mr. Compston, which he answered very satisfactorily. Mr. W. Lee proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Mr. S. R. Compston for the services they had rendered. This was seconded by Mr. F. Broadhurst (Secretary), and carried unanimously.—H. WALLWORTH, Assistant Secretary.

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SIR,—To those who advertise for a "suitable exchange" in the exchange column, may I point out that it is difficult to surmise the nature of the exchange desired. I suggest that if advertisers mention their trade or profession they would be more likely to get satisfaction.

H. WALLACE.

THE CHALLENGE CUP AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

SIR,—I have looked up the 1908 directory of Newcastle, and the only "John Harker" I can find in it resides at Tankerville Terrace. He has not exhibited at either of the shows held by the present Newcastle C.B.S., nor do I think he keeps birds, except it is an ordinary songster.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

A PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR MORLEY, YORKS.

SIR,—I shall be pleased if you will allow me space to announce in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, that a meeting for the formation of a Cage Bird Society will be held in the Sycamore Hotel, High Street, Morley, on Saturday, April 25th, at eight o'clock p.m. prompt. All interested are cordially invited.

ROBT. HY. TURNER, Secretary *pro tem.*
35, Nelson Place, Church Street,
Morley, Yorks.

TWO EGGS IN ONE DAY.

SIR,—Your readers, J. S. and E. W. Lunt, may be interested to know that one of my hens last year laid two eggs every time she laid. Her nest consisted of four eggs each time. She would lay two eggs one morning, and then miss a morning, and lay two more on the day following. This is an old bird now. The year before she laid alright, and had twenty young birds. All last season she laid two every time and reared eight young. This year she is laying alright again. The first nest of young are on the perches and she is laying her next clutch now (Friday). By the bye, has any fancier had any trouble in getting a cock bird to mate up to a clear yellow hen? I have a buff cock that will mate to variegated hens, but not clear ones. Is there any water colour I could put on the hen (of course harmless) so as to darken her? I am very anxious to get it this year to pair with a clear yellow hen—a good show bird. I should be pleased to know if anybody else has such a fussy cock bird.

BIRD LOVER.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND CLASHING OF SHOWS.

SIR,—I am Secretary of a mixed Society, which we will call A, and joined the C.B.U. at its formation. B is a Cage Bird Society which was formed, and joined the C.B.U. last year, and is situated not 25 miles from A. A's show for 1908 was fixed and registered with the C.B.U. at least 21 days before B's date was fixed, which is the same date as A's. Is it fair and just for the Cage Bird Union to allow B to hold their show on the same date as A? Notwithstanding a protest was lodged, the Secretary of the C.B.U. informs the Secretary of A Society that he cannot compel B to alter their date, and as both are affilliated to the C.B.U. both shows can be held on the same date. Now, I thought one of the ideas of the C.B.U. was to prevent the clashing of shows. Does this seem like it? Perhaps B's subscription is larger than A's, and the C.B.U. are afraid of offending them? If this kind of thing goes on the quicker Societies take steps to boycot the C.B.U. the better for all concerned. Perhaps there are other mixed Societies who have been treated the same way. If so, speak up, and let us unite and see if we cannot amend some of the grievances against the C.B.U.

DISGUSTED.

INTER-CLUB NEST FEATHER SHOWS.

SIR,—The breeding season has now commenced in earnest, and the various Cage Bird Societies are making arrangements for their young bird shows, the success of which depends on the results obtained in the breeding room. If these results have been satisfactory all well and good, but if otherwise, nest feather shows are disappointing both in numbers and quality, and in many cases shows have to be postponed or cancelled. As a remedy for this I would like to suggest that Societies should hold Inter-Club Shows with one or two of their neighbouring Societies, by which means the success of each venture is assured. The Inter-Club Nest Feather Shows which were held by the Potteries C.B.A. and Crewe O.S. last season, were most successful in every way, and I feel sure that if the idea was generally adopted by Cage Bird Societies it would prove most beneficial to all concerned. There are many advantages which will readily occur to those who give this their consideration. In the first place it would create an interest in young Bird Shows that has hitherto been lacking. Each Society would be sure of a good show. If a member has no birds ready for one show he may have for the other. There would be no more expense attached to the working of the show than if confined to the members of one Society, whilst the receipts would show a considerable increase, especially if a small sum was deducted from each entry fee towards expense. The public, too, would be more likely to visit a show of this description. And what fancier within a 10 mile radius is there who takes any interest in Cage Bird Shows but would try to visit a show held by, say, Manchester, Liverpool, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, or such Societies as are in close proximity?

Stoke-on-Trent. J. PITCHFORD.

EARLY YOUNG BIRDS.

SIR,—I have seen some young Robins flying about here (Road, near Bath) to-day which had just left the nest, and also a Hedge Sparrow's nest with four young in it, almost fledged. By the time this appears they will have left the nest if the cats leave them alone. They are close to a stream of water in a cosy yew tree. There is a Thrush's nest with four young (about 17 days old now) on the opposite side of the stream. I can stay and see the old birds feeding them. It is rather interesting to watch them. I hear there are also some Linnet Mules (about 16 days old), only their parents have been kept in a warm kitchen all the winter.

W. L. WHEELER.

A LINNET AND GOLDFINCH PROBLEM.

SIR,—Seeing a letter in CAGE BIRDS on the feeding of Linnets and Goldfinches, and being a Linnet lover with seven birds all in the pink of health, I should like to write of my experience. Three years ago I started with Linnets, but they did not live long. They used to be all right for a time, and then they would sit moping. At first I thought they were bound up; anyhow I lost about 12 birds in less than a month. I got very much "downhearted," and gave up keeping them altogether. But I was eager to start again; and have been keeping them for about eight months. Now I thought I would try a new seed mixture of my own — no Canary seed whatever, as I think it dries them up. Since using the mixture of my own make I find they come on very well both in song and health. My mixture is as follows:—Two parts rape, one part cole, one part niger mixed. I wish CAGE BIRDS every further success.

CONSTANT READER.

A LONDON TOWN BIRD'S COUNTRY RAMBLE.

SIR,—I am perforce condemned to study bricks and mortar the greater part of the year. However, when I get a chance, I like a country ramble, and Easter falling late this year gave me my opportunity. On Good Friday (April 17th) I was one of a party who went to Boxhill, and I heard my first migrant this year—the Chiff Chaff, on the top of Boxhill. I may add that I do not know any other place so near London where one can see the Mistletoe growing strong, as near Burford Bridge Hotel—an ideal spot. On the Saturday following (April 18th) I took a "Metropolitan Railway walk" from Uxbridge to Denham, and I think there is no spot except Epping Forest where I find such a number and variety of birds. This is a short walk, taking my companion and myself barely an hour, sauntering leisurely. The place is ideal for birds, the walk being along the Colne Valley, wooded, sheltered, and well watered. We identified Swallows (one or two), a few Martins (House), two Chiff Chaffs, Reed Bunting, Wild Ducks (flying over us), Tufted Ducks (the last named probably partly domesticated), and we found a Hedge Sparrow's nest with three eggs in it, and saw the hen then on nest, but out of reach. One little Chiff Chaff was hopping about in a hedge by the side of the road, and singing (rather feebly) all the time. I thought of that little fellow on Easter Sunday, and later when the snow showers were passing over. We varied our observations by more than once taking note of some fine trout in the clear running water. On Easter Monday (April 20th) I took another "Metropolitan Railway walk"; this time from Chalfont Road, through Latimer, to or near Flaunden and back by Chenies, and there I found the following additional kinds worth noting: Dabchicks, Tree Creeper (one,) Coots, Magpies, a pair, with new nest, bower and all apparently complete (I did not go up, not being as young as I once was), Jay, Great Tit and Long Tailed Tit. I saw a young Thrush brancher. I also again saw numerous trout in the clear running Chess. In the rambles. I identified thirty-five kinds of birds.

LONDON TOWN BIRD.

MORE TROUBLE IN IRELAND.

SIR,—Having carefully studied the rules and bye laws of the Y.C.C. of Ireland, it seems to me that Mr. Devitt has been suspended illegally, as there is no record of any charge against him constituting an offence. Under these circumstances I shall withhold my coming subscription until this matter is settled, as I still consider Mr. Devitt to be *the* chairman of the Y.C.C. of I.

ONE IN THE COUNTRY.

SIR,—The report of the Y.C.C. of Ireland Meeting published the week before last is a conglomeration of misleading statements and untruths from beginning to end, and it is for this very reason I have been always at loggerheads with what I might term the "family-party" of the Committee.

Now, to deal with the letter complained of in CAGE BIRDS of March 7th. Here it is:—

SIR,—The report of committee meeting furnished you by the secretary, and published in CAGE BIRDS, February 29th, is decidedly misleading to the absent committee members and the general body of members, who carefully watch your journal to see what takes place at the club meetings, as same is the only notification they can get. The secretary reports receipt of 20s. from Mr. Barclay, J.P., but carefully omits to mention that in the same letter Mr. Barclay requested to have his name withdrawn as vice-president, and remain on as an ordinary member. Mr. Barclay is a far-seeing man, and I make no further comment at this stage. With regard to my resolution to separate the challenge cup points from the colour and non-colour fed classes instead of bulking them in the whole, this was to show where points were gained in such classes, where there was an ordinary amount of competition. The correct points are:—C. A. O'Reilly, 86; J. J. Cloke, 81; Sheridan and Fry, 28, for colour-fed classes. Messrs. Sheridan and Fry claim the cup by having nominated birds in the non-fed classes, and thus gained 86 points extra in classes where there was practically no competition. Members will see from this why there were so many non-colour-fed classes at the Irish shows for this season, some of the said classes having been guaranteed by the secretary personally, where the show secretaries could not see their way to grant non-colour-fed classes, and thus Messrs. Sheridan and Fry could keep up their points at these shows. Perhaps the cup next year will be gained for the third time in tail-fed classes.

RICHARD DEVITT, Chairman, Y.C.C. of I.

Now I am *supposed* to be suspended for three months for writing the above letter. They "declare such allegations to be untrue and without foundation." Really, I wish they were. I will now prove who is right, and how this intolerant family-party rule the club's affairs. Let the Secretary answer the following questions, which I take from my letter:

1.—Did not the Secretary omit to mention that Mr. Barclay requested to have his name withdrawn as Vice-President?

2.—Is not Mr. Barclay a far-seeing man?

3.—Are not the points correct?

4.—Were not two non-fed classes guaranteed personally by the Secretary at Belfast Show?

5.—Is not the Secretary of the Y.C.C. of Ireland a Committee-man of the Dublin Pigeon and Cage Bird Association, at which show several non-fed classes were given under the patronage of the Y.C.C., which is tantamount to a guarantee?

6.—I will send the Editor £5 for any Dublin Hospital if "allegations be untrue and without foundation." Will the "family-party" do the same?

If not trespassing too much on your space, Sir, kindly publish following letter sent by me, but which "they could not accept as bona-fide":—

[COPY.]

April 3rd, 1908.

RE ADJOURNED EXTRAORDINARY MEETING.

DEAR SIR,—

I faced the music at the previous meeting, which was such an absurd farce, that I do not see the utility of again attending this evening, except to hear, in extenso, the new song composed biennially by Messrs. Sheridan and Fry, entitled, "Halloa! Halloa! Halloa! What! a different chairman again?"

The inconsistency of the object of the meeting is appalling, viz., to consider my conduct for daring to bring truth to the surface. I defy anyone to contradict my letter except having accused the secretary of guaranteeing more shows than one, for non-colour classes. I regretted this, and do not withdraw one other single statement. Yet the flagrant conduct of Messrs. Sheridan and Fry in hectoring and badgering your chairman at the annual show is allowed to pass unnoticed. If their dignity in the bird world is wounded by the exposure of bald, truthful facts, they have the consolation of knowing that my self-respect is wounded in presiding at meetings in their presence.

I, therefore, sever absolutely my connection with the Y.C.C. of Ireland when the present club year is ended, and am notifying CAGE BIRDS of my resignation, so that members who pressed me to again stand will know my final decision.

Please have committee meeting convened as early as possible to wind up present year, and oblige,

Yours faithfully,

R. DEVITT.

W. C. Sholedice, Esq., Secretary, Y.C.C. of Ireland.

What a splendid opportunity they have lost of being rid of their second obnoxious chairman, and within such a short period. And what a strange coincidence!—the identical family party again squabbling. In playing with the rope to "suspend" me they have "hanged" themselves, and I will thrash the matter out at all costs. To wind up I state emphatically that I absolutely refused at the meeting to withdraw my letter of 7th March, or offer the slightest apology to the Secretary. I agreed to withdraw the word "shows" for "show," he guaranteed classes personally, and although Messrs. Sheridan and Fry did not nominate Cup Birds at non-fed classes at Belfast, it was because they had got a sufficient pull in hand at other non-fed classes previously to enable them to stand down and show in the colour-feds at Belfast. I could dwell further on this matter, but await replies to my six questions. RICHARD DEVITT.
Chairman Y.C.C. of Ireland.

SIR,—It was with considerable regret that I saw Mr. Devitt's letter in CAGE BIRDS announcing his resignation, and I hope he will reconsider his decision. So long as he fights the unfancier-like tactics of a certain clique who rule the roost at Dublin he can rest assured the great body of country members will give him their whole support. No doubt these people would like to "suspend" the chairman; they want him out of the way before the annual meeting, which usually takes place on or before the 17th March (by the way it would be interesting to know why it is delayed this year, as there are many sinister rumours abroad). The report of meetings recently held in Dublin require a pinch of salt, and before swallowing it I shall await Mr. Devitt's reply. I can hardly think that a meeting of 14 members could be so lacking in intelligence as to pass a resolution suspending the chairman when they have no power conferred by the rules to do so.

STRAIGHT 'UN (Dublin.)

A TALE OF WOE.

SIR,—As an enthusiastic reader of CAGE BIRDS I thought I would tell you my tale of woe. In my garden I erected a very large aviary in which I had stocked over 130 birds, British and Foreign and Canaries. Between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on a recent morning some person or persons broke into the aviary, and stole or let away 50 of the birds, which included all my best specimens which were beauties in my eyes, and the very acme of tameness—Bullfinches, Siskins, Chaffinches, Brown and Green Linnets, hen Canaries, Yellowhammers, Tree Pipits, Tree Sparrows, Bramblefinches, Redpolls, and three extra large red breasted Mealy Redpolls. When I went out to feed them at seven a.m. I nearly fainted when I saw the aviary door standing wide open and almost half the birds gone. Those that were left in would not come out—as I had had them for a few years, the homing instinct kept them in I suppose. I have also lost a hand-reared Mavis, three years old this spring, which I would not have taken £5 for. As a singer he was a champion, and charmed all the neighbourhood. My aviary and birds were a delight to a great many visitors and friends who came to see and hear them sing, also to watch me feeding them from the hand with mealworms, seeds, and titbits. They all knew their names, and came when they were called. You may imagine my grief at the loss I have sustained through losing the pets that had taken me so much into their confidence. I am not an exhibitor, although I had a good few show specimens. I kept them to enjoy seeing them fly about, and to give others enjoyment seeing them flying about.

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A WORD OF ADVICE.

SIR,—I should feel obliged to you if you could publish a word of advice to your readers. I advertised in your last issue for a Linnet or Goldfinch. Result, answers from all over England. But unfortunately, many who replied, forgot to put their address, hence I was quite unable to reply. I may also state that one of the replies came from an old friend of mine living only three miles away, and whom I had been seeking for some time. I trust people who answer the advertisements in your valuable paper will in future take care to put in their address. Wishing CAGE BIRDS the prosperity it so richly deserves I remain,

C. MUSSARED.

A MULE AND HYBRID PROBLEM.

SIR,—Can any of your readers tell me if it is possible to breed young from a Hybrid and a Canary, seeing that the Hybrid is a cross between two British birds—for instance between a Goldfinch-Greenfinch cock or Lintie-Bullie cock, and a hen Canary? Seeing that the Mule has never been known to breed with a Canary, I was wondering if it has ever been recorded that breeding has taken place with a Hybrid. A Hybrid evidently can't be a Mule or a Mule a Hybrid, seeing that a Mule has a Canary for one of its parents. I remain a reader of your very useful paper, which is good value for the money.

HARRY MORRISON.

THE FANCY IN BARNSLEY.

SIR,—I was surprised to see in your issue of April 11th, in "Under the White Rose," the announcement regarding the Barnsley and District Cage Bird Society. I think your informant is not one connected with the society, or he would have written quite differently. We are desirous of enrolling new members, but the announcement by "Straight 'Un" is not very encouraging to fanciers in the district, who wish to join us. We have now chosen the officers and committee for the year, and have a balance in hand of nearly £4, so you will see that the collapse which is spoken of, is far from correct. I myself think that the society is stronger and on a sounder footing to-day than it has been for the last four years.

A. GREEN, Treasurer.

It affords us pleasure to publish Mr. Green's letter, and even greater pleasure to learn that the Barnsley Society is to-day in a sound condition. We hope that bird-lovers in the neighbourhood will note our correspondent's remarks anent the enrolling of new members, and will at once send along their names to the secretary, Mr. E. Carlisle, Church Street, Gawber, Barnsley, thus helping to keep the Fancy flourishing in the district.—EDITOR.

A DULWICH AND PECKHAM MATTER.

SIR,—For downright effrontery, I think the letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS, signed "Tit Lark," suggesting that the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. should alter its name because a rival club has recently been formed in the district, "takes the biscuit." Seeing that the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. (which I am pleased to say is very much alive and flourishing) was first in the field by some four years, might I suggest that the newly-formed club should change its title to the Herne Tavern (Dulwich) O.S. This would, as "Tit Lark" appears to wish, prevent a lot of confusion in the Fancy, as it would sufficiently differentiate between the new society and the older organisation, known throughout the country as the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. Since "Tit Lark" adopted a nom-de-plume, I will subscribe myself, ANONYMOUS.

SIR,—I crave your indulgence to answer "Tit Lark." There will be no confusion between The D. and P.C.B.S. and The D.O.S. The fancy at large know very well which is which. I can assure "Tit Lark" that the original Society is now managed by business men, and that his reasons for altering the names of these Societies are too transparent. Surely it must be a sign of weakness; time quickly flies; it is not so very far to October and November. You say most of the D.O.S. are Dulwichites; then what are The D. and P.C.B.S.? They are pretty evenly spread over the whole of South London, and not one or two districts only; so what is in a name after all?

MEMBER OF THE D. AND P.C.B.S.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to thank your correspondent, "Tit Lark," for his advice that the Dulwich and Peckham Cage Bird Society should change its name. I feel so pleased he does not wish to dictate in any way; but what a pity it is he has to sail under a nom-de-plume himself, after suggesting we should alter our name to what he thinks is our proper name. I can tell him he is all at sea when he writes: "We have only three members who reside in Dulwich." We have nearly as many members in Dulwich as ever we had, and we have quite as many officials residing in Dulwich (including our worthy secretary, and assistant secretary) as we have in Peckham, and our headquarters are in the electoral area of Dulwich. If the Dulwich O.S. is in Dulwich, why do they call their headquarters "The Herne, Peckham Rye"? Looking down their list of officials, I find it is false when "Tit Lark" states they mostly reside in Dulwich. When the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. was formed in February, 1904, it was given the above name, and will still hold that name, although some of its late officials have cleared out to start another club on our doorstep. If "Tit Lark" is the person I think he is, he will not answer this, but if he is really ignorant of why there are two societies, a few of we old ones, who have served on several committees, can tell him. One who is not afraid of his name.

W. J. CRANFIELD.

SIR,—In reply to "Tit Lark's" impudent note of last week anent the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., it would be well for members of the fancy generally not to allow dust to be thrown in their eyes. The bidding of "Tit Lark" to alter the name of the D. and P.C.B.S. is ridiculous, and his remarks also about the new headquarters are very misleading. The new home is centrally situated, absolutely on the border-line of the two districts, Dulwich and Peckham, and the members coming from these places are about equally divided. The old headquarters, though very convenient for regular habitues living in close proximity, were far too inaccessible generally, being situated close to Forest Hill Cemetery. The assertion that the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. has "left" Dulwich is, therefore, untrue, and statements made to discredit it should be taken at their proper worth.

EAST DULWICH RESIDENT.

[Correspondents must please confine their remarks to the point at issue, and steer clear of personalities. From some of the above letters, we have had to delete remarks concerning the last D. and P. C.B.S. open show, a matter which has already been ventilated, and "closured" in our columns.—EDITOR.]

A NEW SOCIETY FOR DUNS AND DISTRICT, BERWICKSHIRE.

SIR,—A cage bird society has just been formed in Duns, Berwickshire. There are a number of fanciers in the town and district, and the object of the society is to promote friendly rivalry and to further extend the interest in the breeding and rearing of all classes of cage birds. The society will hold its inaugural show on Wednesday, 4th November, 1908. Competition is confined to a radius of 16 miles, which includes the towns of Berwick-on-Tweed, and Kelso. The society is to be known as the Duns and District C.B.S.

JOHN LAWRIE, Junr. Hon. Sec.

Duns, Berwickshire.

AGE AND COLOUR CHANGES OF THE BULLFINCH.

SIR,—I have read with great interest the account in your valuable paper of a Bullfinch changing colour. Having at the present time a Bullfinch which has turned almost black after moulting very badly last year, I though it would be of interest to your many readers if I communicated the fact to them. About a month ago he began to moult again, and I did not think he would live. But he has now recovered, although still has a very bad colour.

M. B. PIGOT.

SIR,—Being a passionate lover of Bullfinches, and having closely watched their habits in my bird-room, I have read with great interest the letter of G. H. Morton, in CAGE BIRDS, of April 11th. I would like to mention the change of colour in a Bullfinch which came into my possession about three years ago. The bird was originally a fine handsome cock bird, 2nd prize winner at Worthing show in that year, and I bought him for a lady. After some months she brought him to me, the bird suffering from acute indigestion and diarrhœa. Good, wholesome food cured the former complaint, and the usual chalk and brandy mixture the latter; but the handsome bird had become nearly black with an under tint of red on the breast, and the white rump feathers were quite black so that it was hard to recognise the original bird. As his health improved, the shine on his plumage increased, until he was in lovely condition, and very tame. We called him "Smutty" on account of his blackness. He moulted during his stay with us, and developed two white feathers in each wing. At the end of 13 weeks he seemed perfectly well, and was in full song, so that I felt bound to return him to his former owner. She brought him back to me, after two days, saying that he was fretting for his former companion, Old Charlie Pippin, an aged Russian cock Bullfinch. Certainly his diarrhœa had returned and he seemed queer, so she gave him to me. Directly I put him back in the cage with Old Charlie, the two birds kissed each other and seemed happy, and "Smutty" flourished amazingly till I sent him to Peckham show, where he was "wrong classed," took a chill and died soon after his return. The food I gave him was Canary, German rape, white sunflower seeds with green food, and I imagine his age was about three years.

MRS. M. B. PARTRIDGE.

ROLLER CANARIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Seeing that Mr. Whittaker still persists in doubting Mr. Norris's word to the effect that several members were quite willing to accept his challenge, I think it only fair and just to Mr. Norris to state I was one of the members who was quite willing to accept his (Mr. Whittaker's) challenge. But Mr. Norris preferred that the challenge should be accepted by a member in Mr. Whittaker's own district. CHARLES ROEHL.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Parr's letter, my remarks were not intended to give offence to the buyers of the birds; but knowing Mr. Whittaker's views that members should keep their best birds and breed from them, it seemed surprising that he should have sold these two birds. The only harm I wish Mr. Whittaker is that the novices may beat him during the next show season.

J. W. NORRIS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Whittaker's letter of last week, I am enclosing you my deposit of £5, and also the letters that I received from the member who accepted the challenge, and shall be pleased if you will consent to act as referee. J. W. NORRIS.

[After reading Mr. Whittaker's letter, in which he accepted Mr. Norris's challenge, and nominated us as referee, we felt that it would not be fair to Mr. Norris to prevent him from nominating a joint arbitrator, if he so desired, and we wrote him to that effect, informing him at the same time that we should require a letter from both parties agreeing to abide by whatever decision the joint arbitrators arrived at, without any appeal at law. This we felt would the more effectively close a dispute which cannot but be detrimental to the best interests of the Roller Canary. Mr. Norris has expressed his willingness to abide by whatever decision the joint arbitrators should arrive at, and nominates Mr. J. Robson to act with us. We are quite willing that Mr. Robson should act as arbitrator with ourselves subject, of course, to his own acceptance. We have also communicated with Mr. Whittaker to a similar effect, and await his reply, which will be published in our next issue.—EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

AN EGG-LAYING FREAK; WHAT NEXT?

SIR,—I have had a remarkable occurrence of egg laying on the part of a Norwich hen, of which your readers perhaps would like to hear. On April 5th I put a Yorkshire cock with an odd Norwich hen. They paired, and she built a good nest. On the evening of the 13th I noticed the hen was very queer, and was constantly laying on the perch; but I let things remain until the 14th, when I looked in the nest at 6 a.m. She had not laid, but was on the floor of the breeding cage. When I came home to breakfast at 8 a.m. I looked again, and to my surprise I found a double egg—two distinct eggs in fact, one smaller than the other, but joined together. As I picked the eggs out of the nest they parted. The larger egg was left intact, but for a piece of skin where they were joined; but it broke the skin where the smaller egg was joined. I have saved the eggs so that if any of your interested readers would like to see them I would show them willingly. I may say that at the time of writing the hen is very queer.

W. BRUCE.

7, Unwin Road, Peckham.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

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A Homing Sparrow.

My father had in his garden aviary a very mischievous House Sparrow; so he said he would let it go. We went for a walk (about half a mile), and took the bird with us and let it go. But when we arrived home the bird was there trying to get in the aviary, so we caught it, and put it in again, and next day we took it further away, but it came back again. We took it many times, but it always came back again.—Sent by F. A. Hibbert (age 9), Hawley's Row, Apperknowl, Unstone, Sheffield.

*Canary up a Chimney.

A friend of ours once had a Canary, which she bought off my father. It used to hop about the house. One day she missed the bird, it having flown up the chimney. Soon after a neighbour tapped at the door, and said there was a bird on the house-top. Our friend put the cage outside, and the bird, seeing its own cage, flew back again; but I am sorry to say that instead of the little bird being of its natural colour, it was like a chimney sweep. Our friend was much surprised, however, and thought herself lucky to get the little Canary back again.—Sent by Lena Bratherton (age 11), 63a, Gladstone Road, Edge Hill, Liverpool.

**The Cute Starling.

An old huntsman named Maurice had a Starling, which he had taught to say a few words, and when he came into the room he used to say, "Starling, where are you?" The Starling would answer, "Here I am." Now, Maurice had a little neighbour who was very fond of the bird, and used often to come and see it. One day when he came to pay his usual visit, old Maurice was not in the room, and the boy was seized with a sudden temptation, for he always wished for such a bird for his own. He took the Starling and put it in his pocket, but just as he was going away the owner opened the door. He cried out as usual, "Starling, where are you?" and the bird in the boy's pocket answered, "Here I am."—Sent by Eva Hall, age 14 years, 15, Holyoake Terrace, Long Buckby, Northants.

*Sparrow versus Dragon Fly.

A very large green and black dragon-fly was flying up the street pursued by a Sparrow. The Sparrow would make a dart at the dragon-fly, but before he could get near enough to strike with his beak the fly would give a quick flit with its wings, and turn either to right or left, and before the Sparrow could turn again, would be sailing serenely up the street. This happened several times, till, I suppose, the Sparrow tired of the chase flew to the other side of the street and settled in the gutter. No sooner had he settled than the dragon-fly turned and headed straight at the Sparrow, who flew off in fright. The fly pursued him a little distance, and turned back, and idly flew up and down the street. The fly seemed to know the Sparrow could not catch him, and to show its utter contempt drove him away.—Sent by Master Albert Hutton (age 13), 49, Church Street, Sheffield.

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How to meet Breeders' Difficulties.

At the meeting held at headquarters on April 14th the chief item on the agenda was a lecture by Mr. F. J. Weaver, on "Bird Breeders' Difficulties and How to Surmount them." Mr. Weaver delivered himself well on the subject, speaking for quite an hour. He spoke of the difficulties met with when first mating up the birds. He said it was a good plan to let the pairs you intend running together make each other's acquaintance before letting them run together; by doing so the Fancier would avoid a lot of trouble, and perhaps save the life of a good bird. If the birds are in good condition there ought to be eggs in eight days. He did not, he said, approve of using late-bred hens for the first round, for it was these hens that very often went wrong. When the hens are sitting, it is a good plan to give them a little extra food, about three times a week, as he thought Canary seed hardly stimulating enough for the early season, especially if the cock had been removed. He said that the young often go wrong when about seven days old, the hen refusing to feed; this was often caused through the hen being over-anxious, and by eating the excreta from the young for too long a period, thus causing her to give up feeding. When this occurred a good plan was to hand-feed the young, and to give the hen the last thing at night a little cooling medicine; by changing her food next morning and giving a little soaked rape she would often start feeding again. When the young are about three weeks old they will leave the nest, and to save them from being plucked it is best to put them into a nursery cage, or if your breeding cage is a double one put in the wire slide. Another difficulty will often arise when the young are removed from their parents, to do for themselves; it is not wise to give them, as many Fanciers do, solely egg food. This is the cause of so many dying between the ages of four and six weeks; they would find it a good plan to give, in addition to the egg food, crushed seed (hemp and Canary) in a separate pot, and not forget a little soaked rape. Even when they can crack the seed continue giving them a little egg food each day until they have finished moulting. Mr. Weaver said that under this treatment he had lost very few young. Young birds, he continued, often go wrong through drinking too much; a few drops of tincture of gentian in the water would prevent this, and do them good.—Mr. A. Wellings, of Prescot, being on a visit in the town, looked in, and received a very hearty welcome.—A vote of thanks to Mr. Weaver brought a very interesting evening to a close.—F. HOWES, Sec.

Among the British Birds of North Hants.

By J. S. CLARKE.

A Lecture before the City and Suburban A.C.B. on April 13th.

"Threefold the stride of time, from first to last,
Loitering slow the future creepeth,
Arrow-swift the present sweepeth,
And motionless for ever stands the past." —*Schiller.*

It is now just over 9 years since I read this paper before the members of the N.B.B. and M.C., and I have pleasant memories of the kindly way in which it was received. It was also the means of my making one or two close friends, whose friendship I highly prize. Nine years ago! It seems but yesterday. It is my wish this evening to interest and amuse you, and if I travel outside the sunny shire for illustration or anecdote, I shall rely upon your forbearance.

In claiming your attention, I may mention that what I have written is the outcome of 30 years' observation and experience. As the description North Hants is somewhat vague, I will ask you to take the town of Basingstoke as our centre, and follow me in my ramblings within a ten-mile radius. It is a splendid country, hilly and densely wooded with parks of immense size, woods, copses, cornfields, surrounded by high hedges, water meadows, thickly studded with thorn bushes, swamps; abounding in reeds, rushes, and other water herbage—these all afford the ornithologist, and many other "ologists" a splendid field of study.

Some Birds of the Sunny Shire.

The species of British Birds, their nests, and eggs, I have personally met with in the vicinity are as follows:—Barn Owl, Kestral, Sparrow-Hawk, Crow, Rook Magpie, Jackdaw, Pheasant, Partridge, Red-legged Partridge, Jay, Turtle Dove, Wood Pigeon, Blackbird, Thrush, Missel Thrush, Starling, Lark, Coot, Moorhen, Little Grebe or Dabchick, Wild Duck, Pied Wagtail, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, Wren, Wood Wren, Golden Crested Wren, Great Tit, Blue Tit, Longtailed Tit, Robin, Kingfisher, Hedge-Sparrow, House-Sparrow, Yellow Hammer, Nightingale, Night-Jar, or Goatsucker, Lapwing or Peewit, Sedge Warbler, Hawfinch, Swallow, Switt, Red-backed Strike, Greater White-throat, Lesser White-throat, and Spotted Flycatcher.

The foregoing are species the nests and eggs of which, in most instances, have frequently come under my notice; it is to my regret that in the years when I had ample time for observation, I contented myself with finding the nests, and annexing part of the contents to add to my collection, instead of studying the birds themselves, and their habits, more closely than I did.

I will just mention a few birds that are to be met with in the same locality, but as their nests, or nesting places have hitherto escaped me, I shall pass them with slight notice, hoping they will be brought to the front in discussion. First the Long-eared Owl (a pair of which, that had been snared, were a few years ago presented to my father, who kept them but a short time, in a large outdoor aviary, but as they seemed to pine, he restored to them their liberty); Tawny Owl, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, locally called the Yaffle, Tree Creeper, Common or Corn Bunting, Redstart, Nuthatch, Wryneck, Corn Crake, Reed Warbler, Garden Warbler, Blackcap, Snipe, Yellow Wagtail, Sand Martin, Tree Pipit, Meadow Pipit, Whinchat, or Furzechat. This, gentlemen, completes my list. I have no doubt there are many birds I have missed, but as I will describe the districts in which I have met the birds and their nests, and when they are enumerated, any member so inclined can make search for those I have omitted to mention.

Coots, Dabchicks and Kingfishers.

I would call your special attention to three birds in the above list, viz.: Coot, Lesser Grebe or Dabchick, and Kingfisher, for this reason: Mr. Norman Gilroy, known to most of you as a most ardent naturalist, wrote me saying that he was desirous of obtaining a clutch of eggs of each of these species. In reply I invited him to come and spend an evening with me. The invitation was accepted, and one winter night we met; it was a meeting of congenial spirits, and it lasted into the small hours. The birds, their habits, nests, and eggs, were discussed, and anecdote followed anecdote of strange adventure by field and flood. We parted after mutually agreeing to meet at Basingstoke one fine day in the early summer of the following year, the date to be fixed later. It was also agreed that I was to find him a clutch of eggs of each of the three species before mentioned. How I redeemed my promise, and the adventures of the day were duly related in an article I wrote in 1902 entitled "Twixt Saturday and Monday."

On a Voyage of Discovery.

At this point I will ask the meeting to accompany me in fancy through my two favourite and most frequented routes, promising to show my hearers most of the varieties mentioned by the way. I must here mention that it would only be possible in imagination to find them all in a single day, as it would take many days to explore the ground described, and in reality, I am sure you would not expect to meet with the migrating birds or their nests on the same early day in spring on which you find the nests and eggs of Rooks, Crows, Magpies or Jackdaws.

We are soon clear of the ancient and historic, and somewhat sleepy town of Basingstoke (referred to in the Doomsday book as Basingtoches), and in a very few minutes we commence operations by discovering the nest of a Hedge-Sparrow by the roadside, containing three or four of the well-known pretty, blue eggs. The nests of a Blackbird, a Thrush, and a Linnet are found in quick succession.

But let us get along; in front of us stands one of the gates of Hackwood Park, Lord Bolton's beautiful estate. Once inside the fun commences in earnest. A Wren's nest, with five white, pink-spotted eggs, is seen in the ivy on the wall, and a Missel Thrush in the thorn tree, which it is impossible to miss seeing, it is so conspicuous; the eggs are of greeny white, thickly spotted with white, four or five in number. There are several Rookeries, so we will select one among the firs; it will be a fairly easy climb; on reaching the nearest nest, the climber will four or five (I have found six) eggs of greenish shade, more or less mottled.

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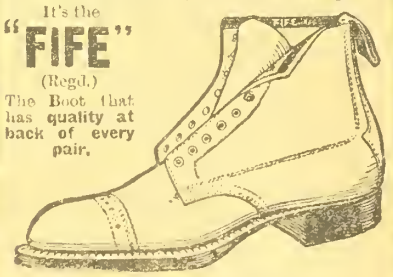

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Foreign Birds in an Aviary.

By T. JONES.

The keeping of foreign birds is to my mind one of the most interesting and instructive hobbies that any one can wish for. It is not necessarily a rich man's hobby, because after the first outlay in building an aviary, one can add to his collection bit by bit. To be successful, however, one must be prepared to make a study of the habits of foreign birds, and their food, and he must know the best conditions under which to keep them. One must be observant, but at the same time take in a paper like CAGE BIRDS, which is devoted to the bird fancy, and read the experiences of men who have given a large part of their life to the keeping, showing, and breeding of birds.

Some Personal Experiences.

My experience only dates back for a matter of three years; until that time I had never had a bird. The idea of keeping foreign birds came into my mind by my seeing a stall in our market place one day with different kinds of foreign birds exposed for sale. I was so struck with their tameness and their beauty of plumage that I at once made up my mind to go in for a few, and having a place where I used to keep a dog, but which was now unoccupied, I set to work to alter it into an aviary, about 7ft. long.

But so interested did I become, that, stimulated as I was with the fair amount of success which came my way, I added from time to time until now my aviary is 30 ft. long. The covered-in shed, which was the last extension to be made, has a window in, and is 8ft. long.

Now a word about the construction; it is a lean-to aviary, built against a wall, and is 30ft. long, 5ft. wide., and 6ft. 6ins. high. The weatherboards and the shed are built of fish-box lids, which are strong and cheap—one half-penny each I paid for mine. Of course, after my experience, if I had to build another, I could certainly improve on the looks of the present one, although for comfort, so far as the inmates are concerned, I do not think there is anything lacking. The aviary is divided across the middle by a wire netting partition, and there is a shed at each end with an entrance door. I have a creeper growing in the flight against the wall, and there is also a good supply of trees for perching on.

In each part I have made a bath in the floor, 2ft. by 1ft., and this is raised above the level of the floor upon bricks which have been cemented round. A waste pipe is connected from the bottom of the bath to the outside of the aviary, and by simply pulling a rock out of the bath the water runs ways, and some clean can be put in. I find nothing is so conducive to good health and fine plumage in birds as always having a plentiful supply of water.

A Few Hardy Aviary Inmates.

When I first started I kept Budgerigars and small Finches together, but I found that the Budgerigars, when settling down to breed, were rather savage, and actually killed a few small Finches. In the part to the right I now keep Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Grey and White Javas, Love Birds, and four different kinds of Weavers. I have bred any amount of Green and Yellow Budgerigars without the slightest trouble. I had eggs from one pair last Christmas, when the snow was on the ground, and every one came off, and I now have some fine healthy birds. They can stand any amount of cold, if they have plenty of room, and my experience proves that these birds do better and are much healthier than those which are kept in verandahs and bird-rooms.

In the lower part of the aviary I have Zebra Finches, Spice Birds, Ribbon Finches, Fire Finches, Mannikins, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Orange Cheeks, Zebra Waxbills, Cordon Bleus, Pekin Robins, English Robins, Saffron Finches, Nonpariels, and some Goldfinches. These have all wintered outside without any artificial heat whatever, and all are in the best of health. They have a nice snug retiring place, with plenty of cocoanut husks, boxes, and branches, together with plenty of hay. I have bred Zebra Finches, Ribbon Finches, and Spice Birds, and have had eggs from some of the others.

My staple food is Canary and white millet, but I believe in variety; I supply nearly all kinds of birds' seed, as well as some soft-food. I go round the garden every day with a nice soft brush and saucer, and brush all the green fly I can see into the saucer. These I give to my birds. I also give caterpillars and mealworms. I find it pays to breed Budgerigars; these help to keep the other birds that do not breed. All the birds I have mentioned will be found quite hardy. They make a nice, cheap selection, so that anyone who can afford a hobby at all can manage it.

In conclusion, just a word about buying your stock. Be careful! Some of the dealers are gentlemen, but some are not. The best way is to get a recommendation from someone who keeps Foreign birds, and who has therefore paid for his experience, and who as a rule will be only too pleased to put anyone who is just starting, on the right lines.

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FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

Manningham C.B.A.

The annual tea and social was held at headquarters, "Mowbray Arms," Manningham, on April 11th, when upwards of 40 members and their wives sat down to an excellent tea. A splendid repast was provided by our worthy hostess, Mrs. J. Newton, and after full justice had been done to the spread, a most enjoyable evening was spent. The president, Mr. E. Kemp (in the chair) mentioned the objects of the society. He stated that competition had been very keen throughout the shows, and hoped it would be the same next season. He also put in a word for the members' wives, who, he knew, did a good amount of work during breeding time in helping their husbands in their hobby. He then made the presentation of cup and specials to the following gentlemen:—1st, A. Grange, 71 points; 2nd, Kemp, 70; 3rd (reserved for novices only), H. Grange, 64; 4th, Halliday and Armstrong, 64; 5th, Holroyd Bros., 62; 6th, Suggitt, 59; 7th, Varley, 46. After the distribution of prizes, the following contributed to the evening's enjoyment: Miss Gray, Messrs. Coulson, Metcalfe, Joyce, Western, Wellock, Price, Dennison, and Edmondson, and their services were much appreciated. A vote of thanks to the artistes, the host and hostess, and the chairman brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in the history of the society.—F. WESTERN, secretary.

The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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Too Forward in Condition.

The only practical remedy for this state of things lies in prevention. Cure is always a disappointing and unsatisfactory task. To prevent it the diet should be regulated to suit the conditions from the time incubation commences. The period of incubation is the most important point of all, and is doubtless the time when the real mischief is done. Instead of being allowed a full and generous diet, as they were from the time of being mated until nesting was completed, as is very often the case, they should be fed much more plainly. Both birds are usually quiet and inactive, and consequently do not require a rich diet. Egg-food should be cut off to not more than a teaspoonful for a pair of birds twice a week. Inga, hemp, and similar seeds should be totally dropped off, and the diet consist of a staple of Canary seed only, with a pinch of rape per bird daily, and a very small spray of chickweed, watercress, or groundsel tops daily. Dandelion I prefer to discard altogether for all birds in ordinary circumstances from the time when they first begin nesting, and lettuce I should always try to keep in reserve as a special inducement for the hens to feed if they show signs of slackening when the young are from three to five days old.

But whatever green-food is given, let it be in the very smallest quantities, so that the hens are not tempted to stay off the nest too long. If it is preferred, one may give as a staple a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, instead of giving the rape separately each day. The only objection to this plan is that it often occasions much waste, as some birds will deliberately throw out the Canary in order to get at the rape.

After Incubation.

To follow up the sequence, we may suppose the hen has reached the twelfth day of incubation. With the second and third broods the normal temperature is usually decidedly higher than when the first round of eggs was being hatched, and this may—it often will—be the eve of hatching, as the eggs will often hatch out on the afternoon of the thirteenth day. But the first broods will rarely hatch before the fourteenth day from the time incubation begins. There is also at this season more moisture in the air generally, so that the question of moisture to help the eggs to hatch properly is of practically no importance with the first round of eggs. Still, if the weather is nice and mild, a bath may be hung on for a few minutes on the twelfth day, and again on the following day. On the morning of the thirteenth day a teaspoonful of crushed biscuit or crumbs of stale sponge cake may be given and in the afternoon one may listen when near the cage for the faint "chip-chip" which soon betrays the advent of healthy young birds. Do not get impatient and drive the hen from the nest to gratify your curiosity. If you do don't blame the hen if she develops all manners of contrariness in a few days and make a terrible hash of the whole business. It may be simply the penalty you have to pay for your unwarrantable interference. As long as the hen appears to be going on all right and carefully attending to her duties, restrain your curiosity and leave her severely alone.

A Welcome Sound.

Should you catch the welcome "chip-chip" sound, you may take away the remains of the biscuit, and give a very small quantity of pure yolk of egg without any biscuit or bread crumb at all. Before retiring at night, throw out any of this egg that may be left, and give about as much more fresh as the birds will consume before breakfast-time next morning. After that you will begin to add bread crumbs or powdered biscuit to the egg by slow and easy degrees, until the young are four days old, by which time the egg-food should consist of two parts of bread or biscuit to one part of egg. A few days later, when hemp and rape are being provided more liberally, the proportion of egg may be still further reduced to about one-fourth part of the bulk. This food will be quite rich enough then to raise good robust, well-grown birds, and yet not too rich for the good of the hens.

But if the young should not be heard on the thirteenth day, then do not interfere with them at all that day. Next morning give a little pure yolk of egg as already stated in readiness for the birds as soon as they require it. Do not overdo it; the tiniest morsel is sufficient for the first few hours, and you do not want to give enough to last all day. A half-teaspoonful about breakfast-time, and another similar quantity in the afternoon will be sufficient. Last thing at night clean out the egg-drawer and give a half-teaspoonful of fresh egg-food with a small proportion of bread or biscuit mixed with it, and then go on as already described.

Treatment of Hens with Young.

Apart from all consideration of sweating which we have just been considering, it is necessary to treat hens with young with discretion. There is nothing so useful as a personal knowledge of the hens' peculiarities and individualities. It naturally follows, therefore, that one may, in a general way, expect to find the greatest measure of success with hens—or rather, I should say, with birds, for the same remarks apply to an appreciable extent to cocks as well as hens—of their own strain or breeding. When the birds are kept under proper and skilful management such knowledge is, of course, only essential for dealing with exceptional cases, but in the hands of the tyro, the exceptionally difficult cases of the expert are too apt to become quite common and ordinary ones.

One of the most apt to arise is in the relation of the hen towards her chicks. She may not be a sweater, nor a bad feeder, but in many cases she will begin to want to go to nest again long before the young are ready to leave the nest. If the cock is with her, and he happens to be of a vigorous nature, the nestlings may have a poor time of it. Even if they get fairly well fed by the parents the continual excitement of the operation of the old birds generally end in the young being neglected, or accidentally, or even maliciously, thrown out of the nest. In some cases this may be easily prevented by removing the cock when the hen begins to sit, and leave her to sit and rear the young by herself. But then there are many hens who will positively refuse to go on sitting when the cock is removed. Then, of course, there is nothing for it but to leave them together, and endeavour by other means to overcome the difficulty.

Second and later Broods.

As already remarked when these broods are about hatching, the weather is altogether warmer and dryer and it is with these broods that troubles may arise in the process of hatching from lack of moisture. It is, therefore, all the more necessary to supply the hens with a bath about the twelfth day, and allow them to bathe freely if they desire, as the moisture which they carry back to the nest in their feathers is of good service in helping the eggs to hatch out easily. In exceptionally warm, dry weather the bath may be hung on the twelfth day and allowed to remain in position during the greater portion of that and the following days. Beyond this provision of extra moisture in this form, and dipping the eggs for a few seconds in luke-warm water if they are late in hatching, I do not think it necessary to interfere at all. There may be exceptionally clever men with super-human fingers and delicacy of touch who may assist the hatching of birds' eggs, or the birth of the eggs by kneading and putting on pressure on the abdomen, but I believe it is safe to say that for every one such case that is successfully treated there are dozens of cases in which hens are mauled and cruelly treated for no good purpose at all. And so it is with assisting eggs to hatch. Now and again on rare occasions the average man may be "in luck" and surprise himself at the result of the seeming dexterity which may after all be accounted for by the fact that nature herself was just ready to perform the task he was essaying to assist, but in an overwhelming majority of cases the results are a signal failure and end disastrously for the eggs by placing them quite beyond the pale of all future hope.

Cure for Hens Plucking Young.

The usual remedies for this distressing trouble are usually so futile that any suggested remedy which is feasible in every case and harmless in other directions must be welcomed by the breeder who has had the misfortune to be troubled with it. All one's skill and efforts to forestall the evil designs of a determined feather plucker are so useless as a rule that it must come as a relief to many breeders to hear that this remedy which has been given to me by a breeder of former years was found by him to be an effectual one. It consists simply of providing the hen with a tiny scrap of raw lean meat, fresh daily, and at the commencement of the plucking, also very slightly smearing the young with vaseline. The latter, of course, must be done very slightly so as not to saturate the young birds' feathers—or what they have left of them—or make them into a sticky mess.

I have not yet had an opportunity to put the remedy to a test, but as it is said to have worked well in my informant's case, I give it for the consideration of all who have the trouble to contend with. In some respects the remedy commends itself to me, and its general success and utility would go far to prove the correctness of my suspicions that this feather plucking and eating is merely the outcome of the hen's natural craving for some kind of insect food, which at this season forms an integral part of the food of the Finch tribe in a state of nature. Having this suspicion, I should also feel inclined to take any opportunity of trying the effect of giving two or three mealworms a day, or more if they appeared to be the "one thing needful." At ordinary times Canaries who have had access to those larvæ are exceptionally fond of them

(*To be continued.*)

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The Spring Migration.

Many birds use our land as a feeding place upon the journey, and afterwards continue to northern Europe. Even the swift-winged Swallows do not all stay; they are chiefly birds of passage, and only a small proportion of them stay with us, the remainder passing on to the north-western part of Europe. The lively Swift goes a long way south to pass the winter months, even as far as the Cape and Madagascar, so that its spring journey is a long one, and it passes many lands before settling down for the summer under the roof of some old country cottage. This journey is probably accomplished by stages, and is possibly a small feat for so strong-winged a bird. The journey is easy when compared with that performed by some of the most delicate Warblers which winter in India, crossing during the journey two deserts, each quite too hundred miles wide, and the lofty Himalaya mountains. Some of the passes by which they cross are as much as 18,000 feet above the level of the sea. The beautiful little Snow Buntings, which yearly winter in Yorkshire, fly off to the north for a brief breeding season, and may during the journey cross even the North Pole. The tiny Golden-crested Wren passes over the wild North Sea to the pine forest of Scandinavia. Probably the greatest traveller among the feathered creation is the Curlew-Sandpiper. It breeds at the mouth of Yenesei river, along the arctic coast of Asiatic Siberia. The bird is frequently found in Patagonia, to reach which it must travel something like 14,000 miles, which it either accomplishes via Australia and New Zealand, or Northern Europe, Great Britain, and the West Coast of Africa.

Goldfinches in the West.

It is said that the Goldfinch is fairly common in some parts of North Devon, although at one time somewhat rare in the country.

Precocious Thrushes.

A young, fully-fledged Thrush has been seen at Woodwaisterne, in Surrey. His parents must have commenced housekeeping some time in February.

The Commonest Finch.

After the Sparrow, the Greenfinch is looked upon as the commonest Finch, but considering how rapidly the Linnet has increased within the last few years, it is doubtful if the greenbird can still hold the premier position.

Scarcity of Magpies.

There is every reason to think that the Magpie, one of the largest and most beautiful birds of the woodlands, is gradually getting more rare. When on the wing he is such a conspicuous object that he is easily brought down by a shot-gun. His nest is generally placed in some exposed position and rarely escapes detection. It is to be regretted that some of our big landowners do not give instruction to their keepers to spare a few of these interesting birds.

March Nests.

In the Ramsey (Hants) district a lot of nests were, as usual, found at the beginning of the month of March; nearly made nests of the Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Hedge Sparrows, also Wrens, but no eggs were found until the 16th, when there were about 7 or 8 clutches of Thrushes. On the 21st a nest of young Thrushes was found. Several nests of the Little Owl were seen with from one to three eggs in; also a Long Eared Owl's nest with eggs in. The Cuckoo was supposed to have been heard on the 16th of March, by several, but it afterwards turned out to be a Cuckoo clock. The Wheatear has been more numerous this month than for years, and was seen earlier. In the fens plenty of Plover's eggs have been taken; near the Wash they are strictly preserved.—T.H.K.

Edible Birds' Nests.

In Malay and the Phillipine Islands there are several species of Swifts that build in the caves and overhanging cliffs by the sea. These birds' nests are collected and exported to China to be used as food. Fresh ones fetch a high price, but old ones, or those which have been used to rear young birds in, considerably less. It is said that as food they are almost tasteless, but are made palatable by rich flavouring; they are supposed to be nutritious and stimulating. These nests are somewhat transparent, resembling fibrous isinglass; at one time it was thought they were composed of some peculiar sea weed found only upon these coasts, but we now know they are constructed of a secretion from the glands of the mouth of the bird. The Chinaman generally acts in quite an opposite way to ourselves, so there is nothing strange in his eating a bird's nest for in some cases he eats the [illegible] tain birds, throwing away the body whereas we eat the body and throw away the nest not

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WANTED (continued)

WANTED, all surplus live stock; will exchange for anything you require.—Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich, Kent.

WANTED [illegible] blankets, lace curtains, calico, organ [illegible] exchange; see Cinnamons.—C. J. King, [illegible] Cheltenham.

WANTED C[illegible] C.B. hen; give splendid unframed picture [illegible] "Tug of War"; sell 10/6.—Taylor, 11, Lan[illegible]ydale-rd., Manchester.

WANTED Belgian or Canaries; exchange 1,000 foreign stamps, [illegible]ding 112 unused yet. 60 Japanese.—Reddin, [illegible] May-st., West Hartlepool.

WANTED to [illegible] all kinds of Canaries, Finches, and [illegible] for cash; will deposit with Editor.—Mr. Barker, [illegible] Ironmonger-rd., St. Luke's, London.

WANTED Canaries, British or Foreign birds, fancy mice, etc., in exchange cages or aviaries, or cheap for cash. Write Hogg, Cage Manufacturer, Middlesbrough.

WANTED offers for pair Canaries, pair hand-reared house-moulted Redpolls, mulers, and two breeding cages; sell lot 10/.—Murdoch, 45, Earl-st., Scotstoun, Glasgow.

CANARIES, whole or part stocks bought for cash, or give good exchange in table cutlery, knives, forks, spoons, carvers, electro-plated teapots, cruets; stamp.—The Cutlery Co., 24, Carnarvon-st., Sheffield.

WANTED Yellow Norwich and Yorkshire Buff hen (good); exchange tourist collection of 36 photos., cost 2/, each (Lucerne, Rome, Venice, Genoa, Vatican, Eruptions).—Ireland, Parliament-st., Morecambe.

NOTICE, I will give 4/6 each for Norwich cock Canaries; 5/- each for Yorkshire cock Canaries; and 4/- each for hen Mules; the Canaries must be Norwich or Yorkshires.—John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

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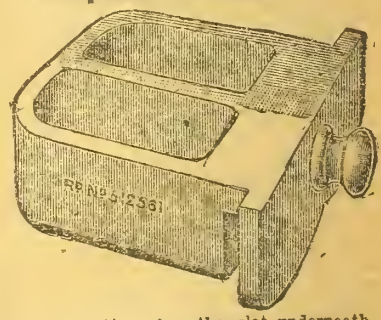

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LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, April 25th, when some very good singing was heard. 1st and 3rd, T. Stead; 2nd, T. Johnson. Judge, T. Summers. Timekeeper, W. Naylor. Also on April 26th, when 30 birds sang. 1st prize, C. Biss; 2nd, T. Stead; 3rd shared between S. Hardcastle and W. Crowther. Judges, Messrs. Cooper and T. Chadwick.—T. Summers, Hon. Sec.

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An open Linnet singing contest was held at the George Hotel, Darlington, on April 25th, when 24 birds competed for two prizes. First prize, timepiece; second prize, silver medal. First and second, T. Simpson. Judge, J. Cannon; timekeeper, J. Cuthbertson; secretary, R. S. Black. Another contest will he held on May 23rd, which will be advertised in Cage Birds later.—R. S. Black.

YORK.

Usual contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmerlane, Hungate, on April 25th, when twenty-four birds faced judge. Result:—1, T. Massheder; 2, Jackfaced judge. Result:—1, T. Massheder; 2, Jackson; 3, G. Key; 4, H. Allan; 5, Oldroyd; 6, Moley Warp. Judge, Mr. Jno. Paver; timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert, sen.—Wm. Empson.

Usual weekly contest took place at the Crown Inn, North-street, April 18th, when 24 birds sang. Result:—1, Stothard; 2, Firth; 3, Axberry; 4, Lee; 5, Axberry; 6, Horwell. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. J. Mason. April 25th, when 18 birds sang: 1, Wilson; 2, Horwell; 3, Lambert; 4, Axberry; 5, Stothard. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. J. W. Smith. On Easter Monday morning, for red-breasted Linnets, when 26 birds sang: 1, Horwell; 2, Coates; 3, Lambert; 4, Gurden; 5, Key; 6, Firth. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. J. Mason. In the afternoon, when 18 birds sang: 1, Wilson; 2, Lambert; 3, Smith; 4, Firth; 5, Mason. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. J. Mason.—J. W. Smith, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest held at Don Inn on April 26th. Winners: 1, Baker, 91; 2, Booker, 62; 3, Harry, 48. Judges, Messrs. Watson and Preen.

A Linnet contest open to all England will be held at the White Lion, Carbrook-street, Carbrook, on May 2. Entry fee, 1s. each bird. Landlord gives 1s. each bird entered. All entries to he taken at the above house, or at the Travellers' Inn, Attercliffe-road.—H. Timms, Sec.—Advt.

BLACKBURN.

The second club and cup sing of the Blackburn Lark F.A. was contested on April 25th, when 14 birds sang. Five prizes were given, in addition to the cup contest, and the following were the successful competitors:—1 and 2, R. Sheffield, 9.46; J. Hargreaves (Accrington), 9.46 (dead heat); 3, R. Airey, 9.29; 4, J. Counsell, 9.24; 5, J. Hunt, 9.20.—John Sheffield, Secretary.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contests took place at the Prince Albert Inn. The results were as follows:—April 20th, when 15 birds faced the judges, B. Jackson and W. Wood. Result: 1st, W. Hineson; 2nd, W. Sissons; 3rd, W. Neat. April 21st, when 16 birds were hung; judges, E. Wood and B. Jackson. Result: 1st, W. Dean; 2nd, J. Chippendale; 3rd, divided between W. Neat and W. Sissons. April 26th, when 24 birds faced the judges, B. Jackson and G. Towers; timekeeper, E. Wood. Result: 1st, A. Binner; 2nd, G. Atkinson; 3rd, divided between J. Sellers and W. Neat.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON.

The Warrington L.S.A. held their second annual club contest at the Alexandra Vaults, Scotland-road, on Easter Monday, when twenty-two members competed, the room being packed with spectators. Some very keen singing was heard. The prize winners were:—1st, J. Archer; 2nd, T. Armitage; 3rd, W. Leak; 4th, J. Mather; 5th, S. Robinson; 6th, H. Stanway; 7th, P. Clare; 8th, R. Houghton; 9th, H. Richardson; 10th, R. Clare. Judges, W. Leah, S. Leigh; timekeeper, J. Mather.—J. W. Mather, Hon. Sec.

Linnet singing contest held at Alexandra Inn, Scotland-road, on Easter Monday, when some valuable prizes were sung for. This was the best contest ever held in Lancashire, as the record time was done by several birds. Results: 1, J. Archer (clock ,value 18s. 6d.); 2, T. Armitage (full set vases, 14s. 6d.); 3, W. Leah (pair pictures); 4, J. Mather (copper kettle); 5, J. Robinson; 6, H. Stanway; 7, P. Clare; 8, R. Houghton; 9, J. Richardson; and 10, R. Clare. Judges, Messrs. W. Leah and S. Leigh; timekeeper, J. Mather; Mr. F. Oldbrook in charge of birds. Contest held on April 25th. Results: 1, Lawton; 2, H. Stanway; 3, T. Crawford; 4, S. Leigh. Judges, Messrs. T. Armitage and S. Leigh. There will be an open contest to all comers at above house on May 16th, for time-singing; 1s. per bird; commence 2.30 p.m.—J. W. Mather, Secretary.—Advt.

ELSECAR.

Usual week-end contest held on April 18th at the Horse and Jockey, Hoyland, when sixteen birds entered. The winner did 3 min. 58 sec. out of 5 min. The prize winners were as follows:—W. Lofthouse, 1st, 3 min. 58 sec.; A. Marples, 2nd, 3 min. 50 sec.; S. Vaines, 3rd, 3 min. 40 min. Timekeeper, E. Charles; marker, Mr. J. Hague. Club sing was held on Easter Monday at the Royal Oak, Elsecar, when the winning bird belonged to that champion, Mr. S. Vaines, his bird singing 5 min. 23 sec. out of 6 min. Prize winners were as follows:—S. Vaines, 1st, 5 min. 23 sec.; W. Lofthouse, 2nd, 4 min. 58 sec.; A. Marples, 3rd, 4 min. 50 sec.; T. White, 4th, 4 min. 40 sec.; E. Charles, 5th; A. Guest, 6th. Mr. W. Lofthouse received 2s. special for longest break, 54 sec.; Mr. A. Guest silver medal for best time for novices. Timekeeper, E. Charles; marker, Mr. J. Denton Usual week-end contest at Royal Oak, Elsecar, on April 25th, for the benefit of Mr. A. Guest, who has been ill for three months. We got 15s. 6d., which was thankfully received. 1st prize, set of carvers, A. Watkin, with Mr. S. Vaines' bird kindly lent for the occasion. The time done was 5 min. 28 sec. out of 6 min. S. Vaines, 2nd, 5 min. 12 sec.; A. Marples, 3rd, 4 min. 53 sec. Timekeeper, Mr. E. Charles; marker, Mr. H. West.—E. Charles, Secretary.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Open Linnet contest will he held at Dray Cart Inn, Seaham Harbour, on May 2nd. T. Willoughhy will give set of carvers for 1st, copper kettle for 2nd, pipe and case for 3rd. Entrance fee, 1/- bird; 6d. returned in refreshments. First bird on nail 12 o'clock.—(Advt.)

THE SHOWS.

BLACKWOOD.

A show was held on April 21st at the Council Rooms, when three classes were provided for cage birds. The special for best bird went to Mr. E. J. Beavan (Tredegar), who staged a high-class Yorkshire which looked like the Tredegar winner. Mr. Enoch placed the cards. Competition was confined to members chiefly. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, Beavan; 3, Davies. NORWICH: 1, 2, Davies; vhc, Ryley. A.O.V.: 1, Matthews; 2, Ryley; vhc, Davies.

CHESTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful night show of Mules and British birds was held at the Boot Inn, Eastgate-row, on April 8th. Mr. Cawley, Rumcorn, kindly gave his services in placing the cards.

MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Whitlow; 2, Lloyd; 3, Stovin; 4, Pritchard. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Bracegirdle; 2, Lloyd; 3, Lanceley; 4, Whitlow; 5, Stovin. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Lanceley; 2, Bracegirdle; 3, Morris. LINNET (5): 1, Lloyd; 2, Dolphin; 3, Woodcock; 4, Bracegirdle; 5, Stovin. GREENFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Lloyd; 2, Woodcock; 3, Dolphin; 4, Stovin.—A. J. Red, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN.

Three classes for cage birds were included in the show held by the Lincoln Excelsior Rabbit Society in the Drill Hall, on April 24th and 25th. Canaries and Mules did not come up too well in numbers and quality, but the British made a really nice class. Mr. Dickinson, the secretary, was very courteous, and in him the Society have a most admirable official. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

CANARY (6): 1, res, Hawkins; the winner was not on the stand when we made our notes, but the reserve was a nice variegated Buff Norwich; 3, Lawson, stylish, close-feathered Buff Yorkshire; no other awards. MULES (4): 2, 3, res, Hawkins, 2nd nicely marked, well feathered dark Linnet-Canary; 3rd neat dark Goldfinch-Canary. BRITISH (13): 1, Bescohy, very rich coloured, well marked, beautifully feathered Chaffinch; 2, vhc, Hawkins, Gold finch, large, square, rich coloured face, capital wings and buttons, and good bars; 3, Parkinson, another nice, bright coloured Goldfinch, not so large; res, Dring, very pretty, nice coloured Bullfinch.

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES' CLUB.

Monthly meeting held in the Good Templars' Hall, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on April 25, Mr. John Young (Glasgow), presiding. The following fanciers were admitted to membership, viz.: Messrs. D. Hepburn (Burnbank), C. Small (Flemington), and Qr. Master Sergt. Cant (Hamilton). It was decided to organise a ramble to Edlington Castle, Kilwinning, on May 23; train and particulars later; vide Cage Birns. The following classes constitute show to he held on May 30: 1st, Yellow Bunting; 2nd, Bunting A.O.S.; 3rd, Chaffinch; 4th, Bramblefinch. Specials for same were kindly promised by Messrs. G. Lawson, P. Pettigrew, J. Young, A. McFarlane, J. Roddie, H. Henderson, and G. Marlin. Time of meeting 6.30 p.m. prompt. After some business of a minor nature was gone through, the show was proceeded with. The following gentlemen adjudicated: Messrs. J. Young, Qr. Master Sergt. Cant, J. M. Edwards, W. Melvin, and A. McInnes.

GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, Malcolmson; 2, Cassels; 3, Pettigrew; 4, spl, Roulstone; 5, Connelly; 6, Renfrew; 7, Lawson. FOR.: 1, spl., Shearer; 2, Lawson; 3, Pettigrew; 4, McInnes; 5, Henderson; 6, Renfrew; 7, McFarlane. LINNET: 1, Johnstone; 2, McInnes; 3, spl., Shearer; 4, Pettigrew; 5, Renfrew; 6, McFarlane; 7, Roulstone. GREENFINCH: 1, Johnstone; 2, spl., Brannigan; 3, Roulstone; 4, Lawson; 5, Marlin; 6, Henderson; 7, Edwards. SISKIN: 1, Roddie; 2, Lawson; 3, Johnstone; 4, Henderson; 5, Pettigrew; 6, Connelly; 7, Renfrew. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, spl., Marlin; 2, Johnstone; 3, Roddie; 4, Gadsden; 5, Roulstone; 6, spl., McKenzie; 7, McFarlane. MEALY REDPOLL: 1, Marlin; 2, spl., Shearer; 3, Johnstone; 4, Lawson; 5, Pettigrew; 6, McFarlane; 7, Renfrew. TWITE: 1, Marlin; 2, Pettigrew; 3, spl., Shearer; 4, Lawson; 5, spl., Roddie; 6, Johnstone; 7, McKenzie. BULLFINCH: 1, Roddie; 2,3, Lawson; 4, spl., Johnstone; 5, Drysdale; 6, Henderson; 7, Renfrew. The following gentlemen were fortunate in securing prizes in the judging competition: 1, G. Marlin; 2, J. Roddie; 3, W. Connelly.—J. H. Adam, secretary.

CARNARVON.

The first annual show was held in the Institute Room on Easter Monday, April 20th, and proved a splendid success. The entries came up well, and the exhibits were a good lot for quality. The management was carried out by working men fanciers, and, under the leadership of the chairman, Mr. Ford, everything passed off without a hitch, an enjoyable day being spent by visitors. The secretary, Mr. I. W. Jones, a well-liked and able official, did everything possible for the comfort of the cage birds and exhibitors alike. There were 130 birds staged. Mr. Williams won the special for the best Canary in the show, and Mr. Longden the cup for the best British Goldfinch in the show; also Mr. Roberts won two specials for the best Blackleg Goldfinch, and the best local Goldfinch in show. Mr. J. Kershaw judged, and seemed to please all.

NORWICH, A.V. (10): 1, spl, E. J. Jones, rich-coloured Buff, fine shape, with plenty of size; 2, vhc, he, Winnard, clear Yellow, nice shape, splendid colour, good head and wing; vhc, another good bird; he, good shape, nice quality; 3, res, c, G. Jones, a very neat bird, fine size, shapely; c, Owen. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, spl, 2, E. J. Jones; 3, W. H. Jones; trio of nice exhibits. YORKSHIRE BUFF (12): 1, spl, G. Jones, plenty of length, straight as a gun barrel, in fine condition, good, typical bird; 2, Roberts, another fine bird, good shape and position, a tight race; 3, J. T. Jones, very nice bird for quality, but losing in size a little; res, he, W. H. Jones, upstanding bird, of nice quality; vhc, Evans; c, White. YELLOW (8): 1, spl, Williams, an easy winner, grand all-round specimen; 2, Owens Brothers, nice bird, fine shape and quality, with plenty of length; 3, Williams, well up, full of style, well-filled back, good wing carriage; vhc, Jones; res, he, Evans; c, Jones. BORDER (4): 1, spl, Winnard, clear Buff feather, like wax, nice shape and size; 2, vhc, Bohanna, head and wing marked, neat little bird; 3, Davies, green, grand wing carriage, very close up, a good one. HYBRID (15): 1, spl, Brotherhood, very light and good Goldfinch Canary; 2, 3, Longden, Greenfinch Canary, plenty of size, good colour, and var. Goldie Canary; 4, Winnard, Goldie Bullie, showing cross well, hut on the small side; vhc, Williams, Goldie Bullie, better size, fails in colour; he, Williams; c, Jackson. BRITISH GOLDFINCH (20): 1, cup, Longden, big rich face, grand wings and chest, good size; 2, Jackson, good square blaze, neat back, a tight race; 3, Owens Brothers, a bonny bird, splendid position, capital wing and buttons; 4, J. Owens, not quite so large in body, but a taking little Finch; vhc, Roberts; he, Ford; c, Forbes. GOLDFINCH GREYPATE (17): 1, spl, Roberts, winner in all points, and should moult out a topper; 2, Owen Brothers, rich colour, good blaze, nice buttons, very steady; 3, Roberts, splendid position, beautiful tanning, rich bars; 4, Parry, good stamp of a bird; he, Roberts and Williams, very steady, good square blaze, not in condition; c, Hughes. HARDBILL (14): 1, spl, Longden, a lovely Bramble-finch, splendid spangling, well laced all over; 2, Forbes, nice Hawfinch, splendid condition, little to choose between them; 3, Davies, Yellowhammer, very fine bird, splendid colour; 4, Evans, Crosshill, very steady, and in nice condition; he, Winnard; c, Hughes. SOFTBILL (4): 1, spl, Brotherhood, splendid Waxwing; 2, Davies, very smart Starling; 3, Jones, good big Skylark; res, Williams. FOREIGN (11): 1, spl, Davies, the well-known King Parrakeet; 2, Griffiths, very nice Lemon-crested Cockatoo; 3, Williams good Green Amazon; 4, L. Griffiths, fine Barnard Parrakeet, hard lines; vhc, Roberts and Williams, splendid Russian Goldfinch; c, Green. CANARY, A.O.V. (3): 1, spl, Forbes; 2, Jones; 3, Winnard. SELLING (11): 1, spl, Davies; 2, Longden; 3, Winnard; vhc, he, c, Jones. GOLDFINCH (exhibitors not having won a prize before) (9): 1, spl, 3, Roberts; 2, Hope; 4, Jones; vhc, J. W. Jones; he, Kelley; c, Owens.

VALE OF CONWAY F.A.

The members of this Association held their first show on April 18th. It was a very successful turnout. The exhibits were both numerous and of good quality, the Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries making quite a creditable exhibition in themselves. In the British bird classes that for Goldfinches was easily first, and all the birds in the cards reflected much credit on the exhibitors. Judging from the success of this first venture, the Association bids fair to become highly popular in the district, and is lucky in having such good Fanciers at its head. The show was under the management of Mr. Eastwood, who, together with the able and hard-working secretary, Mr. A. T. Johnson, is deserving of much praise. Mr. J. Davies had the placing of the cards, which he did to the satisfaction of all.

NOR. BUFF (9): 1, 3, he, G. Jones, good chubby one, rattling colour and quality, well over perch, neat all through; third also of grand size and shape, well cut away, good head and chest; 2, E. Jones, lightly marked, but one for substance and shape, best of styles, carries itself well; 2, H. Sheldon, real typical specimen; vhc, C. Sheldon, another nice one. YELL. (7): 1, two spls, 2, 3, 4, W. Sheldon, first a grand clear, very rich and even in colour, best of shape and style, 2nd also a bird of shape and quality, 3rd all there for quality, loses a little in substance; r, E. Jones, very good chubby specimen, but out of condition, or might have done better; vhc, Cartwright, a quality bird, too. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, two spls, 2, Parry, leader a grand clear, feathers like silk, stands well up from perch, very neat, second a good marked bird, well drawn and shapely; 3, W. Jones, stylish and neat, extra size, and nice feathers with it; r, Walker and Alcock, long, raking bird, hardly so finished; vhc, G. Evans; c, Evans, two typical ones. BUFF (11): 1, spl, r, Parry, fine one winning, has length and position, full of quality, very smart exhibit; 2, Jones, very straight and good on legs, well drawn, excellent feather; 3, G. Evans, another beauty for shape and stand, has quality, too; vhc, Evans, very close up; he, Walker and Alcock. BORDERS: 1, 2, 3, H. Sheldon, good trio, neat and typical, nice boxy feather. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, r, E. Jones; 3, W. H. Jones; vhc, Jones; this was a nice class of Crests and crest-breds, the leaders being good specimens. NOVICE: 1, J. Jones, C.-B., nice head and body; 2, Eastwood, good airound Plainhead; 3, J. Walker, another smart Norwich. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Woolam, very smart one airound, big well-cut blaze, good colour, fine tanning and markings; 2, R. Jones, rare good colour and markings, neat Finch; 3, Forbes, another nice one, excellent feather; r, J. Jones, smart and stylish; vhc, Evans, Bebb; he, Walker. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, W. Roberts, big bold bird of good markings and colour; 2, W. H. Evans, only loses in size, good shape, feather, and colour; 3, Nolan, nice bird; 2, E. Jones. LINNET: 1, spl, Nolan, good nutty colour, fine sizes and shape, well pencilled; 2, J. Jones, equal in colour and shape, trifle smaller, neat bird. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Forbes, Hawfinch, good one for size and shape, fine colour, good head and bib; 2, W. H. Evans, rattling good Greenie for colour and shape. MULES: 1, spl, E. Jones, good-coloured Goldie-Canary, excellent size and style; 2, Forbes, big buff, same cross, nice exhibit; 3, Walker and Alcock, neat feathered Greenie-Canary; r, Roherts; vhc, Jones. FOREIGN: 1, C. W. Jones, good Budgerigar, a disappointing class, this.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Hawarden.—Aug. 3. Hawarden Institute; five open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1, and two local classes. Prizes, 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close July 22 to E. Ratcliffe, Hawthorn Cottage, Hawarden.

Portmadoc.—May 14. The Park. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. Ten open classes. Nor. 1, Crest 1, Yorks 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1. Prizes, 6s., 3s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close May 6 to R. G. Humphreys, High-street, Partmadoc.

LEWISHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At a specially convened committee meeting held on April 22nd, at 202, High-street, Lewisham, it was proposed that we hold our country ramble in conjunction with Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. on May 10th, if suitable arrangements can be made. Mr. Lugg (chairman) has kindly consented to undertake these arrangements, and although the district is not yet finally decided on, Redhill will probably be the locality chosen.—H. Thos. Lucas, Hon. Sec.

MORRISON AND DIS. C.B.S.

At a general meeting held on April 25, Mr. J. Jenkins (Swansea), was made a member. It was also decided to hold our first feather show on July 25 next, when I hope to see good results of this breeding season shown thereat. It has been decided to change the day of meetings from the fourth Saturday to the first Thursday in each month for a period of three months to see if such arrangements will suit our members better. May 7 will be excepted.—David Jeremy, hon. secretary.

BROXBURN AND DIS. C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held on April 24, Mr. T. Sharp presiding. It was unanimously agreed to apply for the Norwich, the Border, and the British Mule Club medals. A motion was made that we hold a first feather radius show to be held in July; but it was agreed to leave the matter over till the June meeting. The following were appointed to judge the open show on December 19: Mr. H. Moreland, Falkirk (Norwich), Mr. P. McKenzie, Kelso (Borders), and Mr. P. McQuiston, Ayr (Mules and British Birds.—T. Sharp.

CLUB REPORTS.

KILMARNOCK O.C.B.S.

A committee meeting was held in the Ossington Halls, John Finnis Street, on April 23, the president, Mr. Jas. Johnson, presiding. There was a splendid turn out of members. The following gentlemen were appointed judges: Scotch Fancy, Messrs. Wm. Webster (Greenock), and D. Holden (Muirkirk); Norwich Plainheads, Mr. A. McFarlane (Glasgow); Crest and Crestbreds, Mr. J. M'Lay (Kirkintillock); Border Fancy, Mr. T. M'Credie (Dumfries); British and Foreign, Mr. P. Pettigrew (Glasgow). Prize money will be paid on the second day of show to all exhibitors attending same. This being all the business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman. — JAS. B. Y. MURDOCH, secretary.

FALMOUTH AND DIS. C.B.A.

The annual meeting was held at "Ralph's Hotel," Falmouth, on Thursday last, when a satisfactory report on the year's working was read, showing an improvement on that of previous years. The election of office holders resulted as follows:—President, Mr. John Barker, M.P.,; vice-presidents, Messrs. Douglas B. Hall and Major Mead; treasurer, Mr. F. Gosling; and secretary, Mr. Thos. Burton, 2, Mount Edgcumbe Terrace, Falmouth. It was decided to hold a nest feather show in June. The annual show is to be held in the Polytechnic Hall on December 4, Mr. J. Payne having been appointed judge. The society already have several specials in hand, and also the challenge cup to be won by the member who breeds the best bird during this coming season. The number of members is forty. After the meeting was over the party adjourned to the concert room, when songs were sung by Dr. J. Johnson, a banjo solo was given by Mr. T. Burton, a stump speech and whistle solo by Mr. W. Medlin, and a recitation by Mr. E. Barnicoat. The National Anthem brought the concert to a close.—THOS. BURTON, hon. secretary.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held at the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N., on April 24, when there was a large gathering of members and friends, and long before meeting was over it was "standing room only." Mr. G. Gardner took the chair. Three new members were proposed. The chairman, in calling on Mr. J. Robson for his lecture, "Hints to Beginners," said how pleased he was to see such a good attendance, especially the number of ladies present, and he extended to them a hearty welcome. Mr. Robson in his lecture took great pains to mention all the ins and outs attached to the breeding and rearing of Canaries, also the breeding and show cages, of which the secretary had arranged to have at the meeting a variety, so that the different cages could be shown and explained. Questions were asked by Messrs. R. Pearce, B. Johnson, G. H. Neal, R. Jones, and many others, which were answered to the satisfaction of the querists. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Robson by acclamation. We give a hearty invitation to all fanciers and friends to join us.—G. H. NEAL, hon. assistant secretary.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Usual fortnightly meeting was held at headquarters on April 13th. The chair was taken by Mr. A. C. Burn. Mr. R. J. Watts was elected, and Mr. W. E. Cobb nominated for membership. Mr. Daintry was thanked for the presentation of a handsome silver medal for competition at the young bird show, and Mr. F. Wyse for working out statistics. The secretary announced that one of their assets (the old class cards and stands) had realised a sum exceeding the auditor's valuation. The quarterly statement of accounts, showing a balance of £24 15s. 1d., was confirmed as read. The result of the reconsideration of the case of Mr. Pile by the Council was announced, and was to the effect "that he become a member." The reviewing of the rules of the London Federation of Cage Birds Societies was adjourned to a subsequent meeting. The chairman then called upon Mr. J. S. Clarke for his lecture, entitled "British Birds of North Hants, their Nests, and Eggs," prefacing his remarks by saying that his long years of experience amongst almost every species of British birds fitted him for the lecture he was about to give. At the close questions were asked by Messrs. Wright, Lathlieff, Wheller, Pullinger, Shepherd, Curtis, Turnber, Buckman, and P. G. Cooper. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Clarke.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

On April 2nd at Headquarters Mr. J. Hazell gave his promised paper, "Leaves from the diary of a breeder of Norwich Plainheads," to a well-attended meeting, who listened with appreciative interest to what Mr. Hazell had to say. Mr. H. E. Tringham was in the chair and said there was no need for him to introduce the lecturer, who was well known to all as a successful breeder of Norwich. Mr. Hazell upon rising said he was not altogether in love with the title of his paper, as to a large extent it necessitated him talking about himself. In commencing he went back to his schoolboy days, when with his chums he used to go Birds-nesting, and related how he climbed a Fir Tree, in his Sunday clothes, after a nest, and the punishment that awaited him when he arrived home brought broad smiles to the faces of many of his audience. He then went on to relate how he purchased his first pair of Canaries in Woolwich Market, how this pair led to the purchase of other pairs and so on, with the ups and downs of a Novice, at Canary Breeding. He next related his experiences with exhibition stock, which brought forward many points of interest. The Novices present asked Mr. Hazell many questions, which he answered in a very able manner. The Chairman said he felt sure everyone had enjoyed Mr. Hazell's remarks and the discussion they evoked, and a vote of thanks was carried unanimously. The Chairman also made a few remarks with regard to the society, and said that a list of fixtures second to none had been arranged. May, lecture by Mr. Robson; June, lecture on the Roller Canary by Mr. Norris; July, Young Bird Show; August lecture by Mr. Silver; September, lecture on Crests by Mr. Tyson; October, washing exhibition and competition by Mr. Cranfield; November, Annual Show, December, presentation, Bohemian Concert. —W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH B. AND M.C.

Committee meeting was held at headquarters, 25, High Holborn, April 13th. Present, Mr. Robson (chairman), Messrs. Fulljames, Silver, Dobson, Cooper, Trower, Wyse, Dewhurst, Hathaway, Vale, Maxwell, Plumbridge, and Carr. Letters were read from Messrs. Weston, Mays, Arrighi, and Wynn. Proposed by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Trower, that Mr. Plumbridge proceed with the arrangements for the lantern lecture kindly offered by Mr. Goodchild, and that it take place at next meeting. Mr. Trower stated that all medals had been sent out to the respective winners, but he was sorry to say that only in one or two cases had they been acknowledged. He hopes that if this meets the eye of the defaulting recipients they will do so without delay, and thus relieve him of anxiety. Proposed by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Silver, that arrangements be made for the club's annual outing to take place on May 30th, and that a cordial invitation be extended to all London societies and friends through the Fancy Press. Proposed by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Fulljames, that the club go again to Epping Forest. There was some opposition to this proposition. It was thought that many of the members and friends would appreciate a change in going to various parts of the country, and an amendment, proposed by Mr. Dewhurst, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, that the club go to Oxshott in Surrey this year. This amendment was carried. The arrangements, as far as possible, are: To train from Waterloo to Oxshott, work across the common to Claygate Common, Leatherhead Common ,and Ashtead Woods, where refreshments will be arranged for six o'clock. Those desirous of going early with a few of the committee can travel by the 9.35 train. The remainder by the 1.37 to Claygate, where the early party meet this train. In view of getting a reduction in the railway fare, will secretaries and others desirous of going communicate with Mr. Carr, 243, Wandsworth Bridge-road, Fulham, S.W. The sub-committee read their report on the club show cage, which was as follows:—Cages advised by the sub-committee at meeting March 30th for approval by general committee April 13th, 1908. Small size for bird up to size of Twite, 11 in. long, 9½ in. high, 5 in. deep; second size for birds up to size of Bullfinch, 12 in. long, 10 in. high, 5 in. deep; third size for Buntings and Bramblefinches, 13 in. long, 11 in. high, 5½ in. deep; large size for such birds as Hawfinch and Crossbills, 14 in. long, 12 in. high, 6 in. deep. The two smaller sizes with fronts of 16 gauge wire ⅝ mesh, bottom rail 1¼ in. high, and one crossbar 1½ in. above bottom rail. The two larger sizes with fronts of 14 gauge wire ⅝ mesh, bottom rail 2 in. high, and crossbar 2 in. above bottom rail. All cages to be fitted with two perches only, plain turned with boss on back end, and secured to back of cage so as to be level with crossbar. With trough and not drawer for seed in right-hand end. Water hole to be on third wire from right-hand end (between 2nd and 3rd). All fronts to be bowed at top for about one inch. No crossbar along top portion of front. A lengthy discussion followed, and it was proposed by Mr. Silver, and seconded by Mr. Trower, that the pattern of cages as drawn up by the sub-committee be adopted by this club for their uniform show cage. An amendment, proposed by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Hathaway, that the word "drawer" be substituted for the word "trough," was lost, the proposition being carried. It was the general feeling of the committee that a pattern of the cage should be photographed and sent to the Fancy Press, with dimensions, etc., so that there should be no monopoly, and every cage maker and amateur would be able to make these cages. Mr. Fulljames kindly undertook to photograph a cage. The following new members were elected:—Messrs. A. Cochrane, 24, Cockburn-street, Edinburgh; F. A. Watt, solicitor, Banff, N.B.; and Geo. Thurling, 64, Long-lane, Smithfield, E.C. —PLUMBRIDGE and CARR.

BRADFORD & COUNTY B.B. & M.C.

The first annual meeting was held on April 25, but owing, no doubt, to the very severe weather the attendance was not such as we should have liked, there being only about 20 present. The president, W. A. Cowgell, Esq., occupied the chair. The secretary's report as to finances and exhibition statistics was given. The membership now stood, it stated, at 58 (paid up members), who in fees paid £3. Subscriptions towards special prize fund amounted to £2 1s. 6d. There was a balance on the wrong side of £1 14s. 11d., but this was reduced to 30s. by the generous gifts of three persons. We have had a small number of exhibitors considering the membership, but on the other hand, when we analise the entries made at shows under your club's patronage, we find members made about 48 per cent. in classes provided. On the discussion of the financial statement, it was decided to carry the deficit forward to the next account. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Mr. L. Robinson proposed, and Mr. S. Dean seconded, the election of W. R. Myers as secretary. Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and W. H. Shackleton were nominated for the presidency, there being a close fight for this honour, which was decided on the casting vote of the chairman pro tem. The following were elected vice-presidents: Messrs. Shackleton and Midgley to represent inside the Bradford district, and Messrs. Duncan, junr., and Hellewell outside the district. Messrs. T. H. Inman, S. Dean, C. Ross, J. Edmondson, P. Jowett, T. Wood (all Bradford), J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), W. Thomas (Otley), T. Boyle (York), C. Mackwell (Keighley), Biskoby (Doncaster), J. Isherwood (Wakefield), Dale (York), C. Shirley (Keighley), were elected on committee. Mr. Duncan proposed and Mr. Chittenden seconded "That the club be known in future as 'The Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club." Mr. Inman proposed as an amendment that it should remain the same, which was seconded by Mr. Robinson. After much spirited discussion, Mr. Duncan's proposal was carried. The next item was the amount of annual subscription. It was the opinion throughout the past year that the sum of 1s. per annum was too small. Mr. Duncan proposed "That all exhibiting members be required to pay the subscription of 2s. 6d. before points gained by such person count for specials given by this club. Honorary members' subscription to remain as heretofore, viz., 1s., unless, of course, they care to become full members." This was seconded by Mr. Hellewell and carried, there being only two against who desired the subscription be 2s. for all. Mr. S. Dean proposed the alteration of Rule 9 for shows to obtain this club's patronage to make four classes for British Mules or Hybrids, instead of three as last season, which was passed. Will secretaries kindly note the above alterations, and those desirous of obtaining our patronage kindly make early application for same. Lest there should be a misapprehension as to where our headquarters are, seeing that the title of club has been altered, I take this opportunity of saying they are at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford.—W. R. MYERS, hon. secretary.

WELSH C.B.C.

Annual meeting was held at the Locomotive Inn, Aberdare, on Easter Tuesday. The committee met in the morning to discuss various matters. As short time was spent in taking refreshment before the general meeting commenced, this meeting was full of go from beginning to end, the items being discussed in a very practical manner. Unfortunately, there was so much on the agenda which required the fullest consideration that the washing competition was unavoidably held over. The chairman (Mr. T. L. Castree) presided over both meetings. The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. J. Pritchard, Mountain Ash, who has just sustained a severe loss in the death of his beloved wife. Mr. Pritchard has been a member ever since the formation of the Club, and is one of the oldest Norwich breeders in Wales. The balance-sheets of the general working of the Club and also of the Club show were read, and showed a balance on the right side. It was decided to hold a young bird show at Aberdare early in October, and that Mr. F. L. Eynon be the show secretary, assisted by Mr. F. J. Eynon. All shows requiring the Club's patronage must apply on or before the second week in July, as all applications will be considered on August Bank Holiday; no applications will be considered after that date.—It was decided to raise the subscriptions to 3s.; the extra 6d. to go to provide a fund by which a solicitor can be engaged as legal adviser to the Club; also to assist any member who has sustained a loss to such an extent that the committee shall think fit to assist him from such fund by making a grant. The correct wording will be drawn up by a solicitor. This is a new idea in birdy circles, and should have a tendency to draw members and induce them to remain when they have joined. If the Club is given loyal support, members in Wales will be protected and assisted. In future all committeemen and officers must be nominated either at the general meeting or by letter to the secretary prior to the general meeting.—The following new members were elected:—Messrs. C. Price (Kedwelly), F. Beard (Llandrindod Wells), A. Pratt (Treorchy), C. Adams (Merthyr), A. E. Brown (Merthyr), and C. J. Bevan (Tredegar). Members in future who have won a Club medal shall have the option of medal or cash. The cup winners were Messrs. D. Jenkins, E. J. Jefferies, G. Gregory, and G. F. Harber; medal winners, Messrs. D. Jenkins, E. J. Jefferies, D. S. A. Longden, Lewis and Dymond, J. H. Jones, G. Bradford, S. J. Nicholas, and D. H. Tedstone. Mr. J. H. Jones won the Toronto medal. Mr. G. F. Harber compiled a very interesting and instructive paper on "Preparing Birds for Show, etc."—D. H. TEDSTONE, Hon. Secretary.

SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

A committee meetiag was held in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, on April 25th. The election of president and vice-president then took place. Mr. G. F. Adamson (Kilmarnock) was appointed president, and the following vice-presidents:—Messrs. Geo. Mackie (Aberdeen), C. Campbell (Glasgow), Hugh Moreland (Falkirk), Wm. Cairns (Edinburgh) J. Noble (Kilmarnock), and J. McLay (Kirkintilloch).—The Secretary intimated that he could no longer retain office, owing to personal and private reasons, which in no way affected the Club. This office will be filled in future by Mr. Robert Adamson, 56, Petershill-road, Glasgow. It was also found necessary to elect Mr. Geo. Smart, Carmyle, as auditor, in place of Mr. J. Munro, who has resigned. Two vacancies on the committee were filled by Messrs. J. C. Wallace (Aberdeen) and Wm. Griffiths (Springburn), they being the next highest on the voting list. The competition for the Roberts' Cup was gone into, and Mr. J. Young moved, and Mr. G. Adamson seconded, that we restrict the competition to nine shows. The following were selected, should they agree to give the necessary classification (four classes at least for Crests and crest-breds):—City of Glasgow, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, Perth, Aberdeen, Glasgow and West of Scotland, Kilmarnock, Kilsyth, Edinburgh Scottish National. It was also passed that the winner of cup be presented with a gold medal, and the runner-up with a silver medal. Mr. R. Adamson moved, and Mr. C. Campbell seconded, that we hold a Club show, as usual, on condition that we get the same classification as formerly, and this Club will guarantee the four young bird classes. Glasgow and West of Scotland Society, having most votes on the official list, was selected. In the event of the secretary not getting proper arrangements with this Society, the whole matter is to be brought back to committee. Letters were read from the following Societies soliciting Club's patronage:—Broughty Ferry, Kilmarnock, and Aberdeen. Mr Geo. McPhail moved, and Mr. Adamson seconded, that we grant two gold and two silver medals at Club show as formerly. It was also decided that all birds for cup or medal competition must be exhibited in club show cages with regulation drinkers outside. Two new members were accepted, viz., Messrs. A. Watson (Kilmarnock) and T. Thomson, junr. (Glasgow). The next meeting is to be called for June 27th.—A. CHALMERS, Secretary.

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CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 5.—THE HAWFINCH: Its Exhibition Points & Failings.

Notes on the Drawing on Page 441.

This week's Chart depicts in interesting and instructive manner the points and failings of the Hawfinch from the exhibitor's point of view. This bird is one of the most singular of the British members of the great Finch family, its huge beak being quite as striking a feature as the curiously crossed mandibles of the Crossbill. Personally I have a soft corner in my heart for the Hawfinch, and am seldom without one in my collection of birds. But it is only in quite recent years that the species has come into favour as a cage-bird. Our old friend Bechstein speaks very disparagingly of the Hawfinch, seemingly hardly considering it worthy of mention as a cage pet, and his lead has been followed by most of the writers since his day. Still, this is not the place to discuss the bird's possibilities in this direction—I am asked to discuss the Chart.

The centre picture Mr. Norman modestly labels "a good specimen." I should think it worthy a more laudatory adjective. It is very difficult to get a specimen combining all the good points seen in this one. It is obviously a bird of splendid size, and as shapely as possible—two vital points in the exhibition Hawfinch. I can imagine some of my readers smiling at the application of the word "shapely" to this bird. And to those unfamiliar with the species, I can well believe at first glance the huge head and beak at the one end, and the stumpy little tail at the other, may strike them as distinctly grotesque rather than shapely. But with us, as fanciers, familiarity has blunted this aspect of the shape of the Hawfinch.

The bird must be shapely in the sense that the huge head must be set on a thick neck, and the thick neck in turn be set on a very stout and well-rounded body. The plumage, of course, must be carried tightly; it is, indeed, seldom one gets a slack-feathered Hawfinch, providing the bird's state of health is satisfactory; it is naturally close-plumaged.

To turn to the markings, the Hawfinch may be said to be in the same boat as the Goldfinch, inasmuch as if it be deficient in one particular feature—the bib, to wit—it is of little use as a show-bird. But of the bib more anon. The wing-bars should be as distinct as possible, and as white as possible. The tips of the tail should also be cleanly white. The lower part of the wings must be black, which, however, carries a beautiful purplish, or warm purplish-blue gloss (it is difficult to define these metallic tints in words). The more lustrous the flight feathers the better the bird. The peculiar form of the secondary flight feathers will be seen from the drawing; they may be said to be shaped like a bill-hook.

To turn to the colouring, one of the first things noticeable about the Hawfinch is its light-coloured eyes. In body-colour the species varies very considerably, but the ideal show-bird, of course, is a rich jonque. Such a bird will have the head and cheeks a palish chestnut brown; at the nape and upper part of the neck comes a collar of delicate bluish grey; the back is a deep rich reddish brown; the breast is a palish brown, an exceptionally good bird often carrying a purplish tinge hereabouts; the region of the vent white; the tail blackish brown, tipped, as mentioned before, with white. In the winter a greyish tinge is often found on the head, and the other colours are paler, but this disappears when the bird is in breeding condition, and it becomes then warmer in colour generally. The beak in the "off-season" is fleshy white, but when the bird is in high (or breeding condition), turns a deep leaden blue. The Hawfinch is not at its best from the point of view of richness of colour until after its third moult, though after its second moult a good bird is quite fit to show.

Leaving our good specimen for the moment, we find the top figure on the left labelled "Crouchy position, bad coloured bib." Well, a bib like this would damn any bird from the standpoint of the exhibitor. It would disgrace a hen (many hens, indeed, have excellent bibs) and reminds me of the bib of the young bird just moulting through. The fault in the position is easily seen on comparison with the centre bird. Some Hawfinches use their legs very badly, and are seriously handicapped thereby; at times, however, a bird is "crouchy" because he is not at home in his cage (not properly steady). In this connection too, exhibitors should take a straight tip and never put the perches high in the cage.

Working down the plate, we come to a "long, narrow head." This is a bad possession, for with a narrow head goes a narrow bib—most undesirable points. "Hammer-headed" birds are not looked upon with favour either by judges or knowing exhibitors.

"Thin in body, light in colour at edges of beak and bib." The enormity of the former fault I need not dwell upon. Just contrast this "weed" of a bird with the stoutly-built "good specimen." The second failing is one possessed by very many otherwise excellent exhibition Hawfinches, and is a bad point often overlooked by owners. The body-colour seems to stop short and fade away some half-inch from the base of the upper mandible and the bib, leaving a pale margin which detracts considerably from the appearance of the bird. Solidity of colour is a most desirable possessiou. I may say, too, that many Hawfinches run light on the crown of the head, more particularly at the front.

"Ragged bib, arched back, indistinct bars." The proper cut of the bib is seen in the picture immediately above the one we are now considering, and comparison clearly reveals the nature of the fault termed "ragged at edge." To get a bird perfectly clean-cut all round the bib is not an easy matter. An "arched back" is a congenital defect, usually, and it is surprising how often one meets with this failing. It lends the bird a "squatty" appearance, as though hugging the perch, as fanciers of the Norwich Plainhead say. Such a bird, too, generally has a nasty habit of throwing its head back as it takes the perches; and, of course, as perhaps I need hardly say, a Hawfinch guilty of throwing back the head always seems unshapely in the back. The need for distinct wing-bars I have already pointed out; without them a bird's beauty is considerably marred.

Our final point is the bib, as the black marking on the throat is termed. And it is a very vital point—the making or marring of a bird. After the sketch of the "perfect bib," I need say little about the "narrow," or the "spreading" bib, for the respective drawings are self-explanatory. The perfect bib should extend well to the outer edges of the lower mandible and well down the throat (in the latter point many grand birds fail slightly). It should not be sharply V-shaped, but of a shape between the letters V and U. It should be a dense black in colour, solid all over, and very clearly defined round the edge—no breaks or runs anywhere. Lastly, the black plumage which extends from the bib round tho base of the beak, and from the beak to the eye, should also be a dense black and free from raggedness at the edge. This is well shown in the drawing of the "good specimon." It is a point, too, in which many birds are weak.

G. E. WESTON.

SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

The committee will be meeting in a few days to complete conditions of the Cup Competition, and I shall be pleased to hear from any member who wishes to subscribe to this fund. Also, will those members who promised donations on the voting agenda notify me. The cup will be competed for in addition to the trophies hitherto, and donations to the special prize fund will be gratefully received. A rule was passed at the annual meeting, "That preference be given to shows applying for the club's patronage which employ specialist cage bird judges." Will societies who intend applying for patronage please note.—J. W. RENNIE, hon. sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

A committee meeting was held on April 21st at 65, West Regent-street, Glasgow, eleven members being present. It was decided to let patronage remain as at last meeting, viz., six clubs, those already accepting being Glasgow and West Perth, and Paisley. Replies were also received from Aberdeen and Ayr O.A., stating they will probably accept. No reply being received from Bathgate it was decided, failing them, to offer patronage to St. Andrew's. The secretary was instructed to write all clubs giving Yorkshire classes not clashing with these dates offering the support of members. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. R. Eastman. New members made since last meeting:—Messrs. A. Neilson (Portobello), R. Skinner (Glasgow), H. Jamieson (Glasgow), A. Marr (Glasgow), J. McKerracher (Glasgow), and J. Cardwell (Tollcross), bringing total up to thirty.—T. BOWMAN Hon. Sec.

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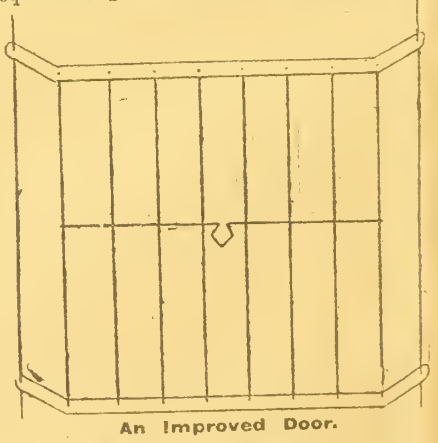
No. 201.

AN IMPROVED CAGE DOOR.

Sent by R. Thompson, 146, Alfred Street, South Shields.

I send a sketch of an improved door, which does away with the loops on the ends. Cut two pieces of punched bar the required length and bore the end holes a little bigger. Then bend the bar at the second hole. Bending the bars takes away from the length, but give it a few taps with a hammer on a piece of iron and it stretches, or draws, the bar to the required length. Then you will find that the



An Improved Door.

door works with ease, and drops with its own weight. By soldering on a piece of wire (as shown in sketch) this does to lift the door by and when the bath is hung on the cage front it catches on top of bath and stops door from dropping. I claim that this door is neater and looks better than one made with the usual looped wires, which are dangerous to birds' claws.—ROBT. THOMPSON.

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No. 202.

FROM FIXED TO LOOSE FRONTS.

Sent by H. C. Holmes, 4, Tower Road, Liphook, Hants.

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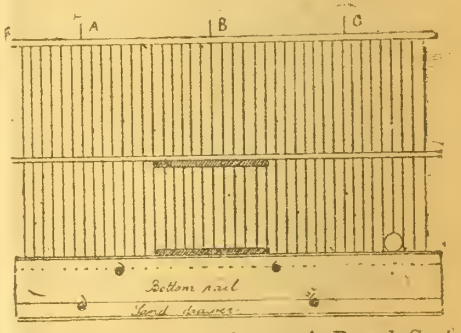

Carefully remove the front. A B and C at the top are three fine wire nails, driven in and cut off to leave a piece the thickness of the cage top protruding. Make three small holes in top of cage to take these nails. Saw along the dotted line shown at bottom of front, and in the top half-inch of bottom rail put two fasteners (wire) such as are used for doors, etc., and, of course, make bottom part fast to cage with a screw or nail at each end. The wired portion of front will then be easily removable.—H. C. HOLMES.

In your "Twitterings" column last week, writes Mr. H. T. Lucas, a paragraph appears concerning the arrangements for the Dulwich, Peckham, and Lewisham C.B. Societies' combined ramble, and is attributed to Mr. E. S. Lugg, as secretary of the latter society. This is an error, as I am not aware that I have been superseded in my office of hon. secretary of the Lewisham Society, and shall, therefore, feel obliged if you will contradict the part referring to Mr. E. S. Lugg as secretary, which must cause confusion amongst fanciers generally. I may add that I am removing from Hereford Gardens, Lee, in June, and may then find that I shall have to resign the secretaryship, but till that time I hold this office alone, as I have done since its formation by me in November last.—(We regret the error; Mr. Lugg should have been given as chairman, and not as secretary.—EDITOR).

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS.

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BRITISH BIRDS.

Linnet Mule not Singing (W. Vowles).—Mix one ounce of maw, with two ounces of niger and hemp seeds and give the bird a small teaspoonful daily, in a separate vessel to the stock mixture. Also go out and gather him some young leaves of dandelion and some seeding heads, also seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed. You will soon have him in condition again, then.

A Tail without End or Beginning (T. S.).—Really, if the Goldfinch refuses to grow a tail, you cannot do anything to compel it. I strongly suspect, however, that if you caught up the bird out of the aviary, you would find the stump of the old feathers still in. In any case, the tail is practically certain to be reproduced at the next moult. The Goldfinch-Linnet cross is not by any means uncommon, and the resulting Hybrid I consider a lovely little bird.

A Bullie's Proceedings (Try Again).—The proceedings you detail are nothing out of the ordinary—quite the ordinary thing, in fact, and exactly what mislead the beginner into "counting his chickens before they are hatched." Still, there can be no fertile eggs without such proceedings, so you can still go on hoping, but don't let hopo become certainty until actual fertile eggs are to be seen.

Linnet's "Swelled" Chest (G. G.).—It is difficult, from a letter, to come to a definite conclusion as to trouble. It reads very much like a case of air accumulated under the skin, a complaint birds are apt to suffer from occasionally. Examination of the "swelling" should tell you if this be so, when a needle-prick would let out the air, and the swelling would disappear. If it is a growth of some kind, then I am afraid the prospect of cure is remote. Is it a hard place? Or can you see and feel any matter? You really give no particulars.

Mealy and Lesser (A. W. Anderton).—The difference 'twixt Mealy and Lesser Redpolls lies mainly in the size, a good specimen of the former being three times (to the eye) the size of the latter. The Mealy is also much lighter in ground colour than the Lesser, as a general rule. Feed as advised "Klondyke" this week for his Linnet.

Keeping Mealworms for Use (Worm).—The mealworms I myself keep for daily use are stored in a not too deep tin, but of good width, filled with bran, medium oatmeal, and a little crushed dog biscuit. When not being used, it is kept on a shelf close by the kitchen fire. Warmth is the great thing to keep mealworms in good condition.

The Crow Family, Etc. (J.C.).—Your question goes a little beyond my experience, I am afraid. The presence of the female often creates trouble, and causes the male to become savage during the breeding season. Why not address a letter to our correspondence columns, and see if some reader or other can enlighten you? Both Hawks and Owls must have flesh food. Any cage must be a very big box pattern one, and half the front should be boarded up in case of the Owl—the Hawk, too, likes a darkened corner to retire to. I don't advise you to try keeping these with the other birds; there, of a certainty, would be ructions. I should choose a Merlin and a Little Owl if I wanted them for pets, and could get them.

Song of the Chaffinch (Pink Pink).—Most certainly the Chaffinch sings in its natural state. At the present moment its song is one of the most noticeable birdie melodies of the whole countryside. I notice you live in London; take the "tune" to Hampstead Heath and you'll hear his merry "toll-oll-oll-oll-chickweedo" the whole day long.

Identity of Bird (Mystery).—The bird you have caught is a Wheatear, and from your description I should say it is a female.

Siskin's Damaged Leg (W.A.C.).—I really cannot give you any hope of a Siskin which has a leg so hopelessly injured that he cannot stand on it ever being any use as a Mule breeder. Strange things happen at times, of course, but I wouldn't waste a day on such a bird myself.

Hedge Sparrow Mules (E.C.M.).—If you will pardon me being blunt, I will say at once that it is absurd to think of pairing a Hedge Sparrow (an insectivorous bird) to any Finch, and if that is your son's intention, he is only wasting time. If the hen Canary is going to rear the young Hedge Sparrows, she will do so on the food with which she rears her own progeny; it is a very doubtful experiment, however. I should think it would be well, though, to almost entirely withhold seed until the young Hedge Sparrows were at least seven or eight days old, assuming they reach that age.

Live Ants (T. H. Shelton).—Live ants are eaten by certain insectivorous birds with relish—the Wrynecks, Woodpeckers, Wagtails, Larks, Pipits, etc. The small ants (I do not know their scientific name, and cannot at the moment of writing look it up) are the more generally liked, for the very big ants go untouched by some birds. The difficulty is to feed them to the birds when alive without many escaping and infesting the house. I have many a time "baked" whatever ants happened to come along with my live eggs; the birds like them.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Tanagers and Sugar Birds.

Tanagers.—I should say your idea of keeping Tanagers together is certainly not foredoomed to failure, and yet your friend is right in a measure when he expresses the popular belief that they must be kept in cages. Some of the larger species are amiable, some of the smaller ones the reverse, and yet there are the opposites in each case, and by no means in isolated instances. I may say I have this season kept Blue Tanagers, Scarlet Tanagers, and Maroon Tanagers out of doors with Waxbills and the small Ornamental Finches, and they have behaved themselves admirably; yet if these proved amiable birds were to start nesting I should keep a very close watch on them. The aviary you propose would answer admirably for the purpose. Don't overcrowd nor crowd large and small species together. I should advise the Sugar Birds being kept apart from the Tanagers. I have seen several species of Sugar Birds kept together in quite a moderate enclosure. I should suggest the planting of fruit trees in the uncovered portion. You will see the announcement of a book on Foreign Birds some time during the next two months in CAGE BIRDS, which will meet your requirements as to these birds. There are others very costly, with fine plates, but they only deal with wild life, classification, etc. If you give me an idea of what kind you would prefer to keep I shall be pleased to suggest a selection most likely to live together in amity. It is impossible to lay down any rule as to what species may be kept together, on account of individualism. A close watch must be kept on them, and pugnacious individuals removed. I repeat, the dangerous time is if a pair set up housekeeping, then, though previously amiable, they often become murderous.

Keeping Grey Parrots.

"Llew."—(1) Providing they have been together before your purchase, they will probably be amiably disposed towards each other, but Parrots of all species are very jealous of attentions or caresses being bestowed upon another bird, and resent it by an attack if this be possible; again, individuals that have agreed together while young very often have to be separated as they become adult. In fact, care has to be exercised in attempting to mate these birds when such is desired. (2) Yes, providing they were two of a batch that had come over together—see above. (3) Yes, have seed and water trippers so arranged that they cannot be fouled by the bird's droppings. (4) No, in my opinion they would be better separate, and when adult not within sight of one another. (5) For healthy birds 20s. is not a high price. Keep them out of draught, yet not in a vitiated atmosphere. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee or milk slops, or any kind of animal food. Diet as advised weekly.

Age of Amazon Parrot.

Abb.—You have a young Blue-fronted Amazon; when it becomes fully mature its plumage will change materially, the area of blue on the top of the head will become larger and of a brighter hue, and the face, chin, and throat will become yellow. You have an immature bird, and it should make a good talker; make it one of the family, keep it where it will hear and see what is going on, also teach it, by special repetition, such special words and sentences you would like it to learn, and it should make both a good talker and mimic. There is no means of telling whether any individual bird will make a good talker; nearly all Blue-fronts are more or less talented. Neither do I think sex makes much difference. I have seen or heard talented birds of both sexes. It is always best to get a young bird, unless you purchase one which already is a talker, and such you have to pay a heavy figure for.

Plans of Outdoor Aviary.

H.V.J.—You certainly have now a well-constructed aviary, and with the ivy-covered wall and privet hedges you should meet with good success. I should most certainly divide it as you suggest, and a shed at the other end, 8 by 6 or 10 by 6 ft., would be ample for this. Why not put the partition in at once and get your birds in this part as soon as possible, though if the present awful weather continues, the middle of May will be time enough. Supply hay and grass, and leave the birds to do their own building. I should say you have Grey Singing Finches. There is no reason why you should not have one or two odd birds of different species about, and take your chance of a few hybrids. The Australian Finches are late breeders as a rule, and you should get some results this year if you get your stock in about the middle of May. The various species of Greenfinches are all handsome birds, and should succeed well with you. Hope you will have good luck with the birds.

Purchasing a Grey Parrot.

Poll.—I am afraid the mortality does not decrease among newly-imported Greys; in fact, the conditions in these days are worse almost than formerly. True, with the present speedy navigation they do not have to endure insanitary conditions for so long a period; but, on the other hand, they are rushed from one extreme of temperature to another, so that many of them come to hand with latent lung or septic troubles, and soon "shuffle off." As regards acclimatised birds, some call a bird acclimatised when it has been over a few weeks; I should consider six months the minimum period which would entitle a bird to be so described. Most certainly an acclimatised bird, if you get such, is the cheaper purchase. An Amazon (the Blue-fronts are the best talkers as well as the most freely imported) is much the hardier bird, and there is comparatively a small mortality among this species. It is also a brighter coloured bird than the Grey, and has a very pleasing and handsome appearance. See other replies *re* diet and teaching to talk.

Parrot with Sore Mouth.

F.A.—Your diet is simply awful, and I'm not at all surprised at the bird's condition. Stop the buttered toast, boiled egg, milk sop and bacon at once. Do not give table scraps; tea, coffee or milk sops or any kind of animal food. Diet as under: Seed mixture, two parts canary oats, and one part each wheat, dari, small maize, hemp and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit (dry), nuts (shelled walnuts are best), little boiled potato (dry), cuttlefish, stale crust of household bread (dry) water *ad lib.* For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water and repeat dose after an interval of three days. Get the following mixture and wipe out its mouth with same, using a camel hair brush for the purpose; 20 grains of chlorate of potassium dissolved in 2 drachms of glycerine; well cleanse the brush, and use fresh portion of mixture on each occasion. If there is any exsion from the nostrils bathe same with diluted glyco-thymoline. Keep bird out of draught, and there should soon be an improvement.

Screeching Grey Parrot.

N. Tyrer.—First of all, your diet is all wrong. Diet as advised to F.A. in this issue; but, of course, your bird does not need any drugs. Am afraid screeching is vice in your bird's case, as having had it three years it cannot be fear. Do any of the younger members of your family irritate it at all in a spirit of fun? If so, see that this is stopped at once. Some individuals will screech, do what you will, and I advise you to persevere with the covering-up (you should always, when covering up, leave a small portion of the centre of top of cage open, say, a space about three inches diameter). Cover up when it begins to screech, and leave for half an hour at least. With many such noisy birds this method has considerably modified, and in several cases checked the nuisance, for a bird soon learns to recognise it as a punishment.

Grey Parrot Costive.

D.V.W. (Walsall).—Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over its boiled maize every other day for a week, or till the straining disappears. Of course, if its evacuations should become watery loose, you must at once stop the aperient. For the next month make its drinking water the colour of port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. Note: Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day; the food vessel should be thoroughly cleansed daily, and a careful watch kept that no stale bits are left in sand tray. The proper seed mixture and complete diet you will find in reply to "F. A." in this issue, but the other portion of the reply is not applicable. If the trouble does not yield in a fortnight you had better repeat query. Note: Keep up a supply of the seed mixture, etc., and when the bird is eating of this freely gradually wean it from the boiled maize.

Canary Seed, etc.

"Fair View."—(1) The sample of seed has by some means gone astray, but I prefer Spanish to Turkish; the price is about right. Am quoting from the lists of our regular advertisers: Spanish, fine Spanish, extra large Spanish, 9s. 6d., 11s. 6d., and 13s. 6d. respectively. I am a firm believer in having the best one can procure, but Fine Spanish is of a good and reliable quality if you get it from a firm with a reputation to sustain. It should be free from dust. Never accept any sample which has a musty smell about it. (2) A varied diet is not easy for seed eaters, and I use both white, brown (Indian or French) and spray millet. Red millet I never found any but Quails and Doves to touch, and for small birds it is usually wasted. Oats and paddy rice are very wholesome. (3) As soon as the cold winds have departed you can safely put out the Roller Canary. One which has been out in aviary now two winters woke me the other morning with its vociferous song, and the aviary is 60 feet or more from the home. Either two or three hens may be included. (4) As a rule two cock pheasants will not agree in the same enclosure, unless it is a very large one, and even then their bickerings will mean many unfertile eggs.

What Bird?

"Java."—The additional information you supply confirms my previous opinion; your bird is a Cowbird, or Tropial, and, I think, a female; but I cannot recognise its species. I will keep your query before me, and possibly may do so a little later. (2) Usually the feathering is fairly regular; the down or hair lingers longest on the head, but I should imagine they would be all right a little later. Both with Cockatiels and Budgerigars partially feathered young frequently appear, usually due to inbreeding or constitutional weakness in the parent birds. (3) To allow reasonable accommodation for the young till they were disposed of, I should not advise more than 4 pairs; three pairs only would be better. Note: you must have at least double the number of nesting husks that you have pairs of birds.

Cockatoo with Diarrhœa.

H. Parish.—Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage for the bird to cut up and make its drinking water the colour of Port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food for the next month. Do not leave the water in the cage continuously but let it have a drink three or four times a day. For one day only give the bird six drops of tasteless castor oil either direct to the beak, or if you can by means of a quill containing about that quantity; if you place the end of the quill against the slit of beak near the base, the bird will suck it in. Diet: Seed mixture, one part each of Canary, oats, wheat, maize, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep up a continuous supply in the cage. Also give so as to vary the diet, ripe fruit as in season, plain biscuits (dry), nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and a leaf of fresh lettuce, few green peas, or other green food, according to season, consulting the birds' taste somewhat; but do not give anything unwholesome.

Brevities.

What Birds? (Verity).—(1) So far as it is possible to tell, I believe this to be an Alario Finch. (2) This bird I believe to be the Capo Canary, or, at any rate, some very near species. Both should mate very readily with Canaries; in fact, the first-named has done so on several occasions, and any kind of hen Canary of not too large a variety would answer the purpose. Possibly the Serin would mate most readily with a darkly variegated bird, but here again I do not think you will have much difficulty in inducing it to pair with any kind of Canary of somewhat similar size. Though the English Siskin is a smaller bird, I should imagine your Serin would readily mate with it. Of course, there is always a large element of luck about such cross-pairing, and often there are several attempts before fertile eggs are produced.

Breeding Budgerigars in Cage (Novice).—(1) Yes, they will breed successfully, but not as freely as in a cage of larger size. In such a cage as yours they may take a little longer to settle down to breeding. I remember many years ago selling in a cage 12in. square, all wire, a brood of seven young Budgies which were successfully reared. (2) Have the seed and water hoppers inside the cage, but in such a position that they cannot be fouled. (3) One husk will be sufficient, but it will be necessary to remove the young as soon as they are able to fend for themselves. (4) Any room or portion will do for them, providing it is light and airy, but not draughty. With attempting to breed any kind of Foreign Birds patience is a *sine qua non*, for they are not like Canaries, but will often let the whole summer slip by without doing anything, and then surprise you will a couple of broods in quite late autumn.

Identification (J. G.).—Even now I cannot be quite sure of its identity. There is a great variation in many species, but I incline to the opinion that you have a pair of Passerine Doves, value 10s. to 15s. a pair, or more, according to market. Providing your aviary has suitable shelter shed attached, they should thrive, and ultimately breed there. I will still keep your query in front of me, and if I see any reason to doubt above identification, will duly state same in this column.

Amazon Parrot with Cold (S.S.M.).—Glad to note the bird is so much better; continue mixture till the breathing is normal. When, and only when, this occurs, put the bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food for a month. I should let the bird go without its bath for a fortnight, when it should be safe to let it bathe as usual. The best method is (if the bird will permit you) to bathe the nostrils, using a camel hair brush; if not, you must use an ordinary sprayer, confining the spray as far as possible to the nostrils. But as soon as the running ceases there is no need to continue this. A few chillies among its seed would help to check the sneezing. Hope it will continue to do well.

Sexing Cardinals, etc. (H. A. Laurence).—The plumage of Red Crested Cardinals is very similar, but that of the female is not quite so rich or so pure in colour. Carefully observe the bills of your birds in profile. That of the hen is narrower at the base and more tapering than that of the male. Again, all the hens that I have had anatomically examined have had the grey feathers on the back of the neck more or less mottled with white, and though this has been the case in many instances, and I've never yet come across an undoubted male so marked, yet I cannot say if this distinction is constant. Cardinals are very bad breeders in captivity; they often nest and hatch out, but very few young are reared. If you succeed in getting young hatched, you must keep up a liberal and almost constant supply of live insects in addition to their ordinary diet (as the young leave the nest. You can keep them with the Budgerigars.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird, for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (S.M.S.).—Acute pneumonia and inflammation of liver, commonly called "a chill." I do not consider it infectious.

Green Canary (Mr. Marsden).—"Severe chill" during period of egg-laying, owing, probably, to disease of liver, that organ being in a softened and inflamed condition.

Siskin (Grosvenor).—Chronic softening of liver, acute inflammation, and hæmorrhage. Apoplexy.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Cage Matter (J. Harvey).—We fear as you will see that we could not possibly publish a letter which reflects on every maker of cages advertising in our columns. It would obviously be very unfair to do so.

Report (J. R. Evans).—Thanks for report. Pleased to hear from you in future.

Report (D. Roberts).—Many thanks for your kindness and good wishes.

Wild Fowling (S. Duncan).—We have sent your letter and booklet along to our contributor, who will no doubt deal with it next week.

American Subscription (J. L. Martin).—If you are overcharged for CAGE BIRDS in the States, your best plan is to forward us an international money order value two dollars, which would cover a year's subscription. You could add to this the cost of any books, etc., you desire to order. Adoption of this plan would get you out of your difficulty.

Club Notices continued from page 433.

Loughborough and Dist. C.B.S. — May 6, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. T. Ride (Leicester), on "Breeding, Rearing, and Moulting of Young Canaries."—W. P. Foster.

Longton and Dist. C.B.S.—May 4, Castle Inn, 8. Federation, judge for Nest Feather Show. Table Show postponed.—T. J. Siers.

London and Counties O.A.—May 5, "The Goat and Compasses," Euston Road, N.W., 8.30. Special meeting, to discuss proposed rules of the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, and other important business.—R. J. Pretty.

Leith O.S. — May 9, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7.30. Hall for show, last meeting till September.—G. Brown.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—May 5, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Important business; fanciers and friends invited.—R. H. Davies.

Morecambe C.B.S.—Battery Hotel, Morecambe, 8. May 5, selection of judges; replies from clubs re patronage, etc.—J. H. Ireland.

Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—May 9, Sycamore Hotel, 8. First meeting; fanciers wanted.—R. H. Turner.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—May 4, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Mr. S. W. Birchley will lecture on British Birds.—E. H. Jones.

Manningham C.B.A.—May 2, Mowbray Arms, 8. Members' Shows, etc. Business very important. Intending members please attend.—F. Western.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—May 6, Cobden Hall, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—May 7, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 7.30. Schedule for Open Show. Intending members please attend. — Curry and Hutchinson.

Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.—May 4, Headquarters, 8. Classification of Young Bird Show, etc.—T. H. Tiffen.

Otley and Dist O.S.—May 5, Queen's Head, 8. First Feather Show.—W. Dawson.

Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.—May 7, Red Lion, Stoke, 8. Fix date for Nest Feather Show, and appoint judges.—J. Simcock.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—May 6, Temperance Club, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Raynes, secretary, Norwich Plainhead Club. Fanciers heartily welcome.—S. M. Clayton.

Rochdale O.C.—May 6, Club Rooms, 8. General Meeting of Members to select officials and judges for All England Show.—J. Butterworth.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 9, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Very important business.—Reid and Maddison.

Stockport B.F.A.—May 7, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Printing and classification for F. F. Show. W. Stafford.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—May 7, Lord Hotel, 8. Business important, and fixing date of First Feather Show.—J. W. Lowes.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—May 4, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Business very important.—R. Bennett.

Stirling and Dist. O.S.—May 6, Douglas Hotel, 7.30. Election of judges, date of show, and other business.—G. Hislop.

Shipley O.S.—May 5, Victoria Hotel, 8. Important business.—H. Dobson.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. May 2, Station Hotel, 7. Election of secretary, and other important business.—J. M. Nicholson.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—May 2, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—May 4, Headquarters, 8. Roller fanciers invited.—J. Netherwood.

Wallasey and Dist. C.B.S.—May 7, St. Mary's School, Liscard, 8. Discussion on the Rearing of Young Birds, and to arrange syllabus for 1908-9; and other important business.—W. Mallinson.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A.—May 3, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30. General business.—H. A. Watson.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—May 2, Wibsey Slack Side School. Tea and concert, and presentation to secretary; tea on the table at 4.30. Concert to commence at 7 o'clock. Tickets: Tea and Concert, 1s.; Concert only, 6d.; children half price. E. W. Johnson.

West London F.A.—May 7, Bath Hotel, 8. Papers by members on the Crested Canary.—J. Dewhurst.

West of Scotland.—May 2, Templar's Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Table Show of Soft-billed British. A Bowling Match and Summer Ramble.—G. Smart.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—May 2, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Members' Shows.—E. Broadley.

Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S.—May 4, 6, The Broadway, 8. Essay Competition for Members.—H. Smith.

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The April issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—affords attractive reading. Its contents include an interesting article from the pen of Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A., on the Cirl Bunting, which is accompanied by a full-page photograph showing a natural haunt of this Bunting, with a picture of a clutch of eggs inset. The Golden-breasted Bunting is the subject taken by Mr. H. E. Bliss, and Mr. Wesley T. Page contributes useful notes on the Siskins, some of the family being ably depicted on the frontispiece. Other entertaining articles by Mrs. Warren Vernon, Capt. Reeve, and Mr. C. H. Row, and many notes, go to make up what is a very instructive issue.

TWITTERINGS.

Kindly state that I have removed from 45, Haywood Street, Shelton, to 102, Ashford Street, Shelton, writes Mr. William Roberts.

Mr. W. Mundell, the well-known judge, will officiate at the Crook Original annual show on Nov. 21st, writes Mr. A. Bowes, the secretary.

I have parted with all the Norwich hens I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, and I had many letters for them, writes Mr. J. Hibbit: (Oakham).

Mr. A. Wellings, of Prescot, has been elected to judge the Altrincham C.B.S. First Feather show, on July 11th, writes the secretary, Mr. Tom Harrison.

The Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S. is affiliated to the C.B.U., writes Mr. R. G. Challenger, secretary, and Mr. Robson will officiate at our open show on December 2nd and 3rd.

We hear that Mr C. E. Silk of Emsworth, is down to judge cage birds at the Harpenden show, to be held on Whit Monday. Twelve classes are provided for at the show.

I have taken your paper, CAGE BIRDS, for the last 10 months, and find it very interesting for bird fanciers, writes Mr. A. Escott (Neath). It is full of information. I wish CAGE BIRDS all success.

I have taken in CAGE BIRDS for some considerable time, writes Mr. John Britton (Bristol), and have found it very useful. It is, in my estimation, the finest of its kind in circulation.

The Otley and Dis. O.S. First Feather show will be held on June 27th, at the Queen's Head, Otley, writes Mr. W. Dawson, hon. secretary. The judge will be Mr. W. Bearpark, of Menston.

Kindly state that I have changed my address from 2, Mount Edgcumbe Terrace, to "Formosa," Mount Edgcumbe Villas, Falmouth, writes Mr. Thos. Burton, secretary of the Falmouth and Dis. C.B.A.

The Great Horton O.S. First Feather show is fixed for June 6th, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, secretary. I wish all members to know, too, that my address is 27, Kingswood Street, Great Horton, Bradford.

I have just received a note from Wanstead Park, which makes it necessary to postpone the ramble to Saturday, May 16th, writes Mr. W. G. Pawley, hon. secretary of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.

The Bramley and Dis. O.S. have engaged the following judges for their open show on November 7th, writes Mr. E. Craven (secretary): Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, of Bradford, and A. G. Davis, of Manchester.

Kindly note that Mr. W. Hodson has been elected assistant secretary of the London and Provincial O.S., and Messrs. R. Brownlie, J. Hodder, and C. T. Maxwell members of the committee, writes Mr. H. Lambert Brown, hon. secretary.

Mr. F. W. Gordon has resigned the secretaryship of the Sunderland C.B.A., write Messrs. Reid and Maddison, joint secretaries, and all communications in future should be addressed to them at 2, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sunderland.

We have engaged Mr. Roe to judge at our annual open show, to be held at the Town Hall, Longton, on October 3rd, writes Mr. T. Siers, the secretary. The hall is one of the finest in North Stafford. The show will be held under C.B.U. rules.

Upon the arrival of a truck of coals at Bourne, from one of the collieries near Nottingham, it is said that a Starling's nest, containing young ones, was found among the fuel. It is supposed that the birds were hatched on the journey, as the parent birds were in attendance.

At the Portmadoc local show, to be held on May 14th, ten cage bird classes are to be provided—one each for Norwich, Crest, A.O.V. Canary, and Mule or Hybrid; two for Yorkshire Canaries, three for British, and one for foreign birds. Entries close on May 6th, the secretary being Mr. R. G. Humphreys.

The Sacriston and Dis. C.B.S. held their first annual show on April 18th, when there were 15 entries in the Canary and Mule classes. The British bird class contained some excellent exhibits. Mr. T. Elliot (Old Pelton) judged, Mr. Geo. Henderson ably acting as secretary.

I am pleased to state that the Enfield F.A., writes Mr. Thos. Mills, hon. secretary, is making splendid progress with new members and vice-presidents. Fanciers are asked not to forget that we have a fifteen-mile radius for membership. They should join at once for the young stock show. If Mr. Stocker should see this will he communicate with me at Victoria House, 83, Gordon Hill, Enfield.

The following gentlemen have been added to the membership of the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A., writes Mr. Thos. Smith (secretary):—Messrs. J. Moyes (Thornton), R. Johnstone (Musselburgh), M. Douglas (Mossend), J. Sinclair (Edinburgh), R. Willison (Barrow-in-Furness), D. Black (Govan), F. Strathearn (Alloa), J. D. Maxwell (Falkirk), J. Jackson Kirkmuirhill)), and J. Burnside (Lesmahagow).

Kindly announce that the Altrincham C.B.S.'s ramble to Castle Mills will take place on Saturday afternoon, May 30th, writes Mr. Tom Harrison, hon. secretary. Societies in this district, including the Manchester and Sale Societies' members, are heartily invited. We meet at Hale Station at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at the price of 1s. each. Anyone wishing to join will please let me know by May 20th.

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[See Full-page Drawing and Explanatory Notes on pages 430 and 441 this week.]

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SEND YOUR ORDER AT ONCE.

The committee of the London and Provincial O.S. have decided to offer medals for competition amongst their members at 20 provincial shows, writes Mr. H. Lambert Brown, hon. secretary. Will secretaries of shows desiring our competition kindly make application before July 1st to me at 64, Manor Park, Lee, S.E.

I get a copy of CAGE BIRDS every week from our local newsagent, and consider it to be one of the best papers I have ever read, writes Mr. Chas. Davis (Wicklow). The articles are most interesting for any bird lover. I have mentioned CAGE BIRDS to my friends who are in the Fancy. I wish it every success.

Show secretaries will please note that the Border Fancy Club's Committee meet first or second Saturday in June to allocate specials, writes Mr. M. Jamieson, the secretary. All societies wishing for the club's patronage should forward note of classification they are giving, also name of judge by end of May, to me at Green Terrace, Hawick.

Kindly accept my best thanks, writes Mr. J. B. Waterman (East Dulwich), for the intimation published this week that my essay on the subject of Canaries had proved successful in the CAGE BIRDS competition. The news came as a most agreeable surprise to me, and will act as a splendid tonic in my present rather indifferent state of health.

The Secretary, Mr. B. F. Forse, 31, Thornhill Road, sends a copy of the Leyton and Dis. C.B.A.'s manual for 1908. It is neatly got up, contains a list of the fixtures for the year, the rules and regulations of the association, and the names and addresses of the members. The fixtures include a goodly array of lectures and exhibitions, which should prove an inducement to fanciers to join.

An excellent liquid furniture polish reaches us from Mr. W. J. Adams, of Exeter Road, Teignmouth, which he is offering to readers this week through our advertisement columns. We have had "Bright Shine," as it is called, used on the office furniture with admirable results, and evidently it does not belie its name.

I have made arrangements with Mr. J. Raynes, secretary of the Norwich Plainhead Club, to give us a lecture on 6th May on the Norwich Canary, writes Mr. S. M. Clayton, secretary of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. This will be a rare good treat for fanciers in this district, as several are going in for Norwich Plainheads.

An excellent sample egg-pan reaches us from Mr. T. H. Dent, 16, Langton Street, Preston. Novel in design, it is yet eminently practical, as one would expect from so old and experienced a fancier. It is made of earthenware, to fix under doors of the "slide-up" type, and there are no corners to make thorough and easy cleansing an impossibility. It is, too, of excellent size, and we anticipate this egg-pan will find many users.

The Dulwich and Peckham and Lewisham C.B.S's country ramble arrangements are now complete, writes Mr. E. S. Lugg (chairman of the latter society). Tickets may be had from Mr. Hodson, secretary of D. and P., Mr. Lucas, secretary of Lewisham, and myself, at 5s. each, which includes the railway journey and a cold lunch. We travel by the L.B. and S.C. Railway from New Cross to Redhill, where we are to be met by the cage bird section of the Redhill and Reigate F.S., under the leadership of Mr. F. J. Green (of Lancashire fame), their chairman, who has very kindly consented to make the necessary arrangements for our welfare. The route taken will be via Wray Common, Queen's Park, Reigate Hill, The Beeches, along the hills to Boxhill, where the party will be met by breaks, and driven to the Three Tuns Hotel, Dorking, where lunch will be provided by Mr. Allen Spencer. The train will leave New Cross at 9.2 a.m., and Redhill at 8.24 p.m.

That newly-formed, but very much alive society, the Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S., has issued a neatly printed book of rules, which contains a programme of lectures, shows, competitions, and washing exhibitions, etc., for the 1908 season, that is particularly attractive, and reflects credit on the officials. The hon. secretary is Mr. W. Reynolds, 62, Langdon Road, Upper Holloway, N.

Messrs. H. W. Battye and J. B. Evans will judge at our show, to be held on November 19th next, writes Mr. D. Jeremy, secretary of the Morriston and Dis. C.B.S., when I predict a very successful event. I am glad to inform you that some of our members are doing well; others, however, quite the reverse, the continual cold weather preventing the realisation of their expectations.

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*Oct. 1 and 2.—**Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.** J.R and A.S.
*Oct. 2 and 3.—**Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 3.—**Longton & Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 7 and 8.—**Peterboro' C.B.A.**
*Oct. 8 and 9.—**Watford & Dis. C.B.S.** C.A.H. and J.F.
*Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood & Dis. C.B.S.**
Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** F.A., H.B.M., A.C., J.P., and P.McQ.
*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** T.H.
Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.**
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Hayle & Dis. F.A.** G.C., C.T.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** J.H.R., C.H.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard.** W.V.M.N.
Oct. 17.—**Darlington C. and B. B.F.A.** W.M.
Oct. 17.—**Kelty & Blairadam C.B.A.** D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.
*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth & Dis. C. & C.B.S.** W.P.B.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth)** C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.** J.H.R., and F.My.
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.**
Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.**
*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare.** J.H.P.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C B.S.**
Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B., and A.G.D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S** T. McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.**
Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.**
Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
Oct. 28 and 29.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., and W.H.V.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B.
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., F.A.L.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** H.W.B., E.B., and J.S.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** J. R.
Oct. 31.—**Dysart C.B.S.** W.M'S., J.Hn., J.McL. and P.P.
*Oct. 31.—**Alnwick & Dis. C.B.S.** A.Hy., J.My.
Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** T.H., J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.**
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.**
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C B.S.**
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H. W.B., and E.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.**
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S.**
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.**
Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** W.A.C. & A.G.D.
Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis: C.B.S.**
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**
Nov. 11.—**Bodmin.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.**
Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.**
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. Mck., A.C., and P.P.
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 18.—**Reading & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.** H W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven. C.B.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** H.T.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Perth.**
*Nov. 24.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
Nov. 25.—**Whitby F.S.**
Nov. 26.—**Newark.**
*Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).**
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.**
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., and W.G.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 & 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., and A.Wd.
*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** A.G.D. and G.H.M.
Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth and Dis. C.B.S.**
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.**
Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.**—J.C.B.
Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R., G.E.W., & J.B.E.
Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.O. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., P.P.
Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.**
Dec. 31.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.**
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.**
Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(Key to Judges' Initials (See page 371. No. 326.)

"CAGE BIRDS" GREAT ESSAY COMPETITION.

Full Results in all Sections.

LAST week we were able to announce the winners of the Prizes in the Canary and British Bird sections of our Essay Competition. The judges having at last finished their arduous task, it gives us pleasure to publish the names of the senders of the essays selected for first places in the two sections undecided at time of going to press with our last issue. We had anticipated announcing the winners of this competition many weeks ago. Owing in part to its great popularity, however (the number of essays sent in being gratifyingly high), and in part to the wonderful standard of merit found in the efforts of the competitors, the task of the adjudicators became one of considerable moment, and necessarily one involving a lengthy period of time being devoted to its proper carrying out.

The keenness of the competition will be better appreciated, perhaps, when we state that in two of the sections the independent judges who kindly went through the essays therein, were unable to come to an agreement as to which best deserved premier place. This necessitated the calling in of a referee (also independent) to help the judges out of their trouble! And even now the award for best essay out of the whole of the four sections remains undecided. But of this more anon.

The Canary Section.

As announced last week, the winning essay in the Canary section was sent in by Mr. J. B. Waterman, of Dulwich. This was one of the awards which necessitated the intervention of a referee. The judges finally reduced the contestants for premier honour to the essays sent in by the above gentleman and Messrs. W. N. Midgley (Winslow), Levi Butterworth (Rochdale), T. Pope (Plymouth), A. Burtenshaw (Worthing), G. Gamble (Winchester), F. G. Snell (Plymouth), A. Thomas (Loftus), E. Wear (Huddersfield), and T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle). After further consideration the result was narrowed down to Messrs. Wear, Waterman, Crawhall, and Butterworth. More mature consideration still saw two essays, signed respectively "Fortiter defendit" and "Yorkshireman," defying the judges to decide between them, and the casting vote of the referee returned the latter as the winner, and Mr. Waterman proved to be the writer, the former effort being Mr. Crawhall's. All the essays, of course, were considered by their nom-de-plumes, the identity of the writers being unknown to the judges.

Other essays in the Canary section which were considered by the judges as of very high merit proved to have been sent in by Miss Burrows (Wardington), Miss F. Overton (Cheadle Hulme), Messrs. W. A. C. Adams (Dublin), F. Ayscough (West Hartlepool), R. J. Baker (Chichester), J. Bastock (Moseley), W. Downing (Manchester), D. Easton (Carluke), A. F. Fifield (Oxford), J. C. Gamson (Woolwich), J. Grimshaw (Hale), M. Hopper (Millbeck), Kempster (Borough, S.E.), W. H. Kitchingman (Barnsley), C. Mason (Peckham), A. Purves (Edinburgh), A. Short (Tweedmouth), A. Snelling (Sowerby), J. G. Turnbull (Glasgow), W. L. Watson (Ballycarry Station), and R. N. Williams (Chester).

The British Section.

The section devoted to British birds was another remarkably strong one, the essays remaining in for the "finishing round" making quite a long list. They were sent in by Messrs. W. Lowne (Yarmouth), J. B. Moore (Whitehaven), W. H. Commins (Exeter), A. Thomas (Gloucester), S. Kennedy (Tongham), P. Jackson (St. Helens), J. W. Cutmore (Liverpool), W. H. Thomas (Llanelly), T. Handley (Gorton), S. L. Cocks (Peterboro'), and J. Jeffery (Kidderminster). To weed them out still further necessitated lengthy and most careful consideration, but eventually Messrs. Lowne, Jackson, Cocks, and Jeffrey were left. Then the judges decided that an essay entitled, "Twelve years' experience with the Nightingale," by "Philomel," was worthy of premier place, and, as announced last week, the writer turned out to be Mr. J. Jeffrey, of Kidderminster.

Other essays marked by the judges as being of more than average merit were sent in by Miss C. D. Fitzmaurice (New Ross), Miss E. G. Willcock, D.Sc. (Cambridge), Messrs. L. J. Bettison (Lincoln), W. J. Bobbett (Bridgwater), J. H. Booth (Bermondsey, S.E.), R. Carter (East Dulwich, S.E.), J. W. Fisher (Hanley), S. Harvey (West Looe), F. G. Johnson (Blackburn), T. Johnson (Southport), R. Miller (Burnopfield), E. Milne (Aberdeen), T. Sime (Caldercruix), T. Tomkinson (Doncaster), and C. A. Widdas (Cambridge).

The Hybrid Section.

The Hybrid section produced another exceedingly keen struggle, which also necessitated the intervention of a referee. The finalists were Messrs. R. J. Cook (Stourbridge), J. S. Cooper (Matlock), J. W. Dickson (Newcastle-on-Tyne), J. W. Lawton (Crewe), J. T. Millot (Mansfield), W. Sharp (Bathgate), C. J. Ward (Uttoxeter), T. Johnson (Southport), and S. L. Cocks (Peterboro'). The essays sent in by these gentlemen were very close together in point of excellence, and only long cogitation eventually separated Messrs. Cooper, Cocks, Dickson, and Cook from the other competitors. In the end the judges disagreed as to the merits of articles by "Sunny Jim" and "Cheveral" respectively. On the referee being called upon, "Sunny Jim" was adjudged to have lost by a "short head," as race-goers say. The fancier hiding his light behind this nom-de-plume turns out to be Mr. R. J. Cook, of Stourbridge, while the fancier owning up to "Cheveral" is

MR. J. W. DICKSON, 76, Fern Avenue, Newcastle-on-Tyne,

who therefore takes the cash prize of One Guinea.

Other competitors who had their efforts singled out for very favourable mention are the Rev. B. Wilton (Middlesbrough), Messrs. J. Barber (Chesterton), A. Burtenshaw (Worthing), F. Dodd (Newmarket), W. Lovatt (Longton), J. Ovenstone (Grangemouth), F. G. Savage (Stratford-on-Avon), W. Smalldridge (Cardiff), M. G. Stevens (Cheltenham), C. E. Truscott (Bedford Park), A. Whillis (Eyemouth), and J. Jeffrey (Battersea).

The Aviary Section.

In the Aviary section the number of essays competing was comparatively small—very small, indeed—but, again, the merit of the articles was exceptionally good. The first prize was awarded by the judges to

MR. A. B. FORSE, 29, Thornhill Road, Leyton, N.E.,

for an essay entitled "My Birdroom." Curiously enough, Mr. Forse also adopted the nom-de-plume of "Sunny Jim," but this genial gent. got a step higher here than in the previous section. Mr. Forse's contribution was run very closely for premier honour by the essays of Miss McLeod (Teignmouth), Messrs. H. S. Davies (Llandilo), H. C. Brooks (Horsham), J. R. Clarke (Holloway, N.), and J. W. Lawton (Crewe).

The Four Guinea Prize.

There still remains to be awarded the Four Guinea Painting for the best essay out of the four first-prize winners. Here again the judges could not come to a decision satisfactory to them all, and instead of calling in someone to give a casting vote, we propose that

Readers of Cage Birds shall be the Referees.

This we think the fairest and best way of dealing with the situation. Here is our plan:

In this issue appears instalments of the winning articles in the Canary and Hybrid sections. In our next issue instalments of the winning British Bird and the Aviary articles will appear. We shall endeavour to complete the publication of these four articles in the next three issues, and in the last issue a coupon will appear, which we ask all readers to fill up and return to us through the post. On this coupon readers may vote for the essay which they consider worthy of the painting as the best out of the four.

We anticipate, so keen has been the competition, that a very interesting difference of opinion as to which is the best article will be found to exist when the votes come to be cast up. Readers should get their friends, whether bird-lovers or not, to peruse the essays and give their opinion, as we feel that the endeavour to forecast the result cannot prove other than an agreeable pastime. So, readers, make sure you vote yourselves, and persuade your friends to join in also.

Fond of the Blacksmith.

In the forge of Mr. C. Boyles, blacksmith, of Bridge Street, Brackley, a Robin has built its nest in a nail-box on the wall within a foot of the handle of the bellows, and has laid four eggs. The forge is daily in use, according to a contemporary, and the window has been left open every night by Mr. Boyles so that the bird could get in, and in this way the little creature has built its nest, which has been undisturbed, and has laid its eggs.

Can give his Birds Lessons.

That well-known and respected Norwich and British fancier and exhibitor, Mr. J. B. Tasker, Skelmersdale, writes a local correspondent, has recently been posing in competition in another direction and procuring chief honours—that of winning a silver cup, value £3 3s., as a vocalist in local competition. It is not generally known in the Fancy that his powers as a vocalist are of a high order. The rendering of "Holy City" so very fine entitled Mr. Tasker to his deserved and handsome present.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S. — May 9, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. General business and First Feather Show.—H. Foden.

Altrincham C.B.S.—May 5, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Nest Feather Show business.—B. Head

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—May 7, Central Conservative Club, 8. Arrangement for Ramble and Lecture on Roller Canary, by Mr. J. Lyons (Blackburn).—J. W. Philpott.

Bolton and Dist. O.S.—May 4, Headquarters, 8. Business important. Members earnestly requested to attend.—J. Stringer.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Ramble to Eshold on May 2. Meet at Midland Station at 2.15, to go by train to Greengates. Members and friends invited.—H. Clegg.

Bermondsey and Dist. F.S. — May 5, Samson's Castle, Grange Road, S.E. Annual Show. Prize money discussion.—A. Lupton.

Bristol C.B.S.—May 6, Headquarters, City Hotel, Wine Street. Mr. C. E. Brown (Kingsweston) will lecture upon "Colour Feeding." Fanciers and friends cordially invited to attend.—W. H. Manley.

Blackburn and Dist. C.B.S.—May 7, Meliora Restaurant, 8. Annual Ramble. Classification, and Spratt's lecture on Seeds; fanciers welcome.—J. W. Marsden.

Battersea Open C.B.A.—May 6, Duchess of Devonshire, Lavender Road, Clapham Junction, 8. Mr. J. Robson lectures on the Norwich Canary. Fanciers welcome.—F. Easterling.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—May 5, New Inn. Station Street, 8. Weaning Young Canaries and Feeding after Weaning, also Colour-feeding, by Mr. W. Mason. Colour Feeding British Birds; by Mr. S. Hakes.—S. A. Dicken.

Bradford (East) O.S.—May 5, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrangements for next Ramble, and ordinary monthly business.—H. Hill.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—May 6, Bakers' Rooms, 8. Various business.—R. Whitton.

Coventry O.S.—May 6, Sydenham, 8.30. Arrangements for First Feather Show, July 4.—G. Peters.

City of Dundee and Dist. N.M. and B.B.A.—May 4, Doig's Rooms, 8. Classification for Open Show.—A. Miller.

City of Hull C.B.S.—May 4, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Members' Nest Feather Show; judge, Mr. T. Perkins, and discussion on Common Ailments of Cage Birds.—F. F. Potter.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—May 5, Burton Stores, 7.45. General Monthly Meeting. Arrangements for Inter-Club Show, judge, etc.—J. C. Heaton.

Chester and Dist. C.B.S. — May 5, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8. Usual monthly and other important business.—A. J. Red

City and County of Perth O.S.—May 4, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. Ordinary business.—J. Kerr.

Crook Original C.B., R. and P.S.—May 6, usual place, 7. Business important.—A. Bowes.

Clitheroe and Dist. C.B.S. — May 7, Bennett's Rooms, Moore Lane. Business, First Feather Show.—R. Lambert.

Cambridge C.B.S. — May 6, Forester, Burleigh Street, 8.15. Papers by Messrs. W. Linsey and F. Doggett on "Canaries" and "British Birds" respectively.—T. S. Moore.

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.—May 4, Landor Hotel, Landor Road, Clapham, 8.30. General business.—S. H. W. Baker.

Dulwich O.S.—May 6, Herne Tavern, Forest Hill Road, S.E., 8.30. Report of sub-committee on arrangements for Country Ramble, and election of new members.—Rogers and Mazzoni.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—May 6, George Hotel, 8. Business in connection with F.F. and Open Shows.—R. S. Black.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—May 7, Montpelier, Choumert Road, Peckham, S.E., 8. Lecture by Mr. Robson, entitled, "The Use and Abuse of Colour." Fanciers and friends welcomed.—W. Hodson.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S. — May 5, Bull's Head Inn, 8. Show business important.—F. W. Tomsett.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S. —May 2, Royal Hotel, 7.30. To fix dates and select judges for Members' F.F. Shows.—W. Charlesworth.

Exeter and Dist. C.B.S.—May 5, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Lecture and Practical Demonstration on "The Uniformity of Cages on the Show Bench and in the Bird Room," by Mr. J. Johnson.—R. H. Folley.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—May 7, 142, High Street, 8. Important business. No meetings in June, July, and August.—J. Welsh.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—May 2, Fountain Inn, 8.—W. Ashworth.

Enfield F.A.—May 6, Committee Meeting.—Ice Mills.

Edinburgh Eastern District O.S.—May 4, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbeymount, 8. General business; intending members' last chance for season. British bird fanciers of Society specially requested to attend; important discussion.—G. R. Smith.

Grimsby and Dist. O.S.—May 5, Hall of Science, Grimsby, 8. General business, Nest Feather Show, and Table Show of British Birds; fanciers invited.—Moore and Crowston.

Great Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—May 4, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30. Annual Ramble will take place May 10, from Town Gate, at 8 a.m. Fanciers and friends heartily invited.—G. Waddington.

Greenock, Port Glasgow and Gourock O.S.—May 6, Victoria Hall, 8. Business very important.—W. H. Stodter.

Gloster and Dist. C.B.S.—May 7, Ram Hotel, 8. Business important.—J. Houghton.

Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.—May 2, Room 5, Royal Hotel, Quarry Street, Hamilton, 7.30. Fixing date of young bird Show, and arranging for lectures at meetings. Intending members welcomed.—A. Cant.

Halifax O.S.—May 2, Griffin Hotel, 8. Buff Bird Show: Class 1, Buff Yorks.; Class 2, Novice do.; Class 3, Buff Nor.—J. F. Thackray.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—May 6, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitley Street, 8. Proposed Northern Federation, and Open Show business.—E. Woodhead.

Laisterdyke B.F.A. — May 6, Railway Hotel, 8. Classification of Members' Shows, etc.—J. Pownall.

Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.—May 4, Headquarters, 8. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House, on "The Yorkshire Canary." Friends invited.—B. F. Forse.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—May 5, Roebuck, Lewisham, 8. British and Foreign Bird Table Show. Visitors welcomed.—H. T. Lucas.

Leeds C.B.S.—May 2, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Haunts and Habits of British Birds. By A. Wilkins. Fanciers invited.—A. Wilkins.

Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.—May 9, Co-operative Room, 6.30. Business important. — Turner and Barker.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

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Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

One Mopy, Another Coughs.

"Amateur."—1. I am afraid you have been giving the niger, egg, etc., too liberally. Discontinue these extras for the present and give a diet of plain Canary only as a staple. Give a spray of chickweed, or two leaves of dandelion daily, and every second day a small teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake with a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. In the drinking water every second day for a week give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and a piece of dandelion extract as large as a small pea. After that give twelve drops of chemical food every second day, and five drops of tincture of steel on the alternate days for another fortnight. If bird then seems well enough drop sponge cake to twice a week, and give half teaspoonful of rape and hemp twice a week, on separate days. Do not give any more niger at all unless you want to breed with her, in which case you may give a few grains twice a week until she has laid. 2. To cure coughing and sneezing in the Norwich cock, see it is kept free from draught and chills; do not give cold baths until the weather is milder; and give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus. Keep water off cage for two hours before giving this, and shake vessel well before hanging on. Give this two days in every three for a week, or until the sneezing is stopped.

Unfertile Eggs.

"Puzzled."—The fact that your hen produces normal clutches of eggs so regularly is sufficient proof that she is not barren, so the cause of infertility is something else. I am inclined to think it is fatness, but as you say she was building another nest at time of writing, there is no time for you to treat her for this. Now matters have reached this stage you had better let her go on, and if she has not commenced laying when this reply appears, try the effect of adding twenty drops of sherry and three of tincture of steel to the water each day until she is about to begin laying. Also give a couple of dandelion leaves daily. Should the eggs again prove unfertile, separate her and treat as advised to "Novice" for a week. Then put her on the usual diet, but with a diminished quantity of egg food and fatty seeds; give the steel and sherry as mentioned above, and if it is not too late try her again with a vigorous, healthy cock that has not been overworked.

Mate for Crest.

Beginner, Sunderland.—You do not say whether your bird is a yellow or a buff. A clear Crest-bred hen of the opposite colour to the cock would be the best mate you could use in the absence of definite knowledge as to how the birds themselves were bred. Select a hen with a massive rounded skull, short, stout beak, wide at the base, and one heavily feathered, with good overhanging eyebrows. If you can further get such a hen which has been bred from a clear-body, dark-crested hen, and a clear cock, you may breed something good

How to Feed.

A. Ferry.—See reply to "H.C.O." this week. As your birds are now sitting you should not be giving egg food every day. This should have been gradually dropped off from the time the birds commenced to lay their eggs, and after they began to sit a teaspoonful once a week would be quite sufficient. The diet (whilst sitting) should be plain Canary, with a fourth part summer rape. A little egg food should be given when the young are expected to hatch, and then it should be continued, as mentioned in reply to "H.C.O." As you use sponge cake with your eggs you should, after the first two or three days, gradually bring the food to the proportion of three parts sponge cake to one part egg. Do not give more at one time than the birds clear up before you are ready to give a fresh supply. No sample of seed reached me. The above remarks, however, coupled with reply you are referred to, will tell you what are suitable seeds to feed on now. You would do well to read up notes on treatment of sitting hens, and hens with young, on our "Novices' Notebook" page the last week or two.

A Glutton Gone Wrong.

"Noviee."—Your bird is doubtless in a very much overfed condition. Give plain Canary seed only for a time, and for the first week limit to a teaspoonful a day. In addition give a free supply of chickweed, watercress, dandelion, or a little of the tops of young groundsel. Give coarse grit, and keep her in a large cage where she can get plenty of exercise. After the first week give, in addition to the Canary seed diet, a teaspoonful of sponge cake crumbs twice a week. In the drinking water give every second day for a week ten drops of glycerine and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence; next week give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Then repeat the salts for another week, and in the fourth week give the acid for the first two days, and for the rest of the week six drops tincture of steel every other day. Do not try to mate the bird until the end of the treatment and she is active and well.

Birds Dying, and Baldness.

F. Wilson.—1. The way in which your birds die is rather suggestive of septic fever; therefore, I would strongly advise you to send the next body to our *post-mortem* examiner as soon as possible after death. See rules for same. If you find this suspicion is verified you cannot do better than look up back numbers for the treatment of the complaint, or send 7d. to our manager for Dr. Clarke's handbook on the subject. Meantime, keep birds and cages very clean, drop egg food entirely, and if you want any substitute use crumbled sponge cake, Madeira cake, or even plain crushed biscuits, given dry, and add to the drinking water as much boric acid as will cover a sixpence. Do not introduce fresh birds until you are sure as to whether or not you have this infectious disease amongst your birds. 2. You cannot expect to cure loss of feathers without knowing the cause. Try following for a few weeks. Twenty drops of whiskey, ten of lemon juice, and in the water two days in every three as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. Give tepid baths frequently in which a pinch of bicarbonate of soda has been dissolved, and slightly anoint bare places with boracic ointment, or a little Zam-buk. Do this very sparingly so as not to soil the plumage.

A Question of Food.

H.C.O.—No, it is not necessary to discontinue use of all seeds for the first few days after the young are hatched. It is, indeed, inadvisable. You must continue the seed diet just as usual, and give egg food in addition. For the first day after the young are hatched supply half a teaspoonful of egg yolk twice—one in the morning, and another in the afternoon. Next day add a little biscuit powder or bread crumb to egg yolk, and gradually increase latter each day until you reach from two to three parts in bulk of biscuit or bread to one part of egg. Give this fresh at least twice a day, and in such quantities that the birds just clear it up a short time before the next supply is due. After the third day add a little green food, and cracked hemp; after the first week soaked rape may be added, and cracked hemp given in unlimited quantities. All the time the ordinary seed diet is given just as usual. 2. Yes, your young Roller cocks will require special training to make good songsters. The song may be bred in the birds ever so strongly, but it is good training that brings it out and develops it. You must place the birds as soon as they are doing well for themselves in a position where they can hear nothing but the song you wish them to learn.

A Lingering Hen.

W.R.L., Leeds.—The hen that is still keeping ill will not, I fear, be of much use this year. Continue to feed her plainly as before advised, but add now a small piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it every second day, and on alternate days give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus in the drinking water, for a fortnight. When first giving this it is best to keep the water off the cage for a couple of hours, then shake the water well and hang on, so that the bird may drink freely before the oil has all returned to float on the surface. Do not give this bird cold baths until the weather gets warmer. Glad the other bird has quite recovered.

Not Moulted, but Loses Feathers.

J. W. Burton.—There cannot be much the matter with your bird, as it appears in perfect health and sings so well. It is quite possible that the shedding of odd feathers, as you say, is the normal moult going on very slowly, as it will sometimes do. In that case the bird will probably soon begin to throw off its feathers more rapidly as the weather gets warmer. On the other hand, as the bird hangs so near the window there may be quite sufficient variation in the day and night temperature to account for the loss of stray feathers, as the curtains will barely prevent this, even if they are a proper protection from draughts. You should try moving him a little further away. Feed on a mixture of Canary, three parts; and rape, one part, as a staple; give a small pinch of hemp twice a week, and a crumb of sponge cake with five or six drops of sherry on it three times a week, and add six drops of tincture of steel to its water twice a week. Discontinue the two last items after a fortnight. Give a spray of green food daily.

Wants a Change.

J.W.F.—An old adage has it that variety is the spice of life, so perhaps you act on this principle in wishing to try the food you name for the rearing and colouring season, seeing that you have always done well with the usual egg and bread food. Candidly, I have not found this food "quite as good all round" as egg food, because some birds do not take to it freely at all, and I do not consider it so good a vehicle for colour food as the ordinary egg food, or even as good as plain bread crumb would be. I have not gone so far as to attempt to rear young upon it solely, though I believe other fanciers, whose word is worthy of credit, have done so. But, as I remarked to a correspondent a fortnight ago, do not make a complete change all at once. If you wish to make the change from a food that has always served you well to one about which you know practically nothing, do it gradually, and feel your way along. Start using it with two or three pairs only, and if you find it quite a success then you can extend the use of it another season. I should be glad to learn result of trial in any case.

Hen not in Condition.

G. M. Davey.—The reason the bird does not come into condition is that she is probably run down by being infested with grey lice, and is perhaps also in an overfed condition. The little silver coloured things you found at the base of the feathers on handling the bird point clearly to the first supposition. If you can either manage it yourself or get a fancier friend to do it for you, give the bird a wash by hand and put a little Jeye's Fluid in the first two basins. Then place in a clean cage and give a bath with a few drops of quassia essence in it each day, and at the end of the week you may repeat the hand-washing as before, which will thoroughly rid the bird of the pest. During this interval you should thoroughly clean the cage in which the bird has been kept, brushing it out well two or three times with a solution of one ounce camphor in half-pint of methylated spirit. Whilst under treatment drop the egg food, and give instead a small piece of sponge cake moistened with sherry. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and on alternate days give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil. See reply to "W.R.L." in this issue. After the first week discontinue this, and give instead six drops of tincture of steel three times during the week.

When Singleness is Bliss.

Q.E.D.—I expect the conclusion of this proverb applies to husbands as well as wives. Clearly it is not every young bird's fancy that in spring it "lightly turns to thoughts of love." I am rather inclined to think, however, that your supposed pair of birds are in reality two hens. If you are not quite sure on the point get someone who can inform you to look at them. If they are an undoubted pair, in addition to the usual diet of Canary seed give a spoonful of hemp and rape mixed in equal parts every second day, and on the intervening days a half teaspoonful of niger and just a sprinkling of gold of pleasure. Give also half a teaspoonful of egg food and two leaves of dandelion daily, and they should quickly come into condition now.

No Result.

E.A.C.—It is quite a usual thing for the hen to call to the cock when on the nest as yours did, and copulation frequently takes place on the side of the nest, so what you suspect is not the reason for the lack of result. I rather think the hens are at fault through not being in very good condition. Feed as advised to "Q.E.D." for a week or so, and you will probably find them get on better afterwards. If the green hen has got no further, you should take the nest away and let her start afresh after this extra feeding is showing its effect on her. Leave the cock with No. 2 hen whilst feeding up as they may begin to nest soon.

Breeding in Aviary.

"Trier."—It would be quite possible to breed in the aviary you name with two cocks and five hens flying loose. This is as much stock as you should allow in it to start with. Hang up eight or ten nest boxes or pans to prevent quarrels, and feed and treat as you would single pairs in cages, except that you should not disturb the birds by removing the eggs as laid. With ordinary luck you should do quite as well as by breeding in cages, and may even do better. You should look up our "Novices' Note Book" page, which will give you full details concerning this manner of breeding.

Breakers Ahead.

T.N., West Bromwich.—The trouble is all of your own making. When you wish to mate one cock with two hens, if you put all three birds together in a single breeding cage you are laying the foundation for heaps of trouble, as you have already found out. It is not practicable to breed with a group of birds flying together in a cage that is only meant for a single pair, and is small enough at that. What you ought to have done was to put each hen in a cage by herself, then place the cock in with the hen that was ready for him first, and after he had put her to nest and she had commenced sitting, you should have taken the cock away and put him with the second hen, leaving the first hen to hatch and rear the young by herself. When hen number two had commenced to sit, you should again have taken the cock away and kept him apart until the first hen was again ready for him for the second round. You will thus see that you required four breeding instead of two, beside a space cage for each of the cocks whilst they were waiting for the hens to get ready for the second brood. Had you done this you would probably have succeeded very well, as your birds seem to be in good condition. Adopt this plan at once, and you will find you will meet with better luck next time.

Eggs not Hatching.

"Beta."—You do not say at what time the last three eggs were laid. It is not uncommon for a hen to miss laying one day and then go on again and complete the clutch as though nothing had happened; but you do not appear to know whether this was the case with your hen. If it was so, then all the eggs are undoubtedly clear. You should test them by holding them up to a strong light in front of a piece of blackened cardboard, which has a small hole cut in the centre to allow the light to illuminate the egg whilst the eye is shaded. If the eggs appear transparent they are unfertile and may be thrown away at once. If you do not care to trust to this method you had better let the hen go on sitting until the fourteenth day from the time you noticed the additional three eggs. If they are not hatched by that time you may safely conclude that they are worthless. Then you should feed up the birds a week or so before they go to nest again, and give a couple of leaves of dandelion daily. The cold weather at the end of March was quite sufficient to account for the cock failing to fill the eggs this time.

An Ungallant Male.

"Retlaw."—Most cocks will carry a little food to the hen whilst she is sitting, but it is not so very rare to find one that refuses to wait upon his lady to this extent. Yours may, perhaps, be a little run down, but no harm will result from the hen having to leave the nest to obtain food for herself. Provided the bird is quite healthy, there is an advantage rather than otherwise in a cock acting as yours is doing, as they will often take up feeding the young when these are a few days old and are not so much addicted to harrying a hen about, and driving her to nest too soon, as one who is most attentive in feeding the hen on the nest.

Hens Panting on Nest.

A.J.K., L'boro.—There may be several causes for your hens appearing to pant sometimes whilst sitting. If they are in a warm room or place it may be simply that they occasionally feel a little overheated, whilst, on the other hand, if in a cold place a chill would bring about the same effect, with the difference that in the latter event the panting would be far more continuous. It would scarcely be brought on by the cocks feeding them unless they are in a greatly overfed condition generally, and are still being given egg food regularly, which should not be the case whilst the hens are sitting. You might add thirty drops of whiskey and ten of glycerine to the water for a day or two, and it will help the birds to throw off any slight cold they may have, and will do no harm in any case.

Norwich Hen Unwell.

"Hopeful."—Yes, as you remark, I am afraid you treated the hen a little too well early in the season. Put her on a diet of plain Canary seed only, with a spray or two of chickweed or watercress daily. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of crumbs of stale sponge cake with six drops of sherry well mixed amongst them. In the drinking water for the first three days give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and a piece of dandelion extract twice the size of a hemp seed. After that give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and on the intervening days twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Continue for a week, or a little longer if necessary. Finish up by giving six drops of tincture of steel for two or three days.

Peculiar Behaviour of Hen.

"Avis."—Had you supplied the hen with a nest-box and material? If you had not, I should say her peculiar behaviour, as it appeared to you, was nothing worse than the bird being very keenly on the look-out for these articles with which to commence nesting. It is quite possible she may be overfed, but as you say nothing whatever upon this point, I cannot tell whether this is likely to be the case or not. Give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. Then, if she seems all right and ready to mate, try her again and put in a nest pan and a tuft of moss for her to play with when you put the birds together. If this attempt fails write again and say how you have been feeding the birds.

Four in Hand.

"New Subscriber."—1. What I have said before is that some prepared foods are very good and useful for occasional use, but I would not rely upon them solely for rearing valuable young, for the reason that when I tried this the young so reared were behind any reared under similar conditions with the usual egg food. Why do not the breeders of our really high-class show birds discard egg for ready-prepared foods, and thereby spare themselves infinite trouble in preparing food? See my replies to several other querists during the last fortnight. If you think you would like to make the experiment by all means do so. You say that the vendor of the food in question claims to have used nothing else for a long stretch of years, and that must surely be evidence in its favour. I must in fairness say that I have not made a definite attempt to rear young solely upon this particular food. 2. The shells are usually thrown out of the nest by the hen, or get crushed so that they are harmless. You need not try to remove them. As regards giving a new nest, you should get a new nest pan or box similar to the one in use, mould a new nest in it with a hot egg, dust lightly with insect powder, and then remove the old nest box or pan from the cage; place the young in the new nest and put back in cage. Burn the old nest at once. Make the change in the evening when the birds are about going to roost. 3. The young may leave the nest at any time from about twenty to twenty-eight days. It all depends upon how they have been fed. When they are getting fledged keep them very quiet so as not to frighten them and cause them to leave the nest too soon. You cannot get them back to the nest after they have left it unless they elect to go back of their own accord. 4. You have rather misjudged the exact position. Look again more carefully, and you will see that very often the tail of the cock is depressed much below that of the hen, and the latter's is held to one side, and is often raised above the normal. The sketch you made is rarely, if ever, seen in the real act. Cannot be more explicit here for obvious reasons.

Songster and Roller.

A. Rushen.—Considering the age of your common singing bird, and the violence of the fits you say it now has, it would be much the kindest thing you could do to get a chemist to chloroform it for you and put it out of its misery. It will not do any more good, and treatment will be quite useless, for all the permanent good it would do. If you really wish to try what you can do for it, feed it as you do the Roller, and give a half teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake every day for a time, well mixing with it one day five drops of sherry, and the next day four drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and four of chemical food. For the first week give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the water every second day, and for two or three weeks after twelve drops of chemical food every second day. 2. There does not appear to be anything at all wrong with the Roller except that it is a bit puffy. Give it a dose of salts as above for one day only, and the next three days add six drops of tincture of steel to its water. You do not say what you want to know about this bird. If it has not sung since you had it, it is probably a hen. Its actions are simply those of a bird who is anxious to mate.

Two Rounds of Clear Eggs.

C.H.B.—Your cock bird is clearly badly out of condition; you must have mated them much too early for them to have had two nests already. There does not seem to be very much the matter with your feeding if your seeds are good. Now you have separated the birds you should try to bring them into a better condition, and you may yet have time for one nest from them, which is all I would advise you to take from them this year. Do not mate them until they are a good vigorous health, and the cock in full song; if you do, you will be wasting the energy of the birds for nothing. Treat as follows: For staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape; every second day give the cock half a teaspoonful of hemp, and on alternate days a small piece of sponge cake crumbled, and slightly sprinkled over with gold of pleasure seed. Three times a week give the hen a small pinch of inga, and on each of the other days a little sponge cake. Each day give both a small spray of chickweed, or two leaves of dandelion. In the drinking water for the first two days give

each as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and follow this up by twelve drops of chemical food in the water every second day, and six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid on the alternate days for a week or fortnight. If the birds seem well enough by that time drop the acid and give six drops of tincture of steel for two or three days. Should the cock appear to keep backward add five drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the crumbled sponge cake twice a week.

Sat Tight and Killed Young.

W. E. Cross.—The reason your hen sat tight last year, as you say, and killed the young, is that she was a "sweater," and perhaps a non-feeder, too. Look up our "Novices' Notebook" page for the last two or three weeks for information on the subject, and how to deal with it, which you will find there in much greater detail than can be given here. You will also find the question of food for the young largely dealt with. The usual food for rearing the young is composed of hard-boiled yolk of fresh eggs minced finely, and well mixed with at least twice its bulk of bread crumb or powdered biscuit. This must always be kept perfectly sweet and fresh, and should never be kept over from one day to the next. It should be given to the birds in small quantities two or three times a day. You can probably remove the cock from the hen that is sitting all right, and leave the hen to hatch and rear the young herself. Most hens will do this, but one occasionally meets with hens that will not; therefore, you must take notice of the hen for a day or so after removing the cock to see if she leaves the nest and stays off, in which case you must return the cock to her at once. If she sits contentedly without him, you may, of course, mate him with the other hen, and return him to hen No. 1 when her young are about three weeks old.

Brevities.

Laid Only One Egg (P.H.L.S.).—If hen is still sitting steadily, and you can get two or three fertile eggs from common Canaries, I should advise getting them, placing them under her at once; allow her to hatch and rear them. After this she might go to nest in due course, and lay a full complement of eggs. If you cannot do this let her go on sitting for another week, and then take away the nest, and let them begin over again. Feed up a little, and do not give nest box again until hen appears ready to begin nesting. The egg the hen laid might have been "pin-holed" by overgrown claws. You should see if the claws need trimming before she begins nesting again.

Coughs and Sneezes (J.T.S.).—See the bird is kept quite free from draught and chills, and do not give cold baths until weather is warmer. In drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus every day for a week, and if not quite recovered by that time give the same medicine every second day for a week longer, and on the intervening days ten drops of chemical food. Give a small piece of sponge cake every second day, but no egg food, and a little green food daily.

Make no Progress (No Name).—You probably put the birds together before they were ready, which is the reason they are dallying about so long. They will doubtless set to work as soon as the weather gets settled again, so you must try to exercise that grand virtue of patience—in big letters—a little longer. Instead of egg food, as now, give a teaspoonful of crumbled sponge cake, with ten drops of sherry and a small pinch of gold of pleasure seed well mixed with it each day, and give two dandelion leaves per bird daily instead of watercress. This will bring them on faster.

Cock "Goes for" Hen (C. Lees).—Did not it occur to you that you contradicted yourself in the same breath, so to speak, when you say the "cock goes at the hen with open mouth, and again that he "does not seem to take any notice of her"? As a matter of fact the birds are going on all right, but the recent snap of cold has perhaps caused them to "slow down" a little. Leave them alone and you will find things come right. It is quite a common thing for a cock to leave off singing when mated.

Swelling Beside Beak (M. Rae).—The swelling you describe is probably a tumour, which a veterinary, or a medical man interested in the matter, might easily remove when ready, but I cannot advise you to interfere with it yourself as you might only make matters worse. Should it appear to cause the bird much suffering it would be kindest to have it chloroformed.

Crest-bred Cock (Another Novice).—Although you say the bird looks and acts in every way like a cock, the fact that you cannot get it to sing at all proves otherwise. Am rather inclined to think it a hen. You cannot do much more than you have done already, except to be patient and see what warmer weather will do. Try following: In addition to staple food of Canary give a teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake, with a small pinch of gold of pleasure seed every second day, and on intervening days a teaspoonful of an equal mixture of hemp and rape, and two leaves of dandelion daily; twice a week five drops of tincture of steel in drinking water. Of course, you will drop egg food altogether whilst thus feeding.

Hen Wheezing (A.G.).—Your surmise about the open window causing the bird's trouble is undoubtedly correct. Keep her fairly warm, quite free from draughts and chills, and give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of syrup of squills, and ten of glycerine in each two tablespoonfuls of its drinking water for a few days. Feed as is so often advised in this column, and give as extras half a teaspoonful of hemp seed one day, and half a teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake with five drops of sherry mixed with it the next.

Has Relapses (J.E.H.).—You evidently stop treatment too early, or fail to tone up the bird at end. First, closely examine cage to see if insects are the cause of any irritation. Keep bird fairly warm and quite free from draughts. Give a tepid bath on mild days, in which a few quassia chips have been soaked, but guard against chills following. Feed on plain Canary, with green-food *ad. lib.*, and give half a teaspoonful of scalded rape twice a week, and a small piece of sponge cake with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled over with gold of pleasure seed three times a week. Discontinue other foods. In the drinking water give ten drops each whiskey and glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash for a week as will cover a sixpence, and on intervening days ten drops chemical food. For a fortnight give the whiskey and glycerine as above, and one drop of eucalyptus oil, on one day; next, give twelve drops of chemical food; and the third, plain water. Repeat again and again during fortnight. After that give six drops aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, which should tone up the system and prevent relapse.

About Nests (H.C.B.).—Sorry, am not quite conversant with the "Scotch style" of nests you mention; I should say you should certainly soften the felt in hot water before placing on mould, and allow it to remain on mould until dry. The glue would be put on, I should say, when felt was nearly, but not quite, dry, so that the glue would dry and become hard whilst the felt finished drying. To make nests from "leather or cardboard"—I presume you mean leather-board—you would require to mould the pulp from which these boards are made into the desired shape, if you wished to do it properly. You could, at a pinch, mould the flat pieces of cardboard the same as you would felt by thoroughly saturating the board with water first. Leather nests would have to be cut in sections and sewn together like a football, and would, of course, require some skill, or knowledge of the work. Ordinary starch paste may be used for fixing swansdown linings.

A Record Layer (Perplexed).—The continuous laying such as you describe is due to an abnormally active condition of the ovaries. Such hens are often most lusty and healthful, but unfortunately are of little practical use, unless they should happen to be of more than ordinary typical excellence, when one might turn them to advantage by sitting their eggs under foster parents and "keeping them for laying." Such abnormal production would be valued in a poultry yard, but in the ordinary type of Canary it has its disadvantages. I cannot tell how to prevent it, neither do I think it would be wise to drug such a bird. If you have an outdoor aviary, or a room in which the birds can fly loose, you might put the hen there, and try the effect of more exercise.

Two Eggs in One Day (A.D.).—Assuming you made no mistake and overlooked the first egg laid, it is certainly a very uncommon thing for a Canary to lay two eggs in one day. The occurrence, however, is not wholly unprecedented. The fact that both eggs appeared to be laid before 5.30 a.m., which is earlier than the majority of single eggs are laid, would seem to point to an overnight of the first egg. When you looked in the nest the previous night it is possible there were two eggs, one of which would be hidden by a tuft of moss or hair. You can generally judge the order in which a clutch of eggs is laid by the marking—the first being the most profusely speckled, and each subsequent one lighter.

Cannot Stand (Reader).—It is possible sore feet may be the cause of this bird's trouble. Examine, and if you find them sore, bathe in a warm strong solution of boric acid for a few minutes; dry them carefully, and slightly anoint with zinc ointment. Repeat operation two or three times at intervals of three days. If feet are not sore, and bird appears very fat, treat for a week as advised to "Novice" for a glutton, and continue as below. If not fat, give every second day a small piece of sponge cake with five drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and half a teaspoonful of scalded rape twice a week. In drinking water give twelve drops of chemical food every second day, and on alternate days six drops of tincture of steel.

Loss of Feathers (T.F.N.).—You give not the slightest clue to the cause of the loss. See latter half of reply to "F. Wilson" in this issue, and try that treatment for a few weeks. Feed on a staple of Canary seed three parts and summer rape one part, and give a spray of green food daily—chickweed preferably. Three times a week give a small piece of sponge cake with five drops of chemical food on it. It is doubtful whether the plumage will be reproduced in any case before next moulting time.

To Baffle Red-Mite (R.T., Willenhall).—The most invaluable aid to keeping this pest at bay is to make a good beginning by thoroughly overhauling the cages and room generally, as was described in "Novices' Notebook" at the proper time. Then to continue through the season you should dust nests and spaces between cages, and the staging, if any, occasionally with fresh pyrethrum powder. As soon as the weather begins to get warm, add a few drops of essence of quassia to bath twice a week. For touching joints and corners about once a week, keep a solution of camphor in methylated spirit—an ounce of the former to half a pint of the latter. Dip a small brush in this and paint on any place likely to harbour mites. The smell will pass off very quickly, and will not harm birds. This is far and away the best thing I know. Its only weak point is that it quickly removes any kind of spirit enamels and varnish, but will not hurt oil paints and enamels. If you object to this, you can use fir tree oil in same way.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Bullfinches and Cochineal.

Colonel.—The cause of melanism (like albinism) is not definitely known. I should find it very difficult to believe that exposure to sunshine, "is, or may be, the cause of the loss of the rose plumage," as you put it. I believe that the tendency to either albinism or melanism is usually hereditary (constitutional). But the assumption of freakish feathering is known to follow illnesses, especially a bad moult, and also wrong feeding. That Bullfinches are liable to moult out black if fed continuously (or over freely) on hemp seed, is well known to fanciers. There is very, very little fear of the generality of healthy birds ever turning into "freaks." You seem very alarmed at the prospect, though; most people who write me seem rather pleased that they should own something out of the ordinary. Cochineal is a red colouring derived from the cochineal insect, and is not injurious. To give it in the drinking water is a well-known wheeze of the old-time Canary breeder; but it is not comparable with pepper in its colouring effects on the plumage; it usually, indeed, being given in addition thereto. It would not injure Goldfinches, I should think, or any other Finches, for that matter—if given in reasonable quantity.

Slack in Feather.

A. H.—From the additional particulars you supply, I have little hesitation in saying that it is the heated living room which keeps the Goldfinches in loose feather. You should get a syringe (any of our large dealers will supply you with a suitable one), such as barbers use, and spray the birds very lightly every morning with cold water turned just slightly milky in colour by the addition of two or three drops of Scrubb's Cloudy Ammonia. Don't half-drown the birds every time. I think you will find a course of this treatment effect a decided improvement in the birds, assuming, of course, that you are correct in stating nothing ails them, and that red mite are not troubling.

Thrushes and Rooks.

X. Y. Z.—1: In an aviary 7 by 7 by 9 ft., facing south, and devoted to one pair of birds, I do not think you would experience much difficulty in getting the two tame (hand reared) Thrushes to nest. Whether they would successfully rear the young on the ordinary soft food I am not prepared to say. You should stand a good sporting chance of their doing so, and I think you would stand an excellent chance if you could supplement it with mealworms, garden worms, and gentles or small "black-beetles," none of them difficult to obtain. 2: See reply to an enquirer on Magpies this week. You ought to hand-rear young Rooks easily on game meal (without grit), moistened with boiling water and allowed to cool, especially if you beat a hard-boiled egg into each teacupful. If you cannot get the game meal, use a good brand of terrier cakes, or ordinary dog biscuits. Occasionally stir in half-a-teaspoonful of sharp, gritty sand. Mealworms, garden worms, tiny cubes of meat, rabbit flesh, etc., and "black-beetles," will all be acceptable to growing Rooks.

To Part or Not to Part.

Penyenick.—Until one "knows" one's Finches it is imperative that they should be shut off from the hen Canary, while she is laying the eggs. This applies to Linnets, Siskins, Twites, Greenfinches, or any other mating Finches, equally as strongly as to Goldfinches. It is often necessary to separate them from the hen during greater part of the time she is building, for some will throw the nesting material out of the nest box as fast as the hen puts it in, or "rag" the nest as soon as she has it approaching completion. Such meddlesome customers I run with the hens for about an hour early morning, and in the evening only, the wired slide separating them between times (making sure, of course, that the couple are "mating" as they ought to). In cases of this kind, after the evening "session," the almost completed nest will most likely be found to have been severely mauled by the Finch, and it will be necessary for the fancier to take the nest-box out of the cage and reshape the nest with his hands (or with a hot hard-boiled egg). When the hen has laid her third egg it is unnecessary to run the Finch in with her any more. It is this oft-times necessary parting of a mating couple which leads me to always recommend beginners to start with either two or three compartment breeding cages, as to merely have to push a slide down the centre to separate the birds, and draw it out again to run them together, is much the easiest and simplest way, and a great saving of time, too. The Fancier with the one-compartment cage has to catch out his Finch every time, and unless the Finch is an "old campaigner," he does not relish this, while the hen Canary is also likely to be upset, especially if at all nervous, and the fancier happens to be a bit clumsy at the job.

Best Muling Couple for Novice.

Novice.—All things considered, I should say a healthy, steady house-moulted cock Linnet is about the best bird a novice can select to commence Mule-breeding with. Generally they are inoffensive as regards meddling with eggs and nest, and make good husbands. I have an old bird now which will both sit on the eggs and help feed the young. It sometimes happens, however, that one will pull the nest about (especially when the hen is building and sitting), and occasionally they will either break or throw out the eggs. Even these birds, however, will often make good fathers once the young hatch out. You must, as with all other Fiuches, get to know your birds' dispositions, and act accordingly. It is often dangerous, it should be noted, to try and run a Linnet with two hens in one season, for generally they do not appreciate a second wife providing the first one is to their liking. Some Goldfinches are models of good behaviour in the breeding cage; and so are odd Greenfinches. With such birds, of course, the beginner's part would be equally easy. As regards the correct time for mating, I cannot add anything to the very lengthy answer I gave "Beginner" on this point in our issue of April 18th. The "correct time" is when both the birds are ready. See also reply to "Penyenick" this week.

Young and Old Thrushes.

Novem.—1: You will find particulars of the hand-rearing process in the reply to "A. Horan" this week. I always found it very simple, if a trifle wearisome. 2: It is not safe to entirely stop the hand-feeding, so long as any of the youngsters "gape" to be fed. 3: The following is a suitable menu to wean them on to when ready to feed themselves. This stock mixture any good seller of bird foods will mix for you (store it in tins): Game (or Pheasant or Partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupae, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the game (or other) meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes make an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal, and silkworm pupae. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little water, or grated raw carrot, or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hardboiled egg, twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. Black-beetles and snails (especially snails dropped into boiling water for a few minutes, then chopped up), are much relished.

Hand-rearing Thrushes and Blackbirds.

A. Horan.—This is a question I get asked an enormous number of times yearly, and I hope other readers likely to want the information will cut the reply out and keep it by them. Glad to know you have found my Lark food so successful. Blackbirds and Thrushes are very easy to rear from the nest, and many people do so on nothing but bread and milk. Equal parts of stale bread and best ants' eggs (freed from rubbish), made very moist with new milk, would be a very fair food. To rear strong, lusty youngsters, however, the method I prefer is as follows:—Boil a fresh egg ten minutes, and, when cold, well mix with a fork the yolk and a little (say a third) of the white into two crushed Osborne biscuits; add to this a tablespoonful of best ants' eggs (removing bits of stick and rubbish, if present), stirring all well together. Just before you feed, take the necessary portion of food and make it into a sloppy consistency with new milk. In hot weather (and at all times) be careful the food is always fresh and sweet. Feed a little at a time only, but very often, from dawn to dusk; and a feed after dark is not at all a bad thing. Cut a few mealworms into pieces, also, dip them into milk, and drop them into the nestlings' mouths. As the youngsters grow, too, add now and then a pinch of small but sharp and gritty sand to the food. It seems to act as a preventative of looseness of the bowels (or diarrhœa). Give also at all times flies and like small insects; and live ants' eggs if you can get them. Young birds want feeding once an hour (do not "dull" them at any time) at first; every two hours or so at later stages. Cease hand-feeding when they cease to "cry" to be fed, and are picking up food for themselves. Keep warm, cosy, and scrupulously clean. No special appliance is necessary for the feeding. I have used a large, blunted (with a pen-knife) match-stick with every success; likewise a quill tooth-pick with all sharp corners removed. The handiest implement I ever possessed, however, was a little bone mustard spoon, which I cut to a suitable shape and different sizes at each end (handle and bowl), and smoothed off with very fine glass-paper. Different fanciers have different ideas though, and once used to a certain thing cannot feed with any other. I expect many too, will be trying the glass syringe idea. Put the food well down at the back of the tongue, and always be careful not to bruise or lacerate the tender mouths of the nestlings.

To Hand Rear a Magpie.

G. G. Hay.—You should have no trouble in hand-rearing a Magpie. I well remember hearing a friend of mine say that although he could never hand-rear small birds, Jays, Jackdaws, Magpies, and the like, he found as easy to bring up as young elephants. If you mix finely-minced hard-boiled egg with an equal quantity of very stale bread crumb, and moisten it with new milk when feeding, you should get along all right. If you get several young Jackdaws, however, you will find it cheaper to use scalded and mashed up puppy biscuits (of best quality), with which you can mix the egg in the proportion of three parts biscuit to one of egg. You can give the youngsters mealworms, by all means, and smallish garden worms, cut into suitable pieces, should also certainly be supplied. Occasionally you can scrape a small piece of lean mutton or beef (or mince it up very finely) and give amongst the food; or a little tender cooked meat can be given. Personally, however, I fight shy of meat as much as possible, for I am certain it upsets the stomach of most birds (sets up diarrhœa), especially when much used raw. I prefer boiled or stewed rabbit flesh to all other, when obtainable. Mix a good big pinch of fine grit amongst the food now and again, or about half a teaspoonful of powdered cuttlefish bone. You can give the birds a drink of plain water after each meal, if you like, and you can please yourself about adding ants' eggs to the stock food. If any nestling should get a touch of diarrhœa (which is unlikely if you give the cuttlefish or grit), well mix a saltspoonful of prepared chalk powder (from any good chemist) amongst a portion of the food fed to it. Repeat after an interval, if it seems necessary. Both sexes talk, and the way to teach them is to repeat short, catchy phrases over frequently to the birds. A very big box cage is needed, or the tail feathers suffer badly. It is not easy to sex young Magpies, but the smallest invariably turn out hens. For food, when adult, see reply to "H. S. Welsh" in issue of April 11.

Linnet Canary Muling Couple.

Klondyke.—The stock seed mixture of your Linnet and Canary couple should be Canary and teazle, one and a half pints each; summer rape and charlock, half a pint each. Then make up three mixtures as follows: (a) Hemp, two parts; niger, one part; linseed, half a part by measure; (b) maw, thistle, dandelion, gold of pleasure, and lettuce equal parts of each, likewise by measure; (c) a good wild seed mixture. A heaping tablespoonful of one of these three mixtures should be given the birds every day (in a separate vessel; not with the stock mixture), taking them in turn. This treatment will bring them into the best possible condition, providing the birds are in good health, and are being kept under proper conditions. Egg bread should only be given if your Linnet is very near breeding condition, which you can tell by his song and the colour of his beak, as it will only bring your hen to nest before the Linnet is fit. If she is backward, a good teaspoonful should be given every day. All the early, young, tender dandelion leaves you can find should be gathered, likewise shepherd's purse and chickweed, and a good feed be given the birds daily. If they don't breed under this treatment, they will never breed at all.

More about Thrushes.

F. T. S.—1: To make a really good singer, a hand-reared bird always wants bringing up under the tuition of a good-noted, free singing old bird. This fact may influence your choice. 2: For hand-rearing details see other replies this week. 3: The young should be taken at the age of ten to twelve days; that is, when the pen feathers are just nicely showing through. If left too late it is troublesome at times to get them to gape for food. Still, I have had nests and been successful when some of the young have popped out over the side. 4: When the young are well on food, they soon, if in good health, begin to "record" (that is, try over their song), and the young males can be picked out by the vigorous way in which they go at it, their throats working away like the bellows of a concertina.

Brevities.

Linnet and Hen Canary (J. R. M.).—In reply to "Klondyke" in this week's issue, I give full details of the method of feeding a Linnet for mule breeding, and if you adopt that method your bird should soon come into full song. As a mate for him you will find it difficult to better a good-sized yellow hen of Norwich type, heavily variegated preferred.

Brown and Gray (Mary).—Yes: the "brown" and "gray" Linnet are one and the same bird. Linnets when young are very grey in colour; the older they get, broadly speaking, the browner they get.

Siskin Ailing (Maldon).—You did quite right to restrict the diet of the Siskin. Give teazle in addition to the canary seed. As medicine, dissolve as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give three or four doses on alternate days, plain water in between. A lengthy fly round a room daily might assist matters, if you can manage it for the bird.

Canary Seed (G. T. Robson).—I should not continue to use canary seed which my birds treated in the way yours have the sample sent. Try another lot of seed from a fresh place, and see how the birds get along with it. You ought to have sent some with the shell on.

Linnets Ailing (My Girl).—I only wish I could afford a girl! Reduce the proportion of rape seed, and for the English rape substitute charlock seed; also add teazle seed to the stock mixture. Give half-a-teaspoonful of maw seed daily to each bird. For 10 or 12 days add daily 10 drops of tincture of gentian to every two tablespoonfuls of their drinking water.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

SNOW AND THE CUCKOO.

SIR,—It may interest you and readers of CAGE BIRDS to know, that despite the snow that covered hill and vale recently, I heard the Cuckoo several times on the 2nd of April. Is not this a rare occurrence?

Worcestershire. T. SOUTHAM.

CAUSE OF BIRDS GAPING.

SIR,—I should feel greatly obliged if any of your readers would tell me the reason of old and young birds gaping. I keep some upstairs in a cold room, and some in the kitchen, and they are all alike. My feed is three parts plain Canary seed and one part hemp and a little maw, rape and niga seeds.

R.R.B.

AN EXPERIMENT ON AN EGG-BOUND HEN.

SIR,—I had a hen egg-bound on April 25th. I first applied castor oil to beak and vent, and then put a gill bottle of boiling water corked up and wrapped in flannel in cage. I then covered cage front with a woollen shawl and put the hen gently in nest. To my surprise next morning, she had laid two eggs. This is the second time I have tried this experiment with success. I always hang nest bags outside cage, as the birds are liable to get their feet entangled and hang themselves when inside.

J. BREWERTON.

A CANARY SEED PROBLEM.

SIR,—In reply to "Airship," permit me to say that if he gets a bucket containing some of that which is mixed with whisky (water) and throws his seed in it, the real seed will sink and the chaff will swim. Pour the liquid and the chaff off and the seed will lie at the bottom. If he wishes to dry the seed he can do so. But if he performs the experiment as quickly as possible, the seed will only become damp on the outsides and will very soon be dry again if left. If there is any dust in the mixture, he should put the seed through a seive first (before trying the trick), and if he empties it into a tin or box till he gets a quantity he will then have some worth drying when he gets the chaff out.

CONSTANT READER.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR MORLEY (YORKS.)

SIR,—A meeting of the Morley fanciers was held at the Sycamore Hotel, Morley. There were about 20 present. Mr. W. Stead was voted to the chair. On Mr. Kinder's proposition, seconded by Mr. Smith, it was decided to form a society. The name was agreed on as Morley and Dis. Cage Bird Society. Mr. Stead was appointed chairman, myself secretary, and Mr. Pyrah, treasurer, all *pro tem.* The subscription is to be 6d. entrance fee, and 1d. a week. Our next meeting will be held at Sycamore Hotel on May 9th, at 8 o'clock prompt. It is hoped that all Morley fanciers will attend to help to make our society one of the best.

ROBT. H. TURNER,
Hon. Sec., *pro tem.*

33, Nelson Place, Morley.

BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB AND ITS JUDGES.

SIR,—Once again I crave space to answer the many questions asked by your correspondent, Mr. Lambie. First, he states that I can neither write well, nor think justly. I put that down to his own bad manners, though I am sorry to use such an expression. I have told him that his remarks re outside judges, etc., did not bear on the point at issue; also that the Border Fancy Club did not confer the qualifications necessary in a judge. Again, I pointed out to him that had the heading to this discussion (which is mine) been "The Border Fancy Canary and its Judges," his tirade might have been in order. I see he has now the cheek to ask you to change it! Let me tell him once for all that I have no grievance against any of the many breeders outside the ranks of the B.F.C.C., whether they are judges or not. I may also tell Mr. Lambie that I have many staunch fancier friends amongst them; indeed, more I believe than I have among the members of the club. Further, I have no interest in the B.F.C.C., so far as holding any office in it—I am only one member trying to do my duty to it. Although Mr. Lambie seems so cock sure that it might have more than the 300 members (a misstatement, this, which I will leave to some of the club officials to enlighten him upon), I admire its splendid record. I have no hesitation in saying that it has placed the Border on the lofty pedestal it now so proudly occupies. Furthermore, its handsome model (so ably portrayed in CAGE BIRDS recently by your artist, and so well commented upon) is the admiration of the bird-loving world. I held no difference of opinion with the Club previous to this rule being passed. Its great record has been gained by the unlimited freedom it gave to its members, and I am indeed sorry to see this rule recorded in its minutes, which might cause its future members and the rising generation to pause and wonder. There is one point in my first letter whereon I was at fault. I thought the rule restricted judges to only two shows during the season; but from letters I have received from Mr. Jamieson and others, this is not so. A member can take on as judge as many variety shows as he chooses, also club shows, and is only restricted to two open shows in the season, whereat the club patronage is granted. This gives a judge more scope, and if he is popular he may be out as often as he feels inclined. I apologise for making this mistake. By my reference to "novices," I intended to indicate a member who had not been out as a judge before, and not a novice breeder of this variety. In conclusion, I may say I hold the same views now that I did two years ago, when a somewhat similar proposal was brought forward at the general meeting, that the club select from amongst its members its own club judges. This was then defeated. When I spoke against it, I stated that each member paid the same entrance fee, viz., 2s. 6d., therefore let all have an equal chance of sharing the honour, if there were any derived from being asked to judge, and that I thought the societies who asked our patronage might well be allowed their own discretion to choose whom they thought would suit them best. Now, if Mr. Lambie wishes to continue this correspondence, as far as your humble servant is concerned, he must confine himself to my previous letters, wherein I state that I wish to know how this rule was going to advance the club's interests. I will answer arguments on this point, but will not be bullied to answer any question touching on any subject, and whether I have a grievance against it or not.

J. PATTERSON.

ROLLER CANARIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I may say I quite agree for Mr. Robson to act as joint arbitrator, and will abide by whatever decision you arrive at, without any appeal at law.

WALTER WHITTAKER.

[We have received a further letter from Mr. Whittaker, and one from Mr. T. W. Walton, bearing on matters connected with this case, but as the same is now in the arbitrators' hands, and *sub judice* as it were, we are unable to publish them.—EDITOR.]

[Just as we go to press, we hear that Mr. Robson has consented to act with ourselves as joint arbitrators in this matter, and we may be able to publish the result in our next issue.—EDITOR.]

A LINNET AND GOLDFINCH PROBLEM.

SIR,—I see several of your readers are wanting to know how to keep Linnets in song and the best way of feeding. I have been a Linnet fancier for eight years, and have had good birds as well as bad ones, so I will give them my idea on feeding and they may take it for what it is worth. I might say that nearly all the members of the society, to which I belong, use the same kind of seed. We always keep the birds and cages clean and then there is not much fear of red mite. We spray them once or twice a week and feed on three parts English rape seed and one part Canary with a little dandelion seed and lettuce seed two or three times a week. I am sure that if your readers try this, they will agree that the birds will sing better than on anything else.

ELSE CAR.

SIR,—Seeing the correspondence re Linnet feeding in CAGE BIRDS, I thought my experience (a novice) might be interesting to some of your readers. I bought a fresh-caught Linnet for 6d. in Newcastle Bird Market, in November, and fed him on Canary and rape chiefly, giving linseed, inga, teazle and a little maw and hemp occasionally (very little hemp to avoid getting too fat). He is kept in a very cold room which unfortunately is a little damp. During March I gave him, as a treat, a little dandelion seed every three or four days, and this brought him into good breeding condition, so I paired him to a buff Yorkshire hen about the third week of March and they started house-keeping at once. She laid four eggs on the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, and hatched three Mules on the 22nd. One looks clear and the other two are dark. The hen had just finished sitting on four eggs from a Yorkshire cock, which were unfertile owing to being paired too early I think. The Linnet sat on the edge of the nest all the 14 days and is now helping to feed the young ones, which I hope to rear in spite of the snow and frost we have had during the last week. I think this is very early for Linnet Mules in the North, and should like to know if any of your readers have got any yet. I thank you for all the information I have had from your useful paper, which has often saved me a bird, and has been my only guide to bird-keeping.

J. E. ATKINSON.

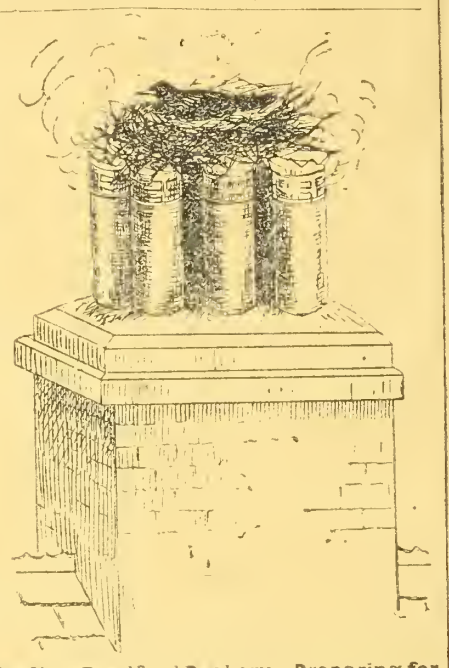
THE REMOVAL OF BIRDS.

SIR,—I should be glad if any of your readers could tell me the best mode of removing my birds with their young. A Norwich hen's clutch is due to hatch on May 4th, and that of a Yorkshire hen on May 11th. I have to remove my home, within the course of two or three weeks, which necessitates a railway journey of 90 miles. I trust some fancier can help me.

MARLEY.

ROOKS NEST ON A CHIMNEY TOP.

SIR,—The note I sent you a few weeks ago with reference to the pair of Rooks building their nest on a chimney pot, at the top of Washington Street, Bradford, was received with evident misgiving by many fanciers, the general opinion seeming to be that the pair would be Jackdaws, such a thing as Rooks building in a place of this description being considered absurd. Jokingly, I suggested that the pair anticipated cold and unseasonable weather, and had evidently hit upon this, therefore, as an ideal place, seeing that probably a little artificial heat would be welcome for the successful rearing of the brood.



The New Bradford Rookery. Preparing for the time when the trees are a relic of the past; or is it an incubator?

This has once again proved the correctness of the well-known adage: "Many true words are spoken in jest," as the weather during the past week would have done credit to Christmas times, as much as eight degrees of frost being recorded on a thermometer placed outside on Friday morning, April 24th. The pair of Rooks are now busily engaged feeding their family, and the result is being eagerly watched by fanciers residing in the immediate vicinity. The enclosed sketch of the situation may not be without interest.

SAMUEL DEAN.

A WORD FOR VARIEGATED BIRDS.

SIR,—I was delighted to see such an excellent drawing of my variegated Norwich on the front page of CAGE BIRDS. I am rather fond of a variegated bird, and never hesitate to exhibit a typical specimen. There are, I know, a number of fanciers who run away with the idea that a variegated bird stands no chance of getting first in a class wherein clears are eligible to compete. So far this has not been my experience; as a matter of fact I have been fortunate enough to win many firsts in A.V. classes with variegated birds, under such judges as Messrs. Gardner, Heath, House, Mackley and Robson, and I have no hesitation in saying that in my opinion, not one of the judges named would think of letting a clear bird close their eyes to a more typical and better qualitied variegated specimen. Judging from the number of would-be purchasers of variegated birds this season, I cannot help thinking that fanciers are awakening to the fact that they cannot make very rapid progress without some green blood in their stock. I would strongly advise novice breeders of the Plainhead Norwich, who are trying to build up a stud, not to be led to believe that the variegated birds are not wanted to breed exhibition specimens. In order to confirm that I practise what I preach, I can truthfully state that out of sixteen pairs of birds I am putting up this season, there are only two pairs where both birds are clears, and in those two pairs there is a very large percentage of green blood. My first nest of youngsters hatched yesterday, April 25th. I examined four more nests of eggs this morning, and found one with five fertile eggs and other three with four fertile in each nest, the thermometer in my bird-room standing at 59 degrees.

A. W. CURTIS.

PRIZE-MONEY AT GREENWICH SHOW.

SIR,—I notice in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, that the Greenwich and Deptford club is under new management. I should like to know if the present hon. secretary is going to pay the prize-monies from their November show? Myself and wife obtained two first and two thirds, and I have not received anything at present.

HENRY LOWE.

TWINS.

SIR,—I am sending to you for inspection a freak of nature—it consists of twin Norwich Plainheads. I thought very little about it at the time, but having opened the egg, just threw it away in the refuse pail. On letting some of my brother fanciers know about it, however, they advised me to send it on to you, Mr. Editor, as they had never seen the like of it. I had a nest of three eggs due to hatch on the 23rd April. As two hatched out, I was wondering why the third was never hatching, and on breaking the shell, this is what I got: twins. Unfortunately, they were both dead.

Kirriemuir. E. R. DUNDASS.

[The egg Mr. Dundass sends contains two perfectly formed chicks. "Twins," of course, are rare, but several instances have from time to time been recorded in our columns of an egg containing two youngsters being found, and in one or two cases both chicks have hatched out and been reared.—EDITOR.]

A NEW SOCIETY FOR FROME AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A cage bird fanciers' meeting was held at the Mechanics' Hall, on April 7th, to consider the formation of a society. There was a good attendance of local fanciers, and Mr. J. Tottle was voted to the chair. After a discussion, it was unanimously agreed to form a society, and to call it the Frome and District Cage Bird Society, with a 15-mile radius for membership, the annual subscription to be 2s. 6d. The officials were then selected as follows: Chair, Mr. J. Tottle; secretary, Mr. W. Minty; assist. secretary, Mr. M. J. Stock; treasurer, Mr. M. S. Stock; committee: Miss Walker, Messrs. W. H. King, W. Wheeler, A. Edgell, G. Moore. It was then decided to hold a First Feather Show early in July, the date to be fixed at the next meeting. Twenty-two gave in their names for membership, most of whom paid their subscriptions. A very interesting meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to Mr. J. Tottle for presiding, and bringing the object forward. The Secretary would be glad to hear of any fancier in the district wishing to become a member. Next meeting, May 5th, 8 p.m., at the headquarters, White Hart Hotel, Frome.

W. MINTY, Hon. Secretary.

7, Stony Street, Frome.

MULES AND HYBRIDS: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

SIR,—In reply to my request, Mr. Verrall states "I think the Canary is a Hybrid on account of the sports that have been produced from it. Fertile Hybrids, amongst other feathered stock, sport in many ways as can be seen in Pigeons, etc." Mr. V. is nothing if not original. In the first case he would have a hard line drawn between the Mule and Hybrid on account of one section's possibilities of reproduction. In his reply, however, he modifies this view and states "it would be preferable to name all crosses in which one parent is a Canary as Mules." I think this is generally understood in the Fancy, and with it I agree, recognising its usefulness. But why call the progeny from Canary-Bullfinch a Hybrid? This appears to be overlooked by many of your correspondents. Personally, I place no more importance on the word Mule, apart from the show bench, than I should the word brancher, viz., a young bird, seeing that the Natural History section of the British Museum discard it, calling the various crosses "Hybrids," whether they have asses for one of their parents or Canaries. Mr. H. Morrison, please note. Harking back to the opening of this letter, the same learned body describes the various fancy breeds of Canaries and Pigeons, as having been produced from a single wild stock respectively. Mr. V., kindly note—this subject appears to be quite a thorn in the side of the old fanciers, and I should feel very grateful if Mr. Weston would give his version. To me, all Mules are Hybrids, but all Hybrids are not Mules.

S. R. FULLER.

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THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND CLASHING OF SHOWS.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Disgusted" may take some small consolation from the fact that he is not the only one disgusted with the C.B.U.; the feeling seems to be the same with a number of the cage bird fanciers. I am very much surprised that the C.B.U. has existed so long, for it is decidedly useless as far as any benefit to the cage bird Fancy is concerned. It seems a mystery to a great many how and why it originated. And when it comes to commanding societies as to when they may and may not hold their shows, I think it is quite time to advise the C.B.U. to mind its own affairs (if it has any) unless it can prove good reason for its governorship. Societies seem to meekly submit to being tied down by the C.B.U. and pay a fee for the privilege of forfeiting half their freedom as exhibitors. Take for instance a town where there are two societies—one affiliated, and one not—some of the fanciers are members of both societies, and although the shows are in the same town, these members must only show at one. It is to be hoped that fanciers will see the uselessness of this cage bird Parliament, and ignore it.

S. A. DICKEN, Hon. Sec.,
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.

REDPOLL AS ITS OWN SURGEON.

SIR,—I came across this letter, signed "C.C." in a Scottish contemporary the other day, and thought it might interest you. "C.C." says:—I have had a Redpoll for some two years. Occasionally it was allowed out of its cage, and permitted to fly through the room, but it developed a pertinacious habit of keeping out as long as possible, and had many times to be caught by hand. On one memorable occasion it took refuge at night on the top of a mahogany curtain-pole, where it eyed all approaches anxiously. There it fell asleep. Becoming troubled with a bad dream apparently, it lost its foothold, and tumbled to the floor, where it was picked up and transferred to its cage, a very astonished bird. The Redpoll then began some acrobatic tricks, but in the process of performing an intricate feat one of its claws was caught in a flaw in the wood, and ere it could be released was twisted. A simple remedy was applied, which relieved it slightly but the Redpoll, deeming its foot an encumbrance, applied its bill to the afflicted part, the result being that in the course of 10 days or so it divided the tendons which held the claws, and was then left with a mere stump. It now moves about the cage brightly and sprightly, happy on one foot. But it has developed a very strange habit—is it a traditionary one, a relic of its predecessors' wild state? After partaking of its morning titbit of egg and bread crumb, it drops what it cannot eat into its water glass. It never does this when any one is in the apartment. Does it fancy it is burying the food out of sight to obtain it when hungry, or is this a habit of more than the Redpoll? I am wondering now if I put a tiny piece of wood, some lint and thread in its cage, whether it will be able to manufacture a stilt for itself. But, seriously, I shall be glad to know from other readers whether any of their feathered friends have also proved themselves surgeons in similar circumstances.

J. STEWART.

BIRD LIFE IN SURREY: WHY ARE HERONS SHOT?

SIR,—I observed two Swallows flying on April 26th. We know that "one Swallow does not make a summer," and now I am convinced that neither do two: for when I saw them there were several inches of snow on the ground. I also heard the Cuckoo on the following day, just as it was getting dark. Bird life is very plentiful in this district, and no one interested in birds can fail to enjoy a ramble through the heather, and along the stream that runs close by. Blackbirds, Thrushes, Linnets, Wagtails (the pied variety), Chaffinches, Greenfinches and Wrens seem to be the most numerous; but a few Goldfinches, and Bullfinches can generally be seen. Hawfinches, I have never seen here, nor yet many Bramblefinches. There are plenty of Green Woodpeckers, which are known as the "Yaffle," but very few of the other two varieties. Along the stream, may generally be seen Wild Duck, Dabchick, and Moorhens; and frequently a Kingfisher may be seen swiftly flying a few inches above the surface of the water. Herons may be seen at times on the banks of the stream, but I am afraid they are killed without mercy by the keeper if seen, trout being more important to him. I was walking by some watercress beds here the other day, and I observed two Herons, which had been shot and hung upon poles for the purpose of frightening others away. Could any of the readers of CAGE BIRDS inform me whether they do any harm to watercress beds or not? It seems a great pity for such comparatively rare birds to be killed without reason. The Nightingale will soon be here, and we shall have plenty of evening entertainments then; I have been in many parts of the country, but have never heard so many singing at the same time as can be heard here on any fine night in season. In conclusion, may I thank you for the many treats you give us in CAGE BIRDS. Although I have lived amongst birds all my life, I have been educated since taking your paper. With best wishes for its future, I remain,

T. H. SKELTON.

Chilworth, Surrey.

A DULWICH AND PECKHAM MATTER.

SIR,—Since my communication of last week in reply to the impudent suggestion contained in a letter signed "Tit Lark," that the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. should drop the word "Dulwich" in its title because, forsooth, the Fancy might possibly confuse the club with a rival society recently formed in the district under the style of the Dulwich O.S., certain things have come to my knowledge which, if true, throw considerable light upon the motive of the writer. Rumour has it that the new society is seeking affiliation with the C.B.U., in view of their proposed open show, which has been announced with such a loud flourish of trumpets, and in order to facilitate matters an endeavour has, it is alleged, been made to create an impression that the old Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. is no longer in the district, and that the Dulwich O.S. is the only club in the locality catering for the cage bird Fancy. This, of course, is not so. The Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., although having removed from the old headquarters to more centrally situated premises, is still in the electoral division of Dulwich, and many of its most influential members are old and respected residents of Dulwich, and it would, I think, be a gross injustice were the C.B.U. to lend its powerful influence either by licence or affiliation to any new club in Dulwich, seeing that the district is already well catered for by the old Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., which has belonged to the Union ever since that body came into existence.

ANONYMOUS.

SIR,—My innocent suggestion seems to have created consternation in the ranks of the D. and P.C.B.S. Strange to say, like myself, they prefer a nom-de-plume. It is very lucky for me that I did so, as my body is not at the disposal of anyone at present, thanks. I find it still remains a fact, that there is really only one Dulwich Society, viz., the D.O.S., which, if carefully analysed, would prove to be in reality the old society and not a new one. When I wrote my last letter, I little dreamt that I had dropped a bomb amongst a certain section, who it seems have some imaginary grievance. Why so much bitterness of feeling? In answer to "Anonymous" that we should substitute Herne Tavern (Dulwich O.S.) for D.O.S. I will endeavour to use my influence towards that end if he will promise me that his society shall henceforth be known as the Montpelier Arms (Peckham) C.B.S. This would be a capital advertisement for both houses, eh! Secondly, Mr. J. W. Cranfield's statement contains several inaccuracies, and I should like to inform him that the D.O.S. are still on their own doorsteps. Does he know that the worthy secretaries live in Dulwich, also the President, Treasurer, several vice-Presidents (including the President of the late D. and P.C.B.S.), the chairman of the committee, and six committeemen, and that amongst the officials are the "founders" of the D. and P.C.B.S., and five who were elected by ballot to serve the D. and P.C.B.S. during 1908? This proved the confidence of the members of that society.

TIT LARK.

EGG AND EGG SUBSTITUTES.

SIR,—Pigeon's milk is a thing I was sent for on April 1st, in the middle of the last century; I did not get any. But now bird fanciers are offered bird milk to feed young Canaries with. I have some, and find it is a powder, which tastes just like cream. Canaries eat it freely mixed with powdered biscuit. The directions state that the bread it is used with should not be moistened; but when using dry powdered biscuit some moisture must be added, in my opinion, or the birds will waste it. For years I have known that hard-boiled egg alone is not good as a daily food for breeding birds. When I first bred Canaries, bread soaked in cold water and then squeezed dry was mixed with the egg. At a later date dry crumb bread was advised, and after that time powdered biscuit. If plenty of biscuit is used there is not much danger of the egg doing any harm, as one ordinary sized egg is enough for six pairs of Canaries. An egg substitute for the fancier is needed. "Woodland Bird Milk" should be just the thing, especially for those who do not approve of using egg.

J. H. VERRALL.

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MULE AND CANARY BREEDING IN AN OUTDOOR AVIARY.

SIR,—Some of your readers may be interested to hear that I have two fine young Mules about 10 days old in my outdoor aviary, and three other hen Canaries about due to batch. The aviary is a compact little building 7 ft. by 7 ft. by 3 ft., and in it I have four hen Canaries, one hen Linnet, two cock Goldfinches, and two cock Greenfinches. Each cock bird had selected different hens, and there is no fighting to speak of. I may as well say that the aviary is in a chilly aspect during the winter, as it does not get a gleam of sunshine till February. Yet the birds were in the pink of condition when the spring arrived, which proves how hardy Canaries are. I suppose it is an early season as I had not hoped for fertile eggs in an outdoor aviary so soon as this.

"CHICK."

MORE TROUBLE IN IRELAND.

SIR,—Mr. Devitt's letter is a treat, and all the members now await the secretary's explanation. What are the president and vice-Presidents doing to allow the chairman to remain under suspension? And for what?—telling the truth and exposing the doings of the 'family party." Anybody with half an eye can see through the working of the non-colour fed classes during the last season. Outside the open classes, there was no real competition. Would it not be better to confine the competition for the challenge cup to unrestricted classes? As it is, anyone can show either colour or non-colour fed birds in the open classes, whereas the colour fed birds are, of course, debarred from the non-colour-fed classes, and members who have colour-fed their birds get victimised by dodges like these complained of. Isn't it time the constitution of the committee was revised? The rules say there shall be sixteen members of committee, eight resident in Dublin, and eight drawn from the country "with power to add to their number." The Dublin members of the committee control all the club business, with the result that the four comprising the family party, by using their influence, get another couple of pals "adopted" on the committee and proceed to boss the chairman and everyone else. Members should see that it would be in the interests of the club to elect a committee that would be independent of these people, and the power to add to their number should be taken away, otherwise a bare majority of one can entirely change its constitution, and flout the rest of its members for the whole of the year. I wonder if the members of the Y.C.C. in England would tolerate such a state of things?

FEATHERS.

[We have received a set of verses bearing on the above matter, but as same reaches us unsigned, and, moreover, is distinctly libellous in character, we cannot print it.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—In last week's CAGE BIRDS, I notice a letter from Mr. Devitt, late Chairman of the Y.C.C. of I., and must only say that same is quite in keeping with his conduct as "Chairman." Ever since he was elected, there has been nothing but bickering going on, and the feeling of the club at large now is one of relief since his suspension. Regarding the accusations Mr. Devitt makes against the secretary, same are frivolous, and there is not much danger of Mr. D. losing his fiver. What I want to know is:—"What does Mr. Devitt want"? Are we to understand that no person but he is capable of summing up the points gained for the Y.C.C. cup? Perhaps this is so! But seeing each person interested is fully aware of the conditions under which the points may be gained, it does seem a little extraordinary that Mr. D. should worry so, and rush into print upon, what after all, is a mere triviality. If his action is not to draw public attention to himself, then we must conclude that it is a matter of childish jealousy; he (Mr. D.) having last season tried unsuccessfully to lift the cup, and having failed, sold off all his birds and going completely out of the fancy. What a different state of affairs between this and the winners of the cup this season; they, like sportsmen, though beaten last year, come up smiling the next season, and because they exhibited in non-fed classes, they are now subjected to these innuendoes of Mr. Devitt's. There is no rule forbidding members showing in non-fed classes, and some of the points gained by 1906-7 winner were so obtained. The whole thing is nonsensical, but no doubt Mr. Devitt's wounded "dignity" is no small matter, and cannot be fully appreciated by anyone except himself.

A NON-OFFICIAL.

[Concerning the above subject, a long letter has reached us which has two endings—one sheet signed with the writer's name, the other with a nom-de-plume. Naturally we are at a loss to know which ending it is intended should be published, but in any case we feel we must point out to the writer that as he is confessedly not a member of the Y.C.C. of Ireland, it is difficult to see what ground he has for intervening in matters concerning the management of the club.—EDITOR.

ARTIFICIAL HEAT AND CANARY BREEDING.

SIR,—Having taken in CAGE BIRDS and other fancy papers for the past twelve years and having bred Canaries during the whole of that time, I would like to thank you and your very many correspondents for hints that have been very helpful to me and the numerous other fanciers. To me, it appears like brother helping brother. Now, in exchange, I will try to give a little of my experience re artificial heat, if you think it will be of any use to my brother fanciers. I would like the reader just to picture my bird-room; it is built, unfortunately, on very heavy soil with window plump east and door in the north, the place round about us being, too, very open—not a very desirable place you will say. I will admit that, but it has this advantage: it is a grand place to breed in in the heat of summer. But, you will say, how about the winter? I say at once I have never used any artificial heat, and I have only lost two birds out of forty this winter, and they were rather weakly. I did move a few into a spare room in my house owing to the birds being overstocked, but no artificial heat was used there. Some will say I know that is very well for Common Canaries, but high-class Canaries would never stand it. Let me say they will, and will be all the better. That is my experience any way. Herewith I send (not necessarily for publication) the name of the exhibitor of a bird I bought in April, 1907, which took 1st and special, Crystal Palace, 1st and special Cheltenham, 1st and special Manchester, 3rd Scottish National, and got a good place at Nottingham, besides several other prizes in 1906 and 1907. He had that treatment this winter, and I looked at the eggs from his mate quite recently, and I found four good out of a possible four; so it does not look as if cold hurts good, strong healthy birds, does it?

A. J. WHITE.

Several letters unavoidably held over

Canaries : Their Management & Exhibition.

By J. B. WATERMAN (Dulwich).

This is the Essay awarded FIRST PRIZE in "Cage Birds" Competition in Section One. Readers should note the announcement concerning this Competition which appears on page 433 this week.

I purpose in this essay to treat of Canaries from the point of view of the novice, and whilst their is no royal road to success, I trust the information I shall endeavour to impart will materially assist the young beginner to make such satisfactory headway in the Fancy as to induce him or her to seriously take up this one of the most instructive, entertaining and ennobling hobbies known to mankind.

Ignorance not a Virtue.

So much has been written from time to time on the subject of the breeding and management of birds, that one would have thought there was very little else to be said on the matter; but it is surprising what a lot of ignorance still exists on the subject, even amongst people who have kept a few birds of the ordinary domestic type for a number of years. Only recently a man who I know for a fact has kept Canaries for a couple of decades, came into my bird-room, and, pointing to a heavily variegated Yorkshire, remarked with all seriousness, "That's a fine Mule!" I was naturally astonished, but not more so than my friend, when I informed him the "Mule" was as pure a Canary as ever was bred I believe the extraordinary idea is fairly prevalent amongst a certain class that unless the plumage of a Canary be quite clear, the bird must necessarily be a Mule.

The Canary's Primitive State.

For the purposes of the essay, I think it will be best to start with the consideration of the wild Canary, and trace its history to the present time. As is pretty generally known, this bird is of great antiquity, and is mentioned in records dating as far back as 1600. It has been a moot point whether the bird gave its name to the Canary Islands, whence large numbers came, or the Islands gave their name to the birds.

Its introduction into Europe, according to historians, was brought about in this manner: — Some three centuries and a half ago a ship loaded with fruit and wild Canaries was wrecked on the Isle of Elba, and the birds escaped. They found the climate of Elba agreeable to them, settled down in the shady groves and orchards, and quickly multiplied by thousands. The natives, attracted by their sweet song, soon commenced to trap the little feathered musicians, and the sale of the birds to European customers was the source of much revenue.

The wild Canary was not the slender graceful bird that we know it now, and in colour some were ashen grey, whilst others were olive-green. The change to yellow, of course, has been brought about by domestication, artificial feeding, and scientific breeding, and the present-day Canary is to its humble progenitor much like what the cultivated rose is to its common wild namesake of the hedgerows.

As showing how highly a Canary was esteemed in the sixteenth century, it may be stated that in a recent volume of Historical Manuscripts, preserved by the Earl of Ancaster, the following entry occurs with reference to household expenses:—"1560—2; to a shipman which brought her ladyship a Canary byrde, 20s." Money, of course, was worth more in those days than now, as will be realised when it is stated that 6s. would buy a cow.

The Advance of the Canary.

The evolution of the Canary has been wonderful, and it seems strange that amongst the leading varieties about twenty-five years back were the Turncrest, the Quaker, and the Glasgow Don—a trio which has been reformed out of all knowledge. The leading present-day varieties are the Norwich Plainhead, Yorkshire, Crests, Scotch Fancy, Belgian, Border Fancy, Cinnamon, Lizard, Green, Lancashire, and last, but by no means least, the London Fancy. A praiseworthy effort has recently been made to encourage the breeding of the last-named, and there are many veterans in the Fancy who would like to see this handsome bird, so much in vogue amongst the weavers of Spitalfields, in a by-gone time, again provided for on the show benches.

There's Money in it.

The financial possibilities of the Canary-breeding industry was amply exemplified at the recent Paisley Show, when a pair of Scotch Fancies were claimed at the catalogue price of £50 each, and the owner, Mr. W. McClure, a respected fancier "Across the Border," is stated to have said he was very sorry to part with the birds. The clever sketch in CAGE BIRDS representing Mr. Mc Clure holding aloft the bag containing the "filthy lucre" really "made my mouth water," and it should act as an incentive to all beginners to strive after the success that has attended the efforts of this worthy Scotsman. I believe Messrs. Mackley Bros. some years ago sold a noted Crest Canary for £50, and Mr. J .S. Shearman recently disposed of a Canary at the Yarmouth show for £25.

Homes for the Birds.

The first consideration when taking up bird-keeping is the housing accommodation and cages. If a room can be set apart for the birds all the better. Failing this, a nice snug corner in the kitchen or living room will answer the purpose very well, as I have known good birds to be bred and reared under these latter conditions. Should, however, a separate room be available, let it, if possible, face the south or south-west, as then it gets most sun and light—two very essential things in the production of good, healthy stock. I am no believer in artificial heat, and if the thermometer can be kept from falling below 38 degrees Fah., the birds will take no harm.

Stout shelves should be placed round the room for the accommodation of the cages. These latter should be double-breeders, not less than 36ins. long, 18ins. high, and 10ins. from back to front. They should be fitted with movable wire fronts, so that they may be easily cleaned out; and they have this additional advantage, that they can be used all the year round both for breeding and flight purposes.

If one cannot make one's own cages, there are plenty of reputable manufacturers advertising in CAGE BIRDS, who would be glad to supply them. But a good outfit should be procured at the start, as this will prove the cheapest in the long run.

The Selection of Birds.

Assuming the room and cages are ready, the next thing is the birds. Now, most fanciers have a particular liking for a certain variety. I myself love the Yorkshire bird, but Canaries are all very beautiful, and the beginner can choose from the list enumerated above the type he wishes to adopt. If he have plenty of spare time to devote to training operations, I should strongly recommend the beginner to take up with the Yorkshire. Otherwise it would be better to take up with any of the other varieties.

The mind having been made up on this important point, communicate with one of the leading breeders of the particular variety (many of them advertise in CAGE BIRDS), explain what you want and the amount you are prepared to pay; but above all things give the best price you can afford, and have the birds on approval.

An Important Matter.

With the birds comfortably housed, we next come to the question of feeding. This, as will be readily understood, is a very important matter, for upon it depends failure or success in the hobby. As no two fanciers seem able to agree as to what constitutes a proper "feed" for Canaries. I will give my own method, which I have successfully pursued for a great number of years.

Each bird should have a good supply every morning of the best Spanish Canary seed, giving every other morning a small pinch of German rape seed. On the days the latter is not given, let each bird have a small teaspoonful of the following mixture:—Equal parts German rape, niger, linseed, maw, red and white millet, and gold of pleasure. The last-mentioned is a fine conditioner, and, given liberally, puts that fine gloss on the plumage that judges so much like to see.

I am not a great believer in much green food, and for this I prefer home-grown rape seedlings and dandelion leaves, during spring (making sure the food is free of frost), young lettuce or chickweed during the summer, and ripe apple during winter.

Breeding Preparations.

Early in March the birds must be got ready for breeding duties, and in addition to the above food, must have a little egg and biscuit made thus:—The yoke of one hard-boiled egg and four Osborne biscuits ground up finely with a fork. The cock birds should have a teaspoonful twice a week and the hens the same quantity once a week. This treatment will get them nicely forward by about March 25th, when, if the weather be open, the birds may be safely paired.

This is the *modus operandi*. Place the slide through the centre of the flight or breeder, and put the cock bird on one side and the hen on the other. If they are ready for matrimonial duties, his lordship will at once make advances, endeavouring to attract her ladyship's attention by carolling forth his song and pacing the perches with much gusto, and saying as plainly as possible, "Barkis is willin'."

Should the hen approve of her proposed partner's conduct, she will intimate her willingness to take him "for better or for worse," by chirping merrily in reply, meanwhile flapping her wings energetically. When the birds act thus, there is no doubt it is a match. The slide may then be withdrawn, and the contract will be complete.

Should the course of true love run smooth, they will in a week or a fortnight commence building a nest. I find the earthenware nest-pans lined with swansdown the best, and for nesting material I give the birds charpie, as I find this does not encourage the loathsome red mite so much as the old-fashined cow-hair. Hence it is used very extensively by big German breeders.

(To be continued.)

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

AFFAIRS of the Y.C.C. must now claim the attention of fanciers for the time being. The voting papers for the election of officers must be returned on Saturday, May 2nd, and any suggested alterations of rules, etc., should be sent in to the secretary, Mr. John Greaves, in time for inclusion on the agenda for the annual general meeting, to be held at headquarters, on May 9th. As rules can only be altered at the annual meeting, it behoves all fanciers with ideas that may benefit the club to forward same for open discussion by the members. And any fancier who intends joining will be heartily welcomed.

THE Bradford and County B.B. and Mule Club held their first annual general meeting on Saturday last. There was not a big attendance, considering the amount of interest that has been taken in the birds during the past season. The secretary read his report, which was considered very satisfactory, the members having shown exceptionally well at the shows held under the patronage of the club. The title of the club came up for consideration, and was eventually altered to "The Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C." Next the subscription was discussed, and it was ultimately decided that it be 2s. 6d. per annum for exhibiting members, and 1s. per annum for honorary members. The election of officers for season 1908-1909 completed the business.

IN reference to my note of April 11th, anent the Barnsley Society, it pleased me immensely to see the letter of the treasurer, stating that they are now on a sounder footing than they have been for four years past. It was far from my intention to write anything that might prove detrimental to the society, but simply to try and "stir up" the fanciers in the district to take a little more interest in its working. I hope and trust that now they will prosper exceedingly.

THE Great Horton Good Intent O.S. had a lecture on Saturday evening last, the subject being "The Yorkshire," and the lecturer, Mr. W. Cruise, of West Bowling. A great many questions were asked, and were ably answered by Mr. Cruise, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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Polly Asks for Mamma.

Pretty Polly was the pet of a little girl named Jessie. She was a peevish child, and whenever she was in trouble would cry "I want my mamma." One day Pretty Polly had a nut which she could not crack, and after several useless tricks, shouted out, "I want my mamma."—Sent by J. Coley (no age given), 45, Reddal Hill Road, Old Hill.

*Not Santa Claus.

On the 21st of April, at about 4 a.m., we were much surprised to hear squeaking noises in our bedroom chimney. My brother put his arm up the chimney, and brought down a beautiful Starling. Its feathers shone like silk. We put it into a cage for a few days; then my father gave the bird its liberty.—Sent by Sidney J. Lucas (age 11), 20, Moit Street, Coventry.

**The Butterfly's Lecture.

A Humming Bird met a butterfly, and being pleased with its beauty, made an offer of perpetual friendship. "I cannot think of it," replied the butterfly, "as you once spurned me, and called me a crawling dolt." "Impossible!" exclaimed the Humming Bird, "for I have always admired your beauty." "Perhaps you do so now," said the other; "but when you slighted me I was a caterpillar. So let me give you a bit of advice: Never insult the humble, as they may some day become your superiors."—Sent by Edwin Parrington (age 4 years), 102, Eaton Mews, near Eaton Square, London, S.W.

*"One at a time, please."

An old lady, who lived opposite a large music hall, kept an Amazon Parrot. Polly was very familiar with the words, "One at a time, please." One day, whilst Polly was having her usual walk around the house, the door was opened and she flew out. When the lady found out that her pet was gone, she went out in seach of it, but imaginc her surprise when she discovered Polly surrounded by about a dozen Crows, all of them trying to obtain some of Polly's pretty feathers. Polly seemed to be alarmed at their behaviour, but in spite of this she was calling out at the top of her voice, "One at a time, please."—Leonard Whitaker (age 14), 234, St. Margaret's Road, Great Horton, Bradford.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Art of Cage-making.

By A. W. CURTIS.

(*Continued from page 308*).

To readers having to make use of the kitchen table as the only available substitute for a bench, I have already advised the placing of a board on top table to prevent same getting damaged. The board referred to can, with the addition of other parts, be made to form a very handy portable bench, if one does not mind spending a little time and cash to make it such.

Making a Bench of a Table.

By first glancing at Fig. 31 readers will be more able to follow my explanation as to the different sized pieces of wood, etc., required. To make the board as illustrated, it will be necessary to have (in addition to the 6ft. length of 11in. by 1in. already referred to) one 6ft. length and one 4ft. length of 5½in. by ¾in. prepared floor

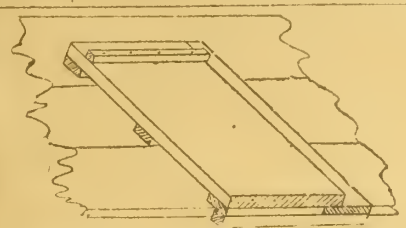

Fig. 32.—The Shooting Board.

board. The 6ft. length is to be screwed to under-side of 11in. by 1in. board, allowing the narrow board to project 2½ins. beyond the wider one. This will form a rabbit for your plane to work in when shooting edges or ends of boards, see Fig. 27.

Next, from your 4ft. length of board cut off one piece 13½ inches long; this should be screwed on end of board as shown in Fig 31. Then rip down centre of remaining length, and you will find you have sufficient to make pieces to screw across board here and there, so as to allow it to lay on table without rocking about. The stop piece shown screwed to top of board would be better and stronger if sunk into board about a quarter of an inch. To make a good job of this, first plane up a piece of stuff eleven inches long by one inch wide by half-an-inch thick; lay it on top of board about fifteen inches from the end, perfectly square from the edge of board against which your plane travels. Then make a mark along each edge of your stop piece; that will give you the width of groove required. Next set the fence of your marking gauge one quarter of an inch from the marking tooth, and put fence of guage to face-side of board and mark along edge where you have to cut out; this will give you the depth of sinkage required.

Now take your back saw and proceed to put two cuts right across your board, making sure to keep just inside your lines, so that your stop piece may fit nice and tight. You will now be able with your ¾in. firmer chisel to cut out the piece between the two saw cuts. Mind not to go below your gauge mark on edges of board. You can, by using the edge of your stop piece for a straight edge, see if you have

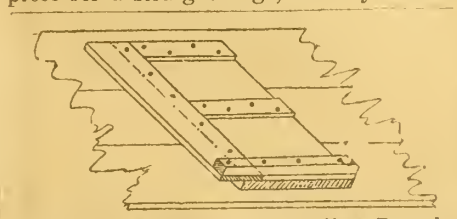

Fig. 33.—Back View of Shooting Board.

your groove level across. Having accomplished this, place your stop piece in position, and to keep it there screw it down with two or three one-inch No 8 screws, making sure to countersink for heads of same.

A Portable Bench.

As some kitchen tables are very light and likely to slide about the room with every push of the plane, I would advise readers, where possible, to allow the end of the bench board to butt again a wall; the piece of board screwed on end as described, will prevent any damage being done to wall paper. If kitchen table is much shorter than your board, clip piece could be made to go under end of table, so as to prevent your board tipping downwards at end not resting on table. When adding these parts to your board, you will have to be guided by the thickness of your table-top; that is, you will have to get out one piece of wood 13½ inches long by 1½ inches wide, and the same thickness as your table top. You will then have to screw this to underside of bench board. Screw to this another piece of wood of the same length, but one inch wider; this will form a groove to clip table-top. See end of board, Fig. 31, which shows the two extra pieces added to form the groove.

Fig. 33 will give readers an idea of how to put their boards together. If above instructions are faithfully carried out, you will have a very useful board, as it can be used for planing up upon, and also answers the purpose of a shooting board; in fact, it is practically a portable bench top and shooting board combined. When not in use, this can be removed from the table and made to stand up in any corner without taking up a great amount of room. The board should not be placed too near a fire, for fear of warping. Fig.

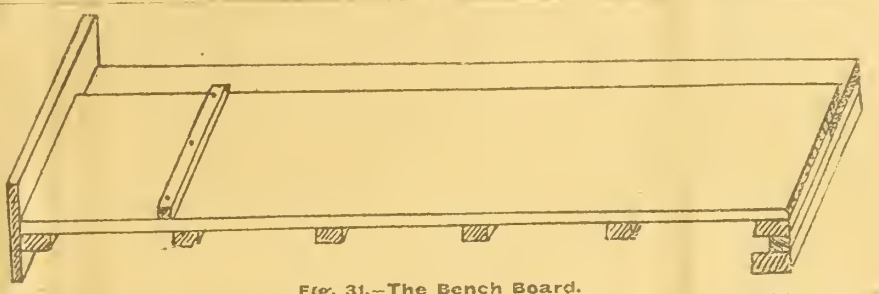

Fig. 31.—The Bench Board.

32 illustrates a very handy shooting board to lay across a bench or table. This should be made about 24 inches long and 11 inches wide at top.

Further Uses for the Bench Board.

British bird fanciers requiring small box cages only, will find a board this size large enough to prepare material upon for any cage up to 21 inches in length. The board can be made in the same way as that advised above, see Fig. 31, with the exception of the end that butts against side of bench or table; in this instance it will require to have one piece only screwed on to prevent the board being pushed forward, when the plane is in use.

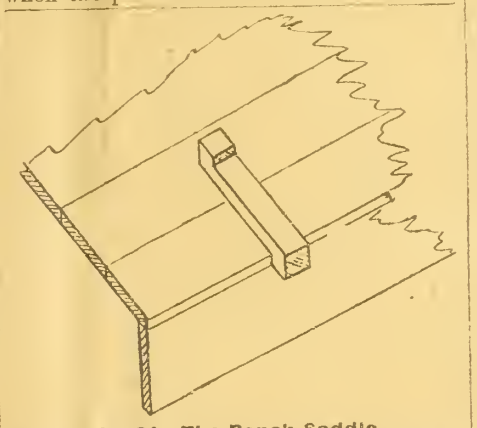

Fig. 34.—The Bench Saddle.

Fig 33 shows the board turned upside down, giving a view of under-side, this will give readers an idea of how to make the shooting board easily.

A Useful Bench.

Another handy article for the cage-maker is a bench saddle, see Fig. 34. This can be cut out of a solid piece of wood (see Fig. 35), or can be made out of three separate pieces, as shown in Fig. 36. I prefer to cut them out of the solid, as they are then much stronger. It is best, when cutting off boards for cage-making, to have a saddle at each end of board, so I would advise readers to make two of them. To cut a saddle out of the solid you will require a piece of wood 13 inches long by 2 inches wide, and 1½ inches thick. Measure 2 inches from end, and put a mark square across the 2-inch side. Continue the mark ½in. down each edge. Now turn your piece of wood over and proceed to mark 2 inches from reverse end; square down edges as before, and then set fence of your marking gauge ½ inch back from tooth. Now run your gauge tooth along the edges and end of the portion required to be cut out. Take your panel saw, and rip down as far as the mark you have put on 2 inches from the end. Next turn your piece of wood, end for end, and rip down as before. With your back saw you may now cut across the lines 2 inches from ends. Do not cut more than the ½ inch down, or you will weaken your saddle.

Fig 35

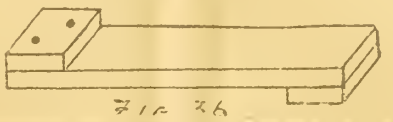

Fig 36

When you have finished your cross cuts, the pieces shaded in Fig. 35 should drop away, leaving your saddle complete.

Fig. 36, showing the saddle made in 3 pieces will, I think, explain itself. It is made from one straight piece of wood 13 inches long, 2 inches wide, by ½ inch thick, and two pieces of the same stuff, each two inches long. These can be nailed or screwed to the longer piece.

In the sketch illustrating how to use a back saw, readers will observe the bench saddle in use. They will also note that the saddle is pretty close to where the board is being cut off. The nearer the saddle is to your cut the firmer your board will be. There is no need to fasten saddle to top of bench, as it will be necessary to move it from one place to another very frequently.

(To be continued.)

FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.

Annual smoking concert was held at headquarters, White Swan Hotel, attended by a large number of fanciers and friends. Mr. Gibbons, the worthy president, occupied the chair. The programme was large and the artists exceptionally good, including Joe Audley and the Grimmett Bros. There was also a band, with piccolo soloes, including the Linnet and the Wren. Mr. J. Smith rendered two fine songs, "The Holy Friar," and "Anchored." Mr. Payne rendered "Japanese Girl" and others; Mr. Letts rendered "The Singer was Irish." The banjo quartette conducted by C. Grimmett gave us several selections. Mr. Neale that noted elocutionist, recited "The Wreck of the Berlin," "Home, Sweet Home," and others. Mr. H. Smith sang "Queen of the Earth" and "Saved by a child." The band gave selections during intervals, conducted by G. Grimmett, and a more successful entertainment has never been rendered to the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—CHAS. DRAPER, secretary.

My ANNUAL to hand, for which I thank you. I am pleased to see them back to their old style, as I like it better that way. It is a splendid sixpenny-worth. I might also say that from an advertisement I had in CAGE BIRDS I got my birds all disposed of on the following day, which I think is a very quick sale.—HUGH MORELAND (Falkirk).

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The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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Plucking Hens.

When engaged in feeding young, I think Canaries would be very keen after mealworms. But under the usual stereotyped management of the Canary fancier all such things are absolutely excluded from the diet of the birds and scarcely ever find a place there even as an occasional luxury. What more likely then that at a time when the influence of natural instincts is most prominent the hen should find a craving for something that is not accessible; the sprouting quills of the feathers appear continually before her eyes, so like an army of tiny caterpillars; either by accident or design the hen bites or breaks a quill, finds it gratifies her longing desires, and—there you are!

You have now the "making" of a plucker of the first order who will give you endless trouble and worry. True, there may be a flaw in this process of reasoning, but should this provision of insect food, to which category this giving a scrap of raw meat distinctly belongs, the meat being simply a tolerable and convenient substitute for insects or larvæ, be made, it goes far to confirm the theory The smearing with vaseline will, if properly done, serve a useful purpose in soothing and healing the injured backs of the young brood. A very light touch with castor oil, which is distasteful to most birds and also possesses healing qualities, would have a similar effect. There is the remedy for those who care to try it. Here again, I would say if it is all you could wish share the benefit with your fellow-fanciers by sending a note to that effect to our correspondence columns. Similarly if it should prove a failure in your hands it may be useful to others to know of it.

The Hustler's Nemesis.

Whew! Here's a fine look out! At the beginning of the last week in April, when there would be some excuse for even a born and bred Englishman to begin to reckon upon fair weather, we are suddenly thrown back, as it were, into the depths of winter, and are having a wintry spell, which would be more typical of December than the eve of May.

This will prove truly a Nemesis to the impatient and hasty fancier whose birds are now probably occupied with new nesting arrangements, after one more or less complete failure with the first nest on account of too early mating. These birds being already taxed with the production of the first round of eggs, are less able to withstand the strain of such a change as this at a critical time, than those whose energies have been conserved, though it is bad enough for the latter. Of course, all this may seem very much like harping upon one string, but to point a moral and adorn a tale at a time when many an apt object lesson will be fresh in one's mind, is to drive the conviction home more closely, so that it will be remembered and acted upon more frequently in future seasons; what may prove a costly experience now, may prove of incalculable benefit in time to come.

As regards the cold snap, it is not to be expected that it will or can be of very long duration at this advanced time of the year, and even by the time this note appears, we may be once again enjoying the balmy breezes of spring; but its effects may still be felt more or less by the stock. Hens that are sitting should be noticed for a day or two, and if an occasional husky cough is heard, the hen should not be neglected, or the probability is that further trouble will arise when the matching time arrives, through the hens not being in a proper condition for attending to the young

Some Precautions.

Any kind of dosage at this time must be carried out carefully, and strong doses of powerful medicines should be strictly avoided. For slight cases, a dose of twenty drops of sherry wine and ten of glycerine in an ounce of water for drinking for two or three days may be all that is required; but where the coughing is very pronounced—it will be heard most frequently just about nightfall and for a few hours after—add to this one drop of eucalyptus oil, and shake the vessel vigorously before putting on the cage. Be careful not to give more than one drop of the eucalyptus, and even with this quantity it is best to watch the hens for an hour or two, when they come off the nest, to see if they drink, as many birds object to it on account of its powerful and penetrating smell and taste. Two or three days of this treatment should be quite sufficient.

But if the coughing is heard after the treatment is stopped, it should at once be given again for a day or two longer. In cold rooms a little extra hemp and rape may be given in the general diet, but this must be done with caution when the hens are sitting, or the effect will be to stimulate the birds too much, causing the cocks to wish to begin nesting again, and dragging the hens off the nests, and, in some cases, causing the hens to leave the nests of their own accord, and to start afresh.

Of course, in rooms that are provided with heating apparatus, the proper plan at a crisis like this is to leave the feeding arrangements unaltered, and warm the room just enough to prevent any serious drop in the temperature from that which prevailed before the change came.

Hens about to Lay.

The hens that are just getting forward with a nest are also apt to be affected in the same way as those that are sitting on eggs. In this case they should be given the sherry and glycerine, with one drop of eucalyptus from the first, and given this until the coughing is no longer heard at night. Then the eucalyptus should be dropped and the sherry and glycerine continued for a few days or a week longer. If the hens appear near laying, it will be an advantage to continue giving this right up to the time of laying.

The reason for this is that when such an extreme change as this occurs whilst the hens are getting near egg-laying, it is frequently followed by severe cases of egg-binding at the critical time, and the stimulation afforded by a few drops of whiskey, brandy, or sherry (it is not really important which is used) during the last week before laying commences is invaluable as a preventative. A few grains of niger seed and a small teaspoonful of egg-food to each pair of birds daily will also be of great service, and should now be given up to the time the eggs are laid, unless, as is quite within the bounds of probabilities, the cold snap should prove quite temporary, and be followed by a comparatively high temperature. In such an event the special treatment that is adopted to meet the unusual conditions will be best gradually dropped off from the time the warm weather begins.

A Note on Baths.

Although regular bathing is a good invigorator and a refreshing exercise for healthy birds, it is apt to be encouraged somewhat indiscriminately when it is, quite unsuspectedly, the frequent cause of trouble. Doubtless such an assertion will make many a novice call to mind in contradiction, the case of birds kept in cold outdoor aviaries who bathe all the year round even when the ice has to be broken on the water, and which are in the most vigorous health notwithstanding. All this is true enough, but only a moment's serious thought is required to show that one might just as reasonably expect the treatment of an English crocus to be equally applicable to a tropical orchid, as to compare these birds with fancy Canaries kept indoors.

Should this snap of cold have set up the sneezing and coughing symptoms we have just been discussing, then one will be well advised to withhold cold baths until the cold wave has passed. If a bath is given at all, let it be a tepid one and that on fine bright days once or twice a week. But the birds will catch no harm if it is withheld altogether for the time being.

When Young Leave Nest.

A question which frequently puzzles the new beginner is the age at which young birds leave the nest, and we have been asked questions ere now which go to show that the novice is by no means clear how this very obvious task is performed.

Perhaps the queriests who are in honest doubt as to how or when a brood—this, of course, applies to Canaries in particular though the same remarks apply in a general way to other species—should quit their natal bed have had the misfortune to see a promising brood of birds go over the side of the nest like little feathered meteors and crouch, closely as a young partridge, in a corner on the cage floor days before they were sufficiently fledged to allow them to reach the nest or perches by any effort of their own. Perhaps also in his innocence of young bird nature he essayed to replace them in their cosy nest only to find after capturing them and placing them comfortably together in the nest that they can give points to the proverbial mule for self-willed obstinacy and sheer contrariness, for no sooner does he make the slightest move than they repeat the acrobatic feat and go flop on the floor again, and stolidly refuse to remain in the nest.

The probability is that such a brood has been interfered with a little too much, and when they first go over the side of the nest pell mell, hurry scurry, they have doubtless been startled in some way. It may be only a sudden, sharp, sound; or a sudden movement in front of the cage which they were able to see; or a slight jarring of the cage such as might occur from forcibly withdrawing the sand-tray which had become slightly jammed with sand or husks, or scraping out the bottom of a cage which has a turn-rail; or it may be only a scare occasioned by thrusting the hand in to reach the nest, or peering into the nest with the face close to the cage front. Any of these things just at the critical time will suffice to scare the birds out of the nest in a trice.

The Time for Special Care.

The time when the young are about a fortnight old and when sitting in the nest they appear to be covered with a good thick plumage, with wing and tail feather about a quarter of an inch through the quills, is the beginning of the most critical period in this respect. Just at this time there is a good deal of the original wild nature working innately and strongly in the young, so that at this stage they are really not so very far removed in their instincts from their wild ancestors, and are wilder and more easily scared by the presence of man than at any other period in their lives.

A full recognition of this fact is most useful for the novice in breeding cage birds. It will enable him to understand more fully what may now seem to him to be anomalies, and curiosities of young bird life, and will also restrain his impatient hand when he would like to interfere and alter this or that point about the nest or young. When the young have reached the stage described and things are going smoothly, nothing but absolute necessity should tempt one to interfere with them at all.

The Final Exit.

With due care to avoid anything that would startle the birds at this critical time, they may be kept in the nest quite a week longer than when they are startled and as soon as they are able to make a stampede, and for some days the nest will appear much too small to hold them. But never mind; let them crush each other out, or sit around the rim for a day or two; then you may account yourself lucky, and the birds will thrive all the better when they hop on to the nearest perch and finally take leave of the cradle. But do not take out the nest at once, as birds that have acted so well will most likely return to the side of the nest to roost for a few nights, and this will be a further advantage, as it will be warmer and cosier for them.

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No. 5.—THE HAWFINCH: ITS EXHIBITION POINTS AND FAILINGS.

(Notes on this Drawing by Mr. G. E. Weston will be found on page 430.)

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR,

(Continued from page 401).

Chapter XI; My Barrabands.

If anyone had told me some years ago that I should ever be successful in breeding Barraband Parrakeets, I should probably have answered in the words of a certain old Syrian king, "Who is thy servant, dog that he is, that he should do this thing?" And yet I have actually done so, and there are at present three healthy young Barrabands at Micklefield Vicarage.

Barrabands, I may begin by saying, are not at all like the hideous brutes depicted in a certain book on Parrots in Captivity. Such an atrocious and ill-assorted mixture of colours I never hope to see on any living bird, and apparently this specimen had a dislocated wing among his other beauties. The real Barraband is one of the most beautiful birds I ever saw, and the arrangement of the colours is exquisite. Whoever comes to see my birds (and they are not a few) invariably goes into raptures over the Barrabands.

Beauty Described.

In shape the Barraband very much resembles the Ringneck Parrakeet, but it is even more graceful. In Australia they are sometimes known by the ill-sounding name of "Green Leeks," but I can't think how anyone could give such a lovely bird such a vulgar name. In size the Barraband is about equal to a Pennant, but has not the girth of the latter, being exceedingly graceful, slim-waisted, and with a long and pointed tail. The colour of the cock is a beautiful iridescent green. His forehead is a lovely crocus yellow, which colour extends under the chin, where it merges into a narrowish band of red. The wings are iridescent green, merging into bluish green on the flights.

The hen is rather a different shade of green in the body, merging into greenish blue on the wings and upper side of the tail. Her eye is dark. The tail has the inner edge of each feather on the under side of an exceedingly beautiful salmon pink. She has also a dash of pink on the thighs. There is, therefore, no possibility of mistaking a cock for a hen.

Mr. Gedney says of them, "As cage pets they are very much attached to each other and to their owners." In the next sentence he flatly contradicts himself: "Green Leeks do not show any strong affection one for the other." Maybe, he thought Barraband and Green Leeks two distinct species! Mr. Weiner says: "I have gathered costly experience by seeing Barrabands fall in fits from their perches for very little causes." When I remember the strange and wonderful things on which he fed his birds, I am not surprised to hear that he sometimes lost them somewhat suddenly. Dr. Green on the Barraband is distinctly pessimistic. "On the whole," he says, "one can scarcely recommend the tyro in Parrot keeping to invest his money in Barrabands, which are by no means common, and when imported fetch from £3 to £4 each in the market." "Enough has been said to show that they are even more difficult to keep than the Purple-cap or the Blue Mountain Lory."

Rather Vague.

But one ray of light seemed to shine through the surrounding darkness. Here are the magic words that fired my ambition: "So far, none of these birds have been bred in captivity, either here or on the Continent; nor are we aware, even, of any cases of egg production among them." This was encouragement, indeed, for there are generally so many "vague" stories floating around that so and so has been bred at the Zoo at some time. There is something delightfully vague about that sentence, and it has done me out of many a medal. The breeding records of the Zoo, by the way, were singularly vague and unsatisfactory in bygone years. If eggs were laid, there is no record if they hatched, and if they hatched, whether the young were reared. "Bred at the Zoological Society" would not to-day gain a medal; but this in passing.

That sentence of Dr. Green's determined me. There was no vagueness there. The Barraband had never been bred and had not even laid eggs; so how could they breed? I would demonstrate that they could be kept if fed on rational principles, and maybe, with luck, I would get so far as eggs, if not further.

Some years ago I had a pair of Barrabands, but not having very much spare room I sold them to a friend. We can't breed everything at once, and I was then full up with other kinds. But I said to myself, "The day shall come when I will make room for you, my beauties." This spring, or rather last back end, I turned a pair of splendid Barrabands into one of my outdoor aviaries. I did so with fear and trembling after reading my many "Job's Comforters," and I thought to myself, "My dears, yours will be a short life and a merry, and on some near morning you will drop from your perch in a fit and give mo costly burial."

However, I determined not to do anything to hasten their end, and as I do not believe any healthy-minded Barraband eats sponge cake, pulped figs, boiled rice, Jamaica sugar, soaked currants, cabbage blooms, mignenette, pea, and bean blooms, and so on, I never gave them the opportunity of committing suicide.

Scorners of Climate.

When first put out, my Barrabands were rather wild but soon got to know me, and took little notice of their harmless, necessary feeder. They passed the whole of last winter out of doors, and it was a winter and a half, as we say up here. I remember the day of the awful blizzard; the snow was up to my waist (and I stand six feet), and the cold was of Arctic intensity, while the wind was like a sharp razor. The Barrabands, however, did not seem to mind it one bit.

About May I began to notice signs of nesting unmistakable to an old Parrot keeper, and after a while Mrs. Barraband disappeared. Now in their house there are two logs, and so sly was the lady in her ways, and of such lightning-like rapidity in her movements, that for long enough I located the nest in the wrong hole; and well I might, for she entered the log like a streak of greased lightning. It reminded me of Maskelyne and Cook in London: "Now, ladies and gentlemen, there is positively no deception. Now, look carefully—whist! That is how it is done."

I cannot tell the size of the eggs, because I was not fool enough to look at them. I cannot tell (as Mr. Gedney so often does), what colour the fluff of the young was. My Parrakeets won't stand such liberties—and I don't believe his did either.

The hen sat very steady, I cannot say exactly how long; about eighteen days, I fancy, but will not be positive. The cock sat on the outside of the log, where the hen was not, and so further misled me, as I made sure she was inside when he kept watch and ward. I thought this a bit of unnecessary meanness. After a time I could hear the well-known sounds which told my joyful and experienced ears that youngsters had arrived. Strange to say, I did not put my hand in to see. I knew the only thing was to wait and possess my soul in patience. Difficult, I grant you, but absolutely essential in such cases.

No one but a Parrot keeper will ever know the agonies of hope and fear through which I passed during the next few weeks. After about ten days, Papa Barraband began to visit the nest at intervals, spending all other available time in swallowing seed as fast as his bill could shell it. At night, also, he did what I have never known any other cock Parrakeet do—he slept in the nest and assisted in brooding the young. This I consider greatly to his credit, as it shows him to be a thoroughly family bird. How many human fathers nurse their babies at night, I wonder, among the readers of CAGE BIRDS. Mind, I don't say all Papa Barrabands do. "I will not generalize," as a certain learned German doctor was fond of iterating, "from a single specimen."

(To be continued.)

The Handrearing and Management of the Hawfinch.

By S. HAKES.

A paper read before the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. on April 7th.

If you will give me your kind attention for a few minutes, I will endeavour to put before you my practical experience of the Hawfinch. We will first take a ramble in the country; time: the end of April. You must go for a walk early in the morning, if you mean business, in the woody districts, where there are plenty of kitchen gardens and fruit orchards. Such districts are most suitable for the nesting of Hawfinches, which birds are more plentiful than most fanciers think. I have seen large numbers not many miles from Burton in the kind of country named.

Locating the Nest.

Listen for the sound of "Click, click," the call of the Hawfinch—similar to the call-note of the Robin. Instead of looking in the hedge bottom, turn your eyes towards the tops of the trees close by, and you will discover the Hawfinches flying about, and paired up at this time of the year. Sit down and keep your eyes open, and you will no doubt find that they are building. They build at all heights up to about nine yards high, and mostly in the lime trees, red may and pear trees, on the ends of boughs. I have found the nest in large black fir trees, perhaps 29 feet high. The nest of the Hawfinch is exactly the same as that of the Bullfinch. The eggs are four to five in number, and spotted the same as the Greenfinches', only they are lighter in ground colour. The young are hatched out after 13 days' incubation.

Taking and Handrearing the Young.

Take the young Hawfinches when 11 days old. If you find them older, and they scuttle out of the nest, go to where they are seen to drop, and you will discover them in a sitting position with their mouths open. They will not move for hours from the spot where they drop. Now you have got them, get them home the best way you can perhaps in a camera box, which makes a splendid disguise when nesting.

I will give now my method of handrearing, which has never failed me for 20 years. To make the food, take 1lb. of hemp seed and 1lb. of Canary seed, and crush separately in a mortar. Next sieve the husks out, and you have about a pound and a half of meal; mix together and put in a tin. Now boil ½-pint of new milk and ¼ pint stale breadcrumbs and beat up well. Add two ounces of the above seed, ½ ounce oatmeal, 1 ounce of hard-boiled egg, ½ ounce peaflower, and mix well together. If a little too stiff, thin it with water. Mix quantity of food, according to number of birds you have. Keep it in a cool place, and mix fresh every day. Give three bits each about every hour. Start early in the morning, and slacken off in the middle of the day, then giving the same quantity every two hours.

When the young birds are starting to fly, give crushed hemp seed, mixed Parrot food crushed, and don't forget green peas, but don't overdo them at first, or inflammation will follow. If so, give crushed hemp, and Indian wheat steeped in milk. Keep on this diet for about three days, and give milk to drink until the droppings are firm again. Then take care, and look at the cage bottom every night to see they are not scoured.

To Sex and to Pick a Show Bird.

When they are reared and flying about, fanciers will call round to have a look at them. In selecting cocks from hens, the cocks have plenty of yellow on the breast and are black on the short flight feathers; the hens are striped yellow on breasts, and pale blue on short flights.

To pick a show bird, choose one with a large head and short, thick-set beak (the thicker the beak the larger the bib). A tip-top show bird should have a thumb-nail shaped bib, not V-shaped, as most fanciers think.

Moulting and Feeding.

With regard to moulting, hand-reared Hawfinches can be induced to eat anything. Don't overfeed young cocks the first season. The second moult they drop their flights, and you can then feed to perfection. There are plenty of tasteless peppers advertised in CAGE BIRDS—enough to colour the sea. Perhaps, too, there are other colours that are not advertised. I will try to explain. Grow your own sunflowers and sweet peas if possible. Don't over-do the birds with colour given in egg-food, as I consider too much egg-food is injurious to any kind of Finch. I think the best way is to crush your seed and add tasteless pepper and ground oochineal (which is insect-food). Do not add too much to start with. Put in the drinking water every night 1½ dozen black sunflower seeds. Give the seeds to eat the next morning and leave the water for them to drink. It will have been turned purple by the black sunflower seeds. Give plenty of hawthorn berries, and pay particular attention to the Haws of the red may tree. The latter I have always had great faith in, and I consider them the best food to put a "polish" on the Hawfinch. They are fond of apple pips.

A great many fanciers say: "Give plenty of mealworms." I think they are not necessary, as I have never given any to my birds all the years I have kept them. Has any fancier ever examined the contents of the craw of the young Hawfinch 10 days old? No insects will be found there, as some fanciers say, but all kinds of seeds and peas you can mention. I have seen five Hawfinches killed off peas in one shot. And they are about the easiest of all Finches to catch in a trap-cage when young. I have caught as many as nine in one week.

Caging and Bathing.

When moulting, keep your bird in a large, box-shape cage. Run him into a show cage every week for a few hours. The Hawfinch is a good bather, but if very dirty and you want him for a special show, wash him the same as you would a Canary, using plenty of soap and water. But mind he does not bite a piece out of your finger. The best way when starting to wash the bird, and he starts biting, is to put a piece of flat cork in his mouth. He will hold on tight until the washing is finished. Let him bathe next day, and you will be delighted with the result.

In conclusion, I may add that should any fanciers like to ask any questions through the columns of CAGE BIRDS, I shall be glad to answer them to the best of my ability. I thank you for your kind attention, and trust this paper will prove interesting to our fanciers.

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Mule and Hybrid Breeding.

By J. W. DICKSON (Newcastle-on-Tyne.)

This is the Essay awarded FIRST PRIZE in "Cage Birds" Competition in Section Three. Readers should note the announcement concerning this Competition which appears on page 433 this week.

Can anything in Aviculture be more interesting than the art of Mule or Hybrid breeding? For my own part I think that this branch is the most fascinating, and once the desire to master this hobby is born, it develops amazingly in spite of the multitude of disappointments which dance attendance on the efforts of the novice just entering the lists. As the field is so large and the varieties (or combinations) so numerous, when tackling this subject I think that the branch in which the domestic Canary hen plays the prominent part should be treated first.

Common and Uncommon Dark Mules.

Most fanciers at some time or other have bred common Dark Mules—comparatively few manage to breed first-class dark show specimens. The Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Siskin, and Redpoll may be used to attain this end, but remember that the hen must be a large cobby yellow—green Norwich, with good quality of feather and as near the correct type as possible, as you require all of these points in your exhibition Dark Mule. By using a green, you are more likely to get a good dark specimen, free from ticks or light feathers. See that your hen has not got a light bib, for if she has it is almost certain to be frequently reproduced in the young Mules, and will, of course, disqualify, no matter how perfect their other points may be.

By using a hen such as advised above you may be fortunate, and breed a good dark yellow Mule, which will take some beating on the show bench. You will, of course, find that the majority of the young will be buffs, although you are using a yellow hen, and you will often find that your best birds are of this kind, although you have all along the line had your mind bent on breeding yellows.

A point for the beginner to remember is that it is believed by the majority of fanciers to be impossible to breed a yellow Mule, either Light or Dark, from a buff hen. You can only expect to obtain buff Mules from a buff hen, whereas (as I have stated before) you can and will breed the greater number of your Mules buff from a yellow hen.

The Mysterious "Sib-Bred" Hens.

We next come to the variety that is shrouded in mystery to most of us, presenting a problem which often takes us years to solve, and is oftener unsolved and given up in despair—namely, the art of breeding clear or even-marked specimens. Before you can accomplish this, you must have the right strain of Canaries to work with—that is hens which have a tendency, and may be relied on to occasionally throw clear or lightly-marked specimens. You will often see these strains of "sib-bred" light muling hens advertised for a few shillings. My advice is: Don't be on, unless you know something about the man who is advertising. You cannot reasonably expect to get the "real thing" from a light muling strain, which takes many years to work up to perfection, for a few shillings—you may be able to buy if you add the word pounds after the word few.

The men who own these sib-bred strains are, as a rule, very loth to part with the surplus birds they may have (especially the hens), and I have heard it said—although I doubt the statement—that sooner than do this they will destroy the surplus, or else make sure that they get a home where they will not be used for breeding. If you should know a fancier who possessses the "blue blood," and he is willing to let you have a bird or two—don't grumble at the price; pay up and look pleasant!

In-breeding and keeping up Size.

If you can get a buff cock, and, say, a couple of yellow hens (you may have to take buffs, as the yellow hens are scarce) you will have the foundation on which to build up and improve a strain for yourself, by introducing new blood from time to time, and so keeping the size and colour right. When handling fresh blood, don't over do it; be cautious, and see that the bird (or birds) you are crossing into your strain—say a large yellow Norwich cock, as near perfection as you can get it—is bred from birds whose ancestors for a few generations back were clear.

When in-breeding (and you must do it to keep a light muling strain right) don't pair brother and sister, if you can avoid it. This is generally acknowledged to be breeding too close, and will result naturally in small and weakly progeny—the very thing above everything else that you want to avoid. Don't lose sight of the fact that size is the thing that you have to aim at in your Mules, along with the other points. Father to daughter, or mother to son, is as near as it is advisable to go, without running the risk of deterioration in the young, and you cannot get large Mules from small, puny hens.

If you do not want to bring in fresh blood, and at the same time desire to improve the size and colour of your muling hens, pair up your two largest buffs, cock and hen, and also select the two largest yellows, cock and hen, you may have. By crossing the best youngsters which result from this double yellowing and double buffing into your strain the following season, you will be able to retain both size and colour in the strain without having to introduce alien blood so frequently.

For Shallow Pockets.

If your pocket will not allow you to purchase the "ready made" article, try all of the hens you may possess, yellow or buff, with a Finch, and if you manage to get a few Mules showing light feathers, pair the hens they are bred from with a related cock if possible, and try the young hens from these the following season, and so on. You will always, of course, have to test your hens with the Finch, as by doing this you will see if the light feather property in your strain is improving and becoming more dominant.

Both the Finch and the hens should be in vigorous breeding condition, or unfertile eggs will be the result. The beginning of March is usually soon enough to introduce the Goldie, if house moulted. Give your muling Goldfinches, Linnets, etc., plenty of seeding dandelion heads. There is nothing finer for bringing them into correct breeding condition—also don't forget to give each Finch a mealworm every morning.

Some breeders take a nest of Canaries off each hen before putting her up for muling, although this is not necessary if the hen is young and healthy.

A Useful Dodge.

Some Canary hens seem to take a dislike to the Finches, and will have nothing to do with them. If you have a hen of this description, put her up with a cock Goldfinch or Linnet mule. He will soon put her to nest—even quicker than a Canary cock will. When she starts to build, he may be taken away and hung in a song cage before the breeding cage. Put the Goldfinch or Linnet back with her, and wait results. The parted husband will soon begin to serenade his wife, and she will soon start to "call." If the Goldies (or whatever Finch you are using) is in condition, as he ought to be, you will see that he is not very far off when this happens. This tip is second-hand, I admit, but I have tried it and will do so again.

The Cage and Egg-smashing.

The three-compartment cage is the best to use for muling. It should be made with a slide on each side of the middle compartment, which will draw out easily. You can then run the Finch with one hen in the morning and the other in the afternoon, and shut him off by himself at night. If you do not do this you may find when you get up in the morning that he has stuck his bill through the egg. The same precaution has to be taken when breeding with the Siskin—the Linnet, Greenfinch, and Redpoll are not so much addicted to this curious but annoying habit.

(To be continued.)

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The Coming Migrants.

We are now in the middle of April, which is, under normal conditions perhaps, one of the most beautiful months in the year. So cold has been the north-east winds, varied by equally cold frosty nights, however, that vegetation is much more backward than usual. Even the bright periods of sunshine are not sustained long enough to sufficiently warm the earth to counteract these winter-like conditions. In the sheltered woods and hedgerows the mud-plastered homes of the Blackbirds and Thrushes are fairly common. This year they are more than usually exposed, consequently, many will be rifled of their contents. Did the race of these musicians depend solely upon a single nest (as some species do), we fear the song of the Mavis and Merle would be rare, and seldom heard. We have watched the Robin, Hedge-Sparrow, Blackbird, and Song Thrush, the whole of the winter, and although their doings are at all times full of interest to us, we are just now particularly anxious to note the coming of the migrants. Like the townsman, who after months of confinement, longs for a sight of the green fields and hedgerows, dwellers in the country are as equally anxious to get a first sight of some graceful Warbler or Swift-winged Swallow, to hear the double note call of the Cuckoo, or listen to the enchanting melody of the tuneful 'gale. This coming of the migrants makes a break in the round of bird life. We start as it were from a fresh point, life is taking a new lease, and the bird units left over from the dangers of northern winters and long voyages from southern lands, are about to increase, to perpetuate their kind in sufficient numbers to make doubly certain that no species shall fail. Nature is so lavish that there will be more than are actually required, and the mortality, which always prevails in young creatures, will make no appreciable difference in the numbers of wild birds along the hedgerows, when the country side is rich with the colour of the golden harvest. There are two birds that the majority of bird lovers are specially interested in; they are both noted for their song—both songs of different order—one is the sweet-voiced bird of night, the other the bird of mystery, who stays with us just long enough to make sure that some luckless Robin or Pipit will safely rear its greedy young ones. But interesting as these birds are, they are both comparatively common, consequently, the keener naturalist is more eager to note the doings of the Lesser Warblers. Some of these are equally common, but being smaller and somewhat shy, are not so easy to find and watch. Take the Willow Wren as an example, he is such a dainty little bird, with the most enchanting ways imaginable, peering under the leaves for tiny insects, flitting from branch to branch, warbling the sweetest of songs. Occasionally one may catch a glimpse of the elusive Grasshopper Warbler, scrambling up the stalk of some tall weed, or creeping among the undergrowth, too shy and apparently too weak upon the wing to stray for from such cover. One sometimes wonders how these short-winged delicate looking creatures ever manage to perform a long journey across the open sea, and yet we know that they do, and look with certainty to their coming, waiting anxiously for a change from these cold easterly winds. So that we may with some degree of comfort watch in any suitable spot, and note the doings of these charming birds of summer.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Identification of Eggs.

Wild birds have evidently no means of identifying eggs, for a Warbler will as readily sit upon Thrushes' eggs as its own.

Blackbird Nesting on Ground.

It is not a very uncommon occurrence for a Blackbird to nest on the bank upon the bare ground; but in such a position the contents of the nest, and even the old bird, run considerable risks from rats, weasels, and stoats, to say nothing of the farmyard cat, which appears to have some special ability for finding the young birds just before they are able to fly.

Spring Migrants in the West.

The following Warblers, etc., have been noted by Mr. A. Thomas, the well-known taxidermist of Gloucester, who is generally one of the first to see and hear of any fresh arrivals in his district:—Blackcap, Willow Wren, Redstart, Pied Flycatcher (Norfolk Plover gone through). Wheatear and Whinchat are here, but have not seen them. Expecting more this week.

Tameness of Birds in Spring.

One sign of the season is the comparative tameness of well-known shy species of birds. To nest, to hatch, and rear young, means the running of risks to the parent birds, which only the courage begotten of love for eggs and offspring could make possible. Take such a wary bird as the bald-headed Coot, which one can scarcely catch a fleeting glance of under very favourable circumstances. At nesting time he will splutter across the surface of the water not ten yards in front of the intruder; and so closely does the hen bird sit that I have known one to be photographed from the towing path of a canal, barely hidden by the rough herbage growing along its banks. But the Coot is no exception. All birds are given to taking more risks at this season, and in some cases have actually allowed themselves to be handled.

The Chief Robber of Nests.

There are very few birds but what build in situations somewhat protected by surrounding foliage; even ground builders select a tuft of herbage, or bush to incubate under. This is not only done for protection from the hot sun, wind and rain, but also for protection from the prying eyes of their enemies. Chief of these is the Crow. He appears to be flapping lazily over the marsh and meadow land; but his keen eyes are carefully noting the position of Snipe, Plover, or Redshank nests, which he will rob at the very first opportunity.

The Joy of Life.

The following passage is taken from one of Jefferies' excellent papers on Nature. "The joy of life of these animals—indeed, of almost all animals and birds in freedom—is great. You may see it in every motion—in the lissom bound of the hare, the playful leap of the rabbit, the song that the Lark and the Finch *must* sing, the soft, loving coo of the Dove in the hawthorn, the Blackbird ruffling out his feathers on a nail. The sense of living is manifestly intense in them all, and is in itself an exquisite pleasure. Their appetites seem ever fresh; they rush to the banquet spread by mother earth with a gusto Lucullus never knew in the midst of his artistic gluttony; they drink from the stream with dainty sips as though it were richest wine. Watch the birds in the spring: the pairs know not how to express their wild happiness."

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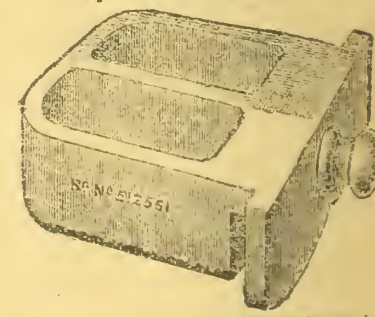

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1st May.
Bird arrived all right. Thanking you for your prompt delivery.—Wm. Steel, 12 Rosepark Cottages, Coatbridge.

1st May.
Bird arrived safe, am very pleased with it.—C. A. Long, 146, Church Street, Wolverton, Bucks.

1st May.
Bird arrived in good health.—G. Young, 4, Primrose Terrace, Birtley.

1st May.
Received bird, with thanks.—E. J. Leonard, 23, Alexandra Road, Mortlake.

1st May.
Received bird in good condition.—Mrs. Mathews, The Parsonage, Rothesay.

1st May.
I am delighted with bird. Splendid fellow.—Mrs. Ockenden, 97, Balfour Road, Dover, Kent.

1st May.
The Thrush's cage I had from you more than a year ago, is as good as ever.—Miss Saywell, Bromsgrove College, Worcester.

1st May.
Birds arrived. Very nice ones.—R. Foster, Springwells.

1st May.
Bird just arrived. Highly pleased with it.—W. H. Ward, Dane-in-Shaw Mill, Congleton.

1st May.
The two cocks arrived safe. I am quite grateful for your generous way in dealing.—H. Shipton, 23, West Street, Minehead.

1st May.
Received the birds; well satisfied.—H. Whitehead, 21, Albany Terrace, Stapleford.

1st May.
Thanks very much for Canary, which arrived safe. Exceedingly delighted. Beautiful bird.—C. Carpenter, 37, Conduit Street, London, W.

1st May.
Received Canary safe, in good condition, and feel quite satisfied with the value you have given me.—T. H. Porter, 21, Union Street, Aldershot.

1st May.
The two Hartz hens I had from you are a great success: one has young, and the other eggs.—E. Gould, Lion House, Bradford, Barnstaple.

1st May.
I received bird and cage safe; nothing to complain of whatever. Has commenced warbling already; perfectly satisfied.—G. Owen, 5a, Runcorn Road, Barnton.

1st May.
Bird arrived safe. Very satisfied.—S. N. Taylor, 29, St. Paul's Road, Smethwick.

1st May.
The birds arrived safe; am very pleased. Commenced to sing half an hour after being taken out of travelling cages.—W. Ross, 81, Penn Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

1st May.
The hen arrived quite safe this morning, it is a beauty.—J. Robinson, 7, All Hallows Lane, Kendal.

1st May.
I received hen safely, perfectly satisfied. Thanks, prompt attention.—S. G. Day, Ivanhurst, All Saints' Road, Ipswich.

2nd May.
Birds to hand. Pink of condition. Thanks for your prompt attention. They are a beautiful pair.—J. Summers, Park View, Sherburn-in-Elmet.

2nd May.
Much pleased with bird.—E. Ford, 99, Moat Road, Wallsall.

2nd May.
I am delighted with the birds you sent me. I have had them just a week, and the hens began to lay. I have got eggs now.—W. Holthy, 1, Derby Street, Rusholme.

2nd May.
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2nd May.
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2nd May,
Bird arrived safe to-day. Accept my best thanks. Quite surprised to see such a nice bird for money.—A. Jefferies, Wells Park, Frome.

2nd May.
Received breeding cage. Am pleased with same.—J. Lavers, Enfield, Middlesex.

2nd May.
Bird arrived safe, and started singing as soon as unpacked.—A. Lawie Rodin, Midlothian.

2nd May.
Received the birds safe to-day, in good condition. Highly satisfied with them.—S. Johnson, King Edward VII. Hotel, Tibshelf

2nd May.
Birds and cage to hand safe.—R. J. Ashby, Asylum Road, Abbots Langley, Herts.

2nd May.
Bird arrived safe, quite pleased with it.—G. Clarke, 34, Barry Road, Newtown, Pontypridd.

2nd May.
Cage and birds arrived all right. Highly pleased with them.—J. Griffiths, 40, Carmen Street, Caerae.

2nd May.
I received bird all right. Satisfactory.—J. Copeland, 15, Durham Road, Blackhill.

3rd May.
Received birds safe, and am in every way satisfied.—W. Wilsmore, Grove Terrace, Corringham, Stanford-le-Hope.

3rd May.
Bird arrived safe, and gives every satisfaction.—T. Jackson, 6, Davis Street, Longridge, near Preston.

3rd May.
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TWO hen Canaries, also house moulted Greenfinch cock, 6/- the lot.—Wade, 66, Thornton-st., Darlington.

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LARGE clear Yellow muling hen, anxious to nest, 4/6; clear Buff cock, full song, 6/-.—Baxter, New Buckenham, Attleboro'.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Linnet, bred Mules this season, and Yellow hen Canary, 5/6.—Bourton, 19, Waller-st., Leamington.

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YELLOW Siskin mule cock, 10/6; Linnet mule, pure wild notes, 8/-; Greenfinch mule cock, 7/6; approval; deposit.—Owens and Magee, Larne.

A SPLENDID Sib. hen Canary, also cock Goldfinch, paired up, 10/-; or exchange for double silver albert.—W. Mayhew, Stroud, Petersfield, Hants.

HYBRIDS, Goldfinch-Linnet, Twite-Canary, Redpoll-Greenfinch, cocks, 30/- each; room wanted.—Edmund Lamb, Alverstone, New Malden, Surrey.

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COCK Goldie Greenie Hybrid, dark cock Goldie Mule, light cock Goldie Mule, winners firsts and specials, 25/- each; few good 1907 bred Norwich; hens anxious to nest, 5/- each.—Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich.

TWO good Linnets, both bred Mules, 5/- each; two Bullfinch hens, 2/- each, caged months; cock Goldfinch, full song, 4/-; cock Yellowhammer, lit show, good head markings, 2/-; approval, deposit.—Smith, Bottisham, Cambs.

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WHICH HENS ARE THE BEST FEEDERS?

SIR, The other week something about "feeding" hens appeared. An old fancier that I knew well, and who bred many excellent Crests, used Lizards and Cinnamons as "feeders." He used to change the eggs of these birds about amongst his Crested hens, so that if they hatched under his Crest hens he had no difficulty in tracing the parentage. The Lizards and Cinnamons, being good feeders, reared his Crested birds. I have often heard that Lizards are good feeders, and I know from experience that Cinnamons are excellent feeders.

J. H. VERRALL.

THE HOOPOE IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

SIR, I think it might interest some of your readers who love to watch our own wild birds to know that the Hoopoe still visits our coasts. I saw one to-day in the Isle of Wight near the southern cliffs of the island, between Freshwater Bay and Brook—close to Compton Farm. Its appearance was somewhat interesting, as we have just had the worst blizzard on record, which killed many even of our native birds. The Hoopoe has often been seen in the New Forest, where several specimens have unfortunately been shot, and afterwards set up and placed in some museum as something to be proud of. Let us hope that the one I saw will share a better fate, after having had such a cold welcome.

JOHN M. PATERSON.

THE REMOVAL OF BIRDS.

A Case of Mistaken Identity.

SIR,—I was somewhat surprised on last Friday and Saturday morning to receive at nearly every post letters and post-cards from fanciers from all parts of the United Kingdom asking me for the prices of my birds; also several London fanciers went so far as to make an appointment with a view to buying up all my fertile eggs, as they had hens sitting on clears. I wondered what it all meant and what the hoax was, and who was trying to have me on! On opening CAGE BIRDS on the Saturday evening, however, I could see through it all, and found what had resulted in all this unnecessary correspondence, and put me to inconvenience and bother. The fact is, some brother fancier, of course, my namesake, requests advice re the removal of birds, and he signs his enquiry, "Marley." So may I suggest, just to straighten matters up a little, and put the "House in order" again, that brother Marley signs himself in full, or, better still, puts the district he lives in? Then we shall not have a repetition of this. As regards his enquiry, if I was in his place I should sell all fertile eggs to local fanciers. If he has many birds up, also, he would be well advised to sell all with the exception of about four pairs (those kept must be his very best). Then, later, he can go on in his old sweet way. I am bringing this to notice, not to bring my name into notoriety, but just to let those fanciers that have written to me re my birds know the facts of the case, as it saves postage and keeps their optics on CAGE BIRDS, the popular paper. Of course, it will be some time before I think of turning the Fancy up; I have the fever too strong. Best wishes for CAGE BIRDS future success.

(Leyton). A. J. MARLEY.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent, "Marley," who asks the best way to remove his birds with their young a distance of some ninety miles by railway, I should think this a matter of easy accomplishment, especially as the birds should be out on the "sticks." Cover up the cages containing the birds with some wraps of nice, warm material, rigidly excluding all possibility of draughts, and keep all quite dark till safely lodged in the new home. Then uncover, and the birds will doubtless be found as unconcerned as if nothing had happened. The removal should, of course, be carried out as expeditiously as possible, and "Marley" would do well to have the cages in his personal charge, and not trust them to the railway company, as otherwise delay may arise. I may add that hens sitting on their eggs can be removed in the manner described without, as a rule, any harm coming to them. Indeed, eggs have been known to hatch whilst in course of transit by train.

JOHN B. WATERMAN.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND CLASHING OF SHOWS.

SIR,—The only use I see for the C.B.U. is to keep back any new society that is likely to start, instead of helping the same. A. is an old society and affiliated to the C.B.U., and is about 40 miles, also on another line, from B, which is only a new society of three years' standing, and which held its show on C's date, C being another society which is on the same line and about 20 miles from B. This affected both shows so much that B asks C if we cannot come to terms, with the result that C being the oldest show, B gives way in favour of C. The only suitable date B can take is A's. Now B writes to the C.B.U. applying for a license, and is informed that they cannot have same as they are clashing with A. Now, what I should like to know is, where does any new society come in, when the C.B.U. is giving all the old societies the preference. Again, any society which may have any ill-feeling or selfish motive may lodge a complaint against any new society no matter how far from them, and may stop the license. Why not give every society a chance of dates, old and new? Let the C.B.U. draw the dates honestly every year for each society, and let them take the dates allotted to them; or perhaps the C.B.U. can solve the puzzle for us and inform B through your valuable paper how to get any Saturday from the middle of October to the end of November without clashing with any other show. I may say that B had three times the balance that A had, notwithstanding A had the C.B.U. license.

FAIR PLAY.

SIR, I am surprised to see only one letter in your last issue—that of S. A. Dicken—in furtherance of the subject introduced last week by "Disgusted." I can assure your readers that there are hundreds of fanciers disgusted with the ways of the Cage Bird Union. Cage Bird Union indeed! We should call it rather the Manchester Clique Union Limited. When the idea of the Union was mooted it was universally received with acclamation, as it was then thought it would be the means of obtaining cheaper railway rates and more prompt payment of prize-money, and also of raising the tone of the whole of the Cage Bird Fancy. Instead of that, what good has it done? What benefits have accrued from its formation? It has only caused a good deal of ill-feeling everywhere and the benefits are absolutely nil to the Cage Bird Fancy at large. The only benefit that one can see is to the Union and that is the large sum obtained in fees from the affiliated societies and it would be interesting to know what it is proposed to do with the money. I presume that I, as an exhibitor, whose interests are guarded by the C.B.U. (sic) and as a member of an affiliated society, am not out of order in asking this. I am astonished that secretaries of societies should have allowed the Union to dictate to them as they have done, and I think it is quite time that something was done to check the career of this useless body. I trust other fanciers will give their views through CAGE BIRDS, so that some definite steps may be taken in the matter.

C. P. SMITH.

BIRD CATCHING.

SIR,—In answer to "Novice," I may say that as a rule I use from forty to fifty yards of line, but sometimes I have used double the length. The longer the line the better and the larger the nets the better. I have used 8 ft. nets; i.e., two to cover a 15 ft. gap, worked on 4-ft. poles on the "come-and-go" principle. If worked in the way most catchers use them they would be very awkward, 8-ft. poles coming over, especially in a strong wind, as the nets cut through the air edgeways instead of flat. They are, besides, almost invisible compared with the ordinary way of setting, as the nets are folded up small, like an ordinary rope, until the line of each net is pulled, when it spreads out, covering the five-yard gap and giving the birds no possible chance to escape; the nets are over like a flash. I have known the top cord to strike a settling Goldfinch, and send it insensible to the grass twenty yards away; but when birds are picked up in such circumstances they generally come round again after an hour or two's rest. The line must be fairly strong and made of material that will not stretch, as a poor line, when over fifty yards of it are being run out, will stretch a yard or two. If the line is made right, you won't have to pull back more than from a foot to a foot and a half before the nets are over. When the nets are set, keep the line just tight enough to avoid the two nearest poles springing upwards, as if you have a lot of loose line, your nets may not come over, and you may break your line with the jag that it will cause when it gets tight. Don't get a line with a lot of what ropemakers call "back twist" in it; i.e., twisted round an extra number of times to make it look better. This sort of line is bound to kink and to stretch. Three-quarter inch mesh is the best for the nets, as then you can keep birds in all day and they won't get out; they get their heads through and remain in that position till taken out. If smaller mesh is used they don't get their heads through and they shuffle about till they get to the side. Diamond (that is, diagonal) netting is the best. But for space I would give drawings of the nets as set. Of course, if you can get out of sight of the birds in a ditch behind a tree or anything of that kind all the better. As to brace bird, put brace on when in its cage at home, letting it remain on for some time so long as it is fixed right. You can afterwards attach it to a stick in a cage or aviary among its usual companions to teach it to understand that it cannot get away; if you take the tamest of birds straight on to a pole in the open air they will always knock about a good bit and if a P.C. comes along you will doubtless lose more than you had caught. So it is best to train them first; they will soon get tamed down to it. There is not the slightest cruelty. I have used braced Wood Pigeons as decoys for shooting; they knock about a good bit first time taken out, but soon learn better. As to kinds, Goldies, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Linnets, and Bullies do all right in a call cage, as they are not birds that are in a very great hurry as a rule, and are mostly good callers early in the morning when they are coming to feed. In winter, have your nets set as soon as it gets light. I have often set mine the night before. Any of the above make good callers as well as Bramblefinches, Yellowhammers, Redpolls, and Larks. If a cock Lark is used as a brace bird, put it in centre and call cages towards the end, but not at the end through which the nets meet, as they would hold the nets up, and this might cause a gap. Many people throw a sack or two of turnip seed and threshing machine rubbish down till the birds have got well on it. You can get old seed at the large seed warehouses very cheap; some they can't trust to for growing about here. Some people buy cart loads of it for manure for grass land and throw it in a heap to rot; I have often seen the heaps covered with birds—Chaffinches, green and brown Linnets, Brambles, and Yellowhammers. I know a person here who has caught about forty Brambles besides others at one pull at one of these heaps during the winter.—In reply to "Anxious" re Bullfinch catching; I always used trap cages with a fair amount of success, but there were a good many that would not go in; but I spring-net them now, as there is nothing to make them suspicious as in the case of a trap-cage. In fact they can be covered up entirely with loose grass except the bait. They are all the better for a call bird in a call cage with two or three traps set round. Just at this time of year they are rather independent, owing to the amount of green buds about, but a few privet berries will mostly fetch them. There are very few berries about now; they want collecting in the winter and preserving in wet sand in an earthenware or iron vessel, one that is watertight. As to his Bullies dying, I had a similar send-off when I first started. I saw a man catching Bullies in a trap-cage, so it took my fancy (as I have never been without a British bird of some kind since my early schooldays. When nine or ten years old, I rejoiced in a family of seven Jackdaws, which I had hand-reared. I always allowed them their freedom and the use of their wings), and I bought the cage and bird of the man next morning. It was thick and foggy, and the hedges were covered with thick ice and frost. So off I and my assistants (rather too numerous) went in quest of Bullfinches. We soon returned with seven as they were hard up and easily caught—four cocks and three hens. I had a few sheaves of dry dock seed I had harvested for the occasion, so a sheaf of it was put in a flight cage and the Bullies after it. And didn't they have a feast? They sat and "gorged" dock seed till they could hold no more. Of course, we quite considered they were on the road to health, but in the afternoon, when we went to look, one was dead, and two more could not stand, and before next day was over all had departed this life except the call-bird; she was still looking hearty and fat and in the best of health, and had also shared in the feast. That set me thinking; the dock seed was not poisonous, or she would have gone too. At last I guessed they were starved down, and I had overdone them. This year I lost one cock Bullie out of a considerable number, and it was one I took of a young man who had had it a week or two; I was doubtful of it as soon as I got it home. If they are caged too many in a cage, the hens are often rather spiteful and start fighting, and some of them get knocked about, while others knock themselves about; you quite likely loose some. I always turn them in some spare rooms for the first week or two.

Sleaford. CONSTANT READER.

SIR, Will "Constant Reader" please explain how he makes the oval wire traps for Hawfinches? He mentioned it in your issue of April 11. I have inquired of a few friends as to the working of same, but they have never seen one. So if "Constant Reader" will supply me with the necessary information, I shall be much obliged

TIMMIE.

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How to Fit Up a Bird-room.

By ALBERT B. FORSE (Leyton, N.E.)

This is the Essay awarded First Prize in "Cage Birds" Competition in Section Four. Readers should note the announcement concerning this competition which appears on page 455 this week.

When first starting in the delightful hobby of Canary breeding, especially if breeding for exhibition, the novice seldom thinks of the great amount of work it entails to fit up a well-appointed bird-room. However, when once started, it becomes one of the breeder's greatest ambitions to make his bird-room compare favourably with any other in this respect.

It is wonderful the number of cages one requires, even with a stock of moderate proportions. Each year the number of breeding pairs is increased in spite of previous resolutions to limit the stock to a certain number, and each year it is found necessary to make or procure more cages until little by little the room is completely filled. It is with these cages, their

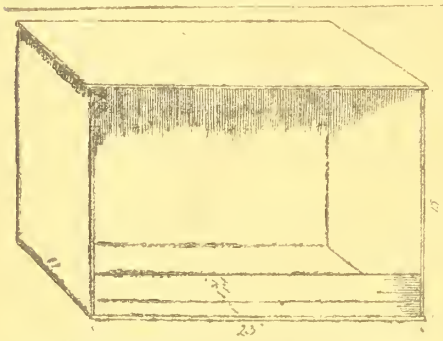

Fig. 1.—Box for Single Breeder.

arrangement and fittings, that I propose to deal; and, being a breeder of Yorkshire canaries, I shall describe the cages, etc., most suitable for that variety, though, of course, they are also suitable for other breeds, and the fitting up of the room applies equally to all.

How the Cages are made.

In the first place, the cages are all of uniform size and make. The breeders are all of the single pattern, being 23 inches long, 15 inches high and 11 inches deep. The wood used for making the cages is 7 cut pine, 11 inches wide. The backs are glued up to form one wide board, and are put together with plenty of 1 inch oval wire (French) nails. The nails should be slightly pitched the same way as the width of the board; they will then hold much tighter than if driven straight into the grain of the wood. Care must be taken, however, not to pitch the nail sideways, or it will come out at the side of the board.

The back should be fitted tightly inside the cage, not nailed on the outside; this will make the cage more rigid, and should the wood happen to shrink, the crevice will be detected easily. The top and bottom boards should be allowed to hang over ¼ inch at each end, thus giving more strength to the nailing.

Having made the box, the bottom rail should now be fixed in. These rails I make 2¾ inches wide, with 1 inch of this to take out for cleaning purposes. The cages are now fitted with loose, punched-bar fronts, with a sliding door in the centre, which is made to stop up when open, so that there is no fear of the

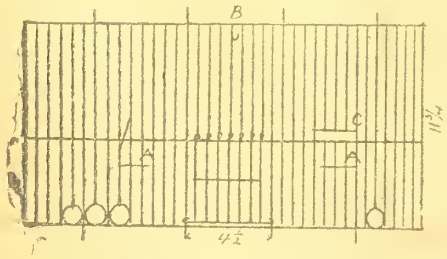

Fig. 2.—Wire Front.
A.A.—Supports for Perches.
B.—Hook to Hold Show, &c., Cages.
C.—Slot for Egg Drawer.

birds being shut in the show cages when these are hung on for training purposes. In fact, all the cage-doors should be made in this way, including those of the show cages. To do this, all that is necessary is to pinch the running wires of the door with a pair of pliers, being careful not to make them run too stiffly.

The Construction of Stock Cages.

The doors of the stock cages should not be less than 4½ inches wide, to allow of the nest pan passing through them. There are three holes on the left-hand side of the front for the seed hoppers, and one on the right for water. See Fig. 2. These holes are 1 inch in diameter.

A small hook should be soldered on to each front for the show cages to hang on (see B, Fig. 2), and so that the perches are fully 9 inches from the top of cage, I solder on two pieces of wire for them to rest on, the pieces being long enough to touch on three wires as at A, Fig. 2. Regarding the perches, I may say I do not like the long perches which some fanciers use for the birds to feed from, as the excrement dropped from the perches above collects on them, and they are a great nuisance to keep clean. Instead of using these perches, I make the bottom rails of the cages only 2¾ inches deep, as above described. The birds can then stand on the floor of the cage to feed, and I find that they reach the food quite easily. I think, however, that if I kept Norwich Canaries, I should make these rails half-an-inch narrower. There are, therefore, only the two perches in each cage, and these are placed at about 8 inches apart, the pieces themselves being fixed on the fronts accordingly.

In the centre of the back of cage a small hook is screwed in for the nest-pan to hang on. This hook is placed so that when in position, the rim of the nest-pan is about 1 inch above the perches. I find this very convenient for the youngsters hopping out of the nest on to the perches. The perches should not, as a general rule, be less than ⅝ths of an inch wide and half-an-inch thick, and should be made oval in shape. Some birds, of course, require different perches to what others do. This point should be studied carefully, especially in the case of show birds, as it will be found that the birds will stand much better if the perch is to their liking. For instance, one bird may have large feet, and will therefore require a good-sized perch, and another bird will probably go better on a smaller perch; again, some birds like the perches a bit flat on the top.

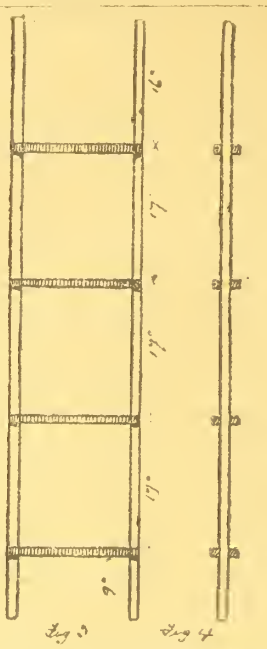

Fig. 3. Single Standard.
Fig. 4.—Showing Edge of Double Standard.

The slides are also very handy in the moulting season. I have four of these flight cages, and I am now making four more, and when these are finished, my room will be quite full.

I have in addition to these a stack of eight single cages, which I find very handy to keep the best birds in during the show season. These are 18 inches long, 15 inches high and 11 inches deep, so that although the cages differ in length they are all of one height and depth, and all painted one colour, viz., blue inside and black outside.

Painting and Enamelling.

Regarding the painting of the cages, it will be an advantage in the case of new cages to give them first a coat of size all over, allowing this to dry well before putting on the first coat of paint. If this is done the paint will not soak into the wood so much, and the cages will require only three coats to make them good; in fact, I have turned them out very well, having given them only two coats.

If enamel is used, only one coat should be put on for finish, painting the wood first with two or three coats of ordinary paint, as near the colour of the enamel as possible, but not darker, or the enamel will not cover. It is a mistake to think that a better job will be made of the cages by giving them, say, three coats of enamel on the raw wood as there is not much body in the enamel and when put one coat on another it is inclined to run, especially when used by a novice. Each coat of paint, when dry, should be rubbed down lightly with fine glass-paper and the cage well dusted out before painting again. The paint should not in any case be put on thickly with the idea of making a less number of coats, as two thin coats will give much better results than one thick one.

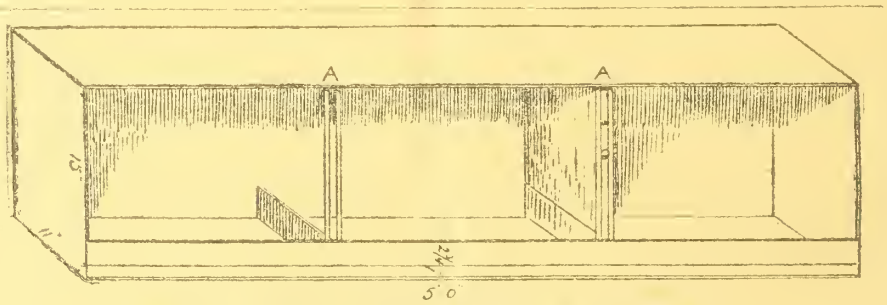

Fig. 5.—Three-Compartment Breeding or Flight Cage.
A.A.—Runners for the Slides.

Breeding, Flight, and Single Cages.

It is, of course, not necessary to use different sized perches for the breeding and flight cages, and if the above-mentioned size is used, it will keep the birds' feet in good condition, the nails seldom requiring to be cut. I have a stack of 12 of these breeders, and in my opinion these are quite enough for one room in order to allow sufficient space for the youngsters; and it will be found that with a very successful season it will be quite a job to find room for them, unless very large flights are used. Fig. 1 gives an idea of what my breeding-cage boxes are like.

I do not like very large flights, that is, where 40 or 50 or sometimes even more birds are kept together. By keeping them like this they become very wild, which is, of course, a great drawback in the case of Yorkshires, and indeed, I should think in the case of any variety. The flights I use are 5 feet long, 15 inches high, and 11 inches deep (see Fig. 5); in these I keep 10 or 12 birds, not more. These flights are fitted with two slides, as at A, Fig. 5; they can be divided into three separate cages if required. They are also fitted with three fronts made in the same way as the one already described.

These flight cages I use for the youngsters when they are leaving their parents. They take, as a rule, three nests of young, and should one nest not be quite so forward as the others, I just pop the slide in until the young are on the same food, when I draw the slide and let them all go together until the moult. The show cages are hung on to these flights as soon as the young birds are put into them.

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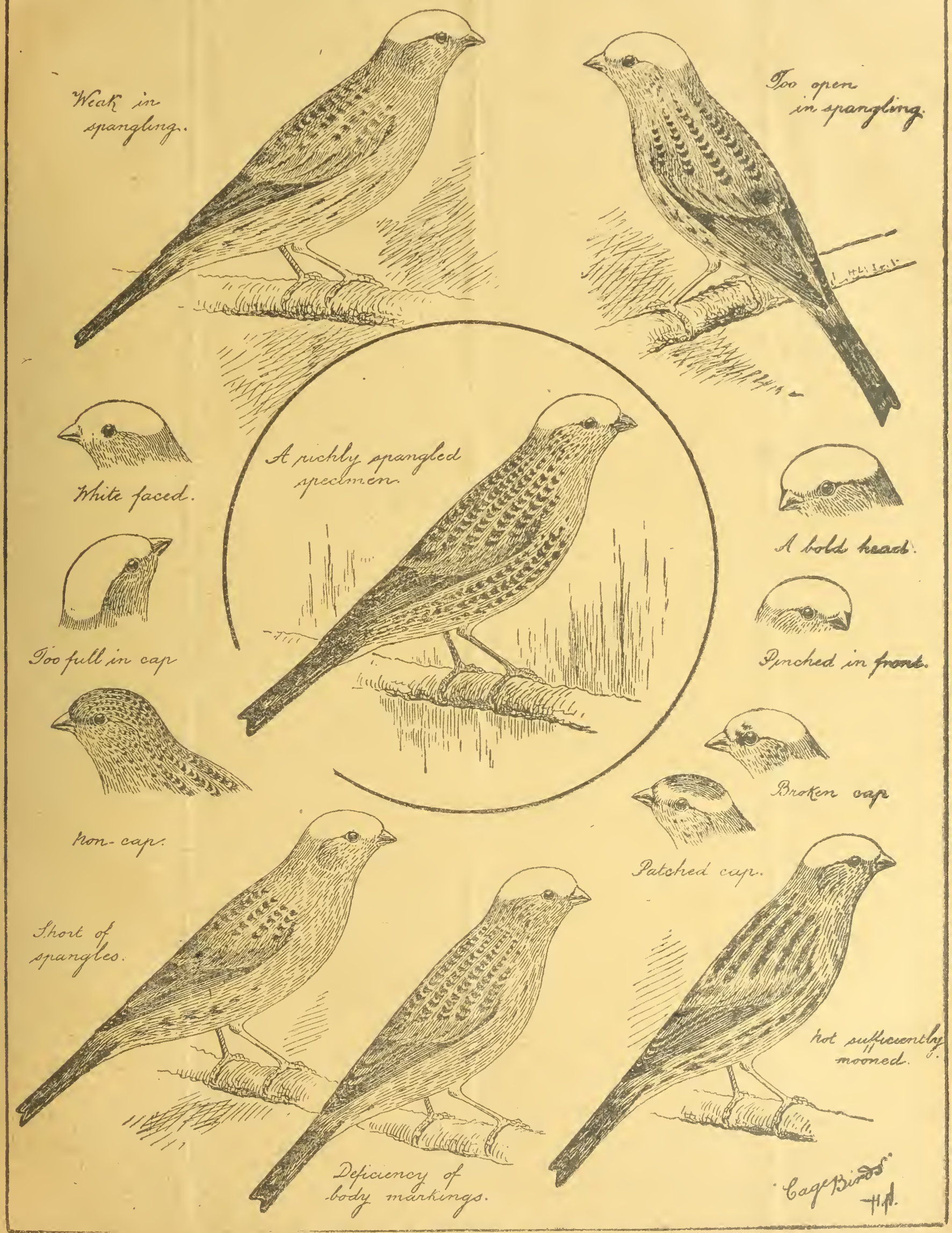

CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 6.—THE LIZARD CANARY: ITS EXHIBITION POINTS AND FAILINGS.

(Notes on this Drawing by Mr. Barker Clegg will be found on page 455.)

My Experiences with the Nightingale.

By J. JEFFREY (Kidderminster).

This is the Essay awarded FIRST PRIZE in "Cage Birds" Competition in Section Two. Readers should note the announcement which appears on page 455 concerning this Competition.

It is 35 years ago since I obtained my first Nightingale. Ornithology was then in its infancy very little practical information being forthcoming, and it was considered impossible to keep such a bird in confinement. Nothing daunting, however, I determined to try my hand.

Searching for a Nest.

I was living in Gloucestershire, and for several seasons a 'gale had made his house in a corner at the bottom part of our garden, which was surrounded by a thick box hedge and nut trees several deep. I examined the hedge from one end to the other, and every thorn bush on the bank of a stream on the opposite side; in fact, every conceivable place in which I thought the Nightingale could build; but all in vain. At last, when I had given up all hopes, I was standing one day in a small osier bed of a neighbour's garden when I heard a bird making a most peculiar noise, something similar to a low growl of a dog. On looking round to find out the cause, I discovered, sure enough, a Nightingale with a grub in its mouth. Imagine my delight; now was my chance. The nest was near, so I planted myself first in one position, then in another; I dodged here and there, but I was too anxious, and no nest could I find that day.

It was very evident the birds were feeding young ones, but the foliage was so thick and the birds so crafty, that, having little or no knowledge of the kind of nest to look for, or of the position in which it was likely to be found, I was three days in discovering its whereabouts. The young were fully fledged, and I realised that they should be taken at once.

The nest was built close to the ground and consisted of a rough structure made principally of leaves; I had some difficulty in holding it together. The greatest wonder was that I had not trampled on it; I must have looked at it many times, but the nest being made of dead leaves and the plumage of the young being so nearly of the same colour, the ground also being strewn with dead leaves, one could have looked at the nest 20 times without descerning it.

A Fruitless Attempt.

I shall never forget the pride with which I carried up my first nest of 'gales to my home. A cage had been cleaned, and was ready for their reception, and no sooner had the birds been placed in it than my troubles began! What was I to feed them on? No time must be lost; the birds must be fed. I had noticed the old birds carrying grubs to them during the three days I was watching them; but how was I to get sufficient to feed four birds? It was impossible.

Ants' eggs and mealworms were unknown to me, so I rushed off to a friend and borrowed a book on British Birds. In that I found a recipe for feeding young 'gales. So I was alright; the information was sure to be good; my mother was going to help me feed them, and I should be the proud possessor of four beautiful Nightingales. And when they were old enough to sing, what a treat! The food was speedily prepared. I don't remember the exact ingredients, but I know there were boiled bread and milk and hard-boiled eggs.

The birds were duly fed, and at night they were placed in a box and taken up to bed. I think I must have dreamt about them, for next morning I was awake at daylight. It was quite a struggle to rouse myself sufficiently to be able to place such small bits in such little mouths; but I managed to feed them 3 or 4 times before it was time to rise for breakfast. I took the birds down with me, and all in the house had a look. Yes, the birds were alright; they looked quite pert and everything seemed very satisfactory.

But towards night the poor little things began to spit out their food. I was evidently feeding them too much—I would give them a rest. I was very anxious that night and a fear came over me that something was wrong, and when I awoke at daylight next morning one of them was dead. Something *was* wrong. What could I do? I carefully examined the dead bird. Ah! I have it, I said to myself, the poor little things are bound up. Layer after layer of excreta lay at the vent. I gave them some castor oil, but with all I did the other three birds died the same day, and all my hopes were dashed to the ground.

I was very successful with Blackbirds, Thurshes, Magpies, Jays, Skylarks etc., and for several years it was quite a common thing for me to rear 60 or 70 young ones in a season. The time came, however, for me to leave home and go to my apprenticeship, and for a number of years I had neither time nor opportunity to return to my hobby. But everything comes to him who waits, and at last I was able to resume bird-breeding, when I determined to master the art of keeping Nightingales in confinement.

The Nightingale (*Daulias luscinia.*)
Drawn from the Third Prize Winner at the Crystal Palace Show, exhibited by Miss V. WATTS (Richmond.)
(*For notes on this species see Mr. Jeffrey's Article.*)

Locating Birds and Nests.

It was in the year 1896 that I set out to find as many pairs of 'gales as possible. For a small remuneration I persuaded a birdcatcher to accompany me on my journeys. My mode of operation was to start out at 9.30 p.m. and make a tour round the country, often travelling 10 or 12 miles before reaching home again. In this way I succeeded in locating something like thirty pairs of 'gales. Having accomplished this, my next plan was to visit the same spot at daylight to find out (as I considered) the most likely pairs to operate upon, as some of them were situated amongst such dense foliage and undergrowth as to give me very little chance of finding the nest.

This done, my next plan was to use the whole of my spare time in watching, with the aid of powerful field-glasses, one or the other's mode of nesting and their manner of feeding. Many a delightful hour have I passed away in this manner. Many people imagine that the Nightingale only sings at night, but this is a mistake; they sing as much in the day as other birds. I remember watching two pairs that were rather close together, and many a battle royal have I witnessed between them. They would both sing and fight for supremacy, each of the cocks taking care that his hen never rambled too near the domain of his rival.

If anyone wants to hear a 'gale sing he should hear him on an occasion like this. The two birds would sit for 20 minutes within five yards of each other and try their utmost to sing each other down; failing the accomplishment of this, they would finally dash at each other and fight till both lay helpless on the ground. I was so near to two such once that had I not hesitated so long I must have caught them under my hat; I only missed them by a few inches. But I was glad afterwards I did not, as these birds meant thirteen for me altogether that season—one nest of five, another of four, and the four old birds.

I was determined this time to make no mistake as to the diet; so, placing myself very close to the nest of a pair of birds, I watched for hours their mode of feeding, and, strange to say, I saw what I have not seen since. For several hours running, nine times out of ten the birds came with some kind of beetle in their mouths. With the aid of my glasses I could see them as plainly as if they were in my hand.

I got in a thick mass of ferns about seven yards away and practically covered myself over. After the first time or two of this the birds took no heed of me and went about their business as though I was not there. I have repeated this plan on many occasions since, but in nearly every instance the young have been fed on some kind of cat rpillar. The parents are very fond of searching the oak trees for these, and I have seen them fly 200 yards away to different oaks for their food, occasionally taking to the road-side for any stray beetle that might be running across.

Rearing Young Birds.

It was rather fortunate for me in my first essay seeing them feed on beetles, as I was well in with several bakers and mill owners that had hundreds of these large black-beetles on their premises. The walls of one bakehouse I use to visit at night were black with them, and I commissioned a youngster to go round with a tin and collect them at the rate of 1d. per hundred, and every morning he would bring me from three to four hundred beetles and crickets.

These I used to scald with boiling water and give the 'gales. No better food can possibly be given them. To my surprise I found that one pair of 'gales would devour 280 beetles daily. Now, as some of these beetles are nearly an inch long, this seemed almost impossible to me, but they devoured them day after day.

A Remarkable Menu.

I was successful that year in obtaining about 34 Nightingales. Some of them I reared by hand, but about 27 of these were young ones, and being put to my wits' end to secure sufficient food for them, I decided to give some of the old birds a chance of feeding their young, and was very pleased to find that they took to it very readily. This was a great relief to me as it gave me more time to collect their daily supply.

None but those who have kept so many of this class of birds can imagine the amount of food they devoured. I relied on gentles for the principal diet, and was in touch with some keepers who were collecting dead rabbits and cats for the purpose of breeding gentles; I was surprised at the quantity and quality of cats that fell into the keeper's hands. Besides this, 15 sheeps' heads were on order weekly, while three youths were collecting beetles for me.

For all this, I was at times put to my wits' end to keep the supply good, and often had to give these gentles before they were properly scoured in sand. It required over a gallon of solid gentles for the daily supply, and two or three wet, cold days would prove very disastrous to the supply.

Trouble in the Camp.

The birds did very well indeed on this food till the moulting season came round, and then I had a little bit of trouble. No doubt a lot of it was caused through having to give them the gentles before they were properly cleaned. Something like a dozen of the 'gales developed a disease in the head and went blind. I was much disappointed, as up till then the birds had gone on so well. And, strange to say, it was the finest looking birds that went wrong—possibly because they had fed better. Nightingales are very quarrelsome over their food, and the birds that had been kept away from the feeding vessels survived those that had fed well.

However, I became satisfied as to the cause of my trouble, and the season of wasps' nests being now on, I employed several men in collecting "wasp cake," and to a very large extent I stopped the supply of gentles. Wasps' nests were very plentiful that season, and I robbed as many as 40 myself in one day. The loose grubs were excellent food for the 'gales, and I was not long in descerning a marked improvement in my birds. Those that were a bit delicate soon picked up and I moulted out some grand specimens. The disease also disappeared, and I lost no more birds that season. I cured all the wasp grubs that were covered up in their cells and put them by for a future time, and I very soon had several hundredweight of cured wasp cake. This I found most useful for winter use.

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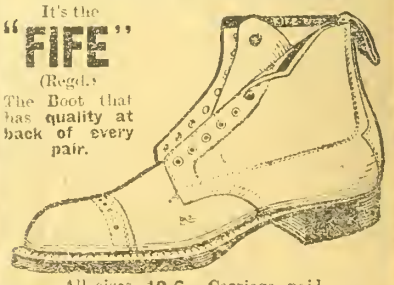

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The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

(*Continued from page 440*).

Leaving the Nest.

Although the young appear to be well clothed on leaving the nest the density of feather is more apparent than real on account of the loose fluffy nature of the feathers and their immature condition, which makes the slight extra warmth gained by roosting on the side of the nest a decided advantage to sleeping on a perch. The actual age at which the young finally quit the nest is dependent upon the treatment they receive from the parents, and to some extent upon the number in the brood. Thus a brood that is thoroughly well fed, and not plucked by the parents will, as a rule, leave the nest in from eighteen to twenty-one days. This is perhaps the average time, and will cover the time of leaving of the vast majority of normal broods.

I have known birds, especially small broods, leave the nest earlier, but they are exceptions; and others, particularly in the case of very large broods, and of indifferent parents who have fed in a half-hearted manner and perhaps plucked the young as well, will be nearer a month before the final exit takes place. Small broods of two or three birds will naturally be better fed, given the same kind of parents, than broods of four or five, and for this reason small broods will be found to thrive better, grow faster, and leave the nest two or three days sooner on an average than large ones. But in every case, whether the birds have done well or badly, the aim should always be to keep them in the nest as long as possible.

Regulating Broods.

Whenever the exigencies of pedigree-breeding will allow it to be carried out it is an excellent plan to regulate the size of the broods by taking from abnormally large ones and adding to very small ones. An average of three is a nice brood for a pair of birds to rear, and it will almost invariably be found that these broods consist of stronger and better developed birds than will be found to occur where four or five birds are reared at once by the same pair.

Therefore if one has a number of broods of about the same age, some containing one or two birds and others four or five, or in exceptional cases, six, one, two, or three of the young, as the case may be, should be taken from the large broods, and distributed amongst the small broods so as to make them all three each. On the other hand, if there should remain a brood of only one young after making them up to an average of three all round besides, that one should be given to one of the best feeding pair, and the parents allowed to begin nesting again.

It goes without saying that in thus regulating the families, one should, as far as their knowledge of the birds will permit, select the pair that are the best all round parents and feeders to rear the young, and when a brood is wholly distributed it should be that brood belonging to the pair which are the least reliable as feeders and nurses. Say, for example, one has two pairs of birds with broods of one and three respectively. If the pair with only a solitary youngster are known to be a better feeding pair than the one with three they should have the extra three young given them, and not vice versa. This change should not be made all at once, as would be the case in giving a single bird to another pair which already had two of their own. Both pairs must be kept going for a day or two so the brood may be transferred gradually.

One young may be added in the morning, and if the birds appear to take kindly to it at once and feed both young well right away, the other two may be added at once in the evening just when the birds are settling down for the night. See that the crops are full when the change is made so that they will be strong and "gape" well next morning. If the birds appear somewhat chary of the first young one given it will be advisable not to add another that day. But if they are feeding well next day then complete the transference by adding one more young on each of the next two evenings.

When Cripples Appear.

One little detail the fancier must not think too trivial for notice; though apparently insignificant at the time, it will if neglected become a grave trouble. This detail is to be on the look-out when changing soiled nests, containing young for clean ones, for cases of crippled feet—or slipped claws, as it is more familiarly called. If the claws of the young are found to be contracted and drawn together in a bunch without the power of opening out or gripping anything, they should be attended to forthwith, as they are more amenable to treatment at this time than they will ever be again, and if this trouble is allowed to go unattended for any appreciable length of time, no treatment will be of the least benefit, but will probably cause the patient excruciating pain. For this latter reason, and the doubtful value of any treatment after these crippled feet have once become firmly fixed in position I consider it is always much the wisest, as it certainly is the kindest plan, to leave them severely alone. It is essentially a case where one's motto should be early treatment or none.

Method of Treatment.

Therefore, when one is giving a clean nest when a brood is about a fortnight old, this being the first opportunity one usually has of handling the young, it affords a chance which should not be missed of examining whether the claws are in the normal state. If this is not the case, and any hind claws are turned permanently forward, they should be gently placed back in the proper position and loosely tied to the leg—this, of course, is using the word as understood by the general body of fanciers, in preference to the fearsome term "tarso-metatarsus" which the strictly scientific nomenclaturists, to coin a term, would deem correct. But we'll call it the leg for convenience sake. So tie the hind claw loosely to the leg with a bit of soft and thin mending wool. But if the front claws are curled underneath in a fist-like clutch, the best plan is to cut a very narrow strip from a stout postcard, about three-quarters of an inch in length and, gently drawing the claws out straight, place this strip of card underneath, and bind them on to it.

Should there be only one of the front claws affected, one may dispense with the card and bind the deformed claw alongside its nominal neighbour, when the latter will keep it in its proper forward position.

Needless to say, all these operations require extreme care and delicacy of touch. It is so easy to overdo the thing and still more seriously harm a delicate nestling, that this caution is advisable. Above all, do not tamper with a bird unless there is a real necessity for interference. If you think a bird's claws appear deformed, do not jump to the conclusion that they really are without further examination. Satisfy yourself first that it is not a normal and voluntary contraction on the part of the bird which would be relaxed naturally as soon as the bird was left quietly alone.

Removing the Bandages.

In all these cases where one has put on these makeshift splinters and bandages, they should be removed as soon as the birds leave the nest. By this they have had plenty of time to overcome the deformity in birds of this tender age, and if they are left on the birds after they leave the nest, there is a certain danger of the defects being over-corrected, and mischief done in other ways. But, again, one must keep a sharp look-out on these birds for a week or so after they leave the nest, to see the claws do not go back to their unnatural position.

Should they do so, no time should be lost in replacing the remedial appliances, which will be of the same kind, except that an eighth of an inch of the rubber tube of a feeding bottle will be better than tying wool for the hind claw. A close watch should, indeed, be kept over the feet of all birds, and more particularly those of large varieties, for these defects for some days after they first take to the perches. This is the time when they are most apt to occur, due probably to the birds not being sufficiently skilful in travelling the perches and twisting or otherwise straining their claws.

Proper Perches Essential.

A fertile cause of these deformities of birds' feet which is not often suspected is improper perches. This includes not only perches which are of a bad shape and wrong size, but also badly placed, and ill-fitting, wriggley sticks which give the birds some trouble to keep their position. A perch that is too small will very often set up serious foot trouble with a large and heavy bird. The constant strain of supporting itself on a perch that is too small for it will often make the feet of a Crest, Crestbred, or Lancashire, so painful that the bird has a real difficulty in standing upright, and passes a good deal of its time either on the cage floor or crouching flat upon its stomach on the perch. This fact may often give rise to cases which puzzle the novice considerably.

The difference that perches will make is strikingly illustrated when one puts birds of these large varieties in a cage that has been vacated by Lizards or Borders. The perches might have been all that could be desired for the smaller birds, and consequently all went well, but the larger birds were no sooner settled in the cage than things began to go wrong, and the birds lost their vivacity and began to sit crouching flat upon the perch as much as possible. In the great majority of such cases sore and cramped feet will be found to be at the root of the trouble, and the perches the cause of it all.

For the smaller varieties a perch varying from three-eighths of an inch to half an inch wide and three-eighths of an inch thick with just the square edges trimmed off is a very good size: but for the large breeds the width should not be less than five-eighths of an inch, and the same thickness, so that when the edges are roughly trimmed off and the perch drawn a few times through a fold of very coarse sandpaper, it forms a nice flattened oval with a very slight corrugation running across it from end to end all the way round, which gives the heaviest bird a splendid grip and foothold.

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

The Chiff Chaff in Surrey.

The day previous to the snow coming, was wet and dreary, with a cold, nipping east wind. A solitary little Chiff-Chaff was flitting about the garden, first among the rose trees, then searching diligently up the fence where the [illegible] dons are trained. He evidently found food fairly plentiful, for he looked exceedingly bright and perky, considering the weather. After the snow had melted as the wind was blowing strongly, he rambled up the footpath to [illegible] Farm. Upon one side is a fair-sized wood; the vegetation in it is very forward, in consequence of its sheltered position. There is always a good number of birds to be seen and heard here, and it is just one of those favoured spots that the early migrants select to settle in. Mingled with the music of the Thrushes one could occasionally hear the sweet trilling notes of a Warbler. There was hardly sufficient to identify the singer by, yet enough to make sure it was neither Dunnock nor Robin. These early notes of the Warblers are generally very faint and unassuming, as though the singer has not yet gained sufficient confidence in his own musical abilities to render his song in full. But, however poorly rendered, they are as welcome as the choicest passages, sung with full power and vigour in the month of June for by that time we are somewhat sated with the music of our feathered minstrels. A manure heap appears to be a rather strange place to look for choice Warblers, yet one knows from experience that in the early summer months this is just the place where the first insects are to be found; consequently wild birds will be there also. Some half-dozen Chiff-Chaffs were flitting about such a heap; they looked anything but happy. With six inches of snow covering everything, they must have spent a cheerless, miserable night, and were possibly without food until the warm April sun melted the winter mantle. They are quick, lively little birds, and are as smart in catching insects on the wing as any of the Flycatchers. Possibly the climatic conditions and the want of food made them less shy than usual as they came within a few feet of us darting about with all the agility they are capable of, although with ruffled plumage.

Food of the Brown Owl.

It is doubtful if the Brown Owl is quite so useful as its congeners, for although it will destroy mice and voles, it takes a heavy toll of feathered life. The common House Sparrow is seldom claimed as a victim.

Protection of Wild Birds.

The protection of wild birds has now become practically a wholesale matter. Although one is delighted to see plenty of bird life when rambling along the country lanes and fields, yet it appears reasonable to hope that the authorities will, from time or time, revise their lists, as some species make considerably more headway than others, and the extraordinary increase of some would possibly outnumber others, and thus prevent somewhat rarer birds from deriving much benefit from protection.

The Wild Birds' Nest.

It is only the nest of the common Hedge Sparrow, one of a dozen, that may be found any morning in the month of May. It is placed in a thicket where the twisted branch of the thorn presses tightly against the moss-grown fence. The feathered architect has built a home of surpassing beauty. The exterior is moss of various shades, gathered from the sloping bank close by. A few dead stalks of last year's herbage are mingled with it, giving a careless, natural look to the structure. Where it touches the fence a little lichen has been added, so closely resembling the weather-worn timber that it needs close scrutiny to detect where one begins and the other ends. It is warmly lined with hair, a scrap of wool, and a few feathers. To collect the materials and build such a nest must have been a big task to such little creatures, and when one thinks that this labour of love will possibly be destroyed in a minute by some thoughtless youth, we cannot but admire these wild birds, for their patience is inexhaustible, and their perseverance something to envy. If one home is destroyed or robbed they at once immediately commence another.

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HOUSE MOULTED cock Goldfinch, 6/-; Yellow cock Siskin, 4/-; exhibition cock Twite, 2/6; approval, deposit; exchange cock Greypates; offers.—Kenneth, Brown-st., Broughty Ferry.

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WANTED two Norwich hens; exchange two pairs white Pantails; sell 10/-; Canaries first.—Harry Asquith, Haliburton-place, Galashiels.

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WANTED, any number of all kinds of Canaries, cheap for cash; state full particulars and price.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

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THE SHOWS.

HALIFAX O.S.

The second members' monthly show was held at the Griffin Hotel on May 2nd. A good muster of members turned up. Mr. W. Speak (Halifax) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

BUFF YORKS.: 1, A. Lloyd; 2, vhc, H. W. Walsh; 3, hc, c, Ross and Robertshaw. NOVICE DO.: 1, B. Garside; 2, 3, vhc, Saville and Hargreaves; hc, c, S. Haigh.—J. F. TUCKRAY and H. WHITAKER, Secretaries.

NORTHERN B.B. M. AND F.B.C.

A successful meeting and table show were held in Lockhart's Cafe, Newcastle-on-Tyne, when a good muster of fanciers and friends met. There were three classes for competition, but we had to cancel the soft bills. The Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Chaffinch and Bramblefinch brought 11 entries, and some were very promising.

HARDBILL: 1, Slack, Bramble grand size and colour; 2, Maddison, Goldfinch, a good finch; 3, Bertram, grand Chaffinch for size not yet in full bloom. A.O.S. HARDBILL (13) brought seven varieties: 1, Story, Blackheaded Bunting, grand size and colour, very steady; 2, Maddison, large Linnet, nice, even colour; 3, Sheppard, Yellow-hammer, gem for colour and markings, with a little more size would be a topper. On our next meeting night, May 20th, we are having three more classes for field-moulted birds, Judge, Mr. Sheppard. We also enrolled two new members, also Vice-President Mr. Dawson. All British, Mule and Foreign Bird Fanciers are cordially invited to join, distance being no object. Rule books will be forwarded to members shortly.—J. R. SLACK, Hon. Secretary.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful meeting and table show for British birds were held at headquarters, The Temperance Hotel, on April 30th, when there was a very good muster of fanciers and friends. Mr. J. Robinson officiated as judge, which he did to the satisfaction of all. The Greenfinch shown by Mr. R. Baxter, was a credit to its owner, taking special for best bird in show, which speaks well for a young novice fancier.

GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Thain, nice Goldie, good bars and tans; 2, Straughan, very nice Goldfinch, just beaten on condition; 3, Forster, Bullfinch, grand cap and size; vhc, Rennison, Goldfinch; hc, c, A Moir. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Baxter, Greenfinch, most perfect specimen, with a moult should take some beating; 2, vhc, Rennison, 2 shade paler in colour, vhc nice Chaffinch; 3, H. P. Staig, Bramblefinch, good size and markings. LINNET GRAY: 1, Rennison, nice size, good, nutty colour and markings; 2, Cairns, a good bird. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Rennison, taking little Redpoll, fit for keener competition. The judge next gave us a lecture on staging, and how he placed the awards, which was well received. Most points gained throughout show were as follows: R. F. Rennison, 8; R. Baxter, 9; W. Thain, 8. A silver medal was given by the secretary for most points gained throughout the table shows, donor not competing. Messrs. T. Burnett and A. Tweedy were enrolled as new members. Votes of thanks were given to the judge, who was chosen to judge at our show of British birds at our next meeting.—R. F. RENNISON, Hon. Sec.

SINGING CONTESTS.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest held at Dog Inn on May 3rd. 27 birds competed. Winners: Knight and Robinson tied for 1st, the scores being 81 each; 3rd, Knight, 75. Judges, Messrs. Blackhadder and Darkey.—H. TIMMS, Sec.

EDMONDSLEY.

Linnet contest, held May 2nd, at the Club House, Colliery Inn, 40 birds competing for three prizes. Result as follows:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, F. Pullar. Judge, Mr. J. Mason; timekeeper, J. Needham. R. Boyd acted as book-keeper.—JOHN NEEDHAM, Sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest, held at Bricklayer's Arms, Palmer Lane, on May 2nd, when 24 birds faced the judges. Result:—1st, Allan; 2nd, Key; 3rd, Whitehead; 4th, Laverick; 5th, Chaplin; 6th, Massheder. Judge, Mr. John Paver. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert.—WM. EMPSON.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, May 2nd, when 16 birds sang. 1st and 3rd, C. Biss; 2nd, T. Stead. Judges, Messrs. Crane and Chadwick. Also on May 3rd, when 25 birds competed. 1st, 4th, and 6th prizes, T. Stead; 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd and 5th, C. Biss.—Judges, Messrs. C. Cooper and Allen.—T. SUMMERS.

PENTONVILLE.

Weekly contest, held at the Bee Hive, Cynthia-street, Pentonville-road. Linnet and Chaffinch handicaps have been going fairly well. Meacock, Dave, Country Dick, Mabbett, and Howes each found winning birds. Bee Hive open for Linnet or Chaffinch race; reply through CAGE BIRDS. F. Westmore, timekeeper.

SKININGROVE.

The Skiningrove L.S.S. held their cup contest on May 2nd, when the winners were as follows:—1st, Hodge; 2nd and 6th, Dobson and Burnett; 3rd, Leng; 4th, Fox; 5th, Rawson. Messrs. Dobson and Burnett are the winners of the cup for the season. Week-end contest, held April 25th: 1st, Fox; 2nd, Jackson; 3rd, Leng. Contest held April 18th: 1st, Whelford; 2nd, Leng; 3rd, Fox. Timekeeper, J. C. Havelock. Judge, Mr. F. Deadon.—M. DOBSON, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contest took place at the Prince Albert Inn. Results as follows: May 2nd, 15 birds. Judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and G. Tower; timekeeper, Mr. E. Wood. 1st, Kibberly; 2nd and 3rd divided between W. Sissons and A. Binner. Also May 3rd, when 23 birds faced the judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and G. Towers; timekeeper, Mr. E. Wood. Result: 1st, W. Sisson; 2nd and 3rd divided between W. Sissons and A. Binner.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

An open Linnet Singing Contest, held at Standard Mowen, Chapel Street, Leigh, on May 2nd, when 34 birds competed for 8 prizes—4 prizes for time singing, and 4 for quality. Result for time:—1st, J. Sefton; 2nd, D. Thompson; 3, Wardle; 4, J. Green; for quality: 1st, J. W. Jones; 2nd, P. O'Neil; 3rd, Aspinall; 4th, J. Sefton. Judges for time:—Messrs. O'Neil and Ellison. Timekeeper, Mr. Aspinall. Judges for quality:—Messrs. G. Rostron and J. W. Jones. After the match the prizes were given by Mr. G. Rostron. Another open contest will be held at Collier's Rest, Westleigh Mill, Leigh, on May 9th.—J. W. Jones.

CLUB REPORTS.

BRIGHOUSE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The members met at headquarters on April 28th to hear a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary given by Mr. S. Dean (Gt. Horton), which was very interesting. The lecturer answered many questions in an able manner, and a vote of thanks to the lecturer brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.—W. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held at headquarters, New Westwood, on May 2nd, Mr. G. Barkas in chair. We went into schedule for first feather show to be held June 27th. There will be 16 classes for Canaries and British birds, and Mr. Thos. Robson (Newcastle) will judge. Mr. J. Stanger, of Felton Fell, is to judge our open show to be held December 26th.—JAS. BROWN, Assist. Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

The society at their meeting on April 27th had their quarterly lecture at headquarters, the White Hart Hotel. Mr. Geo. Cartwright, Vice-President, was the lecturer, and, in his usual humorous manner, gave a very instructive and interesting discourse on "Canary Breeding," which was highly appreciated by a large gathering of members and friends. The usual vote of thanks brought a very successful meeting to a close.—S. LODGE.

HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting was held April 28th at the Central Dining Rooms. Mr. James Perry presided over a good attendance of members. The principal business was classification for first feather show, to be held on June 27th. Mr. F. W. Nelson, of Stockport, was appointed judge of Canaries, and Mr. James Law, of Rochdale, of British birds and Mules.

RUTHERGLEN AND DISTRICT O.A

Monthly meeting was held on 27th April, Mr. Boyd, vice-president, in the chair. The business was mostly taken up with the reports of members concerning breeding, which were, on the whole, disappointing on account of the unfavourable weather. It was agreed that a young bird show be held on 27th June in the Old Council Chamber. Two new members were admitted into the society.—FRANK WILSON, Secretary.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) O.S

Owing to the bad weather there was only a moderate turn-up of fanciers to hear Mr. Wm. Cruise's leeture on his favourite, the Yorkshire Canary, at the Church Schools, Southfield Lane, on April 25. He gave us his experience on first starting the hobby, and the ups and downs he had had since in breeding and exhibiting. He also urged young and new fanciers to join a society as a means of intercourse with other fanciers and judges. There were a lot of questions asked, and these were answered in an able manner by the lecturer. A vote of thanks to Mr. Cruise for his instructive lecture was carried unanimously. Mr. Cruise responded, and then an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.—H. SCHOFIELD, hon. secretary.

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REIGATE.

The cage bird section of the Association held a meeting at Mutton's Hotel on April 13th, when a good number of members turned up to hear a lecture, which was given by Mr. A. J. Kilby, of Caterham, on "My Experience in the Breeding of Norwich Plainheads." The lecturer gave some very good hints, which will be very useful to both old and young fanciers, and several questions were asked, which were ably answered by Mr. Kilby. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Kilby, which he suitably responded to.—A. W. BACON, Hon. Sec.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

On April 28th we had Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax) among us to lecture on the pairing, breeding, and rearing of Canaries, Mr. T. Ogden (Ogden Bros.) in the chair. Mr. Clarkson's address was listened to very closely by the large number present. Mr. Clarkson gave some excellent advice and recipes which no doubt will be put to the test by the members before long. He dwelt at great length on the diseases young birds are subject to, also on egg food, and what to do with young ones when a few weeks old. At the close of his address our chairman invited questions, which were soon forthcoming. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was carried, to which he suitably replied. We extend a hearty welcome to fanciers in surrounding districts to join us. There is no limit. We are members of the Yorkshire Union.—J. SMITH, Secretary.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

A specially convened meeting was held on April 25th at the Fawcett Street Cafe, when despite the inclement weather there was a good muster of members. A letter was read from Mr. Gordon, intimating his desire to resign the secretaryship, his reason being that he desired a rest, having served the society as secretary for 15 years, (7 and 8 years respectively). His letter concluded with the heartily expressed wish that the society would continue to prosper, and with the assurance that he would do all in his power in the future as he had done in the past to help in the attainment of that object. It was decided that his resignation be accepted, and that a letter of thanks for his past services on behalf of the society be forwarded to him. Mr. Copeland then resigned his position as assistant secretary stating that he would like to see it held by another. His resignation was accepted, and he too was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his past services. It was then proposed and seconded that Messrs. W. Reid and W. Maddison be joint secretaries. This was carried unanimously. The ordinary business was then proceeded with and correspondence from the secretaries of the various specialist clubs was dealt with. It was decided to have 5 classes for Yorkshires at our next annual open show, and, if we obtain the patronage of the Lancashire and Lizard Specialist Club to add two more Lizard classes to the two already guaranteed by Messrs. Reid and Riseborough. Mr. R. Armstrong proposed that Messrs. Sanderson, and J. Richardson become members. These two fanciers were admitted as members, and received a hearty welcome. Other fanciers desirous of joining us may do so by attending the next meeting, or by communicating with the secretaries. Suggestions were made for a day's outing, and probably a ramble will be arranged, to take place about the end of June. An interesting discussion, opened by Mr. A. Brown of Gateshead, on Hybrid breeding, and which was taken part in by several of the members, brought a first-class meeting to an end.—REID and MADDISON, Secretaries.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Preparing Birds for Exhibition.

At the annual meeting held on April 21st at Aberdare, Mr. G. L. Harber, M.R.C.V.S., read a paper on "Preparing of Birds for Exhibition." He spoke as follows:—

I have been asked by our worthy secretary to read a paper, or sing a song, for this our first meeting of the year. I want you to let me down easily, for I am well aware that I am in a veritable hotbed of fanciers in S. Wales—fanciers who can hold their own against others of any part of the United Kingdom.

We will take for granted that you have had a good breeding season (which I most sincerely hope all of us will), and that you have a number of young birds in the flights, some of which look promising, others not so. I think I hear someone say, "Oh, I'm not going to the expense and trouble of colour-feeding all these; I shall just pick out the best, and let the others run in the flight." But are you sure that you are selecting the best birds? Young birds after tremendously during their first moult, and the worst looking youngsters often turn out the best. I should suggest that you colour-feed all your stock (of course, I am speaking now of those varieties which admit of artificial colouring); it not only enhances the beauty of the birds, but also their value. The expense is very trivial. I think I hear some of you say, "How about ruining the constitutions of your birds by giving them a lot of colour feeding?" Well, my experience has taught me that colour-feeding does not injure the internal organs in any way. I have made lots of postmortem examinations upon birds which have been killed accidentally, and the internal organs have been perfectly healthy, although these birds have been hot fed.

You have now got your birds well through their moult, and the shows are about to come on. Now is the time to begin handling them; that is, running them into a show cage, every day for a short while. I give them at this time a little mixed seed every other day, as during the moult they have had nothing but plain Canary, and a little linseed. But beware of hemp seed, as nothing puts a Norwich or a Yorkshire so much out of shape as hemp. And what is uglier than a hemp-seed-chested Norwich? The next thing is to see to your bird's cleanliness of feather. Of course, you must have your birds clean, but avoid washing as much as possible for the first two or three shows after the moult. Spraying with warm water should be sufficient to keep them clean. After that you will have to wash, but still wash as seldom as possible, as this is a very trying ordeal for most birds, and very often leads to colds and asthma, and very often nervous birds faint. When you do wash your birds, do it thoroughly, and take your time. I don't intend to go into the modus operandi, as we shall have plenty of that shown us to-day; but, let me say, always wash three days before the show, and keep them covered in a show cage and spray them every morning until you send to the show.

The next item is your show cage. Have this scrupulously clean, wires nicely blacked, and if a box cage nicely enamelled. I think pale green shows off a carefully fed bird aswell as any colour. The perches should be of nice size and clean. I was surprised to see the dirty condition of some really good birds shown at some of our big exhibitions last season. I consider that a Scotch Fancy, a Belgian or Crest should be shown in as cleanly a condition as a Norwich or a Yorkshire Canary, and many a good bird is pegged through being badly staged. This closes my paper; if there should be any hints useful to any of you I shall be amply repaid.—D. H. TENSTONE.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in Room 5, Royal Hotel, on the 2nd May. Mr. W. Haddow, president, occupied the chair. The date of our next annual (open) show was altered from 28th to 21st November. The selection of judges was proceeded with. The date of our young bird (open) show was fixed for 4th July, when it is hoped local fanciers will patronise us and make it a huge success. The classification has not yet been fixed. In connection with this it transpired that some of our members are having a lucky breeding season, two Greenie Bullfies and Linnet Mules being reported. Strenuous efforts are being made to make our society more popular in the district, and with a view to this negotiations for a lecture by a well-known fancier at our meeting on 6th June are being made. Fanciers are heartily invited to attend.—A. CANT, Secretary.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN OPEN DERBY O.A.

On April 29th we issued a large number of postcards to Scotch Fancy and Belgian breeders who had previously received copies of membership tickets. They were sent to those who had not before let us know as to whether they intended joining, and also to those who had tickets for disposal. Fanciers who had already joined, not having any extra tickets in their possession, did not receive postcards. We hope they will accept this explanation. Being extremely anxious to have as large a number as possible, we would specially request those gentlemen who have made up their minds to become members, to send on their reply by May 18th at latest. Of course, it is understood that the time allowed for joining the association does not expire until the 31st of this month, when all subscriptions must have been paid. Should there have been any fanciers omitted, will they please apply for copy of rules, when they will be sent on by return of post. We are meeting with a liberal response to our postcards, and we take this opportunity of returning thanks to those fanciers who are so ably assisting us in securing members.—J. R. MEIKLE, Hon. Sec. and Treas., 51, Lothian-rd., Edinburgh.

GATESHEAD AND DIS. C.B.S.

At the last ordinary meeting of the society it was agreed that Mr. Battye be appointed an additional judge for our show to be held on December 11th and 12th. Six new members were elected, and these received a hearty welcome: Messrs. Crawhall (Newcastle), Mullin, Tait, Askew, Robins (of Gateshead), and J. Robson (Sacriston). Recompense for special loss in transit was considered satisfactory and agreed to. It was also agreed to add novice classes for young birds in our next open schedule—one each for Norwich, Borders, Yorks, Cinnamons and Mules. Also one each Crest and Crestbred, with the usual guarantee that all classes be paid full prize money. The next meeting was arranged to take place May 20th.—THOS. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB

The voting for the election of vice-chairman and committee of the above has been very satisfactory, 59 ballot papers being returned out of 72 sent out. This can be considered very good. The following have been elected:—Vice-chairman, Mr. F. Hammond; Bradford committee, Messrs. Haigh (Buttershaw), R. Halliday (Shipley), Joe Wilcock (Eccleshill), W. H. Shackleton (Wilsey), H. S. Naylor, J. E. Brotherton (Bradford), T. Boyle (York), H. J. Chittenden (Bradford), W. A. Cowgill (Girlington), H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), A. Hirst (Accrington), B. Holmes (Keighley), S. H. Jeffreys (Sowerby Bridge), W. H. Lindley (Wombwell), Wm. Foxall (Ashton-under-Lyne), A. J. Savery (Leeds), A. W. Waters (Wombwell-nr.-Barnsley), J. Moorhouse (Meltham), J. F. Thackray (Halifax), and A. Pickles (Wadsworth). The club is progressing splendidly, having a membership at present of 72. The secretary would be pleased to send particulars, etc., to intending members.—O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec., 13, Lodge-terrace, Bowling, Bradford.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held at headquarters on April 2nd, when there was a large attendance. Mr. J. Currah (chairman) presided. The first item was the fixing of the date of first feather show. It was carried that we hold it on July 11th. It was also carried that there be two classes for each variety of Canaries, and two for Mules. It was further decided to add some British and Foreign bird classes, viz., Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, or Bramblefinch, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, A.O.S. Hardbill, and two classes for Softbills, one for Lark, or smaller, and the other for birds larger than a Lark; two Foreign classes, one for Goldfinch or Bullfinch, and the other for A.O.S. Foreign. It was proposed and carried that all birds competing in British and Foreign Goldfinch and Bullfinch classes he field moulted. Messrs. T. Robson (for Canaries) and J. Maddison (for the remainder) were elected judges. This completed the general business. Mr. T. C. Crawhall then gave his promised lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, and right well did he do it, as someone said. He first told us what he thought to be a real typical show Yorkshire; then how to pair up for breeding show specimens. Not the least interesting were his remarks anent feeding. I have no doubt these were highly appreciated by the novices present. After Mr. Crawhall had answered questions (and he got plenty of them), our vice-chairman, Mr. McPartling, proposed a vote of thanks to him for his highly interesting and instructive lecture, which was carried with acclamation. Mr. Crawhall suitably replied. Mr. McPartling, our C.B.U. delegate, gave a report of a meeting he had attended. The following new members were elected:—Mrs. Pearce (this being the second lady on our books), Messrs. J. Lumsden, C. Birkett, D. E. Kent, A. Holdon, D. Todd, R. Johnson, A. Stevenson, J. Muters, S. S. Hnxham, J. G. Smith, and T. Smith. Will members please note that subscriptions are now due, and at our next meeting, May 7th, the schedule for open show is to be drawn up.—CURRY and HUTCHINSON, joint Secretaries.

METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION OF CANARY BREEDERS.

At the Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, Mr. C. A. House delivered before the members of the above society an instructive lecture, entitled, "Where are we." Mr. House reminded his hearers that they were now at that season of the year when fanciers were anxious to have their birds on the go in breeding operations. He advised them to go steadily for the time was yet young. In breeding Yorkshires, fanciers should at all times keep the standard type before them. The great craze for size amongst some fanciers was a mistake, and their class of bids would nine times out of ten, under a good judge, get beaten by a bird that could rightly be termed a standard type of bird. The class of bird set forth in the standard invariably carried itself better, had nicer quality, and was more attractive. That other popular variety, the Norwich, was making great headway in all-round properties, and to breeders of that variety he would give the same advice—stick to the standard type. In this variety the Northern Fancier liked size, and the Southern Fancier, particularly in the west, had the smart chubby bird teeming with quality. Mr. House touched upon the other varieties, and in every case assured his hearers that type and quality would come out on top except, perhaps, in Crests, where it was generally a case of all heads and no tails. At the conclusion of the lecture the Chairman congratulated the members upon having the opportunity of hearing so instructive a lecture. He reminded them that the collection for young bird show specials amounted to nearly a couple of sovereigns, and that he was anxious to see even that good sum added to, for they were having good judges. With plenty of members he hoped to see the Club stage a larger number of birds than any Society in London.—In questioning the lecturer, Mr. Honeysett desired to know whether a strain of birds could he built up from one pair of birds? Mr. House replied in the affirmative, and showed how the same could be accomplished.—Mr. Eversett inquired whether In-breeding lessened size?—Mr. House's reply was a decided no, providing that sound judgment was used in selection. He spoke from long practical experience in nearly every branch of the Fancy.—Mr. McGregor wished to learn the reason why the young from the same pair of birds should vary every season, if not nearly every nest?—Mr. House said that In-breeding was the only way to secure a unity of points, and that birds unrelated, as were Mr. McGregor's, would throw all sorts, and generally nothing in particular.—A vote of thanks to Mr. House for his able lecture brought the meeting to a close.—A. J. HEAD, Secretary.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

There was a special gathering, including several ladies, and Messrs. George Crabb and J. W. Rameden, to hear a paper upon "The Cinnamon Canary," by W. A. Bladon, Esq., and this can only be attributed to the respect in which the President of the C.B.U. and M. and N.C.O.S. is held. The election of W. E. Cobb, and nomination of Miss Muriel Clark took place. The following amendments, etc., to the rules of the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies were agreed upon, with instructions to the delegates (Messrs. R. L. Crisp and A. C. Burn) to consider at their next council meeting, viz.:—To oppose Mr. Honeysett's (Battersea) motion to amend Rule 7; that Rules 11 and 12 be left to the delegates to decide; that Mr. Adamthwaite's (London and Counties) motion to amend Rule 20, be left in the hands of the delegates; to delete in Rule 21 the last five words and substitute "a sum not exceeding one guinea"; to delete in Rule 23 at the seventh line, the words "by 9 o'clock the day following," and substitute "within 24 hours of"; to raise a point for discussion upon the first part of Rule 24 as to what advantages will he gained. The balance sheet of the British and Foreign Bird Show (duly audited) showing a loss of £1 16s. 2d., was confirmed as read. Details of the summer outing in conjunction with the N.B.B. and M.C., which takes place on May 30th to Surrey, were announced, several members intimating their intention of taking part. On Mr. Bladon's paper coming up to be read, the Chairman remarked that the brilliant company before him abundantly testified to the authority the writer (with 30 years of Cinnamon breeding) was considered. A most hearty vote of thanks was awarded Mr. Bladon at the close.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

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BRADFORD (EAST) O.S.

Ramble to Grassington and Bolton Abbey.

A "Merry Christmas" was the most familiar greeting heard in the Midland Station on Easter Monday morning as the members and friends of our society assembled to take part in the first ramble of the year to this world-famed beauty spot in Wharfedale; and certainly the remark could be excused under the condition which prevailed in Bradford in the early part of the morning, for all was covered with snow and looked cheerless in the extreme. I myself made down to the station feeling certain I could write "failure" against our first venture, and I could not have been disappointed had there been no one there. My fears, however, were swept on one side, for a nice party, numbering 27, left Bradford by the 8.50 train, and later in the day we were joined by nine other friends at Bolton Abbey, making a total of 36—not a bad turn up considering the weather. On our arrival at Grassington, Messrs. Rushworth and Cruise took charge of the party, and under their capable leadership many prominent places of interest were visited. From the station we first visited the famous "Linton Falls" which roar and fume under the bridge which connects Linton with Grassington. Standing on this bridge one gets a magnificent view both up and down stream. This view was much admired and served to whet our appetite for what was to follow. We wended our way up into the village of Grassington for dinner, which was served at Chapman's dining rooms in the main street. While dinner was being prepared we had a walk through the village, and if one desires to see all the quaintness of an old-time village, this is a place with treats galore—picturesque houses, cobbled square, disused theatre, and fine old hall. Few places can boast of such a beautiful "viciuage" as Grassington. The place itself would be a popular one even apart from these items of interest, for it is the centre for walks of unparalleled beauty and charm, through some of the nicest river and dale scenery that Yorkshire can so proudly boast of. When the inner man had been replenished, we wended our way by the river side to the swing bridge which crosses the river between Grassington and Burnsall. Those who preferred to cross by the stepping-stones had the opportunity, as the river was running rather low; some amusement was caused here by watching the various methods adopted in order to cross the bridge, which swings considerably when a lot are crossing together. From here we went on to Burnsall and visited the little church, which is well worth a visit, if for no other reason but to see and compare an old-time village church with our modern structures. The next place visited was the beautiful village of Burnsall, and here is a place whose beauty cannot be described in words.

Ah, beautiful, bonnie Burnsall,
How shall we thus describe
The beauties that thou dost unfold
To human hearts and eyes?
Here all that Nature holds so dear
Has long been gathered in thy folds,
As one endowed with all that's blest
With Nature's hall-mark, Loveliness.

This attempt is a poor one, but to give even a faint idea of the beauties of this village alone is far beyond my power; suffice it to say that the best view obtainable, in my estimation, is to ascend the hill leading from Burnsall to Barden, and look back upon the panorama which unfolds itself to human eyes. The village lying in all its simplicity amidst the beautics of Nature is a sight which the lover of country scenery will never forget. Turning reluctantly away from it we turn ourselves towards Barden, and after a good stiff climb we reach the tower. Here, while some indulged in refreshments others inspected the ruins of the tower, which dates back to the sixteenth century. After a short stay here, we made our way over by Barden Bridge and took the Abbey side of the river, and here begins what is thought by many to be the most magnificent river scenery to be obtained in the whole of Wharfedale. It is one continual variation of river and glen right away from Barden Bridge to Bolton Abbey, and is a haven of delight to all naturalists, botanists and students of natural history. From Pembroke seat a grand view is obtained of Barden Tower in the distance enshrouded in the woods, and, combined with the river scenery at this spot, it forms a most pleasing and comprehensive picture. From this place we made our way to the Strid, and this is another of the beauties which has to be seen before one can form any adequate idea of the combination of awe and charm which it gives to the visitor when he first glances on the swirling rush of waters. It has been described by Wordsworth as that famous passage of the Wharic, out of which a white horse rises, vaporous and shadowy, in warning that another life is about to end in the whirlpools where so many others have gone down since the boy of Egremont missed his leap and fell there, dragged back by the hound which he was leading by a leash, and which faltered at the noise of the rushing torrent. From the Strid we wended our way to the Abbey, passing on the way two memorials—one a handsome cross in the churchyard, and the other a massive stone fountain near the entrance to the woods from the Bolton side, which were erected in honour of Lord Frederick Cavendish, who was assassinated in Phœnix Park, 1882. We were only able to have a passing glance at the Abbey, but to give it its due a few hours should be spent there, for anyone can rest assured that the time will be well spent. This is an old Augustinean Priory dating as far back as the eleventh century, and was built to commemorate the loss of the aforementioned boy of Egremont. Much of the original building, together with additions which have been made at various times, is now standing in ruins, but the nave, which was repaired in 1853, still serves as a parish church. The structure itself is a magnificent piece of architecture, and serves as an illustration to us at the present time of the patience and perseverance which must have been given in the erection of this grand old priory. It is situated in a glorious position, and anyone, however indifferent he may be to spiritual things, must admit the beauty of the surroundings in which the ruins of these abbeys and priories stand, as if to instill into our minds the necessity which has been felt all through the ages to worship God through Nature. We then proceeded to the Post Office Cottages in Bolton to partake of tea, to which full justice was done after the long walk from Grassington to Bolton Abbey. The station was our next calling place, and we caught the 7.30 train to Bradford, landing home at about 9.15 after having spent a splendid day, with ideal conditons for walkng.—B. Hill, Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

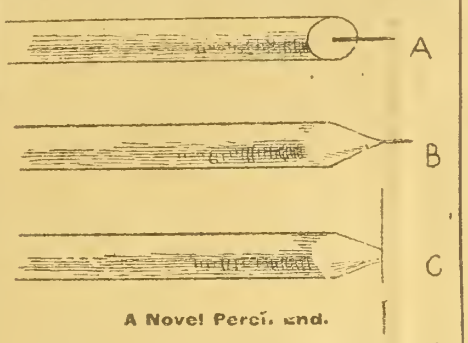
ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 203.
HOW TO FIX PERCHES.

Sent by S. John Elmer, Friendly House, Witney.

Enclosed is a sketch which illustrates the method I adopt of fixing perches. Drive a flat wire nail, head down, into perch, leaving about ⅜th. inch projecting



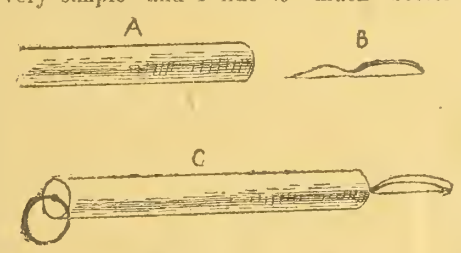
A Novel Perch. end.

and sharpen perch off. Bore a small hole in back of cage to put nail point in, and you have at once a firmly fixed perch, and one of the chief hiding places for red mite is destroyed, as a small hole is easily cleaned with a small brush from back of cage. The illustration will, I think, make it much clearer.—S. John Elmer.

No. 204.
A USEFUL HAND-FEEDING SPOON.

Sent by F. J. Day, 243, Kingston Road, Wimbledon.

I enclose sketch of a feeding spoon, which I have found very useful in the hand-feeding of young Canaries. It is very simple and I like it much better



A Novel Hand Feeder.

than using a stick or quill. Get a small piece of wood A, about 2in. by ½in. Round it off at corners. Then take an ordinary pen nib (B), a small one for preference, and drive the point of nib into the end of wood as shown in sketch (C). A ring put in the end will be useful to hang it up by. If the egg food is made to the consistancy of cream it will be most readily conveyed to the young birds by the spoon.—F. J. Day.

I find your paper very interesting, writes Mr. Geo. Widlake (Crewkerne); much information for the novice is to be gleaned from its columns.

I thank you for the Annual, which this year is a really splendid guide for all bird lovers. I wish it continued success.—M. Kirkhouse (Sunderland).

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE tea and concert promoted by the Wibsey and Dis. Society on May 2nd proved a great success. About 200 persons sat down to the substantial spread, and at the concert which followed the room was well filled. An excellent programme had been arranged, which, judging by the applause each item received, gave every enjoyment to the company assembled. During the interval in the programme, a very interesting item came forward, Mr. Crowther, the President, presenting to Mr. E. W. Johnson, their enthusiastic and worthy secretary, a magnificent picture, containing the photo of Mr. Johnson in the centre surrounded by photographs of some 60 or more of fellow-members, a token of their appreciation of his valuable services to the society.

MR. JOHNSON, when responding, gave a brief outline of the history of the society which has grown to quite large proportions, now numbering close on 80 members, whereas only twelve months ago it stood at a total of about twenty. Mr. Fred Hammond, the late secretary of the Y.U., spoke a few words in appreciation of Mr. Johnson, giving it as his opinion that he was one of the best secretaries he had had the pleasure of coming into contact with. Mr. S. Dean also spoke in respect to his able handling of secretarial duties, after which the musical part of the programme was proceeded with.

ON Tuesday, the 28th of April, Mr. J. S. Clarkson lectured before the members and friends of the Tong Society, and on the same evening, Mr. S. Dean appeared before the fanciers at the Brighouse society's headquarters. At neither place was there a particularly good muster, consequent upon the very inclement weather which prevailed, rain pouring down in torrents the whole of the evening.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

Wibsey and District C.B.S. Annual Tea and Concert.

The first annual tea and concert were held at the Wibsey Wesleyan Reform School on May 2nd. Over two hundred sat down to tea, and more than 300 attended the concert. The concert was all that could be desired. There was a grand programme, which was well received. During the interval the president, Mr. J. Crowther, presented the secretary, Mr. Ernest Johnson, with a magnificent photo of the members, with Mr. Johnson's own picture in the centre, which the society had subscribed for in recognition of his services as secretary. Mr. Johnson accepted the photo, and spoke of the history of the society, telling us how, after becoming almost extinct, it had got to be one of the leading societies in Yorkshire. Mr. Fred Hammond, secretary for the Yorkshire Union (1907), said he had known Mr. Johnson both as a delegate and as secretary for the Wibsey Society. That society had cause to be proud of their secretary, as he was one of the first secretaries in the Yorkshire Union. Mr. Sam Dean also spoke in a very eulogistic manner of the sterling worth of Mr. Johnson as a secretary. The picture is by Mr. Webster (Bradford). It is about 6ft. by 4ft., and contains 58 photos and one large photo. At the conclusion of the concert a hearty vote of thanks was given to the artistes for the generous and able manner in which they had entertained the audience, and also to Miss Mortimer for the able catering.—Fred Pickles, assistant secretary.

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A Narrow Squeak.

We have a Linnet, and he will sit on my finger and peck. But the other day he flew off father's fingers into the fire and scorched his legs and wings. We thought he would have died of fright, but the next day he was as lively as ever. We are all very glad.—James Allsopp (age 9 years), 110, Molyneux Road, Kensington, Liverpool.

*Catching a Bullfinch.

One day all our neighbours were very excited, seeing a fine cock Bullfinch feeding from a Linnet's cage that was hanging outside one of the windows, and all were very anxious to catch him. They tried everything and in every way, but my dada, being a bird fancier, put out his hen Bullie, and fixed a trap by turning a small cage upside down with the door on top weighted with lead, and in a very few minutes dada's aviary had another welcome addition.—Sent by Willie Maunder (age 10 years), 67, Mill Road, Gillingham, Kent.

*After the Snowstorm.

I knew of a Mavis nest and a Hedge Sparrow's with one egg in each on April 18th; so I went round on the 25th to see how they were getting on amid the snow and frost. The Mavis' nest was full of snow, and four green blue eggs, spotted with black, peeping out amongst the snow. I lifted them out, but they gave way and broke in my hands with being all frost-bitten. I then went to the Hedge Sparrow's nest, and to my surprise it was filled with water, and three bonny blue eggs lying in the bottom. They were the same as the Mavis' eggs, all frosted and forsaken.—Sent by Robert Robertson (aged 12), 17, Harriet Street, Pathhead, Kirkcaldy.

**The Egg that Wouldn't Hatch.

Father gave me a Canary egg which had not hatched with the others, to blow and put with my collection. I made a hole at the top and bottom of the egg, and got a cup of water for the yolk to drop in. Then I blew down one of the holes, but nothing would come out. After blowing awhile the shell broke, and the inside flopped into the cup of water, and it was a baby Canary, and alive, for it opened its beak. I lifted it out of the water at once, and wrapped it in cotton wool, and put it before the fire. Then my mother put it in the nest with the other two young ones, which were two days old, and it is still living, but it is smaller than the other two.—Sent by John Grimshaw (age 11 years), 23, Westgate, Hale.

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I am practically a novice in the Canary Fancy, writes Mr. T. J. Checkland (Norwich), but I owe a great deal to the many valuable hints I have picked up in your interesting journal, CAGE BIRDS.

I was greatly surprised on receiving my copy of CAGE BIRDS, dated April 25th, to find my Linnet Mule depicted on such a prominent page in *the* Fancy paper, writes Mr. A. Coffey (Liverpool). During the season just past the bird won five first prizes, and was in the money on 14 occasions.

TWITTERINGS.

Mr. H. E. Wilkinson informs us that his present address is Wood Willows, Stocksbridge, near Sheffield.

We are holding our Young Bird show on July 11th, writes Mr. H. Thomas, secretary of the Middleton O.S.

There is not a migrant to be seen here yet, writes Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream, N.B.). Simply wretched weather.

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I think CAGE BIRDS just splendid, writes Mr. Dash (Chichester). I had more replies to my advertisement than I have had time to answer.

I already have some thirty young Yorkshire Canaries, which are getting used to the show cages, writes Mr. James Devins, of Sligo. More luck in Ireland is both my motto and hope.

My stock is quite sold out, writes Mr. J. Wilkinson (Knightsbridge). I had so many replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS that I found it quite impossible to answer all the letters.

Mr. Thos. Heath has accepted the invitation to judge cage birds at the annual show of the South London Col. and F.A., to be held on November 25th, writes Mr G. A. Jefferys, the hon. secretary.

We are informed of the retirement of Mr. Bennett from the firm of Messrs. Payne and Bennett. The business will now be carried on by Messrs. Payne and Son, of 24 Clarke Road, Norwich.

Irish secretaries please note that the dates for show under the auspices of this club have been fixed for 18th and 19th December, writes Mr. Jas. Stewart, secretary of the Norwich Plainhead C.C. of Ireland.

The Burnley and Dis. C.B.S. will hold their annual First Feather show on June 20th, writes Mr. G. Watson, secretary, when Mr. Battye (Huddersfield) will judge. Mr. Roe will judge at the annual October show.

We have engaged the Caxton Hall for our open show on December 11th and 12th, writes Mr. W. Jackson, secretary of the Pendleton and Salford O.S. It is situated within five minutes' walk of all stations.

Q.M.-Sergt. A. Cant, secretary of the Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S., writes that his society have altered their open show date from November 28th to November 21st, and hopes that fanciers will note the change.

I am sorry I could not answer all the letters respecting the aviary and breeders, which I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Lay (Lowestoft). I have sold them, thanks to CAGE BIRDS, which I wish the best of luck.

Mr. Lugg writes asking all friends who are joining in the Dulwich and Peckham and Lewisham Societies' ramble on Sunday next, May 10th, to meet at New Cross Station (L.B. and S.C.R.) a few minutes before 9 o'clock.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. D. A. Ogilvie, owing to my leaving the district. Future correspondence relating to the society should be addressed to my successor, Mr. G. Harver, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

Am pleased to inform you I received very good results from my advertising in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. E. Cash (Birkenhead). I have got into touch with some of the leading birdie men of the day through your paper. You have my best wishes for its future success.

The following have been appointed judges for our open show on November 28th, writes Mr. A. Miller, secretary of the City of Dundee and Dis. N.M. and B.B.A.:—Messrs. J. McLay (Crests), A. McFarlane (Plainheads), H. Bennet (Border Fancies), and P. Pettigrew (British Birds).

I should esteem it a favour, writes Mr. S. Drake (Halifax), if you would advise those answering advertisements to write very plainly. I cannot make some of the addresses I receive out, and no doubt other advertisers have the same difficulty. I don't want any letters to go astray.

We have elected Messrs. J. Wilcock (Bradford) to judge all cage birds except Border Fancies, which will be judged by Mr. Jas. Thompson (Wigton), at our annual show on November 20th and 21st, writes Mr. J. Ferguson, hon. secretary of the Whitehaven C.B. and H.S.

Mr. Sam Dean, secretary of the Yorkshire Union, has been engaged to give us a lecture on May 9th on the general management of Canaries, writes Mr. P. Parker, secretary of Wakefield O.S. Our First Feather show will be held on June 20th in connection with our British Bird show.

We have arranged with Messrs. W. E. Greeves, W. Vardy, and G. E. Weston to judge at our annual exhibition, to be held at the Mechanics' Lecture Hall, Nottingham, on November 14th and 16th next, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, secretary of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire O.S.

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SEND YOUR ORDER AT ONCE.

A special meeting of the Stonehouse C.B.S. will be held in the Public Hall on May 16th, at 7 p.m., writes Mr. John Govan, secretary, when a full attendance is requested. The business will be the arrangement of classes. Mr. Wm. Clark (Larkhall) will afterwards give a lecture on cage bird breeding.

Members of the Barrow and Dis. C.B.A., writes the secretary, Mr. G. Large, should make a special effort to attend the meeting to be held on May 13th, at 7.30, as the entries for the Nest Feather show close on this date. The business includes the balance sheet, judges for shows, and other important matters.

The Edinburgh Southern O.S. annual show, writes Mr. Jas. Drysdale, the secretary, will be held in the Central Hall, Nicholson Street, on October 24th. The judges for Scotch Fancies are Messrs. James Cook (Cowdenbeath), and James Carson (Dalkeith), and for the variety section, Mr. James Adams (Dundee).

Mr. A. Watson, secretary of the Civil Service F.A., writes: I should be glad to hear of any society catering for cage birds, poultry, pigeons, etc., which would care to come to some arrangement with this society whereby we may hold a combined annual show. My address is 116, Maurice Avenue, Noel Park, Wood Green, N.

OBITUARY.

MR. A RETTICH (Balham).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, hon. secretary of the British Roller Canary Club, that I have to inform Roller fanciers of the untimely death of Mr. Albert Rettich, and by which the B.R.C.C. has sustained a great loss, as he was our premier judge. Mr. Rettich was on a visit to his son in New York, and while at his office he fell from the sixth storey and was instantly killed. Those who have met Mr. Rettich will remember him as a most courteous gentleman. By his excellent work in the Fancy and daily Press he had helped to bring the Roller Fancy in England to its present high position.

MR. JOHN PEARSON (Carlisle).

It is with deep regret that I announce the death of Mr. John Pearson, who passed away on 30th April, at his son-in-law's residence, 13, St. Ann's Road, Ellery, at the age of 68, writes Mr. T. H. Jones (Carlisle). He was one of the oldest bird fanciers in Carlisle, and was much respected by all who knew him.

It has been our pleasure to inspect the large batch of testimonials forwarded to us by Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known Bird Specialist, of Norwich. The post-marks bear witness that they were all penned on either May 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, and the contents show they are genuine expressions of approval from delighted customers.

The Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. are arranging a ramble for May 17th to Holmes Chapel and Burnley, writes the secretary, Mr. S. M. Clayton. Members will meet at 8.30 prompt at the station. Those who intend going will please give me their names not later than May 11th, my address being 55, Percy Street, Rochdale.

The Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S. have removed to permanent headquarters, which are now the Swan and Peacock Hotel, Dudley Street, writes Mr. F. Howes, the hon. secretary. We are holding an inter-club nest-feather show with West Bromwich Society on June 20th, when Mr. J. Pitchford will judge. We have also arranged a country ramble for Whit-Monday. All wishing to join will please let me know.

Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., has received the hearty congratulations of a large number of fanciers, writes "A Dulwichite," upon his appointment to the important position of assistant hon. secretary of the London and Provincial O.S. His friends wish Mr. Hodson all success in his new capacity.

The Jarrow and Hebburn and Dis. C.B.F.S. will hold their First Feather show on June 13th, judge Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle), writes Mr. J. T. Carrick, secretary. There will be numerous specials, and a good classification All entries must be sent to me at 44, Caledonian Road, Jarrow-on-Tyne.

A sample of "Ramsden's Pure Tasteless Pepper" reaches us from the vendor. This noted colour-food will, it is evident, more than sustain its wonderful reputation during the present season. The sample before us is astonishingly rich in color, which is entirely natural, no added oil or artificial coloring being present (the pepper is sold under a guarantee as "absolutely pure and unadulterated"). Further, it is really tasteless and sweet, leaving no hot flavour on the tongue. Fanciers desirous of color-feeding their birds (either young or old) should make a point of inspecting this efficient and harmless pepper. Full particulars and free advice on color-feeding can be had from Mr. J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

Very Likely.

The Cuckoo was heard in more than one place in the neighbourhood of Norwich at the end of April, writes "Spring" to the "Eastern Daily Press." It was a little hoarse, having no doubt caught cold in last week's snowstorm.

Nest on a Clothes-Line.

A Wren, it is said, has built its nest on a clothes-line suspended from a hook in the tool-house of Mr. E. G. Culpin, at Garden City (Letchworth). The doors are fastened at night, and the place constantly used, but neither of these circumstances seems to affect the new tenant.

Southern Norwich Plainhead Club

Societies wishing to get the patronage of this club for their show in the forthcoming season should apply at once to the secretary. Fanciers wishing to join kindly send entry fee 1s. before May 16th. Notification of alterations in members' addresses must be in before June 1st. Members in arrears will not be able to compete for any specials (rule 3). Few more breeders' cards in rule book are available for 1908-9.—F. S. Matthes, secretary, 34, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E.

"Oh! Dry those Tears."

Extract from the "Sporting Life," date May 5th, under heading "Bird Singing":

Young Frank Beatley, of Southend-on-Sea and Burnham-on-Crouch, is prepared to match his famous Canary to compete against any similar class of bird in the world for £10 or £20 a side, the "Sporting Life" to be stakeholder, and Mr. Eugene Corri, referee. A deposit at this office will lead to business.

Extract from the same paper, date May 6th:

We received the following communication from Mr. Frank Beatley yesterday:—"I regret to state that my bird, Caruso, died this morning, thanks to the beautiful spring weather."

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Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.**
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.**
Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

Key to Judges' Initials (See page 371. No. 326.)

CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 5.—THE LIZARD CANARY, Its Exhibition Points & Failings.

Notes on the Drawing on page 461.

By BARKER CLEGG.

I have been honoured by the Editor of CAGE BIRDS with the task of saying a few words upon the merits of Mr. Norman's most interesting and instructive plate on the Lizard Canary. From this plate, breeders will see at a glance the desired properties they must seek to attain, and the defects and imperfections they must strive to avoid.

The Lizard Canary is, I believe, the oldest of our fancy breeds, and is totally unlike any other, having a character altogether its own. In a first-class Lizard we have nothing out of proportion, no exaggerations. There is type nicely blended and balanced with substance and sound, rich ground colour, which is enhanced and beautified by the charming spangling. Then the neatness and chasteness of the thumb-shaped cap has a fascination for all who love the beautiful, whilst the black wings and tail, with their rich metallic lustre, add to and enhance the beauties of one of the most handsome birds known to the Canary Fancy.

The central figure in the chart shows a richly spangled bird, one with plenty of clean, bold spangling on its back, and carrying the same well down its breast and sides. The cap also is clearly cut, showing the nice clear line which is so much desired by Lizard breeders. The wings and tail show that solid black colour which is known as being "sound in flights and tail." The legs and breast are also dark. Taking it all-in-all, this bird is most typical and representative of the Lizard family.

"Too open in spangling," shows us a bird with a common fault; that is, having the rows too far apart, and thus quite opposed to the good back which should be "full of work."

"Weak in spangling." Here we have a bird that is not only short of spangle, but what it has is not clear and distinct. It is indeed "weak in spangling," and not at all a desirable bird for a breeder to use.

"White-faced." This is caused by an over-running of the cap, and by a lack of soundness in the ground colour. White-faced birds are pit-falls for the unwary, and breeders should be very careful how they use them.

"Too full in cap." Too full in cap, or over-capped, shows us a bird in which the cap has run down the neck too far, and has exceeded the bounds of the thumb mark. This failing is caused by breeding with clear-capped birds continually. Of course, at times they come quite unexpectedly and, when this is so, may be used for breeding, but care must be exercised in their use. When a bird is not too badly "over-capped," it may, if it excels in spangling, colour and quality, be shown with a fair measure of success.

"Non-cap." Here Mr. Norman has excelled himself by giving us a splendid representation of the work on a Lizard. It commences at the entrance of the skull, and gradually increases in size and volume as it reaches the back. This is the kind of bird to use if you wish to keep up to high-water point in spangling.

"Patched-cap." This is frequently seen, and is not a bad marking for birds shown in "Broken-capped classes." There is a dark patch in the centre of the head with a line all round showing the outline of the cap.

"Broken cap." Here we see a bird ticked in front of the eye, a very common form of the breaking of the cap. There are many other forms of breaking which might be shown, some very irregular, and others more pleasing to the eye. It is strange, but never-the-less a fact that the "broken" and "non-capped" birds are invariably rich in colour and more profusely spangled than the "clear-caps," and this often enables them to beat the "clear-caps," when they meet in competition, and these "broken" and "non-caps" are most useful to the breeder in regulating any tendency there may be to over-capping.

"A Bold head;" "Pinched in Front." Here we have the two opposites, the bad and the good. The pinched head is of no use to a Lizard breeder, and birds which are narrow in skull should be avoided. A good bold head, so that the cap may be well displayed, is a great point in a Lizard. It must also be remembered that a good, bold head and broad back generally go together, and thus there is room for "plenty of work," whilst a narrow-bodied bird cannot carry much work, and its narrow-pinched skull gives it a mean and puny appearance.

"Short of spangles." This shows us a very poor specimen indeed. Quite one of those known as "wasters," and not to be desired at all.

"Deficiency of body markings." This is a really well-marked bird on top, but its lack of work on chest and sides detracts greatly from its beauty and would handicap it upon the show bench, although such a bird by virtue of its other excellencies would secure some notice from the judges.

"Not sufficiently mooned." This shows us a bird in which the spangling is not clear and distinct, but runs too much, giving the back a cloudy appearance. There is plenty of work, but it lacks clearness, owing to the spangles over-lapping each other. This is a fault which is not at all times perceptible. I have known birds come through the moult looking splendid and showing a wealth of clear, bold spangling, and then later, when they had made a little more feather growth, the moons have been obscured and their value as exhibition birds rendered *nil*.

Scale of Exhibition Points.

The L. and L. F. A. standard, reprinted from "Cage Birds Annual."

Cap: For size and regularity	10
Ground Colour	15
Eye Lash	5
Spangle	30
Wings and Tail	10
Size	10
Lacing and Covert Feathers on Wings:	
For size and regularity	5
Breast: For rowing or lacing	5
Beak, Legs and Feet: For darkness	5
Condition, Health, &c.	5
Total	100

READERS WANTED AS REFEREES.

An Interesting Point Arises out of Our Recent Essay Competition.

AS we mentioned in our issue of last week, when announcing the winners in the Essay Competition, the chief prize, that of an original Painting of birds, value Four Guineas, was not awarded. This was owing to a difference of opinion among the judges as to which was the best essay out of the winning efforts in the four sections of the Competition. As we also then stated, instead of calling in someone to give a casting vote, we considered the best way out of this difficulty was to devise a means whereby

Readers of "Cage Birds" shall be Referees.

Here is our plan: In our last week's issue appeared instalments of the winning articles in the Canary and Hybrid sections. In our issue of this week we print instalments of the winning British Bird and the Aviary articles. We shall endeavour to complete the publication of these four articles in the next two issues, and in the last issue a coupon will appear, which we ask all readers to fill up and return to us through the post. On this coupon readers may vote for the essay which they consider worthy of the Four Guinea painting as the best out of the winning quartette.

We anticipate, so keen has been the competition, that a very interesting difference of opinion as to which is the best article will be found to exist when the votes come to be cast up. Readers should get their friends, whether bird-lovers or not, to peruse the essays and give their opinion, as we feel that the endeavour to forecast the result cannot prove other than an agreeable pastime. So, readers, make sure you vote yourselves, and persuade your friends to join in also.

Who will be the Winner?

Tong and Dist. C.B.S.—May 12, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Ordinary business. Friends invited.—J. Smith.

Wombwell, Darfield Dist. C.B.S.—May 9, Royal Oak Hotel, Church Street, 7.30. Business important.—J. Bill.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.—May 12, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8. Paper on the Roller Canary, by Mr. H. Turpin. Fanciers invited.—F. Howes.

Walkley and Dist. C.B.S.—May 14, White Horse Inn, Creswick Street, 8. Arrangements for F.F. Show, and other important business.—C. W. Marshall.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—May 9, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. General meeting. Important business. E. W. Johnson.

York C.B.S.—May 11, All Saints' Schoolroom, North Street, 8.—To arrange for a country ramble, etc.—A. Wand.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S.—May 14, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Lecture on "The Linnet," by F. Johnson. W. Richinson.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.—May 12, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. Shepherd, "From the Nest-box to the Show Bench." Friends invited.—W. H. Riley.

British Roller C.C.—May 12, King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street Within, E.C., 8. Lecture by Mr. F. A Lester, on "Rollers, Past, Present, and Future." Roller fanciers invited to attend.—J. W. Norris.

Bury and Dist C.B.S.—May 12, Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30. Important business. "Church Parade" Sunday morning next, St. John's Sermons. Meet church gates, 10.15 a.m.—F. E. Holden.

Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.—May 12, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bradford West C.B.A.—May 9, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 8.—H. Clegg.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—May 11, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Egg food competition and egg cake-making by a Member. Interested visitors welcomed.—V. Wynn.

City of Wakefield O.S.—May 9, Crown and Anchor, 7. Lecture by Mr. S. Dean (sec. Y.U.), "The General Management of Canaries." Fanciers invited.—Parker and Atkinson.

Civil Service F.A.—May 12, Ye Old Bell, Noble Street, Gresham Street, E.C., 8.30. Adjourned annual general meeting. Important business.—A. Watson.

City of Bradford O.S.—May 9, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. To arrange judging competition, and a ramble.—F. Rhodes.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—May 13, Headquarters, 8.30. Members' show, open show, and general business.—J. J. Mullett.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—May 9, Barley Mow, 7. Classification for next show, and nomination of judge or judges.—J. E. Hudson.

Edinburgh Southern O.S.—May 13, Buckanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Last meeting for joining.—J. Drysdale.

Great Norton O.S.—May 9, Butcher's Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.—May 12, 122, Ingram Street, 8. Adjourned meeting. All open show business.—R. A. Brown.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—May 14, Two Brewers, Church Street, Greenwich, 8. Lecture by Mr. Robson, on "The General Management of the Norwich Plainhead." Friends invited.—F. W. Hamer.

Houghton-le-Spring and Dist.—May 9, White Lion hotel, 7.30. Business important.—H. Fenwick.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.—May 11, St. George's School, 8. To consider first feather show, etc.—T. Allsop.

Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.F.S.—May 13, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond Street, Jarrow, 7.30. Business important. F.F. show. Intending members please attend. All fanciers welcome.—J. T. Carrick.

Kent County C.B.A.—May 13, 67, High Street, Dover, 8.15. Correspondence and general.—G. Sanderson.

Liverpool B.B.A.—May 14, Oldham Hall, 8. Lecture on "Breeding Birds, Feeding Young, and Colour Feeding," by Mr. A. Wellings. Fanciers invited.—A. Thompson.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—May 9, Bird-in Hand, 7.30. Business important.—J. Simon.

Larkhall C.B.C.—May 16, Miner's Hall, 7. Business important. Committee requested to meet at 6 p.m.—G. Kirk.

Morpeth and Dist. C. and C.B.S.—May 15, Voses' Rooms, 7.30. General business.—E. Cowling.

Motherwell Norwich Club.—May 9, Y.M.I., 8. General business.—J. Mair.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—May 14, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. Important business, re Young Bird show and fix date of annual show.—A. J. Head.

Middleton O.S.—May 11, Old Boar's Head, 8.—H. Thomas.

North Manchester C.B.S.—May 12, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Revision of rules. Very important.—J. Davey.

Preston O.S.—May 11, 119a, Fishergate, 7.30. Exhibition of a further selection of British birds' eggs by the secretary.—W. Hy. Heathcote.

Poplar and Dist, C.B.S.—May 15, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E., 8. Members and intending members should attend, as it is intended to finally decide on rules, and fix show dates.—H. W. Cook.

Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—May 9, Danix Temperance Bar, Hannah Street, Porth, 7.30. To receive report of delegates; also to complete classes for F.F. Show.—R. G. Challenger.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—May 11, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. A. Bladon. Fanciers and friends invited.—W. Jackson.

Pelton and Dist. C.B.S.—May 9, Fleece Inn, 7. Business: Select judge for F.F. Show.—L. Hall.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—May 16, Free Ferry, Woolwich, 2.55. Afternoon ramble in Wanstead Park, conducted by Headkeeper.—W. Pawley.

Reigate F.A. (Cage Bird Section).—May 11, Mytton's Hotel, Redhill, 8. Illustrated address, by Mr. A. C. Cosier, on "Practical Cage-making."—A. W. Bacon.

Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.—May 14, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Arrangements for nest feather show. Lindsay and Bingham.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—May 14, Workman's Hall, Stratford, 8. Final arrangements for shooting competition and monthly show.—S. L. Sheldrick.

South London Col. and F.A.—May 14, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, New Cross, S.E., 8.30. Annual show business and election of committee men.—G. A. Jefferys.

Swindon and Dist. C.B.A.—May 9, Chorus Room, 7.30. F.F. Show business, after which Mr. W. G. Bull (Bristol), on "Yorkshires, their Breeding and Management."—E. Allsopp.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—May 9, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Lecture (British Birds), by R. Calvert, Esq. Friends and fanciers invited. A. D. Morton.

Stoke Newington F.A.—May 12, Headquarters, 8. General business. Fanciers invited. G. Dowden.

S.W. London C.B.S.—May 14, Plough Hotel, 8.30. To arrange matters for Young Bird Show. W. Lilley.

Stonehouse C.B.S.—May 16, Public Hall, 7. Arrangement of classes and lecture by Mr. Cook (Larkhall), on "Cage Bird Breeding." Friends invited.—J. Govan.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Would Not Feed.

J. Harry.—Your experience is by no means an uncommon occurrence. As your birds are of good pedigree stock your best way to meet the difficulty is to have a pair or two of common hardy birds breeding at the same time, so that you may transfer the better class birds to them to be reared if their own parents fail in their duty. With the next broods of these hens after they begin to sit drop mixed seed to twice a week, give a small scrap of chickweed, and a teaspoonful of sponge cake crumbs, both twice a week. Give the latter as a substitute for egg food, until young are due to hatch. On the eve of hatching give the hens a bath in which half a teaspoonful of boric acid has been dissolved, and add as much Epsom salts to the drinking water as will cover a threepenny-piece. When young are three days old give a scrap of tender, crisp lettuce leaf a time or two a day. You may treat hen now due to hatch in same way but try to have a pair of good feeding foster parents ready for the two other hens in case of need. There is the Ilford Fanciers' Association, which is probably near you. The secretary is: E. Collins, 88, Henley-road, Ilford.

Get no "Forrader."

"Nary."—Am not sure whether I have deciphered signature correctly. The pair of birds put together on Good Friday, but which have made no progress yet, were probably not quite ready. The cock had probably not quite recovered from the moult in February. Then your feeding has been decidedly faulty. Now, begin all over again. First give in the drinking water for three days as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence; then give five drops of tincture of steel for the next three days. Feed on a staple mixture of two parts Canary to one part rape. Every second day give a small pinch of niger—a few grains only—twice a week a teaspoonful of hemp, and every second day a teaspoonful of sponge cake crumbs. Give all these separately, and on different days, only one each day, and discontinue as soon as the hen has laid her eggs, recommencing with the hemp and sponge cake, or egg food, when the young are due to hatch. As you have only one pair you would find it cheaper to use preserved yolk mixed with sponge cake crumbs or biscuit, or you might try one of the advertised foods, without eggs. But please note that I take no responsibility in suggesting the latter course. Give two leaves of dandelion daily to each bird, until the hen goes to nest; after that give chickweed, lettuce, groundsel, or watercress. Give no other messes of any kind in the way of food. The sample of felt enclosed should make nice cosy nests.

Asthma and Hens' Vagaries.

"Curious."—1. You do not say what remedy you have been trying for the Yorkshire hen. More than one has appeared in CAGE BIRDS. Anyway, try following: twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus in the drinking water two days in every three for a week. Shake vessel vigorously, to mix it. Next week give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and repeat these two weeks' treatment over again in the order named. I certainly would not advise you to breed with this hen until she is quite recovered, and as the affection seems to have become chronic I am afraid there is but little prospect of that happy termination. 2. As regards the vagaries of your hens' laying, it may be partly accounted for by your being much too liberal with your egg food. Give just half the quantity you now supply, and, of course, drop it altogether whilst the hens are sitting. It is quite possible for the first four eggs of the hen that is sitting on six to be good. If I follow your letter correctly you set her with the first three on April 15th. Allowing for her not sitting closely, these should have hatched on April 30th, and the eggs laid afterwards should hatch on May 1st, 3rd, and 4th. Your best plan would be to leave the cock with the hen for two or three days after putting her to sit. It is quite likely the weather has something to do with these vagaries, which seem to have been more common than usual this spring.

A Doubtful Pair.

W.T.S.—1. Give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus in the water two days in every three for a fortnight. Shake the water bottle vigorously before putting on the cage to break up the oil into minute globules. Give also a teaspoonful of sponge cake crumbs to the two birds daily until well, and well mix with it every second day five drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and on the alternate days six or eight drops of sherry. 2. It is not usual for two hens to feed each other, and from your description I have no doubt whatever that the larger bird is a cock. If you catch the birds and blow up the feathers on the abdomen you will find the vent of the cock is more prominent and pointed than that of the hen, which is almost level with the abdomen.

Colour Feeding, etc.

"Feed."—1. I do not see what advantage you can gain by using any of the things you mention which could not be obtained equally as good or better from pure tasteless pepper, or Red Feed, either with or without the addition of a small proportion of Natal. Providing it did not cause undue looseness, there would be no objection to giving a little beetroot daily instead of the usual piece of carrot which many fanciers use during the moult. I must confess ignorance of carnation cloves. If you mean the old clove carnation flower I should say it would be inferior to a regular supply of marigold or nasturtium blooms. Neither of the other things you name should I care to use for my birds. 2. When you wish to introduce a new cock to a hen that is rearing a brood by herself you should defer doing so until the young are old enough to be placed in a nursery by themselves. Should the hen not show signs of wishing to go to nest again you may defer the change until the young are beginning to feed themselves with every advantage. The hen would doubtless go on feeding the young through the wires whilst mating again.

A Love Philter Wanted.

"A Starter."—Sorry, but I am really at a loss to know how you can make the love-lorn cock take to a hen of your choice, and not keep longing for a clandestine ceremony with one of the other charmers which he can hear but not see. Although you say both seem in good condition, I scarcely think the hen is ready for breeding, or the cock would certainly take some notice of her. Separate them, and put one in each side of a double breeding cage, with the wire slide in. Then feed up the hen a little, and give two dandelion leaves a day until she is calling vigorously to the cock. Then if you see the cock feed her through the wires, remove the slide, and see how they go on then. If it is convenient to do so, also remove them out of hearing of the other birds.

Yorkshires not Singing.

Scarlet Lancer.—Although it is quite probable that, being deprived of the company of all the other birds would make the Yorkshire come in song later this year, it is not likely to have been the sole cause of its silence so long as this. See that it is kept quite free from draughts, and carefully examine its cage for redmite, removing either of these causes if present. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and give in addition a few grains of hemp twice a week, and every second day until in song, half a teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake, with five drops of sherry mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a spray of chickweed or leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give a mild dose of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards five drops of tincture of steel every second day for a week.

Refuses to Mate.

A., Brighouse.—Assuming you are not mistaken about the sex of the bird that absolutely refuses to "have anything to say" to a mate, I am sorry I cannot tell you how you can force her to a different frame of mind, beyond the usual method of feeding her so as to keep her in a vigorously healthy condition, and let her have a lusty young cock bird near her, where she can see him. You must keep a cock set apart from her, and not try casual matings with one that is also being mated with another hen. Get a strong, healthy cock bird, in stout song, and ready for mating, and put in one side of a double breeding cage, with the hen in the other end, and the wire slide in between them. Feed the hen on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part rape, and each day give in addition two dandelion leaves, and a half teaspoonful of sponge cake crumbs, with five drops of sherry in it, sprinkling it one day with a few grains of inga, and the next of gold of pleasure seed. Repeat these alternately for a week or so. Give four drops of tincture of steel in the drinking water every second day for a week. Try running the birds together when you see the hen allowing the cock to feed her through the wires in the partition.

Beaks Broken Off.

Geo. Bleach.—Are you quite sure you made no mistake about the beaks being eaten off? At five days old the beak is still a "wee sma'" thing, and it would be very easy to mistake a little dirt, or dry remnant of a recent meal, for some injury. Of course, it is quite possible that one of the parents had injured the birds, either maliciously or accidentally—perhaps through putting too much vigour into their feeding operations—but in either case, it is most likely that having injured them once it would have gone on occurring over and over again. See the nests are free from redmite, which may be indirectly the cause of such injuries as these. If the beaks are still very sore, you might touch the sore parts very slightly with the tip of a small feather dipped in castor oil. Nature will repair what seems to be a very serious injury at this tender age, so I should say that the beaks will recover quite sufficiently for the birds to feed themselves. Shall be glad to hear how they terminate.

When Friends Advise.

"Louis Van."—Your fancier friend who advised you to throw away the clutch of eggs because they could not possibly be fertile, seeing that the first egg was laid so early as four-and-a-half days after the birds were mated, certainly could not have had a very extensive experience in these matters. You did quite right not to act upon this advice, as you now know, seeing that all the eggs have hatched out. As a matter of fact, provided both birds were in good, vigorous condition, every egg may reasonably be expected to be fertile after a period of thirty hours has elapsed from the first mating, and I would not discard one untested after twenty-four hours had elapsed. On the other hand, it is not unusual for mating to occur frequently for a week before the first egg is laid, and yet the first half of the clutch prove unfertile, and the last half fertile. It is chiefly a question of the vigour of the birds, but there is a certain amount of mystery which cannot be explained in it.

Epicurean Wheezers.

A.J.F.—Your feeding is decidedly faulty, and as the birds "pick out the hemp" from the seed given, it is not unlikely that the wheeziness may be due to fatness. Now the birds are nesting you cannot do much to reduce this. Give as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece, for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and one of eucalyptus oil in the water every second day for a week or so. Shake water vigorously when mixing. See the birds are not exposed to any draughts. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape seed as a staple. Give nothing else whilst the birds are sitting, save a teaspoonful of egg food to each pair once a week, and a small spray of green food every alternate day. When the young are due to hatch, begin to supply egg food, and other seeds and green food as advised at length on the Novices' Page two and three weeks ago.

Builds, but Does Not Lay.

W. Dudley.—There is something radically wrong with your management, but as you say nothing on that point I cannot tell what it is. Better read up the Novices' Page for the last month or so. I am inclined to think one cause of the trouble is the cage being infested with mite. Ascertain if this is so, and treat accordingly. If the bird appears to sit steadily, give her two or three common fertile eggs to hatch, and she may then go on all right. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts Canary and one part summer rape; every day give in addition until she has laid (this is assuming you do not set her with common eggs as just mentioned), a teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake, and well mix with it every second day four drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and sprinkle with a few grains of inga, and on the alternate days add six drops of sherry, sprinkling with gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water add ten drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days four drops of tincture of steel. Give a couple of leaves of dandelion daily, or a spray of chickweed if dandelion is not available.

Aviary in Greenhouse.

A.B.C.—A greenhouse is not an ideal place for an aviary by any means, as the humidity which is necessary for the well-being of the plants is not equally healthful for birds kept in a small space. As you do not wish to breed, your aviary would accommodate from twenty to thirty birds the size of a Canary, and as you say you want them for "attraction only"—a term which probably includes song—I assume you prefer a varied mixture. As it is not advisable to mix soft-bills and hard-bills in so small a space, I would suggest the following collection of hard-bills, and if you prefer soft-bills you must address a query to our British or Foreign bird experts. Canaries:—Clear body, dark crest; variegated, or even-marked, yellow Norwich; clear buff Yorkshire. British birds:—Goldfinch; Bullfinch; Chaffinch; Siskin; Yellowhammer. Foreign birds:—Saffron Finch; Green Singing Finch; Zebra Finch; Cordon Bleu; Alario Finch; Cutthroat; Grey Java; Blackheaded Siskin; Combassou; Avadavat; Diamond Sparrow; and a Gouldian or a Bicheno Finch—all single cocks. You would have to be careful about your ventilation until foreigners were quite acclimatised. For staple food supply hemp, rape, Canary, red and white millet, and Indian millet in separate vessels, and spray millet, grass seeds, oats, sunflower, linseed, thistle, and teazle, in small quantities occasionally for a treat. The only objection to keeping two cock Canaries in same room in view of each other is that they may be incited to sing rather more than you deem well for your own comfort.

Brevities.

Cock Sitting on Nest (Novice).—As the hen refuses to sit without having the cock with her, you can do nothing but leave him with her, and trust to chance. But if he does not pull the nest about, or drive the hen off, you have no cause to worry about his going and sitting on the nest with her. Many cock birds will do this, and often prove the most excellent parents and of immense service in helping to bring up the young. It is only when you find him trying to prevent the hen sitting or pulling the nest to pieces that it becomes really necessary to remove him.

Would She Breed? (G.J.F.).—Without knowing the nature of the small lump you say is on the vent, it would be impossible to say whether she would do to breed with. Is it possible the lump is the bird's oil gland, which is situated at the bottom of the back close to the root of the tail? If so, this is quite a natural organ, and would not interfere with breeding in any way. See reply to "Nary" *re* feeding in this issue. If still mopy, five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water for a day or two would do good.

Flutters About at Night (Paradox).—The most likely thing I can think of is that mice have found their way to the cage, and it is the advent of one of these visitors that sets up the fluttering and squeaking pains at night. Carefully examine dirt cleaned out of the cages for a few mornings and see if you find any mice droppings. If so, the remedy is obvious. It is just possible the bird may be scared by some passing incident outdoors, but I think the above theory the most likely.

Two Hens (F. Yardley).—1. The symptoms of this hen certainly pointed to her being about to lay. If that was the case her trouble will be all over before this reply appears. If this was not the case, her puffiness is due to overfeeding. Give ten drops each whiskey and glycerine, and every second day for a week as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence; and the next week give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and on alternate days ten of chemical food. If she gets well and active she will be quite fit to mate for one late brood this year. 2. The vibration from the passing and re-passing of the steam roller will probably not affect the eggs that are sitting in any way whatever.

Deserting Nest (Chef).—Cannot give a reason why your Yorkshire deserted her nest after sitting a few days, without knowing the surroundings and conditions, and whether the cock was taken away from her or not. Some will not sit when the cock is removed, so if you took him away when she commenced to sit last time, you will know that you must not do it with the next brood. Your theory *re* eggs being unfertile, luvests the hen with a little too much knowledge I fear. A more likely circumstance is that the extreme change in the weather accounted for her behaviour. Better try to provide a pair of feeders to take charge of the next brood, if necessary, if you wish to save them at any cost.

Now Sitting (A. Johnson).—Am very glad to hear the birds have done so well, and are now sitting closely. Hope you will have luck with the young. Add on the thirteenth day of incubation, and for the next two days following, as much Epsom salts to the water as will cover a threepenny-piece. Also give a bath on the thirteenth day. It is not very unusual for a young or weakly hen to be affected as yours was prior to laying.

Stopped Singing (E.L.).—The cage in which your bird is kept is badly infested with redmite. These are at the root of all the bird's trouble, and are the cause of its picking its wings. If it still refuses to bathe, spray it a little with warm water in which a few quassia chips have been soaked. When it is dry, remove to a perfectly clean cage, and thoroughly clean the vacated one. Saturate all joints with a solution of camphor in methylated spirits, and afterwards re-whitewash or distemper, paint, and varnish. See replies in back numbers for further details. Give a bath daily, with a little quassia in it twice a week, as soon as the bird will bathe. Give it now twelve drops of chemical food in its water every alternate day for a fortnight.

Damaged Toe (C. Oxley).—Catch bird and put a drop of Friar's Balsam on the end of the injured toe from the point of a knitting needle, or a small spill of wood. Or you may dip a small feather in the balsam and allow the drop from the tip to drip on the end of the toe end, then wipe the feather along the toe. The latter plan will be the better, as it will help to soothe the toe altogether. Hold the bird in the hand for a minute or two afterwards. Repeat this every second day until it no longer bleeds when the birds picks it. Give a bath daily, and keep the cage floor scrupulously clean.

Hens Dying Egg-bound (Novice).—It is quite likely your hens may have been too fat, as the mixture of seeds which suit Finches so well are not so well suited for hen Canaries. You should increase quantity of Canary seed to at least one-half the total bulk in each case. If you did not provide cuttlefish, you must do so next time, and also get a little limy mortar from an old building that is being demolished; pound it up into a coarse powder, and scatter on cage floor. When the hens are coming forward for laying, if you appear to be in for a repetition of the trouble, add twenty drops of sherry and six of glycerine to the drinking water every day until the clutch of eggs is laid. Also give a few grains of inga each day to those hens having access to a mixture of seed containing it. By the way, inga should not form part of a regular item of food supply.

Aviary Queries (Ignoramus).—1. Your aviary would accommodate from 20 to 25 birds the size of a Canary if you do not wish to breed. In the latter case the number depends upon the species and your object. 2. Yes, two Goldfinches would live together quite amicably in such an aviary, and would agree with Canaries. Bad language may pass between them at times, but it would end at that. 3. Supply unlimited Canary seed in one vessel; hemp in another; and a mixture of thistle, teazle, rape, one part each maw, millet, linseed, and charlock, half part of each in a third vessel.

Identity of Bird (Steele).—Your query should not have been marked "Canaries," as it belongs properly to Mr. Weston's department. See his columns for reply.

Not Made Fair Start (Young Beginner).—The birds were not in condition when mated. If they do not seem to have made a definite start when this reply appears, separate them by a wire slide for a week or so, and give cock half a teaspoonful of hemp every second day, two leaves of dandelion, and half a teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake daily, with five drops of sherry mixed in it, and slightly sprinkled over with gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water of both birds give four drops of tincture of steel every other day. Give the hen also two leaves of dandelion daily, and a little sponge cake as above, but in her case sprinkle it with a few grains of niger. Pair them again, if they appear ready, after a week or eight days of this treatment.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Identity of Bird.

G. Clarke.—I can call to mind no British bird answering the description you give. Those who tell you it is a cross between a Linnet and a Bunting are but making wild guesses; don't take any notice of them. My own opinion is that you have caught an escaped Weaver (probably a female, but possibly a male out of colour), and I expect it is one of the common species, worth but a shilling or two. These Foreign birds are imported in large numbers, and "fill the bill" (when out of colour) as regards your description, while their appearance might conceivably lead to people hazarding the guess that they were Linnet-Bunting hybrids.

A Lover of Mules.

Patsy.—I quite agree with you that Mules make excellent pets, being hardy, very nice, free songsters, and easy to cater for. I should put the Linnet-Mule in the first place as a songster, with the Goldfinch Mule a good second, then following closely the Greenfinch, Siskin and Redpoll Mules. There is not the slightest need to make separate seed-mixtures for either; they will all thrive and sing to perfection if fed and caged precisely the same. They will certainly thrive well in the all-wire household cages; at the same time, the box pattern cage (especially that known as the Finch stock cage) is unquestionably the best. A good seed mixture for Mules at this season of the year is:—Canary three parts, teazle two parts, hemp one part, charlock and summer rape half-part each, maw and linseed quarter-part each. In the hot weather reduce the hemp and linseed, and increase the teazle. Any of the special Finch or wild-seed mixtures advertised in our columns will make a good and acceptable change, given twice or so a week. A little sunflower seed twice or thrice a week would also be sure to be appreciated. Any of the usual green foods may be given, flowering groundsel (not coarse leaves), chickweed, shepherd's purse, dandelion, lettuce, watercress, etc. The three first mentioned may be given practically ad libitum. All Mules are very fond of shepherd's purse.

Greenfinch and Goldfinch Mulers.

N.E.T.—I have given many answers this last few weeks respecting the treatment of muling couples, and you would do well to look them up; I have also dealt with the management (pairing, etc.) at considerable length. A Greenfinch-Canary couple is

not difficult to cater for. They will do well on canary and teazle, equal parts, hemp half part, and a little summer rape and charlock seeds, which seeds will not hurt the wife. Give a little maw and mga, now and again in a finger drawer, or throw on the clean sand. The Greenfinch will have to have some sunflower daily. He will shell the latter easily enough, whereas the Canary will experience some difficulty in doing so, and so is not likely to overgorge herself on it. I do not care to keep Goldfinches without a free supply of hemp; of course, his mate is certain to help herself freely to this. But at the breeding season hemp does not hurt the hen Canaries at all; on the contrary, it is a fine seed for bringing them into forward condition. As most Finches, however, are late coming into breeding trim, the hens, of course, want little hemp early in the season, unless a first nest of Canaries is being taken from them. For food see reply to A.B.C. this week. Look out for and gather in plenty dandelion heads and young tender leaves—a free supply works wonders in getting all muling Finches into prime condition. Give also flowering chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse—these should be freely used.

Goldfinches Backward in Condition.

Lucas B.—It has been a very curious season, my friend, and I don't for one moment suppose that yours are the only Goldfinches which seem to be still backward in condition. I have often explained, however, that the clear beak is not an essential sign of breeding condition in the Goldfinch. I have had fertile eggs scores of times from Goldies showing a distinct dark tip to their beaks. One of the best muling Finches I ever possessed went best part of the season without a clear beak, yet he could be depended on to fill every egg in every clutch. If I were to tell you the number of different hens I have popped him in with during a season, you would think I was "drawing the long-bow." You want to be guided by the birds' antics, and by their behaviour towards the hens when alongside them. If the Finches sing out stoutly, answering one another boldly and defiantly, then they can't be very backward. A forward Finch, too, is often to be seen "feeding" his feet, or the perch end, or the wires of the cages, regurgitating seed from his crop for the purpose. I have known querists who have thought such a bird sick, and even ill fit to die! One I have at present without a mate makes his perches one dirty, sticky mess. Could you not contrive to run the Goldfinches close by the hens for a few days, a wired slide (or something similar) separating them? You would soon see, then, whether they "sung at them," fed them through the wires, or otherwise took notice of their presence. It will help you to really gauge their condition. For suggested feeding, see reply to "A.B.C." this week.

The Yellow Wagtail.

Novice.—The Yellow Wagtail, when steady, is certainly a most delightful pet. I do not find Wagtails difficult to keep; the chief essentials to success are a really good stock-food and a sufficiency of live-food regularly supplied. "Cheap feeding" spells disaster with delicate insectivorous species of all kinds. A really good and cheap stock (house) cage can be contrived out of an ordinary double breeding cage, with two perches at top, one at each end, thus giving a long fly, and two at bottom, food and water vessels, and a bath, all inside. A show-cage of correct pattern will be supplied by any good cage-maker using our columns. I use a thick layer of sand on the bottoms of my cages. The Yellow Wagtail should be colour-fed for the show-bench. A newly-caught bird is often best kept in a cage with a canvas (false) top. As regards the menu, briefly put, my own methods of keeping Wagtails, Blackcaps, Nightingales, and similar small insectivorous birds are as follows:—As a stock mixture: Powdered Osborne biscuit, four parts; best ants' eggs and dried flies, two parts each; powdered silkworm pupæ, one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, green-fly, live ants' eggs, etc.) one can possibly obtain; mealworms given regularly are indispensable. To the above stock mixture I occasionally add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, more occasionally still, a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too; give a little, finely chopped, and mixed, of course, with the above biscuit food, or just laid on top of it. In place of Osborne biscuits, for economy's sake, the "broken biscuits" (sweet) obtainable very cheaply from most grocers may be used. Excellent ready-made foods, too, may be bought through our columns.

A Trio.

E. Taylor.—1, Stop the hemp and niger, and only give them the Bullie occasionally. Giving these seeds regularly has probably tended to upset the bird. Let him have plenty of the wild seeding plants (chickweed, etc.), I recommend. Give him two daily doses of sulphate of soda, as much as will lie over a sixpence, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. 2, It is reputed an excellent remedy; try it by all means. 3, Blue Tits seldom keep long in health in captivity, and the best thing to do when they commence to go wrong is unquestionably to give them their liberty. Just before freeing it (early in the morning) let it have a good feed of mealworms.

Feeding Goldfinch-Canary Muling Couple.

A.B.C.—You are rather late in the day commencing to "feed up." Still, if your birds are in good condition, they ought now to need but little before the long-delayed spell of "summer" comes and starts them off housekeeping. The couple should have a small teaspoonful of egg-bread every other day if the Goldie eats any it will not hurt him. The seed mixture should be: Canary two parts, teazle and hemp one part each, summer rape half a part. In addition, make up these two mixtures, (1) niger two parts, maw one part, (2) thistle, dandelion and sesame seeds in equal parts. Give a good teaspoonful of these on alternate days (No. 1 one day, 2 the next). Then you must go out and gather plenty of seeding dandelion heads, and the young leaves (you can give flowering heads and washed pot, too, if you like), also seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse and groundsel. These wild seeding plants (dandelion in particular) are simply invaluable for bringing all Finches into proper breeding condition, and the hen Canaries as well. When you separate the Goldie from the hen (when she commences to sit) let him have the usual Finch stock mixture again. The hen should then have plain Canary seed only in the hopper, but give her a tiny pinch of maw and summer rape now and again, just to "cheer her up"; mine get a sprig of seeding shepherd's purse or chickweed, too, occasionally. When the young hatch, I give my hens egg and biscuit, with Canary, summer rape and crushed hemp seeds in plenty, and a little maw for variety. When three or four days old, I give the hen a feed of the seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed, and as the youngsters progress I increase the latter two items until I am giving them practically ad libitum; they are the grandest "green foods" one can possibly give to feeding hens.

Brevities.

Hand-rearing Robins (J. R. Ward).—Robins are to be successfully reared by hand by following the methods advised "A. Horan" in last week's issue. Instead of using the gritty sand, however, substitute a good pinch of finely-powdered cuttlefish. Keep them warm, cosy, and scrupulously clean.

Colour-Feeding Thrushes (Bluff).—A naturally rich-coloured Thrush, if good in all points, could compete successfully on the show bench. But the majority of winning Song Thrushes (and other Thrushes) undoubtedly have a little sweet pepper given them by their owners. In my opinion it adds to their chance of securing the coveted first prize (although I tremble to say it, for fear some peppery anti-colour foodite will rise up and smite me).

Crossed Mandibles (A. B. Hanley).—It is a fact that once you start to cut either a bird's claws, or its beak, the faster they will grow in the future, so that the operation becomes necessary increasingly often. Old birds (and your twelve-year-old Goldie is a very ancient customer) are particularly liable to this trouble. Provide him with cubes of old mortar and cuttlefish to use his beak upon.

Hand-rearing Thrushes (No Name).—Probably you would notice that all the information you want was given in reply to "A. Horan" last week. There is no book published dealing solely with the particular thing you mention.

Song of Hedge Sparrow (A. Shine).—Yes; the Hedge Sparrow has quite a pleasing little song. "Cuddy's" cheerful ditty is one of the first we hear in the spring. The notes are loud and high pitched, and uttered in a jerky, hurried fashion. Once identified, you will have no difficulty in always recognising its song.

Goldie's Behaviour (Blaze).—As your Goldfinch is a black-legged one (how, by the way, do you know he is four years old?), he is no doubt not in quite fit condition yet. You must separate the couple until you find him feeding the hen through the partition wires. Your feeding is not good; see reply to "A.B.C." this week. Four years are not by any means enough to make a bird "too old for breeding"; at this age a Goldie is in its prime. A spell of hot weather is badly needed.

Identity of Bird (H. S. Negus).—The bird you have acquired is a Redstart (a male); local names are "Firetail" and "Shaketail." It should be kept in the usual type of small softbill cage, with inside glass feeders. For feeding hints see reply to "Novice" this week. By-the-way, this species certainly perches; all my own Redstarts do so.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Birds for Cages.

"Foreigner."—(1) This is not as easy to answer as it appears, as you do not say for what purpose you require them. Songsters: Grey and Green Singing Finches, Alario, Cape Canary, any of the Serins as advertised in Cage Birds. Ornamental: Zebra, Grey, St. Helena, and Orange-cheek Waxbills, Gouldian Ruficauda, Diamond, Bicheno Finches, Cordon Bleus and Firefinches. Probable breeders: Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Silverbills, Bronze Mannikins, Bengalese, White and Grey Java Sparrows. Tanagers also make good cage birds, but are not seed-eaters, the same applies to most species of Foreign Thrushes. The former are gorgeous birds, and need a soft food, fruit and insect dietary, as also do the latter, most of which are fine songsters. (2) A full-sized Canary breeding cage is a useful type for a pair of such birds as are given above—that for the Tanagers as large again, and of the box type. For the Thrushes the cage must not be less than those provided for the English Blackbird or Thrush, and a similar type answers well. If this does not quite meet your need, specialise your desires and I will help you further.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

Novice.—I must warn you against keeping Budgerigars with Finches; they will be all right for a time, and then all at once, you'll be picking up maimed and murdered birds. As regards the list you name, all can be kept together, but Waxbills, Weavers, and Bishops seldom breed. The following are all probable breeders, easy to keep, and though not brilliant, are most certainly pretty and attractive; Zebra, Spice, Ruficauda, Long-tail and Chestnut Finches, Bronze Mannikin, Zebra or Golden-breasted Waxbill, Silverbills, Bengalese, Diamond Doves (very small and pretty), Grey and Green Singing Finches, and any of the Serins you see advertised in Cage Birds. Do not put in more than 20 pairs all told, and fix up at least double that number of nest boxes all over your aviary, even in the open part of flight, but these nest boxes for the open must have waterproof tops, which should overhang the sides a little. Note: The cheapest are seldom the best; usually they are dear in the end, for losses are many, as such birds have only just come to hand. All new purchases should be nursed up in cages for a few days, at least, before being turned out.

Sample of Seed, Hybrids, etc.

H. E. R.—(1) It is of fair average quality, and is known as white millet. I should also give the Finches and Waxbills small brown and spray millet, in addition to the sample, and also keep a tin of Canary seed in their aviary or cage. (2) No, I do not think you are likely to breed any foreign Hybrids if you keep any others with them. Get an ordinary double breeding cage, take out the partition, and put the Grey and Green Singing Finches in this and you will have a reasonable prospect of success. Soft food should be offered some days before the young are due to hatch; get a pound of the best ants' eggs (cocoons), scald a small quantity and add sufficient crumbled sponge cake to absorb the moisture so as to leave it just crumbly moist; all the other items of diet you name may be offered. (3) Yes, but the main difficulty with these birds is getting them over the first few months in this country; once acclimatised they are not unduly delicate if kept out of draught. The Pintailed and Nonpariel must be numbered amongst the most beautiful of foreign birds.

Treatment for Laughing Doves.

"Juliet."—You have a pair of ordinary Barbary Turtle Doves, also known as half-collared and Laughing Doves. No, the wicker cage is not suitable for breeding purposes. Get a well pointed box (draught proof), and cover front with wire netting, of course providing a door for cleaning and feeding purposes. A useful size is 2 ft. high and 1½ ft. square. Fix a shallow box near the top in one corner, place a layer of pine sawdust in same, and once your birds are adult, your stock will soon multiply. Of course, in a cage the young would have to be removed as soon as they were able to feed for themselves. Diet: A mixture of equal parts Canary and white millet and dari is about all they require, with a little green food (lettuce), and the floor of cage kept covered with gritty sand. It is an advantage to sprinkle over this crushed cuttlefish bone; most Doves are very fond of rock salt and a small piece should be kept in the cage. They are hardy and can be left out of doors all the year round in any enclosure, providing the accommodation of an ordinary fowl run, and under such conditions young and old may be left together.

Parrot with Strained Leg.

W. Ellis.—I almost fear it is a case of paralysis. Carry out the advice already given as to arrangement of food vessels, etc. For the wheezing mix a few chilies with the seed mixture, and if there should be any exusion from the nostrils, bathe same with diluted glyco-thymoline. Make its drinking water the colour of port wine, with Parrish's Chemical Food, and at the least sign of constipation, give a dose or two of Dinneford's Magnesia till relief is given. For dose, etc., see other replies. It is either a bad fracture or paralysis. Keep bird quiet and warm, yet not in a vitiated atmosphere. All Parrots indulge more or less in the rasping you speak of, and if there is no rash you may take it, it is natural.

What Parrot?

H. G. Nap.—It is quite evident you have an Amazon Parrot, but I fail to recognise its species from your description, and incline to the opinion that you are either mistaken as to its age, or that it is abnormally coloured. As to value, if a freely imported species, from 20/- upwards, according to its talent as a talker. If a rare species, practically what you can get for it. It all depends upon the degree of rarity. Diet: A seed mixture of two parts each canary seed and oats and one part each wheat, dari, maize, hemp and sunflower seeds. Well mix and keep a regular supply in the cage; also give a little boiled maize twice a week. This soon turns sour; it must only be left in cage one day and care must be taken that stray corn is not left about. Also give so as to keep up a varied diet, ripe fruit, plain biscuits, little boiled potato (dry) nuts, greenfood, such as lettuce, green peas, etc., according to season. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food. The warty substance you mention on upper mandible, is the cere surrounding the nostrils, and is quite natural.

What Parrot?

"Anxious."—If "Anxious" will supply particulars as to size of bird, whether long or short tail, I can then give a more definite reply. I can only express an opinion that your bird is an immature blue-fronted Amazon. It should have, if very young, some boiled maize daily (this soon turns sour in hot weather), if it is able to crack and eat heartily of dry seed. Twice a week will be often enough for the boiled maize, but it must be left in cage one day, and been made fresh for each occasion. Seed mixture: Canary, wheat, oats, maize, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds; in equal parts with the exception of the two latter kinds, of which only one half portions. Also supply so as to vary the diet, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and a little boiled carrot or potato occasionally. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops, nor any kind of animal food. The blue-front usually makes both a good talker and a mimic. Train by keeping it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also by the constant repetition of such things as you wish it to repeat.

Hard Luck.

H.V.J.—Yes, it is hard luck, but unfortunately it is what assails only too often those who follow the fascinating pursuit of aviculture; you must also cultivate philosophy at the same time. I have not found the Yellow-billed or Lesser Cardinals by any means as hardy or long-lived as the Red and Black-crested, and I think yours was a case of possibly a sluggish individual, coupled with high living, but such cases are not common with Cardinals. In such event, in future, take the bird gently but firmly in the hand, and dip it into cold water—put it right under, head as well—a quick immersion and out again. Repeat this several times if necessary. Then put it in its cage, where it will be quiet and out of draughts till it is dry. Afterwards make its drinking water saline with Epsom salts for a couple of days. I have a Varied Lorrikeet, which to-day is in exhibition trim, and which 12 months ago had three fits in one afternoon, and was treated as above. Pintail Nonpariels are precarious creatures to keep at any time, and we have been through some awful weather changes lately. If the White Javas were new purchases, I can quite understand it, with the awful weather of late April, and also with birds that have started nesting. I expect losses have been many all over the country—wild birds suffering equally with captive ones—I hope you'll have such luck as will bury the present disappointment. The joys of aviculture are great, nevertheless, philosophy is a *sine qua non* at times.

White Java Sparrows.

"Notsduh."—(1) Only a small percentage of these birds breed true to colour. Quite a large portion of the young partially revert back to the original stock, and show more or less of grey mottling in their plumage. You will probably get some pure whites from your present pair. (2) I rather expect that in the change from the dealer's shop to your cage they have been subjected to a sudden change of temperature, and thus thrown into a moult. If they still persist in plucking one another, you will have to part them and keep them separate till their plumage is renewed. For the next fortnight make their drinking water the colour of pale port every other day with Parrish's Chemical Food. They do not need soft food. (4) See answer to 1. (5) As soon as they are in condition, put in a nest box, supply a little hay and a Canary nest bag, and leave them to themselves. They often breed quite late in the year. (6) Compare the birds' beaks closely, view them in profile, and if they are a true pair, you will find one of them (the hen's) narrower at the base and more tapering than the other. (7) See answer to 2. Canary, white and spray millet, with a few oats, and a little rice in the husk, if you can readily obtain it, with green-food, water, and a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage, will fully meet the modest needs of these birds, which, once they become fit, are not difficult to keep so.

Brevities.

Sexing Budgerigars (Preston). — The cere, which is the substance surrounding the nostrils on the upper mandible, is bright blue in the male and deep brown in the female; that is, when they are in breeding condition. You certainly should have ultimate success in breeding the birds in your cage. I presume you have hung up a husk nest in one corner at the back of the cage. Two would be better. Hang them in so that the entrance of the husk faces the front of cage.

Budgerigars and Small Finches (Mongie).—(1) Yes, put in two pairs and hang up four husks, with the openings as much as possible facing different ways, near the top of cage. It will be necessary to remove the young as soon as they can fend for themselves. (2) Grey Singing Finches are plain but pretty birds and very sweet singers; Green Avadavats, Zebra Waxbills, St. Helena Waxbills, Bengalese, Gouldian Finches. Or if you had single birds only of each, you could add the following: Ruficauda and Long-tailed Grassfinches, Silverbill, Spice Finch, Orange-cheeked Waxbill and Alario Finch. Most of the above are really brilliant and beautiful birds—none of them are really plain.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary (A.J.P.).—You have accommodation for about 12 pairs of birds, some of which would breed. You could keep double that number and keep them healthy, but very few breeding results would occur with so many. The list of birds given in reply to "Novice" in this issue would be very suitable for you, and such as Cape Canary, Grey and Green Singing Finches, and Alario Finches should cross with Canaries, providing you only include males of these species. Diamond or Peaceful Doves, or both, would agree; they are small, amiable, very pretty, and make a pleasing variety in an aviary containing Finches and Waxbills. The Doves would thrive on the same diet as the Finches, etc. The whole of the birds referred to would only need white and spray millet in addition to what you are supplying to the Canaries.

What Bird? (H. Lloyd).—They are Cockatiels, and their value is about 10s. or a little more a pair at the present time, according to condition, etc. Canary, white millet and oats, with lettuce, grass in the ear, or other green-food as in season, will meet the modest needs of this pleasing species. They are hardy and need no coddling, but of course must not be subjected to draught. Of course, it is understood that water, cuttlefish, and grit must be supplied to all species of Parrots and Parrakeets.

Too Many in a Given Space (C.G.).—No, you are aiming to do more than the scope of your aviary warrants. Again, the temper of Blossom-heads is so uncertain that I doubt their being safe company for the Cockatiels and Budgerigars. What I advise is, cage up the Blossom-head and put two pairs of Budgerigars in with your Cockatiels. In so small an aviary I do not think the Lovebirds would survive our winter. As an alternative, if you wish to risk the Blossom-heads, then sell one pair of Cockatiels, procure a hen Blossom-head and two pairs of Budgerigars. Put up double the number of husks and log nests that you have pairs of birds.

"Stranger's" and **F. L. Martin's** queries will be answered in our next issue.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Rearing Young Pheasants.

A.B.C.—Young Pheasants are easily reared, but require better food than chickens. Custard is good, but a simple and convenient food is hard egg and bread-crumb, well mixed together—the egg being first rubbed through a bit of perforated zinc. Chopped green food, especially spring onions, dried flies, and dried ants' eggs, should be mixed with this food. Millet and Canary seed should also be given, and crushed hemp and chopped cheese are useful additions. After the birds are a week or ten days old, chopped, cooked meat can be substituted for the egg, and some of the advertised game meals used. Always keep up a supply of green food, and gradually get the birds on to larger grain. Be careful to guard against damp, and give grit regularly. Hens for hatching Pheasants should not be too large and clumsy. A good supply of well-scoured gentles is a great help in rearing these birds, and if they can have a grass run, they will be more easily kept, as they can thus find much of their own food, and will not need so expensive a diet as that recommended. Such a regimen, however, will rear them in close confinement, where they cannot procure insects and green food themselves.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Pair Canaries (W. C. Teasdale).—Acute pneumonia, or "chill" caused death in both cases.

Cardinal (Miss Martin). Septic inflammation of liver, lungs, and bowels, ending in apoplexy.

Budgerigar (Miss Rowney).—Acute pneumonia, accelerated, in my opinion, by enlarged and feverish condition of liver.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Diseases of Birds (W.G.B.).—We do not think there is such a book by the writer named. Probably you are thinking of the late Dr. Greene's book entitled "The Diseases of Cage Birds," which we can send you post free on receipt of postal order value 1s. 2d.

Long Eaton's Yellow Crests (The Troubled Man).—Your communication made us smile, despite the depressing weather. Really, however, we dare not publish such a communication unless the writer's name be appended to it.

Articles on Seeds (Seeds).—If you will kindly forward us your name and address, which seem to have been mislaid, we will write you concerning this matter.

Two Recipes (Spotted Camel).—If you will let us know your address, we will write you direct.

Skylarks Breeding (L. Meason).—An account of Skylarks breeding in captivity appeared in No. 227. There is also an article on their feeding, etc., in No. 282. Both numbers can be sent you post free on receipt of four penny stamps.

Sterile Pigeon Eggs (J. W. Partridge).—This question is out of our line. We have forwarded it on to the Editor of "Pigeons," who will probably answer it in this week's issue of his paper.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE NIGHTINGALE IN SURREY.

SIR,—Last week, when I wrote respecting bird-life in Surrey, I mentioned that we might expect to hear the Nightingale soon in this district (Guildford). That expectation is now realised. I heard the 'gale on April 29 and was awakened by its song this morning (April 30) at 5 o'clock. It was only a few yards away from my bedroom window.

T. H. SKELTON.

THE CATCHING OF HAWFINCHES.

SIR,—It would be very interesting if Mr. Hakes would oblige by writing particulars of how he caught the young Hawfinches in trap-cage, what position he placed trap cage in, whether he used a call-bird in bottom part and what he used for bait. Will he also say whether he has ever caught them in nets in winter-time with a brace or call bird? They seem very shy, wary birds always making off at sight: at least, that is my experience. I greatly appreciated his article in your valuable paper last week.

BIRD LOVER.

STARLINGS AND SKYLARKS.

SIR,—In reference to the interesting paragraph quoted in your columns from "The Northern Herald," I agree with the writer as to the decreasing numbers of Skylarks in localities where the Starling abounds. Across a considerable stretch of the Highlands to the extreme West at Gairloch in Ross-shire, the Skylark is becoming rare and the Starling rapidly increasing. The latter bird is singularly voracious, and does, I believe, destroy or devour eggs of the Thrush as well as those of the Lark. In the Highlands fifty years ago, Thrushes, Skylarks, and Blackbirds were abundant, but Starlings were rare. Now, the former birds are little seen, while great flocks of Starlings visit every part of the country and build their nests in the suburbs of every town. No doubt the Starling has his own attractions as a sprightly songster; but he cannot compete with the Lark, and he is specially destructive in orchards. I am inclined to agree with the "Northern Herald" when the writer says that the Starling interferes with nests, eggs, and young of certain other birds, and that his preponderance in localities formerly unvisited by him, is due to that fact.

BIRD LOVER.

Inverness.

THE BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB AND ITS JUDGES.

SIR,—I regret to notice that Mr. Patterson is so much upset over this discussion as to allow himself to blame me wrongly. If Mr. Patterson is now calm, he will see that I never stated that he could neither write well, nor think justly. But again, I say that "to write well one must think justly," which he did not do in the letter I referred to. Now, Sir, it is well-known to your many readers that Mr. Patterson, being absent from the general meeting of the B.F.C.C. when the much talked about rule was passed to restrict judges to two shows (with the club's patronage), entered your columns to ask the reasons for passing such a rule: he also appealed to the mover of the motion for such. In the same letter he discussed his own question very fully and prophesied what would take place through this rule, by saying that by the time the Scottish National and the Crystal Palace (two of the largest shows) came on there would be nothing but perfect novices to place the awards. Now I hold such statements as Mr. Patterson made in discussing his own question without waiting for an answer from his club members, were either a cheap advertisement for the club's judges, or taking an undue advantage of judges, and likely judges, outside the B.F.C.C. Again, in reply to Mr. Turnbull he showed (if they were not satisfied with the present judges) the club's power through its members being members of other societies. Now I hold a different opinion, and am quite in order to take exception to his statement that it is likely to do any injustice to the large body of fanciers outside the B.F.C.C., as I am of opinion that, suppose all the present prominent judges were engaged, there still could be found in the fancy judges capable of placing the awards at any show with as much satisfaction as at present. I may say I am sorry if I have wronged the B.F.C.C. by saying they had only 300 members. I took a quotation from Mr. Turnbull's letter, which passed uncontradicted, where he stated they had nearly 300 members. In conclusion, Mr. Patterson, not being a member of the B.F.C.C., I cannot discuss the advancement of the club's interests, and I have no desire to bully you to answer any question.

ROBT. LAMBIE.

[Some portion of the above letter has had to be deleted. Mr. Patterson has very definitely stated that he will not answer any questions which touch outside the effect of the new rule in the Club's interests; therefore we see no object in straying away from that point.—EDITOR.]

A QUESTION FOR ILFORD FANCIERS.

SIR,—May I be permitted, through the valuable medium of your columns, to seek the whereabouts of the Ilford Fanciers' Society? I saw it announced that it had changed its name, which is rather interesting to me as a member of the society. I had no intimation of the change or any notice of its meeting. Also, in view of the fact that I wrote to the secretary previous to the intimation about some financial matters, and have not yet received a reply, perhaps the secretary of the new venture will kindly state whether they have taken over the debts as well as the assets of the late society.

S. G. QUELCH.

THE HEATING OF A BIRD ROOM.

SIR,—Re heating apparatus in issue of April 11th, which Mr. E. Wear says is similar to my Regenator heater that appeared in CAGE BIRDS, No. 166 (March 18th, 1905), I am sorry to have to differ. The one that I used in my bird-room did its work well, nor did it condense or evaporate, and it was set up altogether differently. Should the reader who asked you, Sir, some time ago about my Regenator flower-pot heater care to send me his address, I shall be most pleased to give him a sketch of it; also full details of a heater that will give him no trouble, is easy to fit up in the right way, a cheap, safe, cold air draught heater, that will hold its own for cheapness. It will also be a good heater for a green house up to 20 feet long, and will keep frost out. I might say, Sir, that I was some time before I could get it to do its work with success; and this is my reason for writing these few notes. The two sketches are similar as regards flower pots.

ALBERT BURTENSHAW.

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A GOOD TIP FOR KEEPERS OF INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

SIR,—In your Mr. Weston's reply to Mr. T. H. Skelton in last week's CAGE BIRDS, he mentions the difficulty of supplying live ants to insectivorous birds without many escaping. I have overcome this to a very great extent by having a small all-wire cage made with a zinc bottom, and round the top edge of the latter portion I have a water-tight trough about an inch square. Into the bottom of this cage I put anything which crawls, and it is impossible for same to escape without crossing the water, which very few do. I hang this cage in front of my Nightingales' cages (after the manner of a bath) and find my birds do well. In fact I have a 'gale which commenced to sing early in January that had been kept out day and night all winter in an ordinary box cage, and a healthier or better songster I don't think anyone has. If this arrangement is new to your Mr. Weston and he considers it worth trying, I shall be pleased to have written.

ARTHUR SILLS.

YELLOWHAMMER-CANARY MULES.

SIR,—It may interest your numerous readers to hear that a friend of mine has a nest of Yellowhammer-Mules, now nine days old and doing well. The hen laid four eggs, hatching out three young; the other was dead in shell. I might state the eggs were placed under a Norwich hen known to be a good mother. The Yellowhammer is now sending its mate to nest again, and another clutch is expected. If it is of interest to your readers I will be pleased to let you know in about a month's time how the young have fared, and if the eggs expected this week are fertile.

E. H. HULL.

[We shall be very pleased to receive further details. Seeing that our correspondent terms the youngsters "Yellowhammer-Mules," we assume the mate of the Yellowhammer to be a hen Canary, although he does not definitely state what it is. Perhaps he will kindly tell readers if this is correct.—EDITOR.]

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE GOLDFINCH.

SIR,—I should think all Goldfinch fanciers will be greatly pleased (as I myself was) with the chart depicting the different points of the Goldfinch, which you have published. The ideal bird, and the sketches showing the failings of the others, do the artist, Mr. Norman, great credit, while to the young fanciers, and even the older ones, the illustrations and the remarks by that well known British bird judge, Mr. G. E. Weston, dealing with each bird pictured there and describing the failings in a simple way, will be most helpful. Having kept Goldfinches for over twenty-five years, and never being without them the whole of the time, I myself have seen birds as Mr. Weston describes them to your readers. I have studied the Goldfinch from boyhood and seen hundreds of them together at liberty in years gone by. It is over twenty-five years ago since I first caught them, and I have seen all sorts of different specimens during this time, walking and training it miles for that purpose. It is now over ten years ago that I laid a net, or limed a twig. I found that it paid better to get the pick from different trappers if you want the very best birds, and it is the cheapest in the end. Goldfinches differ in size, shape, colour and markings. If you visit their breeding places you will find some are very chestnut coloured, while others are very white. These white birds carry clean cheeks, but when they are so brown the cheeks always are dirty. I like them between the two. Get all the points that you require, and when the birds are two years of age they are right, though most of them get better with age, up to five or six years old. I have a dozen now in my possession, some old winners. I do not show them after I have proved them breeders. It is better to keep them at home; breeding birds are breeding birds, and show birds should be kept for showing. I have seen, I may say, some of the finest Goldfinches this season that I have for many a long day. I have the bird which I exhibited last year in the Exeter and District Cage Bird Society's three monthly shows, under three different judges, and which was awarded first prize each month, scoring 21 points, and thereby gaining the silver medal. I send you the photo of this bird and myself, with the cards and medal. I succeeded in going one better at the open show, first, second, and vhc, in a very strong class, being also awarded special and CAGE BIRDS special for the best British bird in the show. You only learn by keeping Goldfinches how much they differ. You will hardly ever see two alike, but yet they may be good specimens. The remarks about them by Mr. Weston, ought to put Goldfinch lovers on the right path to success.

W. H. COMMINS.

MORE TROUBLE IN IRELAND.

SIR,—It was pitiful to see no reply in CAGE BIRDS last week from the secretary, or the "family party," to my challenge re the six questions extracted from my letter upon which they pronounced sentence of suspension for three months. Poor "Non-official" made a plucky effort at rescue; he is now worthy of being brought into the fold and having his "non" cut off. He had a good "dip," but stirred up some unsolicited testimonials on my behalf, viz., "that my conduct as chairman is quite in keeping with my letter" exposing the doings of the family party. I evidently practise what I preach. And how familiar "non-official" is with my official conduct! Again, he goes on that "my accusations against the secretary are frivolous." Of course they are, and true, too, that's my point: so why suspend me for same? Of course, he knows. He says, further, that "the winners of the cup this season came up smiling." They did: in fact they came up laughing, but it was in their sleeve, and "non-off," with many others, are only their laughing stock. The non-feds put a colour on the matter this season! Another interesting admission is that, "the feeling of the club at large now is one of relief since my suspension." No doubt some do feel at large for the present, and appreciate relief, which, of course, is unofficial and only temporary. I regret taking so much of CAGE BIRDS' valuable space and time to have these matters thrashed out, but it is my duty to do so. With regard to my own grievance, this I have placed in my solicitors' hands, and will let members know result in due course.

RICHARD DEVITT.

Chairman, Y.C.C. of I.

A DULWICH AND PECKHAM MATTER.

SIR,—"Anonymous" hears quite rightly that we are applying for affiliation to the C.B.C. It is also right that the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., of which he is a member, are so afraid of our forthcoming show that they are protesting; we hope, without avail, for it might be injurious to that body were the powerful Dulwich Ornithological Society to lead the way by running an anti-union show. There is no fear of that, as it is only a question of dates. We hear also that the D. and P.C.B.S. have gone so far as to ask "specialist" clubs not to grant their patronage to the D.O.S.! Surely jealously has no limit! We feel confident that if we do apply, our application will be considered in an unbiased manner, by the committees, and that they will not be prompted by those who have quite enough to do to manage their own affairs.

ROGERS AND MAZZONI, Hon. Secs. D.O.S.

SIR,—The controversy now appearing in the columns of your valuable journal under the above heading has greatly interested me. I for some time past took considerable interest in the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., and thinking they were a very good company, I joined them and was the means of presenting them with the very much advertised seven guinea challenge shield for open competition I found to my regret, although a very deserving society, they were in low water financially. I spoke to Mr. Woolhouse (their late chairman and show manager) and suggested that in co-operation with Mr. Rogers, I would run a concert on a large scale at the Imperial Hall, in January last, with a view of helping them. The idea was placed before the committee, who welcomed it and promised every support. Owing to an unfortunate split, this concert, although acknowledged to be the best ever held in the district, was a dismal failure financially. The only support we received was from the section now known as the Dulwich Ornithological society. Mr. Rogers and I lost about £10 over the transaction, which we are not crying over, but we did expect some of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. who took tickets at least as a matter of courtesy, to return them, even if they did not sell them. I know very little of cage bird societies, and my first experience was rather bitter, but my humble favours shall be certainly bestowed on the most deserving, and as the Dulwich Ornithological meets my views as a go-ahead society, composed of fanciers who mean business and have their hobby at heart, it grieves me to see a certain section trying to throw cold water on their commendable efforts, which should entitle them not only to the name of Dulwich, but the admiration of the fancy. They are all good fellows, and I must congratulate them on the success they are making. The society has still friends.

FRANK GAIN.

ROLLER CANARIES AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

Norris v. Whittaker.

After going carefully through the lengthy and complicated correspondence referring to the above dispute, the joint arbitrators decided in favour of Mr. Whittaker on the following grounds:—That whilst it has been fairly established by Mr. Norris that there was the additional challenger prepared to meet Mr. Whittaker's birds, there was never any actual acceptance by Mr. Norris or anyone else of the challenge made by Mr. Whittaker in the Fancy Press of February 22nd, 1908.

(Signed) F. CARL. } Joint arbitrators.
J. ROBSON. }

SIR,—Seeing that Mr. Whittaker doubts Mr. Norris's word to the effect that several members were quite willing to accept his (Mr. Whittaker's) challenge, I beg to say that I wrote to Mr. Norris offering to send my bird as I thought it only fair, for I felt confident that my bird had been judged fair when at the Palace show.

T. W. WALTON.

PRIZE-MONEY AT GREENWICH SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Henry Lowe's letter, I should like to be allowed to make it quite clear that the prize-money he refers to is members' prize-money. All prize-money won in open classes was paid out last November and our late secretary advised you to that effect, and this intimation appeared in CAGE BIRDS of 23rd November, 1907, or the following week. Any information Mr. Lowe requires concerning purely society affairs, may be had from me, or by attending one of our meetings.

F. W. HAMER, hon. sec.

SIR,—I received a letter this morning from Mr. Hamer and also a copy of a letter he has sent to CAGE BIRDS in answer to mine in your last issue. Mr. Hamer says that the prize-money refers to members' prize-money. All prize money won in open classes was paid last November. My wife obtained a first in open class, but has not received any money. Mr. Hamer goes on to say this is purely society affairs. It would be interesting to know how many members the society consists of. According to catalogue, there were fifty-five exhibits. Say the club consists of forty; that leaves fifteen open exhibitors. This is not much to pay out. On the morning of show I paid Mr. Hill, secretary, nineteen shillings and ninepence for exhibits, membership and advertisement, and now I am to be treated in this manner. I belong to other clubs as well as this and am able to show and compete in any class. Thousands of exhibitors do the same thing. I never attend any club meetings of any clubs I belong to.

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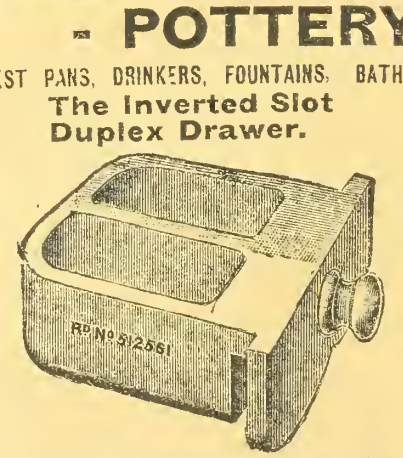

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WANTED parrot; must be free talker; state particulars and price; week's approval; deposit with CAGE BIRDS.—C. Cox, 63, Hosier-st., Reading.

A LARGE steady house-moulted German hen Bullfinch; state price; deposit system.—A. Anderton, 7, Romer-place, High-st., Lewisham, Kent, S.E.

WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinch mules or Linnet mules, for cash; must be in full song.—Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

WANTED Canaries or British; exchange Pom bitch, or sell 25/-; also cock Linnet, bred Mules; what offers, or sell 12/-.—Peters, 29, Dobbrow, West Houghton.

WANTED any quantity hen Goldfinch Mules, 1/- each, and hen Canaries 1/3 each; any kind of birds bought.—Perkins, No. 1, Blewett-st., East-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED "genuine" Edison phonograph records, good condition, for cash, or useful exchange; approval; no rubbish wanted or offered.—A. Plevin, 21, Queen's-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

WANTED Canaries, Mules, and Pigeons; every variety of live stock; small and large quantities for cash; will deposit cash with Editor.—Mr. Barker, 49, Ironmonger-row, St. Luke's, London.

WANTED, Yorkshire or Norwich cock, in full song; exchange Canary-reared cock Goldfinch, in full song, clear beak; will feed from hand; approval; Canary first.—Johnson, 22, Western-rd., Ealing, W.

CANARIES, whole or part stocks bought for cash, or give good exchange in table cutlery, knives, forks, spoons, carvers, electro-plated teapots, cruets; stamp.—The Cutlery Co., 24, Carnarvon-st., Sheffield.

NATURAL HISTORY.

TAXIDERMY. High-class work at low prices.—Kendrick, Practical Taxidermist, Cook-st., Coventry.

100,000 BUTTERFLIES, moths, British and tropical, for ornamental purposes, collections, list of cheap lots.—Ford, Entomologist, Southview, Bournemouth.

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The last litter of pups which I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Thos. Cadogan (Newport), were disposed of quickly, as I had replies from all over the country, thus testifying to the splendid medium your paper is for advertisers. I wish it every success.

A Noted Winner.

I was pleasantly surprised to see my natural coloured Yellow Norwich hen occupying the page of honour in this week's CAGE BIRDS—an honour which I highly appreciate—writes Mr. Jas. Winter (Edinburgh). She was one of a nest of three, hatched in May, 1905, the other two (a clear Yellow hen and a four-pointed Buff cock) being also noted winners. The bird portrayed was not exhibited as an unflighted one, but for the past two summers she was exhibited both in England and Scotland with a very fair amount of success. Her record includes first prizes at Manchester, Dundee, Aberdeen, and twice in succession at the Scottish National. She was also first at Preston last season in the open variegated class, beating the colour-fed birds. The progress of the Norwich Plainhead in Scotland of late years has been very rapid, which is scarcely to be wondered at, as they have many attractive points to recommend them and, before another show season comes round, I hope to see a great addition to the ranks of breeders of this interesting branch of our hobby.

Wheezing Canaries.

Canaries are troubled often with a wheezing in the chest, says "Health," which, from its resemblance to what is known as asthma in human beings, is given the same name. It is not, however, asthma, but an affection of the lungs. The cause is not far to seek. Canaries can bear great extremes of heat and cold, delicately framed though they be, but they cannot stand sudden transitions from one to the other. When they are kept in a room where the temperature is very variable, perhaps close to a draughty window during the day, with hot, vitiated atmosphere from burning gas in the evening, and later on the other extreme of cold, we must not wonder if the lungs are affected. It is therefore important that care should be taken to prevent such a state of things, and this is best done by hanging the cage below the middle bar of the window, or, what is better, standing it on the table some distance away. If such a plan be adopted the so-called asthma will be prevented, but if it is found, a little tincture of aconite is the best remedy—say, a drop to a teaspoonful of water.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contests held at King's Head, Shannon-street. On May 9th 19 birds competed. 1st, Biss; 2nd, Stead; 3rd shared between Biss and S. Hardcastle. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and T. Chadwick. On May 10th 27 birds sang. 1st, Gally; 2nd, Johnson; 3rd, Stead; 4th, Hardcastle. Judges, Messrs. Cooper and Crane.—T. Summers, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN.

The Wigan Linnet Club will hold first open match on May 30th, at Millstone Hotel, Wigan-lane. Prizes to the value of £3 10s. will be given for quality and time. Entrance fee, 1/- per bird. Alf Parker, secretary, 18, Lord-street, Wigan.—(Advt.)

YORK.

Usual weekly contest held at the Crown Inn, North Street, on May 2nd, when 22 birds sang. Result:—1, Stothard; 2, Oxberry; 3, Lambert; 4, Firth; 5, Watson. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper. On May 9th, when 20 birds sang. Result:—1, Stothard; 2, Oxberry; 3, Lambert; 4, Watson; 5, Oxberry. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. Smith, Sec.

Usual weekly contest held on May 9th, when 24 birds faced the judge. Result: 1, Chaplin; 2, Key; 3, Evans; 4, Ross; 5, Empson; 6, Laverick. Judge, Mr. Jno. Paver; timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert.—Wm. Empson.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contests. On May 9th 16 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jackson and Towers. Result: 1st, Sellers; 2nd, Binner; 3rd, Sissons. On May 10th some 18 picked birds sang. Two of the five prizes were given by Harry Allen. Messrs. Allen and Jackson judged. Timekeeper, Mr. Towns. Result: 1st, Sissons; 2nd, Wood; 3rd, Sissons; 4th, Lorriman; and 5th, Chippendale.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

ELSECAR.

Usual week-end contest held on May 2nd, at the Horse and Jockey, Hoyland, when 16 birds sang. Prize winners:—1, Vaines, 4min. 40sec.; 2, Charles, 3min. 11sec.; 3, White, 2min. 57sec. Timekeeper, Mr. A. Watkin; marker, Mr. E. Charles. On May 9th 12 birds were entered. Prizes as follows:—1, Vaines, 4min. 40sec.; 2, Lofthouse, 4min. 8sec.; 3, Charles, 2min. 45sec. Timekeeper, Mr. E. Charles; marker, Mr. J. Denton.—E. Charles, Sec.

DARLINGTON.

Open Linnet singing contest at Mr. H. Brownless' George Hotel, Darlington, Saturday, May 23rd. First prize, timepiece; second prize, silver medal. Entrance, 6d. each bird. First bird on nail at 2 o'clock. Judge, J. Cannou. Hon. Sec., R. S. Black.—(Advt.)

LEIGH.

Open Linnet contest held at Colliers' Rest, Westleigh Mill, Leigh, on May 7th, when 27 birds competed for six prizes—three for time singing and three for quality. Result for time:—1, Green; 2, Evans; 3, Rowlands. For quality:—1, Barnes; 2, Jones; 3, Milligan. Judges for time, Messrs. O'Neil and Milligan; timekeeper, Pat Wallan. Judges for quality, Messrs. Gibbins and Jump. Another open contest will be held at Ross Hotel, Astley, on May 16th.—J. W. Jones, Sec.

THE SHOWS.

GRIMSBY AND DIST. O.S.

Monthly meeting held at the Hall of Science, on May 5, Mr. H. E. Stubbs presiding, when there was a fair attendance. Mr. Harness very kindly presented a special prize for competition among-t members. Owing to the exceptionally cold weather, which has been a great drawback to breeders locally this season, only ten young Canaries were staged, but we anticipate a much greater number at our next monthly meeting. The following was the result of the nest feather show and table show for British birds, the chairman awarding the cards satisfactorily:—NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Moore, senr.; 2, Robinson. BUFFS: 1, 2, Moore, senr.; 3, 4, vhc, Robinson. CLASS 4: 1, 2, Cartwright. GOLDFINCHES: 1, 2, Wax. BULLFINCHES: 1, A. Sutcliffe. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, A. Sutcliffe.—Moore and Crowson, Secs.

CITY OF HULL C.B.S.

A capital nest feather show was held at headquarters, Oddfellows' Hall, Charlotte Street, on May 4th. Yorkshires were to the front, making a total of 18 in two classes, which, considering the almost Arctic weather conditions we have experienced, we must rank as "very good." One or two of the successful exhibitors were asked to give the secret of keeping them alive, but they seemed deaf to all appeals. OPEN YORKS. (10): 1, 2, 3, hc, Stones; vhc, c, Brumby. NOVICE DO. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Burrill; hc, c, Parkes. OPEN NOR. (2): 1, 2, Stones. NOR. DO. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Riley; 3,c, McKay; hc, Loughorn. A.O.V. (2): 1, McKay; 2, Riley.

A discussion on "Common Ailments of Birds" was opened by Mr. Loughorn, who, in his remarks, stated that the difficult thing with birds was diagnosing the ailment. He suggested putting the bird that was ill into a clean cage, and then notice what the excretions were like. In cases of diarrhœa, he recommended five drops of chlorodine in the drinking water, or a little prepared chalk. Several other ailments were described, and a treatment suggested. We then went into the next room to see the "youngsters." It was agreed that our trip be to Drewton Dale on July 4th, instead of to Bently Woods, as on syllabus.—F. H. Stamford, Minute Secretary.

LEWISHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A good muster of members and friends attended the first table show of British and Foreign birds held on May 5th at headquarters, The Rochuck Hotel, Lewisham. Mr. Robson, who judged, congratulated the exhibitors on the excellent quality and splendid condition in which the birds were shown. The exhibits, numbering 37, were, with few exceptions, typical show specimens, some of the classes, though small, containing some particularly fine and choice ones. The winning Goldfinch was a grand bird of nice size and rich colour, having a good, bold, square-cut blaze of lovely colour. The 2nd was another excellent Goldie. Bullfinches were a fine level lot, the 1st being a fine specimen, with lovely colour cap and markings. The 2nd and 3rd were also two good birds. Linnets provided the largest class and the most keen competition, the 1st being a lovely specimen. All in the mealy were grand birds. The winning Redpoll was a grand exhibit, shown in fine condition. Greenfinches also provided some very typical specimens, all being of fine size and shape. The two winning Bramblefinches were excellent. In the A.O.S. seed-eating class, a well-marked Yellowhammer took premier honours, while the 2nd was a very fine Reed Bunting. The insectivorous classes contained a Blackbird (winner), and (in small) a good Tree Pipit, a well-known winner. In the Foreign the 1st was a good Indian Rose Linnet in good condition. At the conclusion of his work, the judge gave a criticism of the exhibits, and answered questions which were put to him.

GOLDFINCH: 1, Jordan; 2, Botting; 3, Lugg; vhc, Austin; hc, White. BULLFINCH: 1, Botting; 2, Austin; 3, Jordan. LINNET: 1, c, Lugg; 2, Botting; 3, Austin; vhc, Carter; hc, White. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Dowling; 2, Phillip; 3, Austin; vhc, hc, White. GREENFINCH: 1, Carter; 2, vhc, White; 3, Butler; hc, Phillips. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Carter; 2, Jordan. A.O.S. SEED-EATING: 1, Botting; 2, Carter; 3, White. LARGE INSECTIV.: 1, Butler. SMALL: 1, R. Carter. FOREIGN: 1, Lugg. SELL.: 1, Botting.—H. Thos. Lucas, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Harpenden.—June 8th, Rothamsted Park.—Judge, Mr. C. E. Silk. 10 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 3, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Fee, 2/-.—Entries close June 1st to J. B. Townend, Station-road, Harpenden.

KEY TO JUDGES' INITIALS.

See "Show Dates Fixed" column.

J. As.—J. Adams
G. F. A.—G. F. Adamson
J. Ar.—J. Alexander
T. A.—T. Allison
G.A.—Gavin Alston
A. A.—A. Ambler
T. J. A.—T. J. Ambrose
T. At.—T. Arnot
H. W. A.—H. W. Axe
J. C. B.—J. C. Barnes
W. P. B.—W. P. Barnes
R. B.—R. Barrass
F. B.—F. Bate
G. B.—G. Bond
H. W. B.—H. W. Battye
H. B.—H. Bennet
T. B.—T. Bennett
J. Bk.—J. Beswick
D. By.—D. Bentley
J. Be.—J. Bertie
R. S. B.—R. S. Bewick
J. B.—J. Bexson
D. Bk.—D. Black
W. B.—W. Bowyer
J. By.—J. Broadley
M. By.—Matt. Broadley
W. B.—W. Brotherton
A. B.—A. Brown
D. B.—D. Brown
G.B.—G. Browning
J. W. B.—J. W. Bruce
E. B.—E. Brunskill
L. B.—Levi Butterworth
A. G. C.—A. G. Cameron
C. C.—C. Campbell
H.T.C.—H. T. T. Camps
J. Csn.—J. Carson
A. C.—Allan Chalmers
B. C.—Barker Clegg
Ax. C.—Alex. Cochrane
S. R. C.—S. R. Compston
S. C.—S. Cook
W. A. C.—W. A. Cowgill
D. C.—D. Craig
J. C.—J. Craig
J. Dh.—J. Dagleish
A. G. D.—A. G. Davis
J. F. D.—J. F. Dewar
J. Dt.—J. Dewhirst
J. D.—J. Dobson
J. Dn.—J. Donald
J. B. E.—J. B. Evans
R. F.—R. Farmer
J. Fn.—J. Ferguson
W. J. F.—W. J. Ferguson
W. W. F.—W. W. Freestone
J. F.—John Frostick
H. J. F.—H. J. Fulljames
G. F.—G. Fulton
D. J. G.—D. J. Gardner
G. G.—G. Gardner
A. G.—A. Gilchrist
E. G.—E. Godley
J. Gl.—J. Goodall
J. Gr.—J. Garner
J. Gw.—J. Goodfellow
J. G.—J. Greaves
W. E. G.—W. E. Greeves
W. H.—William Haddow
S. H.—S. Hadwin
D. H.—D. Hamilton
J. Hn.—J. Hamilton
W. Ht.—W. Hart
A. Hy.—A. Hay
T. H.—T. Heath
J. F. H.—J. F. Hills
A. H.—A. Hirst
J. H.—J. Hogg
W. D. H.—W. D. Hogg
J. Hr.—J. Hopper.
C. H.—Chas. Houlton
C. A. H.—C. A. House
R. J. H.—R. J. Howe
T. I.—T. Irons
J. H. J—J. H. Jones
W. J.—W. Judd
J. K.—J. Kean
J. B. K.—J. B. King
H. K.—H. Knight
A. R. L.—A. R. Langlands
F. A. L.—F. A. Leater.
J. Lse.—J. Livingstone
D. L.—D. Low
J. M.—Jacob Mackley
J. Mn.—J. Maddison
G. M.—Geo. Marlin
D. M.—D. Martin
F. M.—F. Marwood
J. Mn.—J. Mason
G. H. M.—G. H. Massey
F. My.—F. Medley.
T. H. M.—T. H. Melhuish
H. B. M.—H. B. Melrose
W. Me—W. Melrose
W. Msc.—W. Mossie
W. M.—W. Mundell
T. McC.—T. McCreadie
A. McF.—A. McFarlane
P. McK.—P. McKenzie
M. McL.—M. McLauchlan
J. McL.—J. McLay
P. McQ.—P. McQuiston
W. M'S.—W. M'Swinton
J. N.—J. Netherwood
A. N.—A. Nisbet
H. N.—H. Norman
J. N.—J. North
M. N.—M. Norwood
J. Pk.—J. Park
A. P.—A. Paterson
J. P.—J. Patterson
J. H. P.—J. H. Payne
P. P.—P. Pettigrew
W. G. P.—W. G. Poole
J. Pd.—J. Pritchard
J. Pe.—J. Pringle
A. B.—A. Rettich
R. R.—Robt. Rhodes
A. Rs.—Allen Roberts
P. R.—Parker Robinson
J. R.—J. Robson
W. R.—W. Rodger
J. H. R.—J. H. Roe
C. R.—C. Roehl
G. E. R.—G. E. Russell
J. Sn.—J. Sandison
J. H. S.—J. H. Scothern
W. H. S.—W. H. Shackleton
J. Sp.—J. Shepherd
A. S.—Allen Silver.
J. Se.—J. Smillie
E. E. S.—E. E. Smith
J. S.—John Smith
J. Str.—J. Stanger
J. Sk.—J. Stark
T. S.—T. Stewart
J. Stn.—J. Strachan
R. S.—R. Sutcliffe
W. S.—W. Swaysland
H. T.—H. Tams
D. H. T.—D. H. Tedstone
J. Tn.—J. Thompson.
W. T.—W. Thornton
T. T.—T. Todd
C. T.—C. Toy
J. T.—J. Trengove
W. H. V.—W. H. Vale
W. V.—W. Vardy
J. W.—J. Walsh
J. Wtn.—J. Watson
W. W.—W. Watson
F. A. W.—F. A. Watt
W. Wr.—W. Webster
A. W.—A. Wellings
G. E. W.—G. E. Weston
W. Wh.—W. Whittaker
J. Wn.—J. Wilson
J. S. W.—J. S. Wilson
J. Wk.—J. Wilcock
A. Wd.—A. Woollard
E. G. W.—E. G. Wright
R. W.—R. Wright
J. Y.—J. Young

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

A special meeting was held at headquarters on May 9th. There was a good number of members and friends (ladies included) to listen to a lecture given by Mr. Sam Dean on "The General Management of Canaries." The lecturer commenced with the cage and finished with the show bird. He gave some very profitable hints. An enjoyable evening was spent, and was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the lecturer.—Parker and Atkinson, Secs.

SOWERBY BRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S.

There was a moderate attendance of members and friends at the Bull's Head Hotel on May 9th, to hear Mr. R. Calvert's lecture on British birds. The lecturer dealt with his subject in a masterly manner. Dividing the birds into sections, he gave an account of their manners, etc., the kind of nests they build, and where they are to be found. The lecture was full of information, and was listened to with the greatest interest. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Calvert, who responded in a neat speech. Many questions were asked, and these were answered to everybody's satisfaction. Mr. Calvert promised another lecture. A new member was added to the society's membership roll, and this ended a very pleasant evening. Next month the society will hold its first feather show.—A. E. Mourby, Hon. Sec.

CLUB REPORTS.

GLOUCESTER & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held on May 7th at the Ram Hotel, Mr. Close in the chair. A very interesting discussion was carried on between the members on the prospects of the present breeding season. Taking it in general, the season is a promising one. It was agreed that a young bird show be held on June 25th at 7 p.m. Messrs. Payne and Mansfield were appointed to judge same. Fanciers are invited.—J. Houghton, Hon. Sec

LEITH JUBILEE O.S.

Monthly meeting held on May 5th, Mr. Begg presiding over a fair turn-out of members. After the ordinary business of the evening had been dealt with, Mr. Petrie gave a very interesting lecture on "Hybrid Breeding," and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. After a few inquiries of members as to how many young birds each had on the spars the President declared the meeting closed. We meet again on August 4th.—Jas. Sinclair, Sec.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The monthly meeting was held at the Black Horse Hotel, Lowesmoor, on April 30th, when there was a good attendance. Mr. W. Morgan took the chair. It was unanimously decided to hold an open show this coming season, the date being fixed for November 19th, as not being likely to clash with any other cage bird show to be held in the Midlands. Seven classes have already been guaranteed by members. We have secured the services of that popular judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. Two new members were nominated and accepted. A hearty vote of thanks to our chairman brought a happy evening to a close.—A. E. Bishop, Hon. Sec.

ACCRINGTON & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held on May 7th. We decided to hold our young bird show on July 11th. We had Mr. Jas. Lyons (Blackburn) down for a lecture on the Roller Canary, but as the meeting was rather late in getting to business, he had not much time left, so he gave us just an outline, touching on all the various periods from the pairing of the breeding stock to the training of the young. He also displayed and distributed amongst the meeting some grand samples of sweet German rape, German egg-bread and malted biscuit. A short discussion then followed on the different effects Canary and rape seed had on different birds. The meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lyons for his instructive and enjoyable lecture.—Jas. W. Philpott, Sec.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The society held its second meeting on April 30th. Ten new members were enrolled, and many more, who were unable to attend, have promised to join at our next meeting, which will be held in our new headquarters (147, East India Dock-road, Poplar, E., the same building as the Poplar Labour League offices), May 15th (see Club Notice column). Mr. C. A. House, who had come to give us a lecture entitled "Our Society—Its Future," was accorded a hearty reception. The subject proved a very interesting and instructive one to both members and officers. He touched upon many points of interest to us as a new society, such as the management of the society, the relationship which should exist between members and officers, and visitors, and many other points too numerous to mention. It was evident that all appreciated, and much enjoyed listening to such an interesting lecture. Mr. House suitably responded, and this ended a very pleasant evening.—H. W. Cook, Hon. Secretary.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

On May 7th, at headquarters, Mr. Robson gave his promised lecture, "The Use and Abuse of Colour." Over forty members and friends were present, and Mr. R. L. Crisp was elected to the chair for this meeting. Several new members were nominated. Mr. Robson's lecture proved to be of the very greatest interest, and a lengthy and interesting discussion followed. The Chairman called the attention of members to a section of the new staging which had been erected in the room for their inspection, inviting them to make any suggestions regarding same. As everyone was apparently satisfied, the making of same will be proceeded with. A very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Robson for his lecture was carried unanimously. Mr. R. L. Crisp, in replying to a vote of thanks to the chair, said it had afforded him much pleasure to preside. He was delighted to see such a splendid meeting, and if any doubt existed in the minds of the Fancy that the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. had lost ground, that meeting ought to assure them that it was still very much alive. Eight new members have been elected, making the total elected since January well over forty. A local gentleman well known to the Fancy (but who wishes to remain anonymous) sent a cheque for £1 1s. to the funds.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

BORDER COUNTIES N. AND C.C.

Change of Name.

Annual meeting was held in Lockhart's Rooms, 37, Clayton-street, Newcastle, on May 2nd. The balance-sheet was read and adopted; it showed a balance on the right side, which was very satisfactory. The following new and important resolutions were passed:—1st, "That the name of club be changed to the Northern Norwich Plainhead Club," thus dispensing with Cinnamon section altogether; 2nd, "That the club's patronage only be given to shows providing six or more classes for Norwich Plainheads"; 3rd, "That the five following shows be selected as the shows where the silver challenge bowl be competed for, viz., Sunderland, Berwick, Gateshead, Wallsend, and Carlisle, providing each has not less than six classes for Norwich Plainheads and the judge is a member of club"; 4th, "That the club present a medal to winner of 1st and 2nd most points at the above-mentioned five shows"; 5th, "That handsome specials also be given to winners of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd most points over all shows under club's patronage"; 6th, "That all officebearers be re-elected, and the name of A. Hodgson (Gateshead) be added to committee." Members' subscriptions are now due. Any new members residing in radius wishing to join can do so by enclosing fee, 2s. 6d. Radius the same—Northumberland, Cumberland, Durham, Westmoreland, Dumfries, Berwick, Peebles, Selkirk, and Roxburgh. Any show secretary in above radius desirous of patronage, and whose society has six classes for Norwich at its show, should communicate as early as possible with me.—Anthony Hay, Secretary, 30, Main-road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

FROME AND DIS. C.B.S.

First monthly meeting held at headquarters on May 5th, when there was a large attendance. Mr. J. Tottle (chairman) presided. The first item was the fixing of the date of the first feather (members') show. It was carried that we hold it on July 4th, the classes to be considered at the next meeting, June 2nd. It was then proposed and carried that the rules governing membership should be drawn up by the committee.—W. Minty, Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At our monthly meeting held on May 4th we had some 50 members and friends present to hear Mr. C. A. House give his promised lecture on "The Yorkshire Canary." Naturally enough, the seven-inch birds were spoken about, and also the troublesome "ticked question," but everything went with such a delightful swing that everybody was sorry when we had to close at 10.30 o'clock, which was half an hour over the ordinary time. It was one of the most enjoyable evenings we have had for some time, and a hearty vote of thanks to the popular lecturer, with everybody well satisfied, brought the meeting to a close.—B. F. Forse, Sec.

ARBROATH SCOTCH FANCY C.B.S.

The annual meeting was held on May 6th, but owing to the stir caused by the bye-election in the Burghs the attendance was not so large as it might have been. Mr. James Strachan, the President, occupied the chair.—The Secretary reported that the Society was in a sound financial condition, there being a surplus in the bank of £5 6s. 6d. The undernoted office-bearers were elected for the ensuing season, viz.: Hon. president, the Right Hon. the Earl of Strathmore; hon. vice-president, Mr. Conway Grant Fletcher; president, Mr. Charles Crockatt; vice-president, Mr. D. C. Lyall; treasurer, Miss M. Black; secretary, Mr. John S. Napier, 52, St. Vigean's Road. It was arranged to hold the annual show in the White Hart Hall on October 30th. The election of judges, committee, and stewards was left over to next meeting, which was fixed for Thursday, May 21st.—J. S. Napier, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

The usual monthly meeting was held on May 2nd at Lockhart's Cafe, Briggate, Mr. King, the chairman, presiding. Mr. C. Fryer was elected a member of our society, this making 12 new members within three months; we still have room for more. After the ordinary business Mr. Wilkins gave us his paper on the Haunts and Habits of British Birds, which was instructive and interesting, and was closely followed. At the conclusion a varied discussion ensued, and several members asked about the different species of birds and seeds, and the best places to get them. These questions were answered to their satisfaction. A vote of thanks to Mr. Wilkins for his interesting paper was carried with applause. We propose, in connection with our next monthly meeting, June 6th, to hold a first nest feather show; all fanciers joining by that date are eligible to compete. We hope to have a good muster present.—A. Wilkins, Hon. Secretary.

LEITH O.S.

Monthly meeting held in the Liberal Club, Hope Street, on May 9th. The President (Mr. Jas. Lumsden) presided over a very fair attendance.—The Secretary intimated that the following gentlemen had consented to judge at the annual show on October 31st, viz.:—For Scotch Fancies, Mr. Jas. Carson (Easthouses); for Norwich, Mr. Alex. Cochrane (Edinburgh); and for Border Fancies and British Birds, Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream). Two classes have been added to those already provided for the Norwich Plainheads and one to the Border Fancies. The Society has now 36 members on the roll, against 17 last year, which is very gratifying, a good proportion of the new members being young Fanciers, which also speaks well for the success of the Society and the interesting hobby of cage-bird keeping. As this is our last meeting till September, we hope members will have a record breeding season, so as to make our annual show a great success.—George Brown, Secretary.

CIVIL SERVICE F.A.

Annual general meeting held at Ye Old Bell Noble-street, E.C., April 28th, when Mr. W. H. Wells presided, in the absence of Mr. F. Biggs. Messrs. S. Hatt, Deverall, and F. A. W. Harding were duly elected. A hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to the retiring officers, the following gentlemen were elected for 1908-9:—Patrons, J. A. Simon, Esq., K.C., M.P.; Thos. Wiles, Esq., M.P.; president, A. H. Roosmalecocq, Esq.; vice-presidents, Messrs. Fred. Biggs, Geo. Bleach, J. R. S. Dixon, and J. F. Hills; chairman, Mr. J. C. Dower; vice-chairman, Mr. E. J. Voss; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. S. Barton; auditors, Messrs. E. E. Allen and W. Mess; committee, Messrs. H. G. Ager, A. W. Dance, R. H. Dobin, G. H. Hooks, D. Hutchens, J. Russell, Geo. Smalley, and W. H. Wells; hon. assist-sec., Mr. A. E. Wheeler; hon. sec., A. Watson, 116, Maurice-avenue, Noel Park, Wood Green, N. The 21st July was fixed for holding a young stock show of cage birds. It was agreed that the committee consider the desirability or otherwise of holding the annual show in conjunction with another society catering for poultry, pigeons, etc. The meeting was adjourned till 12th May with a hearty vote of thanks to the chair.—A. Watson, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION.

Fortnightly meeting May 9th, with the usual good attendance, Mr. G. Clark occupied the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. John Farrar.—The appointment of the other judge for our annual open show, November 20th and 21st, was left over, pending further communications from the various specialist clubs. It was moved that we hold our annual first feather show upon our usual date, viz., the first Saturday in July, but it was eventually decided that the date be left in the hands of the secretaries, who were instructed to avoid clashing with neighbouring shows as far as possible. It was carried that the following classes be provided:—Norwich, Cinnamons, Yorkshires, Lizards, and Borders, two classes each; and one class each for Crests, Crest-breds, Mules, Linnet, Redpoll, or Twite, British Finch, A.O.S., and British Bird, A.O.S., a total of sixteen classes in all, British birds both house and field moulted birds. Mr. Millar, of Southwick, is to judge if we obtain his services on the date selected. Mr. J. O'Cain became a member, and received the usual hearty welcome to our ranks. The secretaries will be pleased to give any information to other Fanciers who may be desirous of joining us, and they would like to point out that there is no boundary restriction; therefore, all Fanciers are welcome. At the conclusion of the business, the usual discussion took place, the subject being "One cock and one hen, or one cock and two hens." The very interesting discussion could not be otherwise than instructive to the novice members present. A discussion was then opened on when to commence colour-feeding, but as time was getting on we were compelled to adjourn.—Reid and Thomson, Secs.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

Two informative lectures were delivered before the members on May 6th, at headquarters, by Messrs. W. Linsey and F. Doggett. There was a large audience. Mr. Linsey dealt chiefly with Canaries, reviewing the management of the birds from the nest to the show bench, and Mr. Doggett followed with many valuable hints for the successful keeping of British birds in captivity. Both gentlemen at the close of their remarks answered a number of questions put to them by members of the audience, and altogether a profitable and enjoyable evening was spent.—T. S. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Those to whom membership tickets were sent have been reminded by post-card that the closing date is May 31st. We should like to be able to make up the ticket account before that date. So far, the response is a record one, and there is every prospect of its being maintained. The executive have done their best to put the tickets before Fanciers, and those wishing for same can have a copy of the rules on application to the secretary. It will be a very great help to have a full account of the tickets by May 23rd. We recognise the value of the assistance so freely given by those who have taken an interest in the Association, and we tender our sincere thanks to them for all the help we have enjoyed in the building up of the National Derby Association.—THOS. SMITH, Secretary, 50, Minard Road, Glasgow.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

Members and friends met in the club-room to hear a lecture by Mr. Raynes, secretary of the Norwich Plainhead Club, on "The Norwich Canary." At the outset Mr. Raynes dealt with the origin of the Canary up to the present time. He then went on to speak of the Norwich, the standard of which he considered in detail, discussing as he went along the number of points allotted to the various properties. Comments were freely passed at the number of points for head, which a few thought would lead to browiness. Colour also came in for a good share of comment. One point he made special mention of was the breeding and keeping of the stock birds, as these, in his opinion, were the birds that bred the show specimens. He is also a firm believer in having size in the cock birds, and type and quality of feather in the hens, and in having plenty of the green blood in his birds, as much less colour-food would be required if colour were bred for. In the discussion which followed one member asked which were the hardest faults to breed out, to which Mr. Raynes replied "bad wing carriage"; if you had a pair, one of which had crossed wings and the other perfect ones, the offspring would have to be very judiciously mated the following year, or the same fault would crop up again. Mr. Raynes was also asked about the introduction of the Cinnaman blood, and replied that he had had considerable experience in that direction, and anyone who introduced the Cinnamon into his stock was opening up a wide range of possibilities. This was a question very much discussed. Another was, "Did he believe in inbreeding?" to which he replied that he did not care to breed with anything nearer than cousins. After the usual vote of thanks, Mr. Raynes suitably replied, saying that if anyone had benefited from anything he had said he was more than satisfied, as he himself had learned a few wrinkles.—SAM M. CLAYTON, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON AND DIS. C.B.S.

A Parting Presentation.

On May 4th the monthly meeting was held at 6, The Broadway, Mr. W. H. Stoakley presiding over a very good attendance. Three new members were elected, and Mr. J. G. Warley was appointed delegate of the society to the Cage Bird Union. The feature of the evening, however, was an essay competition, and three essays, contributed by members under noms de plume, were read by the chairman. On a vote being taken, the prize was awarded to Mr. H. Smith, the secretary of the society, who, it was discovered, was the writer of the chosen paper. The Chairman then rose, and said he was sorry to say that one who was amongst them that night would probably be present for the last time. Mr. Colman, who had been their secretary for a good time, and had always done his duty faithfully and well, had, as they knew, had to resign on account of giving up business in the town, and had now informed him that, in about three weeks' time he intended to leave England for New Zealand. They would all, he was sure, much regret to hear of this decision, and they felt that, when he was in a strange land, amongst strange people, they would like him to have something which would remind him of the society at Wimbledon to which he had belonged, and the members had asked him on their behalf to present to Mr. Colman a meerschaum pipe, as a small recognition of the regard and esteem they had for him, and they wished him every success in the new land to which he intended to emigrate. Mr. Colman, in returning thanks, said the presentation had come as a great surprise to him. He already had one thing to remind him of the society when he should be in a distant land, and that was the tea service which had been presented to him some little time ago by the society, but, perhaps the thing that would more often remind him of them would be the pipe they had so kindly presented to him that night. He should always think of the pleasant time he had spent with them. It was stated during the evening that Queen's Hall had been obtained for the annual show, November 17th and 18th, and that Mr. Colman had very kindly presented "The Canary Book" as a special prize, to be awarded at any show at the discretion of the committee.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

STILL another society joins the ranks of the Yorkshire Union. The City of Wakefield O.S. has decided to throw in its lot with its Yorkshire brethren. The Union is now composed of 27 societies, having probably a total membership of over 1,200; truly a powerful body in birdie circles. The Wakefield Society had Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) to lecture at their meeting on Saturday last. A good number of fanciers put in an appearance to hear it, after which several questions in relation to the Yorkshire Union were asked and answered.

THE annual general meeting of the Y.C.C. took place at headquarters on Saturday last. There was not a very large attendance, probably due to the exceptionally fine state of the weather, many fanciers preferring the country to the town under such ideal conditions.

TO-DAY (Saturday) the first meeting of the council of The Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. for season 1908-1909 takes place, and it is hoped a good attendance will result, as the business is important.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

The Active Whitethroat.

The Whitethroat is nearly as acrobatic as the tiny Tit. It is no uncommon sight to see him hanging head downwards, or reaching so far from his perch after an insect, as to be in danger of tippling over.

Were they Fanciers?

The "Westminster Gazette" recently enlarged upon the fitness of two weddings which were celebrated in London, in which Mr. Bird led Miss Linnet to the altar and Mr. Wren was linked to Miss Nightingale. Although it is seldom that one comes across two of these "ornithological" weddings in one day, they are by no means uncommon. Not long ago a church near Dublin was the scene of an interesting marriage, in which a Mr. Crowe was united to a Miss Crowe by the Rev. Canon Peacock, the wedding march being played by Mr. Rook. Much more remarkable, however, was a match which set Edinburgh in a flutter some years since. The bride, according to the "Edinburgh Evening Despatch," was Miss Hen-rietta Peacock and the bridegroom was Mr. Robin Sparrow. The Rev. Mr. Daw performed the marriage ceremony; Mr. Philip Hawk officiated as best man, and Miss Larkins was principal bridesmaid, while the marriage lines were extracted by Mr. John Crow, session clerk. "It is worthy of further remark," adds a reporter, "that the sexton's name is Raven, one of the pew-opener's is a Gull, and the assistant sexton is a Hen-ry Lay-cock."

THE BREEDING OF THE NORWICH CANARY.

By T. H. DENT.

A Lecture Delivered before the Clitheroe and District C.B.S. on March 7th.

The first thing necessary in the breeding of Norwich Canaries is, I think, a suitable cage. Of course, the choice of this is a matter of taste with most fanciers; some prefer one size, some another. For my own part, I like a cage about 18 or 20 inches long, 16 or 18 inches high, and 8 or 10 inches from back to front; if a little larger so much the better.

Procuring the Right Birds.

Having got our cages, we have now to get our birds. Before giving you an idea of the kinds of birds I like for breeding purposes, let me offer a little advice on how to procure the right kind of birds to commence with. Don't on any account try to get your birds cheap, or from all over the globe, with pedigrees as long as a wet week.

Let me explain: I think this is the most important part of the whole business. Say you get a cock bird somewhere in Scotland and a hen in the South of England and another hen in Wales. We will assume that they have all three been winners in their different localities. It does not follow that you will breed winners from them. They may look all right; but if they do not "hit" with one another, you are doomed to disappointment. I know many fanciers who have suffered in that way.

My advice is, go to some well-known fancier have a good look round his stock, tell him exactly what you want and place yourself entirely in his hands. Let him pair up a few pairs for you, fixing the price, and then take the best you can afford. By doing this you will, I am sure, have greater success than you would by any other means.

How to Pair Your Birds.

I will now give you my idea of the way in which Norwich Canaries should be paired. I don't mind whether the cock bird is a buff or a yellow or whether the hens are buffs or yellows, and I am not very particular whether they are large or small, so long as I know how they were bred. If the hen is rather small I pair her to a large cock bird, and if large, with a small cock bird if I have one. But I prefer above all, both cock and hen to be of a fairly good size, and one or the other ticked or variegated, as I am sure that by the use of variegated blood you can keep the colour good. If I do pair two clear birds together, I make sure they have some green blood in them.

It is not necessary for stock birds to be show birds. I don't mind if they are related to winners, say brothers or sisters to winners; they are quite as good for breeding with as the biggest winners in my opinion.

The Time to Pair.

I don't care about forcing my birds by giving egg and other stimulating foods, but prefer to let them come on naturally and be ready when the weather gets nice and warm and the days fairly long—say the last week in March or the first in April. My reasons for this are, first, that you get more fertile eggs and more young hatched than by starting earlier when the weather is cold and the days are short; and secondly, that when we have long days the young get fed for a longer period each day, which gives them a far better chance of getting a good start.

I am sure most show birds are "made" in the nest. You will understand what I mean by this; it does not matter how good a pair of birds you are breeding from, if the young are badly fed at the start (in the nest) they rarely develop into show birds.

I generally run one cock bird with two hens or even with three if there is something I particularly want in a pair. I remove him when the hen has laid the third egg. I then replace the first two eggs, which I always remove previously, putting a dummy egg in their place. I cut all the birds' claws before pairing them up, and any that carry a lot of feather there I clip about the vent. If any have very sharp beaks, I clip them also.

A Word about the Nests.

I use the ordinary wood nest-pan, giving the birds moss and hair for building purposes. If any hens fail to build nests, I make one for them when I set them. I give very little egg-food to the hens whilst they are sitting; about twice a week is sufficient. When the young are hatched, I give egg-food fresh twice or three times a day; also green food (dandelion leaves in preference) with a liberal supply of crushed hemp and groats, which some hens are very fond of.

My method of preparing egg-food is as follows: To one hard-boiled egg, I put about twice its weight of home-made bread, or a little more if I have a lot of hens with young.

Attending to the Young.

I have a good look in every nest with young in it at least twice every day to see that all the inmates are alive and doing well. If all goes right with them, I expect them out of the nest when they are about three weeks old, when I remove them at once to a nursery cage, and hang them in front of the breeding cage. Some hens have a nasty habit of plucking the young for the purpose of building a nest; and it is surprising in how short a time a hen so disposed can strip three or four young ones. So I think prevention in this case is better than cure.

When I find the young are feeding themselves, I remove them to a flight cage and feed with egg-food and crushed hemp, gradually getting them on to hard seed previous to getting them on colour food.

If there is anything I have not made quite clear I shall be pleased to answer any questions, and I shall therefore conclude by thanking you all for the kind way you have listened to me.

Several of the members having brought pairs to the meeting, Mr. Dent pointed out the good and bad points in each pairs, and answered many questions. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by the Chairman, Mr. Lambert, brought the proceedings to a close.

Thinning the Rooks.

Rook-shooting has now commenced, when the young birds of the year are somewhat thinned out to prevent the species becoming too numerous. For whatever one may think about the bird's usefulness, there can be no question that it is possible to have too many during seed-time and harvest. Letting one's thoughts wander back, one wonders how the Rook fared before the age of shot gun and rifle. Were they more numerous then, or had they enemies unknown to us? The Peregrine was no doubt much more frequently seen then than now, but there is just the question, if the Rook was his quarry that he may occasionally have taken one, but not have systematically pursued them. Man appears to be the chief enemy of the Rook.

Books every Bird Keeper and Breeder must have.

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CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 7.—THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY, Its Exhibition Points & Failings.

Notes on the Drawing on page 481.

By C. A. HOUSE.

THE Norwich Plainhead Canary is, without doubt, the most popular and most widely-bred of any of the breeds known to the British Canary Fancy. North, South, East and West is the orange-hued, chubby-bodied Norwich to be found, and the fact that some half-dozen specialist clubs in different parts of the country have been formed to look after and advance its interests is proof conclusive that the Norwich Plainhead Canary holds a position which is absolutely unassailable in the affections of thousands upon thousands of fanciers. As showing how the breed is growing in popular esteem, one has only to mention the fact of the recent establishment of a Norwich specialist club in Bradford, that hot-bed of our chief bird of position—the Yorkshire.

"First and special" is the award Mr. Norman confers upon the beautiful representative of the breed which occupies the centre of the plate accompanying these notes, and how many thousands of breeders there are as they gaze upon its gracefully-modelled outlines will heave a sigh and say, How I wish I could breed one like that! How neat is its beak, how graceful its pose, how short its neck, how plump its chest, how broad its back, how short and compact its wings, how nicely piped and well-balanced its tail, and how clean and compact it is in feather! It is indeed a well-finished and much to be desired specimen of the breed.

In the bunch of heads in the left hand corner of the plate, CAGE BIRDS' most excellent artist has shown us some of those very objectionable and yet so persisent failings which make their appearance amongst the members of even our best breeding studs.

"Flat on head." How many an otherwise good bird is spoilt by this failing! "Flat on head" and 'Browy" are two failings which often go together and indicate the presence remote or near of "Crest-bred" blood, a legacy of the days when there was such a rage for size. Both these failings are most objectionable, and are difficult to eradicate when once they become fixed in a strain; therefore, breeders should "out" any bird which has this defect. Round and full in the head should be a good exhibition Norwich.

"Pinched in front." This is another very common fault, and is often the result of breeding with birds that are of very high quality, and which are apt sometimes whilst producing fineness of feather to throw progeny which run fine and narrow in head. It is an objectionable feature, but yet is not so great a drawback to an exhibition bird as either of the faults first mentioned.

"Badly-marked head." This is more of a blemish than an actual fault, an eye-sore more than a deficiency, and is not a very serious handicap to a bird. In an otherwise first-class bird such marks, although unsightly, could not prevent the bird winning under a judge who considered type and quality as the chief points to be sought and obtained.

"Thin neck." This often results from breeders fining their stock down too much by double-yellowing to increase the depth of colour and quality of feather. It is a bad fault, and yet one not very difficult to correct and overcome.

"High on legs, drooping tail." Two bad faults. The first gives the bird a stilted, unnatural sort of pose, and prevents it getting across the perch like a good Norwich should, whilst the second completely spoils the appearance of a bird no matter how good it may be in other points. A badly-carried tail is a great eyesore.

"Big beak, thin in body, long wings and tail." A trio of great and most objectionable failings, and a bird possessing all three is absolutely useless to a fancier who is seeking to breed exhibition Norwich. The faults taken singly are bad, and ones which should be avoided at all costs. One and all they betoken an admixture of Lancashire blood somewhere or other in the past history of the strain. Individually or collectively, each of these failings should be avoided as you would avoid poison.

"Crosses wings, fish tailed." Failings these are, like the mis-marked head, more blemishes than faults, and a little careful attention in breeding, by the selection of short, cobby, natty stock hens will soon eradicate them. The upright pose of this bird, too, is altogether wrong, and is a serious fault caused as it is by the wrong placing of its legs.

"Thick at thighs." "A very useful bird but too thick behind," is an expression one often hears used at a show. The expression is rather vague, because it conveys a double meaning. For instance, a bird may be thick behind because it is badly shaped, and wrong in structural formation; the same fault may arise from the displacement of some of the internal organs owing to the bird being over-loaded with fat; or it may be "thick at thighs" because it lacks quality and the thickness is caused by an excess of feather. In the latter case it is a great and really serious fault.

Scale of Exhibition Points.

Reprinted from "Cage Birds Annual."

Colour—Deep, bright, rich, pure and level throughout.
Shape—Head round, full and neat: neck short and thick: body short and chubby, with wide back, well filled in, and deep, broad, full chest.
Feather—Soft and silky, with brilliancy and compactness.
Wings and Tail—Short, compact and good carriage.
Size—Well proportioned.
Beak—Short and stout (clear).
Legs—Well set back (also clear).
Feet—Perfect.
Condition—Health, cleanliness and sound feather. Streaked beak and marked legs not to be a disqualification, but count against the bird to its extent.
Length—Not to exceed 6½ inches.

THE N.P.C. SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING.

Head and Neck	25
Chest	15
Back	10
Wings and Tail	15
Feather	15
Colour	10
Staging and good condition	10
Total	100

QUERIES.

(Continued from page 477.)

What Dove? (J.G.).—Your birds are Talpacoti Doves. Their value is about 10s. to 15s. a pair—not exactly common, yet certainly not rare. They will breed out-of-doors, and Canary and millet seed, with greenfood (lettuce, grass in flower, etc.), will amply meet their simple needs.

The Plains Parrot (W.W.).—I cannot give you a definite reply as to this, but if you watch the adverts. in CAGE BIRDS you should soon get what you want, as this and kindred species are almost always with us. A consignment should certainly be to hand soon, or an advert. in our columns should soon procure you a pair.

What Bird? (Stranger).—I am in doubt as to what this bird is; it may be an English Redstart; if so, you must ask our British Bird Expert (Mr. G. E. Weston) how to treat it. If not, I opine it is some species of Bulbul which I'm at a loss to name at present. Some good soft food mixture and plenty of ripe fruit will keep it fit and in condition; such seeds as it picks up will do it no harm.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Cinnamon Hen (Cheekie). — Inflammation of liver and spleen, terminating with apoplexy.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

More Trouble in Ireland (Another Straight 'Un).—We certainly cannot permit you (or anyone else, in fact), under a nom de plume, to make an allegation of disqualification against another fancier, and without even substantiating the allegations with particulars as to when and where the said disqualifications occurred. If you will forward us full particulars (shows, dates, judges, etc.) in support of your statements, then we will consider the publication of your letter.

A Society (C. S. Quick).—There is the Ilford Fanciers' Association, the secretary of which is Mr. E. Collins, 88, Henley-road, Ilford, Essex. Your other questions our Canary specialist is attending to.

Wallace's Canary Book (W.G.B.).—We can send you the cloth-bound part of this book dealing with details of management (including diseases), post free for 2s. 9d. The complete work is 5s. 6d., post free. It would be the latest edition, of course.

Paper (W. Stafford).—We are much obliged to you for sending us the paper for publication, and shall hope to print same in the near future.

Expelling a Member (A Member). — This seems to be purely a matter concerning the society and one of which an explanation should be obtainable at the meetings. If you are dissatisfied with the way in which the society is managed, cannot you get other members to support you in trying to alter things? If not, it seems to us your only course is to resign.

A C.B.U. Matter (W.O.).—Your information is quite correct; as yours is an open show, you must either take out a C.B.U. licence, or affiliate the society to the C.B.U., before you can obtain the support of the C.B.U. members

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(Continued from page 442).

My Barrabands (continued).

The first youngster left the nest on Monday, July 7th, and was a fine, lusty chap. In colour he—for I think him a he—rather resembles the hen, but where I suppose he will some day have a yellow crown and chin, he now possesses a dove-coloured one, something like a Quaker Parrakeet; he has pink between the thighs and pinky coloured edging on the under side of his tail; the other part of his person is green, eyes black, feet blackish. When he first came out, I expect he jumped to the ground, as he certainly could not fly much, and seemed generally rather surprised with himself and the world at large. To-day (Saturday) he has learnt to fly fairly well, can take a seat beside his parent, and can even answer the cock bird in a voice very similar to his own.

While I think of it, my Parrakeets never came out on the same day, like Mr. Gedney's did, and they never range themselves in a line on the perch to be admired. Indeed, they had little or no idea of perching for some days.

No. 2 came out on Thursday, and resembled No. 1, but was a little finer in build, making me think that she was a hen. No. 3 came out the following week, and I have not yet made up my mind whether it is a cock or a hen.

I do not think there can be a prettier sight than this family of Barrabands, and the old birds seem as proud of their efforts as a young couple of their first baby. With regard to feeding, I always give the very plainest and simplest diet. I believe Parrakeets are like a boy that was at school with me at Lancing. He used to say (and didn't we chaff him unmercifully): "This plain diet and early rising does me a world of good." I believe Barrabands think the same.

Food for Babies.

My Barrabands have nothing but hemp and Canary seed. They like hemp themselves, but I think they have reared the babies entirely on Canary. They have also an unlimited supply of groundsel and flowering grass. The youngsters when they left the nest were about a third of the size of their parents. To-day (July 26th) they have grown famously, and the oldest is nearly as big as the hen.

Barrabands very seldom come into the market; so when they do, lose no time in securing them. It is years since I saw a hen advertised, though a year or two ago about three cocks came over. I don't know why it is, but Australian Parrakeets seem to come over in cycles. For years they will be rare, and then for a season or two they will be comparatively common. It was so with Redrumps for a time. They could not be bought for love or money; now they are fairly common again.

I hope it will interest my readers to peruse this article as much as it did me to write it; but unless they are of strong and vigorous constitution, I would advise them not to go in for the strain and anxiety of rearing a nest of Barrabands. My hair is appreciably whiter since they began nesting.

A Case for Tears.

The end of my story is very sad. A friend came over from York to see the birds, and was so taken with the young Parrakeets that he must buy them. He put them into a nice little indoor aviary in one of his attics; but thoughtlessly had the room painted while they were there. The window was kept shut, and the smell of the paint was too powerful, and all the poor young Barrabands died. Their poor bodies were stuffed by a local man, but he made the most appalling job of it, for these stuffed Barrabands bore no sort of likeness to the beautiful birds that only a few weeks before had cost me so much labour and joy. *Sic transit gloria mundi.*

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Chapter XII.—THE PEKIN ROBIN.

Pekin Robins are among the loveliest birds imported into this country. They usually arrive about February or March, and can often be purchased for as low a price as 5s. a pair. I wont say they always are pairs; more generally than not they are two hens, as hens come over in vast preponderance. I have bought the Pekins as low as 12s. a dozen, but it was a dear bargain, as they had the disease I call "pink eye," for want of a better name, and they died off like flies in spite of all my care.

Some Difficulties.

Many who buy Pekin Robins have no idea how to feed them. They will, it is true, eat seed, but they are more than half insectivorous like our Hedge Accentors, to whom they show a great family likeness in their habits and mode of life.

Another difficulty that Pekins present, is that they are very soft-feathered birds, and after being a few days in a dealer's shop box cage, they present a really deplorable appearance—wings frayed out and tails like a stumpy paint brush. This comes of their habit of clinging to the bars of the cage. Personally, I do not think Pekins suitable to cage life at all, unless they are very tame.

Perfectly Hardy and Easy to Keep.

I have always found them perfectly hardy. Mine are kept in a big, outdoor aviary, and care nothing for the severest cold. The only sort of weather they object to is fog; but all birds do that, and so do some people! Pekins are the most gentle and inoffensive birds I know, and may be kept with perfect confidence in any company.

They are tremendous fellows to bathe, and in hot weather are in and out of the water all day; hence they are not fit for a room where you value your wall-paper.

I saw somewhere that it is not safe to put them in an aviary, as they steal eggs. I don't believe it one bit. I have had them in an aviary with nests all round them, and they never touched an egg or a young one. I have two pairs at present in one aviary. When eggs are taken, it is mice, not Pekins that are the culprits.

Millets, Mealworms and Maggots.

I find the best staple food for Pekins is a good brand of yolk of egg; they are very fond of white millet, which they swallow whole. They must have some insect food; they like mealworms better than anything else, and will eat small black "clocks"; big ones they can't swallow.

Of course, in a large aviary in the garden they catch a great many live things for themselves. They are fond of maggots and a decaying old hen is to them—if not to their owner—a joy for ever, or at any rate, so long as she holds together.

The cock birds sing rather prettily, but nothing to boast about; the hens do not sing, as often stated—they simply repeat a few bars as a call note. Talk about "scolding," but two Pekins can scold if you go near their nest, an angry Thrush is not in it.

The Sex Problem.

In breeding, of course, the great thing is to get a pair. The only sure way to distinguish the cock from the hen is by the top of his head, which is always a beautifully mossy green colour and his eye-markings which are primrose colour. The hen has a pale greyish crown and mouse-coloured eye patches.

Both birds have red on their wings and the white edging to the tail, which is stated by Dr. Greene to be characteristic of the cocks alone. Far more hens are imported than cocks.

Breeding Experiments.

It is not wise to look for any great breeding results from Pekins, under the most favourable conditions. In a large garden-aviary the best results will be attained. I utterly refuse to believe that Pekins' would nest in a cage. I saw an account of alleged nesting in a back number of the U.K.F.C.B.S. I say "alleged" for this reason, that the description of the young was utterly fallacious.

(To be continued.)

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TWITTERINGS.

We note that the new Frome and District C.B.S. has decided to hold a members' nest-feathers show, on July 4th.

The annual show of the Cambridge C.B.S. on October 22nd and 23rd, will be held under C.B.U. rules, we are informed.

Carnarvon show report in the Mule or Hybrid class, writes Mr. J. Williams (Ruthin) should have read: 4th, vhc, and hc, J. Williams.

Kindly inform your readers that the Rochdale O.S. has removed back to its old club-rooms in York Place, Yorkshire Street, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, hon. sec.

The date of the Admiral Duncan O.S. (Nottingham) first feather show is fixed for July 4, writes Mr. Wm. Healey, the sec., and Mr. Robt. Rhodes will judge same.

Owing to the hon. sec. leaving the district, writes Mr. Enoch Tams, all letters intended for the Longton and District C.B.S. must be addressed to me at Church-street, Longton.

The judges elected for our show on Nov. 4 and 5, writes Mr. J. H. Ireland, sec. of the Morecambe C.B.S., are as follows:—Messrs. H. W. Battye, W. J. Ferguson, and C. Houlton.

We have altered the date of our first Feather Show from July 4th to July 18th, writes Mr. R. S. Black, secretary of the Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. Members will please note.

We note that the amalgamation of the City of Dundee and District N.M. and B.B.A. and the Dundee and Lochie C.B.S. is shortly to come under the consideration of the two societies.

Mr. F. J. Martin writes that through continued ill-health he has resigned his position of district secretary (12) to the C.B.U. Mr. Martin also asks us to mention that his address is now 34, Ingelow Road, Battersea.

All tickets and monies for the prize drawing in connection with the James Smith benefit, writes Mr. Wm. Woollett, secretary of the Choppington and Dis. C.B.S., must be in by May 23rd, the date of our next meeting.

We have secured the services of Mr. J. Boxson to judge the Canaries and Mr. R. J. Howe the British and Foreign birds and Mules at our show to be held on December 5th, writes Mr. S. A. Dicken, sec. of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.

At a committee meeting held on May 9th, writes Mr. Robert McDowdall, hon. secretary of the Newmilns O.A., it was decided that we hold our annual show on September 26th. We are looking forward to a successful exhibition.

Mr. W. Summers, secretary of the Wandsworth and Dis. F.S., writes that the meeting called for May 14th has had to be postponed to May 21st, owing to the society not being able to have the use of the Red Lion Rooms on that date.

The third annual show of the Kent County C.B.A. has been fixed for December 2nd and 3rd at Dover, writes Mr. George Sanderson, the secretary, and will be confined to the members of the association. The judge and hall will be announced later.

It is with great regret, writes that well-known lover of the Yorkshire Canary, Mr. R. Philpot, of Guildford, that I am this week compelled to offer the whole of my stock, cages, etc., for disposal through your columns, family reasons alone being the cause.

At the Great Horton O.S. meeting on May 9th it was decided not to hold an open first feather show this season, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, the sec. Several specials will be given at our members' show on June 13th. Mr. Wm. Blakey is the judge, and we hope to have a record entry.

Kindly thank Messrs. Waterman and A. J. Marley for their courtesy in replying to my query with regard to the removal of my birds, writes Mrs. Marley (Loughborough), and I also apologise to Mr. A. J. Marley for the bother he has been put to because I did not mention my district.

We have been fortunate, writes Mr. Chas. Irvine, sec. of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.S., in securing the services of Messrs. Allan Roberts (Thornliebank), as Canary judge, and Gavin Alston (Darvel) as Hybrid and British and Foreign bird judge at our first open show to be held on Nov. 7th.

I am sorry to have to ask you to alter the Warrington and Dis. Cage Bird Society's show date again, writes Mr. Jas. Emmett, the sec., because the Cage Bird Union won't let us hold our show on Nov. 27 and 28 as we clash with Sale. So we have to go back to Nov. 13 and 14 as first advertised.

The Tong and Dis. C.B.S. will hold a members' first feather show at their headquarters, Holme Lane Hotel, on June 20, writes Mr. J. Smith, the sec. Mr. Hodgson (Bradford) will officiate as judge. Trams from Bradford pass the door, and it is but 4 minutes' walk from Dudley Hill, G.N.R. station.

Mr. J. Butterworth informs us that the Rochdale Show will be held on Oct. 23rd and 24th, and will be remarkable for the fact that two of Rochdale's veterans will act as specialists on the Lancashires and Lizards—Messrs. R. Barrass and Levi Butterworth. This should ensure a record entry in these sections. The Yorkshires, Norwich, etc., will be taken by Mr. C. A. House.

Kindly notify that I have taken over the secretaryship of the City of Birmingham Cage Birds Society, writes Mr. J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath, Mr. Wilkins having resigned the position owing to pressure of business. We have fixed July 15th for members' next feather show, and Dec. 2nd and 3rd for the annual open show, and Mr. Roe (Derby) will judge both.

Cage Birds Charts:

How to Judge Exhibition Birds.

NO. 7: THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY.

[See Full-page Drawing and Explanatory Notes on pages 473 and 481 this week.]

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Please state in your next issue, writes Mr. David Black, the hon. sec., that membership tickets for Glasgow Derby. Scotch F.A. can be had from me, at 2, Alexandria-terrace, Govan. I shall be pleased to supply any fancier within a five-mile radius of Glasgow Cross with a ticket on application.

Permission has been granted by the Earl of Eglinton for the members of the Glasgow and Western Counties N. C., M., B., and F.B.C. to visit Eglinton Castle and grounds, Kilwinning, on Saturday, 23rd May, writes Mr. J. H. Adam, the Sec. The train leaves St. Enoch's station at 3.5 p.m. A large turnout is requested.

We have just heard from the new manager of the "Napier," our present headquarters, write Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, hon. secretaries National British Bird and Mule Club, that we cannot hold the lecture arranged for Monday next, and we have had notice to quit after our meeting on that day.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. RICHARDSON (Wallsend.)

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. James Johnston, hon. secretary Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A., that I have to record the demise of Mr. Wm. Richardson, of Wallsend-on-Tyne, after a long and painful illness. He was one of the organisers of our society, and took a great interest in all that concerned it; and at no time was he so busy as during our annual shows. He will be sadly missed by the Wallsend fanciers, for he was ever ready with a kindly word, and always willing to part with his experience, for the benefit of those "in the dark." I feel sure I am voicing the sentiments of all the fanciers of the North in extending to Mrs. Richardson and her son our sincere sympathy in their great loss. Mrs. Richardson is getting on in years and is bound to feel the parting very much, but we hope the giver of all things will help her to bear her burden with fortitude, and that life's path may be made as smooth for her as possible in her declining years.

A fine sample of tasteless pepper reaches us from Mr. J. Walsh, of Regent Street, Blackburn. It is very finely ground, so that it will incorporate readily with the soft-foods, and is of a particularly bright, rich colour, without any added oil or other matters. Quite pleasant to the taste, fanciers should find this season's pepper of the well-known Blackburn specialist just the thing to bring them success in the shape of the necessary deep, hot-coloured plumage in their birds.

We have elected Messrs. Wellings and J. Walsh as judges at our open show, to be held on Nov. 6 and 7, writes Mr. J. W. Marsden, sec. of the Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S. We have also fixed on Sunday, May 31, as the date for our annual ramble from Lower to Higher Hodden. We first "train" it to Whalley. We expect to have a good company of birdie men with us; all local fanciers are invited. We are expecting to have with us Mr. Altham, the eminent ornithologist of Bashall Hall, who has made a life-long study of British birds and their habits.

The first country ramble of the Dulwich Ornithological Society takes place on Sunday, May 17, when Mr. F. J. Lovesy will "captain" the party, write Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, the hon. secs. The main body assemble at Headquarters (The Herne, Forest Hill Road, S.E.) at 9.30 a.m., and depart from Honor Oak Park Station at 10 a.m. for Stoats Nest. Those unable to start from Honor Oak can proceed by train leaving Victoria at 9.30 a.m., or Clapham Junction at 9.40 a.m. The ramble is through the Coulsdon and Chipstead district, one of the most picturesque parts of Surrey, and where bird life is abundant. Tickets, including luncheon and tea (at "The Fox," Coulsdon Common), and return railway fare from Honor Oak Park, are 4s., and 3s. for those joining at Stoats Nest.

That well-known British bird enthusiast, Mr. W. Lowne, of Yarmouth, is to lecture before the L. and P.O.S. on Thursday next, May 21st, at the "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C. Friends are cordially invited to what promises to be an exceptionally interesting evening. A commencement will be made at 8 p.m. prompt.

Owing to our late secretary, Mr. W. Nicholls, leaving the town, writes Mr. W. Lang, jun., 60, Alexandra Road, Lowestoft, I have been appointed secretary of the Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S. We are holding our First Feather Show on June 11th, and our Annual (members') Show on October 29th. Our membership is open to a five-mile radius. New members are heartily welcomed to our monthly meetings, held first Monday in each month, at the "Fox and Hounds," London Road.

At the Crystal Palace Show, birds fed on Ramsden's Pure Peppers were awarded over 200 prizes and honours, including best in show (see show catalogue). The winners of the CAGE BIRDS contest were all colour fed on Ramsden's Peppers. What a record! This year Ramsden's "Tasteless" is better than ever, for it is ground finer; all the coarse, dry husk is sieved out, leaving a richly coloured fine pepper easily digested by the birds. This season, postage or carriage will be paid on all retail orders.—(Advt.)

The Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S. is going strongly, writes Mr. H. Wallworth, the assistant secretary, and we are enlisting new members at our monthly meetings. The paper read on April 30th, on the Lancashire Canary, by Mr. W. Lee (chairman), was received with loud applause, and reflected great credit on its writer. At our meeting on May 28th we are to have a washing competition for novices, and it was whispered that Mr. Chas. Oliver (treasurer) is going to give us his ideas on the Norwich Plainhead, so we are anticipating another good time.

The report and year-book for 1907-8 of the National British Bird and Mule Club reach us from the hon. secs., Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr (2, Broad-street Station, London, E.C.), and make good reading for well-wishers of the society and lovers of the birds in whose interests it was founded. The financial position is now thoroughly sound, the roll of members an ever-increasing one, and the policy of the club progressive, so that the future looks very bright—a state of things upon which the joint secretaries and the other officials deserve congratulation. Keepers and lovers of British birds should send in their names to Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, and help the club on in its work by becoming members. The subscription is only 5s. per annum.

The Yorkshire Union.

Delegates' meeting on Saturday, May 16th, at headquarters, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, at 7 p.m. Business urgent and important.—J. Dean, sec.

A Correction.

In the article appearing last week concerning the Lizard Canary Chart, the printer made us say (third paragraph, line 11) that: "The legs and breast are also dark." "Breast," of course, should have been "beak."

At the Scottish National.

The judges elected for our next annual show, to be held December 31st, 1908, and January 1st, 1909, writes Mr. James Winter, secretary of the Scottish National C.B.S., are as follows: For Norwich Plainheads, Messrs. J. Trengove (Rishton) and J. McLay (Kirkintilloch); for Crests and Crestbreds, Mr. John Young (Rutherglen); for Scotch Fancies and Belgians, Messrs. R. Wright (Greenock), Jas. Watson (Glasgow), W. Rodger (Slateford), and J. Pringle (Selkirk); for Border Fancies, Messrs. Thos. Arnot (Hawick), J. S. Wilson (Workington), and A. Gilchrist (Coldstream); for Yorkshires, Greens, Cinnamons and Lizards, Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington); for Mules and British birds, Messrs. A. Cochrane (Edinburgh), F. A. Watt (Banff), and H. J. Fulljames (London), who also takes Foreign birds.

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*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B., and A.G.D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S** T. McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.** R.B., L.B., and C.A.H.
Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.**
Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
Oct. 28 and 29.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., and W.H.V.
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An Interesting Point Arises out of Our Recent Essay Competition.

AS we mentioned in our issue of May 2nd, when announcing the winners in the Essay Competition, the chief prize, that of an original Painting of birds, value Four Guineas, was not awarded. This was owing to a difference of opinion among the judges as to which was the best essay out of the winning efforts in the four sections of the Competition. As we also then stated, instead of calling in someone to give a casting vote, we considered the best way out of this difficulty was to devise a means whereby

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No. 205.

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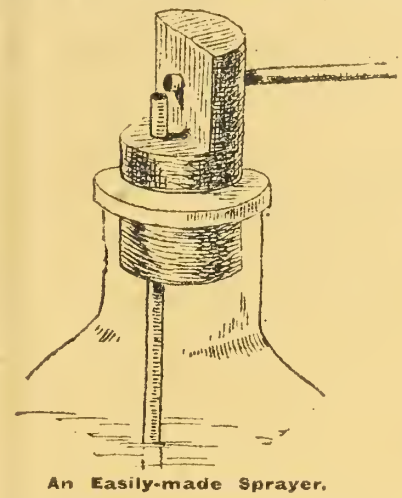

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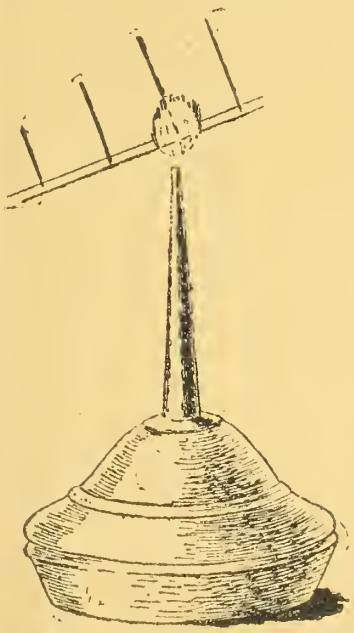
No. 206.

A USEFUL LAMP FOR SOLDERING CAGE FRONTS.

Sent by H. Palfrey, 41, Scarsdale Road, Dronfield, Sheffield.

I enclose a sketch of a very useful little lamp which I use for soldering cage fronts. It is really a sewing-machine oil can. I half fill it with carbide, the same that cyclists use. I then put a tablespoonful and a half of water in it, screw the top on and then light it. It gives a very powerful light and there is no smoke in the flame to get on your work. The light



A Novel Soldering Lamp.

lasts 15 minutes. I can solder a small cage-front in that time. I get a strip of solder, dip it in some powdered rosin and hold the front over the flame. I then touch the wire I want to solder with the solder-stick. It sticks immediately; in fact, is far better than the old-fashioned way—using a soldering iron. Of course, I have all my wires cut ready for use. When the light dies out you can refill it, and it will "go" for another fifteen minutes.—H. PALFREY.

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Altrincham C.B.S.—May 19, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Lecture by Mr. A. Wellings on "Staging Birds for Exhibition." Also Nest Feather classification.—B. Head.

Ashton-under-Lyne and Dist. O.S.—May 23, Ramble to Marple; train leaves Guidebridge Station at 2.45. Fanciers and friends invited.—H. Foden.

Bramley and Dist. O.S.—May 16, Carnival Committee Rooms, 7.30. Questions and Answers.—E. Craven.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—May 19, Temperance Hall, 8. Discussion on Rearing and Feeding Young, by Mr. S. Hadwin. Fanciers heartily invited.—J. Richardson.

Burnley and Dist. C.B.S.—May 19, 7.30. Committee meeting.—G. Watson.

Cardiff and Dist. C.B.S.—May 21, Maskell's Restaurant, 8. General business.—H. S. Negus.

Choppington and Dist. C.B.S.—May 23, Headquarters, last meeting before F.F. Show; arrangements for same; prize drawing, all tickets and moneys to be in by this date, for benefit of James Smith.—W. Woollett.

City of Wakefield O.S. — May 16, Crown and Anchor, 7.—Parker and Atkinson.

City of Dundee and Dist. N.M. and B.B.A. — Special meeting, May 20, Doig's Rooms, 8.15. Amalgamation with Dundee and Lochie C.B.S.—A. Miller.

Coventry O.S.—May 20, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. T. E. Waring on "Cages and Appliances."—G. Peters.

Dulwich O.S. — May 20, "Herne," Forest Hill Road, S.E., 8.30. Lecture "Birds I desire on the Show Bench," by G. Gardner.—On Sunday, May 17, 9.30. Assemble at "Herne" for country ramble. Full particulars from Rogers and Mazzoni.

Garston B.C.A.—May 20, Wellington Hotel, lecture on the "Rearing and Feeding of Young Birds," by Mr. Alf. Mather (Widnes). Fanciers cordially invited.—A. Wilkinson.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—May 20, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. F.F. Show schedule and C.B.U. new rules, etc.—Thos. Taylor.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—May 18, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30. Business important.—G. Waddington.

Heywood and Dist. C.B.S. — May 17, Heywood Station. Join Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. for Ramble to "Hulme Chapel." Train leaves Heywood 8.15. Rochdale 8.40.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—May 19, White Swan, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. Sheppherd, "The Introduction of the Cinnamon into the Norwich." Fanciers cordially invited.—C. Draper.

Leek and Dist. C.B.S.—May 21, Headquarters, 7.30. Nest Feather Show. Important.—R. Hall.

Liverpool O.S.—May 19, 64, Shaw Street, 8. Lecture, and discussion, by Mr. W. J. Cutmore (Liverpool Museum), on "Anatomy and Diseases of Birds." members and friends invited.—Metcalfe and Hillmen.

Loughboro' and Dist. C.B.A. — May 20, Cross Keys Hotel, 8. Lecture on Breeding, Rearing and Moulting Canaries, by Mr T. Ride (postponed from May 6).—W. P. Foster.

London and Provincial O.S.—May 21, "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, 8. Lecture on "British Birds," by Mr. W. Lowne (Great Yarmouth). All fanciers welcomed.—H. Lambert Brown.

London and Counties O.A.—May 19, "Goat and Compasses," Euston Road, N.W., 8.15. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "Birdy Topics." Arrangements for Annual Outing, May 31. Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—E. J. Pretty.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—May 18, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Paper on "Borders," by Mr. S. Hawdin (Liverpool).—E. Jones.

National British B. and M.C.—May 18, 25, High Holborn, 8. Fanciers invited.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—May 20, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7. Table show of Hardbills, Greenfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite. Fanciers invited.—J. R. Slack.

Nottingham N.P.O.S.—May 23, to discuss winding up of Society, or seeking new quarters.—Harry Davis.

Nottingham (Admiral Duncan) O.S.—May 16, "Admiral Duncan," 8. Business re F.F. Show.—W. Healey.

Open Norwich Plainhead Club.—May 23, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. Committee—time to be posted. Working arrangements, etc.—O. Mitchell.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—May 21, Holy Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, 8. Young Stock Show business, etc.—W. Pawley.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—May 17, meet at Station, 8.30 prompt. Ramble to Holmes Chapel and Burnley.—S. M. Clayton.

Shields C.B.S.—May 20, Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. To consider suggestions from annual meeting of C.B.U. Draw up schedule for Open Show, and other important business.—W. Duke.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A. — May 16, Station Hotel, 7.—J. M. Nicholson.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—May 16, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—A. E. Morton.

Stockport B.F.A.—May 21, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. F.F. business. Lecture on Lizards, by Mr. J. Garner.—W. Stafford.

Stirling and Dist. O.S.—May 20, Douglas Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—G. Hislop.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 23, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Arrangements for F.F. Show, and other important business. Friends invited. — Reid and Maddison.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—May 18, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Lecture by Mr. Cruise, "Hints on the Yorkshire Canary."—R. Bennett.

Tunbridge Wells and Dist. F.A.—May 20, Societies' Hall, 8. General meeting and lecture on "Rabbits."—H. G. Whibley.

Western O.S.—May 18, Boro' Arms, Bank Street, Plymouth, 7.30. Paper on "Crests," by Mr. Chas. Hoar. Nest Feather Show, April 20. Judge, Mr. Tope.—T. Pope.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—May 16, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Members' Shows, and other important business.—E. Broadley.

Worcester and Dist. C.B.S.—May 28, 8. Black Horse Hotel, Lowesmoor. Business important.—A. E. Bishop.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Not Well-balanced.

"**Month-old Reader.**"—Your hen was evidently in a very forward condition and the cock backward, hence the reason for his submitting to be hen-pecked when mated. You ought to have fed him up a little in the first instance before he was mated; when the hen showed herself so keen on nesting you made a serious mistake in separating them again. Had you left them together the hen would quickly have ceased brow-beating the cock, and after beginning the nest, her calls would have brought the cock more forward, so that at least the second half of the clutch of eggs would probably have been fertilised. You do not say how long the cock had been removed before the hen laid, so I cannot pass any opinion respecting the fertility or otherwise of the eggs, though I personally should not expect anything from them. Let hen sit seven or eight days; then hold the eggs up in front of a strong light and look through them. If they appear quite clear and transparent throw them away and remove nest. Meantime you should be feeding up the cock, giving him a pinch of hemp every second day, and on alternate days a half-teaspoonful of egg food sprinkled over with gold of pleasure seed; and each day two leaves of dandelion. By the time you can test the eggs he should be in a much better condition for mating.

Young Dying.

"**Anxious.**"—The fact that no less than three pairs of your birds have nested, laid eggs, and then refused to sit, points to there being something wrong with your general management. You would be well advised to invest in one of CAGE BIRDS' practical handbooks, and digest the contents, and see if you can discover where you go wrong. I can only advise you on general principles in the absence of detailed knowledge as to how you treat the birds. When the hens commence to sit feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape; give a tiny scrap of green food every third day, and once a week half a teaspoonful of egg food, or crumb of sponge cake. Do not give egg food oftener, nor any other extras in the way of food. After the first week hang on a bath for an hour every second day. When the young are due to hatch, give half a teaspoonful of egg food, and daily afterwards in very small quantities, so that the old birds clear up what is given each time; give a fresh supply two or three times daily. After third day give a small scrap of green food fresh twice a day—lettuce, chickweed, or young tops of groundsel—and also a bath daily. If the hen seems to get fagged, add for two or three successive nights as much Epsom salts to the drinking water as will cover a three-penny-piece, and change it for pure water again at mid-day on the morrow. With this as a general guide to management you should have no difficulty in rearing the young.

Sitting but Has Not Laid.

"**Novice.**"—Should you happen to have a brood which are in urgent need of foster parents, and have not other foster parents, I would advise you to try giving them to this hen, and if she begin to feed them let her rear them as well. She might then go on nesting on her own account quite successfully. But if this plan is not feasible you should separate the pair, take away the nesting material, and feed the hen up for a fortnight or so. Give half a teaspoonful of egg-food daily, and mix with it one day a small pinch of inga, and the next a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Give two leaves of dandelion daily, and in all other points continue to feed as you are now doing. In the drinking water give, for one day, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and for the rest of the fortnight twelve drops of chemical food every second day, and on the alternate days during the first week twenty drops of whiskey and a piece of extract of dandelion about the size of small grain of Indian corn (maize); well mix together. During second week discontinue the latter, and give instead three drops of tincture of steel. After this treatment mate her again to a vigorous cock as soon as she is ready.

A Mixture.

"**Three-Weeks' Reader.**"—1. The bird you bought for a cock is probably a hen, which is the cause of its neither breeding nor singing. Another cause for its poor condition is that it is probably troubled with red-mite. Carefully examine cage to ascertain this, and eradicate the pests if any are found. Add a little quassia to the bath every three or four days. Feed as frequently advised in this column, and give twelve drops of chemical food in the water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days five drops of tincture of steel. If it is not then coming in song, I think you may safely take it for a hen. I am not sure what you mean by being "sore hacked on right leg." If it is sore footed, bathe the foot two or three times at intervals of a day in a strong solution of boric acid, dry carefully, and very slightly anoint with zinc ointment. Keep the cage floor clean, and covered with dry sand. Maw seed, which should be a small bluish-grey seed, is certainly not poisonous to birds. You may use it quite freely at the moulting season, when it is more serviceable than now. But if your bird is treated on the above lines and kept free from mites, it does not require this seed now. If given liberally it is apt to throw a bird into moult. 2. Certainly you should now return the cock to the hen, whose young are almost ready to leave the nest. Watch him when first returned, and if he appears to ill-treat the young after his first excitement, you must place them in a nursery cage, and hang them on the front of the breeder for the parents to finish off. 3 and 4. See British Bird columns for replies to these queries.

Altering Position of Nest.

C.S.O.—No, I do not consider it is advisable to place the nestpan lower down when the young are 10 to 14 days old. Many hens would resent such a liberty, and I do not think it would in any way minimise the risks of possible injury when the young are leaving the nest. On the contrary, I would strongly advise you to leave the nest severely alone after the young get to this age, and by going about your duties in a quiet, methodical manner, and avoiding all interference with the birds, keep the young in the nests as long as possible. Then there will be very little risk of injury to the young. The same remarks apply to adding additional perches. If I understand your sketch correctly, the nest pan is hung on one side of the cage instead of being on the back. In this position there would already be a perch in fairly close proximity, but assuming there is not, you might put in one from back to front at about the same height as the edge of the nest pan, and about two inches distant from it, if such a perch would not interfere with the usual perch. Or supposing the usual perch is in this position, but four or five inches away from the edge of nest pan, you might move it a little nearer, into the position already suggested. More than this I would not advise you to attempt.

Multum in Parvo.

H. R. Stone.—Several of your questions have been attended to by the Editor. Nothing less than one of CAGE BIRDS' handbooks could do full justice to your queries. 1. The time to put leg rings on young is when you give them a clean nest, that is, when they are about twelve or fourteen days old. If put on early always look a day or two later to see if any have slipped off. 2. A teaspoonful of egg food every second day is quite sufficient whilst birds are preparing to go to nest. To prevent soft-shelled eggs give plenty of cuttlefish and a shell sand containing lime matter. 3. The arrangement of flights and cages on the diagram seems all that could be desired. The size of single breeding cages should be 20 in. by 11 in. by 16 in. high; double ones, twice this length and the same height and depth. Height from floor to bottom of lowest cage about 18 in. Nail pieces of tin around legs of staging to prevent mice climbing. The height of top tier of cages depends upon the size of the room and the size and height of windows. Two tiers of cages are quite enough in a small room, with small windows, and consequently a poor top-light. In better-lit rooms three or four may be used. The top tier should not be so high as to be dismally lighted. 4. In the wired-off flights on your landings you might turn from thirty to forty birds whilst maturing or awaiting disposal. If kept very clean you might go up to fifty temporarily, but these numbers must not be kept as a permanent stock for them. 5. In the flights in the two rooms shown on your diagram you could keep your forty-five to fifty, or up to sixty at a pinch, but, as before, only temporarily.

A Troublesome Three.

Puzzled.—1. No, I cannot tell you why your hen refuses to feed her solitary chick, although she seems quite healthy, sits on it, and fed well last year, without knowing more about the way you feed and treat them. Cases of this kind will arise from time to time. As the hen allows you to hand-feed the young ones, and it is doing well, you cannot do better than continue to do so until you have a suitable pair of feeders to which you could transfer the youngster. Your best plan would have been to transfer it as soon as the hen stopped feeding. Some hens never seem to trouble much about a single chick, although excellent with a fair-sized brood. Perhaps yours is one of these. But, again, perhaps your feeding was in the fault. A bath on the fourth day, when she began to flag, a few grains of hemp, a piece of crisp, juicy lettuce, or tender young groundsel, would probably have kept her feeding. 2. Your flight will do excellently to run the young in whilst growing. Cover floor with saw-dust certainly, but give a supply of grit in shallow pans. 3. Your Yorkshire hen was either egg-bound, in which case she would have died next day if she had not laid, or she had had a severe chill. In the latter case you should have kept her warm, and given thirty drops of brandy and ten of glycerine in the water until the symptoms had passed. By the bye, you do not say whether she lived or died, got better or worse, laid an egg, or what.

Not Very Promising.

"**Novice.**"—1. Your diet is not sufficiently nourishing for this time of year. As a staple food give a mixture of three parts Canary and one part rape, and in addition a teaspoonful of hemp every second day, and on the alternate days a teaspoonful of egg-food. For the next week add five drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the egg-food each time you give it. Give a little green-food daily—say, one leaf of dandelion and a small spray of chickweed or groundsel. In the drinking water give twelve drops of chemical food every second day for a week, and on alternate days four drops of tincture of steel. 2. Treat this cock the same, except that instead of giving a teaspoonful of hemp every second day you should give half a teaspoonful of hemp, and a half teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake with five drops of sherry mixed in it. Also substitute twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and one of oil of eucalyptus for the chemical food in the water for the first week, and drop this, and give the chemical food as above during the following week. I am afraid neither of these birds will fertilise eggs yet. 3. If this hen is not feeding young, treat her same as advised for No. 2 cock. Also examine cages well for red-mite, as the condition of this hen is strongly suggestive of their presence. Altogether your birds seem out of condition generally, and you will not, I fear, meet with much success until they improve. You would do well to read up the notes on feeding and general management on our novices' page the last few weeks.

A Solitary Chick Forsaken.

"**Ireland.**"—Your hen was getting anxious to mate again, and having the cock so near her was the cause of her allowing the young ones to die. When the cock had been removed, and he was at liberty, you should have tried returning him when the young one was from ten to twelve days old, and if he did not molest the young, or interfere in pulling the nest to pieces, you should have left them together, when, in all probability, the cock would have taken up the feeding of the young and prevented this calamity. When you saw the young was being neglected your best plan was to place it with a brood of another pair about the same age, who would have reared it with their own. Or you could easily have saved it by hand-feeding, seeing it was a fortnight old, and should not have required feeding another fortnight.

Built, but Does Not Lay.

J.R.—As your feeding errs on the side of generosity, it is most likely the case that your hen is over fat. I would advise you to remove the cock and treat her as follows for about a fortnight: Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and give an unlimited supply of green-food—either chickweed, lettuce, groundsel, or watercress, but no dandelion. Every second day give a half teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake in which mix six drops of sherry, and on alternate days give a few grains of inga. In the drinking water give twenty drops of sherry, ten of glycerine, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every day for three days; then give it every second day for another week, and on the intervening days, six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. Then for two or three days give four drops of tincture of steel in the water. As it is just possible that the fat condition of your hen may have caused her to suffer more than the usual degree of depression prior to egg laying, it may be necessary to add that if she should have laid her clutch of eggs before this reply appears, and commenced to sit, you must, of course, leave things alone, and let her go on sitting.

Nests, but Refuses to Lay.

W. J. Philo.—Feed hen on a staple of three parts Canary to one part rape, and in addition give half a teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake daily one day mixing with it a pinch of gold of pleasure seed, and the next a few grains of inga. Every second day give about half a teaspoonful of hemp seed, and every day two leaves of dandelion. In the drinking water, for one day only, give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards four drops of tincture of steel every second day for a week. Remove nest box and nesting material whilst the hen is under this treatment, and at the end of a week mate her with a lusty, vigorous, young cock, in full song and anxious to mate. When you see they are mated give hen a nest box and material, and let her make a fresh start.

Brevities.

Colour Feeding (J.N.).—There is still plenty of time to look around before you want to begin colour-feeding in earnest. Have no fear on the point, as you will not find our columns lacking in the necessary information when the proper time arrives. As you already know what kind of colour-feed to use, you may give the young Canaries that are now on seed a small quantity of red sweet pepper, not hot, twice a week. It will do no harm, but you must not expect to see any improvement in the colour until they moult. Mix half a teaspoonful of the pure colour food with five and a half teaspoonfuls of egg, or crumbs of sponge cake, mix thoroughly, and give a teaspoonful to each of the six birds.

Not Mating (F. Satchwell).—The hen Canary is clearly not in breeding condition. If she seems otherwise healthy stop egg-food and give instead a teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake daily with five drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed with it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed every second day; on alternate days mix with it six drops of sherry, and sprinkle with inga. In the drinking water give five drops of tincture of steel every second day for a week, and on alternate days ten of chemical food. Discontinue watercress, and give three or four leaves of dandelion every day. If this does not soon bring hen into condition, I would advise you to discard her for this season, and mate the cock with another. The cock is in good breeding condition, and might do well with a hen equally forward.

Cock Thrashes Hen (Perplexed).—Do not worry over these domestic squabbles, which are more apparent than real. Some cocks are much more vigorous wooers than others, and yours is one of them. Give a nest pan and nesting material, if you have not already done so, and the birds will settle down amicably, and agree to let matters run smoothly. They appear to be doing quite satisfactorily. Give the hen that is not in condition a teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake with six drops of sherry in it every second day, and a pinch of inga on alternate days, and in the drinking water give twelve drops of chemical food every second day for a week, and on the intervening days five drops of tincture of steel. Give two leaves of dandelion each day.

Clogged Feet (Fat).—If the cages are of usual size, there may be something wrong with the feeding which causes the droppings to be abnormally moist or viscid. Do you add sugar to your egg food? If so, stop doing so. As you say nothing about feeding I can only advise you to consult other replies on this question. To remove the effects mix together dry sand and sawdust in equal proportions as a covering for the cage bottoms, and give the shell gravel in a tin by itself.

Relaxed Toe (J.F.W.).—The bird is probably a little weak and relaxed in condition generally. Many old birds exhibit precisely similar symptoms when a little run down. Give a small piece of bread and milk each day, squeezed nearly dry, and with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it. If it has access to a drinking vessel yet add one drop of tincture of steel to the water. Give a flattened oval-shaped perch five-eighths of an inch wide and half an inch thick, and the toe will probably soon begin to grip. To help it you might catch the bird, hold the foot for a minute in very warm water, take it out and immediately pop it into cold water for a minute, and repeat the operation once or twice, being careful to finish with the cold douche. Dry the foot, and rub it gently with a drop or two of whiskey or brandy.

Young Dying (Doubtful).—Your young birds died because the hen ceased feeding them. See reply to "Anxious" in this issue how to treat next brood, and in addition try adding a small teaspoonful of boric acid to the bath you give the hen after the next young are hatched. You might also find it useful to drop egg-food whilst the birds are going to nest, and substitute crumbled sponge cake. A handy foster parent would be useful to keep available in case of need next time.

Moulting Six Months (H. Gosnell).—Your bird is either kept where it is exposed to draughts, or is infested with red-mite which keeps it continually moulting. In addition to its usual seed diet give it a small teaspoonful of sponge cake crumbs every day, and mix with it every second day five drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and on the alternate days five drops of sherry. In the drinking water give twelve drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days four drops of tincture of steel. Of course, you must remove either of the above-named probable causes before you can expect any remedy to do good.

Laid Only One Egg (Pat).—It is most likely that the wintry spell at the end of April is accountable for your hen's vagaries, especially as you think she is an old one. Let her sit on the egg seven or eight days, then examine it, by holding it up to a strong light, as illustrated in the book you have, and if it appears transparent, throw it away, remove the nest, and allow the hen to make a fresh start. If it appears a good one you may let her sit out her time and rear the young if hatched. By all means, as you wish to succeed, get another 1907 hen, in good condition, and mate the cock with her whilst hen No. 1 is sitting.

Clear Eggs ("Stormy Petrel").—The eggs you describe were infertile, which might have been caused by the recent terrible weather, or by the cock not being in good condition when mated. Your feeding seems very fair, except the staple of "mixed Canary seed," which may mean anything. As a staple give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape, and on alternate days between giving egg-food give a teaspoonful of hemp. If the birds are in good health now the weather is likely to be a little more tolerable. I think this will be sufficient to prevent a recurrence of clear eggs in the next clutch.

Identity and Mate (Peter).—Your bird is a cinnamon-marked, but whether a Norwich, Yorkshire, or Scotch Fancy, I cannot gather. If a chubby bird, with stoutish chest, and standing across perch, it is a Norwich; if a thin, slender, upstanding bird, it is a Yorkshire; if a slim bird, showing more or less of a semi-circle when it stands in position, the head drooping down and thrown forward, and the tail drawn forward underneath perch, it is a Scotch Fancy. In any case, mate with a clear bird of same variety showing a pink-coloured eye, and for preference bred from even-marked cinnamon marks. You call your bird a pale yellow. If the paleness is due to whitish-coloured tips on the web of the feathers it is a Buff, and the clear bird you mate it with should be a Yellow. If yours is really a Yellow, then you should mate it with a clear Buff.

Breed as They Like ("Aviary").—I should certainly not advise you to leave the parents of last year's broods and all their families together in the large aviary to breed as they like, assuming your aviary is large enough to accommodate a breeding stock of sixteen birds. You omit to mention its size, but given this as the number of your stock, I should strongly advise you to retain the ten hens, and procure four unrelated cocks to go in with them, and dispose of the six cocks you now have. Your cocks would be quite sufficient for you, and in the aviary you would need to provide not less than fifteen nesting places in order to prevent squabbles.

Assumes Egg-Binding (A. Brighouse).—Do not treat hen for egg-binding by any mechanical means on a mere assumption. By the time this appears the hen may have got over her difficulty, as the late bad weather has been the cause of many vagaries in egg laying which will doubtless disappear now, with this "summery" feeling in the air. But if she still seems out of sorts keep her fairly warm for a day or two, quite free from draughts or chills; put a drop of warm olive oil or castor oil on the vent, and hold the bird whilst it is absorbed, and in the drinking water give thirty drops of brandy and ten of glycerine each day until she is recovered. Give a few grains of inga each day, and a scrap of any green-food except dandelion. Glad to be of assistance to you.

Refusing to Sit ("Norwich").—In such a case as yours, you can do nothing beyond taking the step you have already done, viz.: Get a common hen, or pair, and start them breeding at the same time. When the eggs are laid you should then exchange them, giving the eggs of the valuable hen to the common hen to be hatched and reared; if the valuable hen appears to want to sit, give her the eggs of the common hen; then it will not matter much if she spoils them, as she probably will do.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Hand-rearing Thrushes and Blackbirds.

Mavis.—It really seems as though few readers carry out the editorial request to look over back numbers ere sending in questions. The hand-rearing of Thrushes, etc., was very fully dealt with in our issue of May 2, to which you should refer. Here, however, is the information in brief:—Take the young when about ten to twelve days old—nest and all, if possible—and keep them cosy, say inside a wicker basket and on a bed of hay. At night throw a piece of flannel over the basket; keep it on during the day if cold. Feed every hour at first; about every two hours later on. For food, crush an Osborne biscuit, and beat half a hard-boiled egg up in a teacup, with a fork. Then mix the biscuit with the egg, and beat up very finely, and make it of a rather sloppy consistency with new milk when you are feeding it to the youngsters. This is best fed just slightly warmed. Always be perfectly sure it is fresh and sweet; it should be prepared fresh twice daily, if possible, during very sultry weather. A small flat piece of wood, with a suitably-shaped blunt end can be used to feed with; or a large blunted toothpick. As the youngsters get older, cut small mealworms in halves, dip them in milk, and pop them into

their mouths; also any flies, smooth caterpillars, small grubs, etc., you can capture. It is quite a simple task to hand-rear Thrushes. The chief thing is to feed very often, and to give only a very little at a time. Keep the nestlings and their surroundings scrupulously clean, or they will not thrive. Occasionally mix a little small but gritty (not dusty) sand with the food, or a little powdered cuttlefish.

"Ornithological Inexactitudes."

E. Holmes. — Your friend's views are very curious, and, of course, quite erroneous. "Peggy" is a local name applied to the Whitethroat (*Sylvia cinerea*), which is quite a tiny bird compared with the average Nightingale. Whether the 'gale is termed "Peggy," in your neighbourhood I have no means of telling, but the fact remains that the White throat and the Nightingale are certainly different birds. They are not related, even, for the former is a true Warbler, whereas the latter is a member of the group of Thrush-like birds. The statement that the hen Robin is "nothing more than a common Hedge Sparrow," is, to put it bluntly, almost too absurd to merit notice being taken of it. Your friend, it seems to me, can never have seen a hen Robin, or he would not also say that they "do not have a red breast." I have many a time watched Robins building, sitting, rearing their broods, etc., and have never yet seen an adult hen without one. You can verify this fact for yourself next time you have a day out in the country, for Robins are plentiful and their nests far from difficult to locate — the "scolding" of the old birds is sufficient to "give it away," when young are being fed. The "other man," who stated that "no one could prove that the Cuckoo ever left England, because it had never been seen or heard in any other country," is an equally reliable purveyor of "ornithological inexactitudes." Our Cuckoo is well known to winter in Africa, India, etc.; it has a wide range, in fact, outside England.

Pairing Up.

W.H.—Your question is such a vague and general one that it is difficult to answer. The feeding of both Linnet, Goldfinch, and Bullfinch Canary couples has been fully dealt with by me in the last three issues of CAGE BIRDS. As regards the pairing, if you have a double breeding cage, run the wired slide down the centre, leaving the Finch on one side and the hen on the other. If the Finch is in condition, they will not take long to strike up an acquaintanceship. Probably he will commence to sing to her through the partition wires; also to feed her. These are the first signs of an "understanding." When you notice these things, put a few coarse pieces of material out of a nest-bag into the hen's compartment. If she commences to carry these about in her beak, you can hang in the nest-pan (or box), giving her at the same time a little more nesting material. Should she carry the latter into the nest-pan, and appear bent on nest building in earnest, hang the nest-bag up against the wires, or put it in the nesting rack, if you use those appliances. First thing next morning (the earlier the better) withdraw the centre partition, letting the Finch run with the hen. If you retire quickly and discreetly to the other side of the room, you will no doubt see the hen "call" to the Finch, and he, if really in breeding condition, is not likely to lose any time in doing the needful towards ensuring fertile eggs. Keep an eye on the Finch at first, until you learn his disposition. Some pull the nest about, and some will put their beaks through the eggs when laid. Such birds should be run with the hens only for an hour or two each morning (for a short time in the evening, too, if desired) being shut off during the day, and entirely (with a solid partition) as soon as the hen commences to sit. That is the whole story, in brief, and applies equally well to all Finches, besides Goldies. If wanting further information, try and put your questions more concisely.

Management of Blackcap.

Ornis.—Yes; the general feeding of the Blackcap should proceed on exactly the lines given in the reply to "Novice" last week. But the Blackcap, you must remember, is a great fruit-eater (like the Garden Warbler), and should always have some fruit on the menu, entirely mixed amongst the soft food, or hung up in the cage or wires if you like; banana, very ripe pear and apple, grated raw carrot, and boiled potato, are very good to moisten the daily soft-food supply; some of my birds, too, were very fond of finely minced green stuff. The great objection to "mashed" fruit is the tendency to quickly turn a nasty colour, and go bad. For other fruit to use the choice is very wide; strawberries, garden currants, raspberries, grapes, elderberries, blackberries, and the like, are all more or less greedily devoured, while there is but little fruit one can buy at a shop that they do not appreciate. A slice of a ripe peach is esteemed a great delicacy. Do not forget insect food; do not, too, overlook the bath, in which they take a great delight.

Trouble with Young Skylarks.

J. R.—Details of hand feeding I have given very fully recently; see also reply to "Mavis," this week. The procedure is practically the same for the majority of young birds; some fanciers seem to erroneously think that every species is reared from the nest in a different way. As the young Larks begin to get well feathered, they should have a little very finely minced greenstuff mixed with the food that is being fed to them, and a little summer rape which has been soaked in cold water until it has burst (begun to germinate). Change the water frequently, and drain the seed and dab it fairly dry on a cloth before mixing it amongst the soft-food. Give them the same mixture to peck over when they begin to fend for themselves, afterwards gradually adopting the menu advised "A Novice." Small blackbeetles and well-scoured gentles, are valuable food items. The most serious trouble one is faced with when hand-rearing Larks is the liability of their getting "cramp" in the legs. An experienced "old hand" with Larks will tell you at once that the youngsters are seized with "cramp" because they cannot run about on the grass when ready to leave the nest, as they always do when reared under natural conditions out in the fields. I believe there is a lot of truth in this, and should never attempt to hand rear Larks without making provision for a grass run. This can easily be accomplished, in a variety of ways, providing one can lay hands on the requisite clover turfs, or suitable grass turfs. If you get two of the cages known as "Bark-runners" (the longest size made) and place them together, door to door (both the latter open, of course), you have at once, an excellent "pen." Put the nest of Larks in one corner, and place the clover turfs all over the cage floors. The best plan, however, is to get a very long cage (it need only be a rough one, and can have a calico top) made, with doors at each end, and a drawer bottom made of thin sheet zinc. Fill the latter with wet sand, and lay the turfs on this—they will then keep fresh much longer, especially if sprinkled with a little water on top now and again. No doubt you can work the idea out to suit yourself. It is a very pretty sight indeed to see the youngsters come running up to be fed. Last of all, make the water you give them to drink the colour of light port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. You won't be troubled by cramp then. But give intervals on plain water. Don't let them drink too much water at first.

Hand-rearing Starlings.

F. W. B.—You cannot with certainty sex young birds in the nest. You have to wait until they moult into adult plumage. It is generally best to take the whole nestful, as the youngsters keep warmer when all are together, and thrive better. If you only want one, and decide to leave the others, I should advise you to wait until they are getting just nicely feathered, and then select the most forward-looking, liveliest nestling. You will have no difficulty in hand-rearing the young Starling on the lines recommended by me for rearing young Thrushes, etc. You can certainly occasionally moisten the food with water instead of milk. You must, however, give it animal food of some kind, either mealworms or small garden worms (cut up to a suitable size), etc. Also you could scrape a little raw lean mutton amongst its food fairly frequently, or give a little grated dried liver. When it commences to feed itself, give a good insectivorous mixture designed for the coarse-feeding Softbills, and let it contain finely minced lettuce or other green-meat or vegetable ingredient in liberal quantity. The Starling is fond of a little scraped raw meat, hard-boiled egg, fruit, finely chopped green stuff, berries, worms, snails, beetles, wasp grub, gentles, and, in fact, most forms of suitable live food. You will have no difficulty in providing him with a good varied diet, on which he will live in health for a long period. Keep in a very large box-pattern cage, and clean it out frequently.

Feeding Young Mules & Hybrids.

Tryer.—Did you note the reply to "A. B. C.," last week? Give the hen, to feed with, canary and summer rape seeds, and lightly cracked hemp seed, with a little shelled sunflower and maw seeds. Offer seeding green foods, such as chickweed and shepherd's purse, freely—but strip off all coarse leaves. If you cannot get this, give young lettuce and watercress leaves—but not freely until the youngsters are three or four days old. She may also relish a little soaked rape. Don't give these things all at the same time, but offer them at various periods through the day—nothing like variety to induce hens to "pack" their babies. Egg-bread, made by well mixing two crushed Osborne biscuits (or equal quantity of stale bread crumbs) with the yolk of a hard-boiled (ten minutes) egg, must, of course, also be freely offered; mix in half the white, too, when the young are four or five days old. When the Mules commence to feed themselves it is a very mistaken policy to leave off soft food as "soon as possible." The egg should be gradually left out of their diet when they are three weeks old or so, but certainly not the soft food. Give bread and milk sop (or biscuit and milk), well sprinkled with maw seed, and with a good pinch of Plasmon powder mixed amongst it, freely each day. In addition offer canary and maw seeds, soaked summer rape, and lightly cracked hemp. A few crushed sunflower seeds should also be thrown in daily, increasing the quantity as the birds get older, and gradually dropping the hemp; at this stage also gradually discontinue the milk sop and soaked seed, giving occasional feeds only. If colour-feeding, give the sweet pepper in egg cake, letting this take the place, of course, of the milk sop. A few groats occasionally are relished, and a little coarse oatmeal; but the above "menu" is full enough for all practical purposes. Some fanciers, I know, will not give young birds green stuff after they have taken them away from their parents. But this I consider a huge mistake. I don't believe, mind you, in stuffing them with lettuce, watercress, and the like. What they want, and what is extremely beneficial to them, and conducive to their successful rearing, is a free supply of the "seeding green foods" if I may use the term, meaning the seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, grass, groundsel, plantain, and the like, especially the two first-named. But don't gather it off dusty roadsides; and strip off all large, coarse leaves.

Brevities.

In Cross Moult (W. H. S.).—Your best plan is to keep the bird in the warm kitchen, and cover the cage over at night. Let it have a little of the stimulating seeds (hemp and niger) frequently, also pinches of linseed, maw, and lettuce. On alternate days stir a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into its drinking water (two tablespoonfuls). It is bound to take a few weeks to pull through.

Thrush Ailing (A. Stout).—Probably he is not feeding correctly. Some vegetables should always be given amongst the soft food, and a fair supply of live food is also indispensable where perfect health is desired. Crush one chlorate of potash lozenge with a small teaspoonful of Epsom salts, and dissolve as much as will just cover a shilling in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give this for one day, then repeat after a day's interval on plain water.

Wild Seeds (Hardbill).—I fail to see any very substantial difference, but of the two samples I should choose No. 2. To be really suitable for Goldfinches, however, a sprinkling of thistle, dandelion and sesame seeds should be added; gold of pleasure has been added to both samples.

Mates (Three-weeks Reader). — A yellow-green hen Canary, of Norwich type would make as suitable a mate as any for a cock Bullfinch. Put cock Goldfinches with the hen Linnet and hen Redpoll, and a hen Siskin or medium-sized hen Bullfinch with the cock Redpoll. These matings would be likely to produce exhibition Hybrids of value if successful.

Taking and Rearing Young Thrushes (Boy).—If you will kindly refer to our issue of May 2, you will find half-a-column of information on the matters you mention. It is, of course, impossible to repeat the same information week after week; note reply to "Mavis."

Linnet in Moult (W. Newell).—Follow advice given "W. H. S." this week. Variations of temperature (especially if marked) are well known to throw captive birds into "cross moults." Your Linnet will no doubt sing again as well as ever once he has got over the trouble thoroughly.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Breeding Cutthroats.

G. Jackson.—This is a fairly simple matter if in an outdoor aviary, and not difficult if in a cage, providing it is one not smaller than the ordinary double breeder. As regards dietary, Canary, white and spray millet will suffice to keep adult birds fit and healthy. Of course, that is, with the other necessities such as green-food, grit and water. When they have young to feed, keep a saucer of good and clean ants' cocoons in their cage or aviary, so that they can have continuous access to same. I am always interested in these pleasing little birds, as they were the first Foreigners I bred in captivity, and my experience teaches me they are late breeders, apparently fritter away the early summer, and then bring off a couple of broods in the autumn. If you can procure herbage or sprays from rose and fruit trees (infested with green-fly or other plant lice), you will find this a great help in keeping birds fit. If they don't take to the ants' cocoons, then you must give a little of some good soft food mixture, made just crumbly moist when they are feeding young. Either a cocoa-nut husk or square box with a small hole in front for entrance, will do well as a nesting receptacle, while hay and long grass will be all they will require as building material.

Collection of Tanagers.

Tanager.—My previous reply is based upon the fact of there being a sound shelter shed attached to aviary for birds to use as night shelter, and in severe weather, and also upon their not being overcrowded. In a moderate-sized aviary I have kept the Scarlet, Blue and the Maroon together with other birds. You will have to watch your opportunity as to procuring them, and you had better keep them in cages for a short time till they pick up, at any rate partially, before turning them into the aviary. The following would make a fine series: The Scarlet, Maroon, Palm, Blue, Archbishop, White-capped, Orange-billed Saltator, and Magpie. I have not yet tested the genius Calliste out of doors yet, though I'm of the opinion they would do well. I cannot advise the mixing of hang nests with them. I always make a practice of keeping these birds separate—that is, only one species of Hangnest in each enclosure, though several of same kind may be kept together. Your birds should be out of doors by end of June at latest to ensure their being thoroughly fit by the time the winter is on them.

Plum-headed Parrakeet.

M.D.R.—(1) Keep up a mixture of Canary, millet, hemp, oats and dari as its staple diet—till you see it is eating freely of the seed mixture; continue to give a little of the rice it is accustomed to. Also tempt it with ripe fruit and a piece of plain biscuit, all of which are wholesome and usually readily taken. At no distant time you'll find it will forsake the boiled food and subsist almost entirely on the seed mixture with a little ripe fruit and green stuff, etc. (2) Plumheads have a chattering sort of whistle and a moderate scream, but they are certainly not talkers, though, as is common with all species of Parrots and Parrakeets, you at times come across one that learns to articulate a few words. (3) Pennants are gorgeous birds, yet not intelligent, *i.e.*, this is not a talking species, neither is it a very noisy one, but for beauty of plumage there are few, if any, Parrakeets that surpass it. They are simply gorgeous in the outdoor aviary. A single pet would make a nice pet. Always glad to help readers.

Treating Young Grey Parrot.

A Constant Reader.—You have quite a young bird, and I could have advised you with greater confidence if you had informed me how you had been feeding, etc. You had better keep a little boiled maize in its cage (this only keeps fresh one day, and you must see no sour bits are left about, and that food vessels are cleansed daily), also keep a tin of the following seed mixture in its cage, and when it is eating freely of it, gradually wean it from the boiled maize: Canary, millet, wheat, oats, dari, and hemp seeds. To vary the diet, give ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in cage. Make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food, and do not leave it in cage, but offer it three or four times daily, and let it satisfy its thirst. If, as I think, it is a very young bird, it will cease to squeak as it grows older. You could try giving when it calls out a little piece of plain biscuit that has been rapidly dipped in water, just damp, not saturated. Avoid doing anything in the proximity of its cage calculated to scare or alarm it, and it will soon become quieter. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food, or you'll soon make it ill.

A Feather-plucking Amazon.

A.J.H.—From the details you supply I cannot give you the bird's age; this is always difficult without seeing the bird. It is a Blue-fronted Amazon in adult plumage. It is rather difficult for me to advise you, as you give me no hint as to how you've been treating your bird. Give it a teaspoonful of Diamond's Magnesia in its drinking water every other day for a week, and then for a month make the drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. Wash or spray its nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline till the running ceases. Diet: A seed mixture of Canary, wheat, oats, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a supply continuously in the cage. You can also give so as to vary the diet, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and a little boiled potato (dry), or raw carrot. You must also keep up a supply of cuttlefish and gritty sand in its cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table slops, nor any kind of animal food whatever. Now the weather is warmer you can safely spray the parts it is in the habit of plucking with quassia solution, taking care to keep the bird out of draught till it is dry.

Moustache Parrakeets.

Grimston.—The several special species of Alexandrine Parrakeets are those to which the term Moustache is applied. The term is used in a very loose manner, making it very difficult to identify species from the popular name. Personally, I always consider this term to be most applicable to the Javan Parrakeet, and this is the species I believe your bird to be. I have seen it kept in company with Rosellas, etc., with success, and if you have a true pair they should breed. At the same time, I must warn you that where one aviculturist succeeds in keeping and breeding Parrakeets together in one enclosure, others fail. There is so much individualism in Parrakeets that a great deal depends on the individual birds, and this can only be ascertained by watching. This close observation must be almost constant when nesting begins, as birds quite amiable at other times become absolutely ferocious in the breeding season, and this characteristic is not merely applicable to Parrots and Parrakeets, but to almost all kinds of birds. I do not suppose they will attempt to breed this year, and this should leave them time to get accustomed to each other if you procure at once.

Grey Parrot with Sore Mouth.

F A—I am glad to note the bird is so much better. Continue to wipe out the mouth with the chlorate of potash and glycerine till the tongue is quite free, as regards the corner of the mouth. If there is any humour, lance this as soon as it appears ripe; cleanse it by gentle pressure and a little warm water; then anoint it with a little spermaceti ointment. I was afraid at the time it was a case of ulcerated mouth, and the outside growth the result of the inside irritation. However, I am of the opinion that a complete cure will be effected if you persevere. You must keep its bowels freely moving while this is going on—a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, in its drinking water will suffice, if given occasionally as required. I shall be interested in hearing a little later of the bird's progress.

Brevities.

Books on Foreign Birds (Query).—D. Greene's "Favourite Foreign Birds," 2s. 6d. or 3s. 6d., and "Popular Parrakeets," 1s., both obtainable from the Editor of this paper, you would find of great assistance. There will also appear almost at once from my pen a small booklet entitled "Foreign Birds for Beginners," due notice of which will be given in our pages.

Budgerigar Ailing (A.P.H.).—For the present take out the ailing bird, and cage separately till fit again, and put up the one pair for breeding. Give the ailing bird three or four drops of tasteless castor oil from the end of a quill; give it a good wash in quassia solution, and for a month at least well colour what little water it drinks with Parrish's Chemical Food. If you can, get it to eat a dry crust of household bread daily with six of eight drops of the chemical food on it. Give as much grass in the ear as it will eat, also Canary, white and spray millet, and a few oats. Unless constitutionally weak it should soon improve. Put two husks in aviary, and a pair of the birds; they require no nesting material. Leave to themselves, and in a few weeks they should begin to nest.

Cockatoo Ailing (T. W. Shailes).—The powder is not an artificial condiment, but quite natural, and is present wherever a bird is really fit. Your bird is in poor condition, though apparently healthy, and your diet is very wrong. Do not give table scraps, milk, tea, coffee, or slops of any kind of animal food. Diet: Seed mixture—Canary seed, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, maize, and sunflower seed; well mix, and always keep a tin in its cage. The following will enable you to vary diet: Ripe fruit, stale crust of household bread, and plain biscuits (dry), boiled potatoes, cabbage stalks (without gravy), nuts, greenfood (such as lettuce, green peas, etc., as in season). Of cuttlefish, water, and grit keep up continuous supplies. Make drinking water just saline for one day with Epsom salts; follow this by making the drinking water the colour of pale port. Continue for a month at least. This treatment should bring bird again into condition, when the plumage powder will reappear. Now the warm weather is here, lightly spray the bird twice a week, but keep it out of draughts till dry.

Budgerigars Eggbound (Budgie).—In the ordinary way your birds would have done well, as your treatment is really admirable, the only thing lacking being grass in flower (seeding grain); a leaf or two of dandelion will do no harm, but I doubt if they will eat. A little lettuce, if they will eat it, may also be given. The late cold weather, coming just at the time your birds were on the lay, is the cause of your loss. The worst of the weather must now be past. Procure another couple of hens, and you are almost certain to have better luck. I note you use red millet; white millet is much more preferable. Other than this, I can suggest no improvement on the manner in which you are treating birds.

Paradise Whydah (J.L.B.).—This bird only wears the long, caudal plumes for about six months in each year, and unless broken off by its being kept in too small a cage before coming into your possession, your birds' plumes will soon begin to show, and will then be shed again at the autumn moult. It was a mistake to pull the tail feathers; this has not helped matters—possibly retarded them a little. Judging from the colouration of the plumage, you certainly have a cock bird, the hen being practically a plain brown Bunting sort of bird, with darker striations. Supply white and spray millet, also Canary seed, one or two mealworms or other insects daily, greenfood, grit, and cuttlefish, together with plenty of clean water for drinking and bathing. The tail should soon appear and if the cage supplies reasonable space for exercise the bird should do well.

What Parrot? (E. Denner).—Your bird is a blue-fronted Amazon, and ranks next to the African Gray for talking capacity. It should certainly make quite a talented talker and mimic—that is, judging by the details you give. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also teach by constant repetition any special words or short phrases you wish it to learn. Give usual seed mixture (see other replies), and supply plain biscuits, nuts, ripe fruit, and greenfood, not altogether, but so as to vary diet. A continuous supply of grit, cuttlefish, and water must be kept up. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops, nor any kind of animal food. The bird should continue to do well.

Grey Parrot Ailing (Nervine).—Your seed mixture will answer very well, but any of the advertisers in our columns, under "Foods" will supply dari and sunflower seeds. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food. Continue ripe fruit; also give nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in cage, and let the bird satisfy its thirst three or four times a day. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in drinking water. Repeat this after an interval of two days. If there is any exudation from its nostrils, spray or wash these with diluted glyco-thymoline. After giving last dose of magnesia, make drinking water the colour of port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. If there is no improvement in about a fortnight, repeat query, with full particulars.

Breeding Budgerigars (G.V.M.).—The fittings for Budgerigars are very simple. First all glass must be covered on the inside with 1in. mesh wire netting; then hang up against rafters, at least double the number of husks you have pairs of birds, line the walls with twiggy branches (pea or bean sticks answer well), leave a sash in the centre of front to open, say one third of the whole space. I should advise a small wire netting lobby being made just inside door, as this will not only enable you to get in and out without birds dashing over your head, but also enable you to leave door open in extremely hot weather, the birds safe from cats, etc. You have quite for six breeding pairs, leaving room for the young till you are ready to dispose of them. Your dietary is airight, but the youngster was hatched and reared during the winter months, and, as is frequently the case, it is a weakling, and will never be any good. In fact, the kindest thing to do is to kill it in some painless way. Hope you'll have a successful season.

Talking Greys (Anxious).—As a rule, the Grey Parrot is the most fluent talker of all the Parrot tribe, but there are exceptions—birds which only utter a word or so occasionally. Neither is there any fixed age when they begin to talk, certainly before they are two years old as a rule. Keep where it will hear plenty of conversation, and pet them as much as possible. Talk to it, and teach it by constant repetition a few words or short phrases, keeping at one till it is learned, before beginning another. As to food treatment see other replies in this Issue.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE WEATHER NO OBJECT.

SIR,—I though perhaps the following would prove interesting to your many readers. A hen Canary was sitting on four eggs. The first egg was laid on April 9th. She was off her eggs for twelve minutes on April 19th, but to my surprise they hatched out all right on April 24th. They were in an outdoor aviary (and the chicks are still), and the wind was N. and N.E.—very cold, indeed. Is this a record, considering the weather?

F. SATCHWELL.

A NEW SOCIETY FOR CAMBORNE AND DISTRICT.

SIR.—A meeting of fanciers was held at Camborne on Friday, May 8th, when it was decided to form a new society to be called "The Camborne Cage Bird Fanciers' Association." The members hope to hold a grand open show at about the end of November next. I was elected secretary, with a strong committee of local fanciers.

CHARLES J. ALLEN.

13, Trelowarren Street, Camborne.

SWEATING HENS.

SIR,—If I may be allowed to write anything on this subject, I would say sweating is due to the weakly constitution of the hen and that the extra luxuries she has eaten have produced a form of indigestion. I do not believe in any medicine acting as a cure; if the luxuries are stopped the complaint will go. Too much egg in the soft food will make sweaters; so, in my opinion, will any, or all, green leaves. No wild bird that breeds with Canaries ever feeds its young on green leaves, but it does on half ripe seeds. Green leaves are a poor substitute for seeds. The leaves and roots of groundsel will, I consider, kill young Canaries. Sometimes hand-feeding her young for a few days will assist the hen in getting over her complaint; or, again, the nest-box and nest with young can be placed on the bottom of the cage. The cock will most likely feed the young and some will even brood over them at night. If the hen persists in sitting on the young when at the bottom of cage, arrange the nest-box under a perch so that it is uncomfortable for her to do so.

J. H. VERRALL.

THE WINNING YELLOW CREST-BRED AT THE LATE PALACE SHOW

SIR, — When reporting the late Crystal Palace show, your reporter said, *re* my winning Yellow-Green Crest-bred hen, that some doubted her colour, but that he himself considered her an undoubted yellow hen, and a good one of her sort. A contemporary reported this bird as a Buff cock, slightly colour-fed. I am pleased to tell you that yours was the correct report, as I had made arrangements when she commenced nesting last week for a few prominent fanciers to come and see her sitting on eggs. She built a grand nest, and on Thursday she was slightly mopey, showing signs of egg binding. I commenced in the afternoon to try to get the egg away, and by night she was easier, so that I expected her to be alright next morning. I was in the bird-room early on the Friday morning, and you can imagine my consternation to find her sitting dead in the nest. On dissecting her, I found an abnormal shell-less egg, with a further three eggs in different stages with shells. I kept her and showed her to the members of the Kirkintilloch and District Cage Bird Club on Saturday night, where general regret was expressed at my loss. I had this consolation, that it was nothing to what it would have been to Mr. Slade had he not have let me have her back, and had this happened to him. I am in hopes of still breeding a better this year, as I have close on twenty youngsters, and two nests to hatch, out of my first round, and I did not pair up till the middle of April.

JOHN MCLAY.

THE BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB AND ITS JUDGES.

SIR,—Seemingly Mr. Lambie thinks his insinuations, etc., have upset me. If so, he is wide of the mark. I may tell him that I am as cool and calm as a Thrush upon the top of a tree in the midst of a storm of wind and rain. Your readers have not had any of the latter, but have been treated to a lot of "wind" from a certain quarter! Mr. Lambie denies that he said that I could neither write well nor think justly, yet in his next sentence fully corroborates me in stating so. This is by no means the first time he has contradicted himself, but seeing that I know him personally, I had some regard for his feelings, and wished to let him see that I had no intention to hurt them. For this reason I did not tell him at first, as I now do, that it was nothing short of presumption for him to interfere with anything concerning the club, seeing that he is not a member of it. What caused him to do so I leave to himself to explain. I will ask him to let your readers know also how many shows received the club's patronage last season, how many variety shows were judged by members of the club where the patronage was not given, and, lastly, at how many "mixed" shows were the Border Fancy classes judged by gentlemen who were not members of the club? After he has told me, I will make it clear to him that what he terms my "prophecies," would have proved true, if the members had been restricted to two shows, as I at first had reason to think this rule meant. He has put the saddle on the wrong horse when he states that I was seeking a "cheap advertisement for the club judges." I have already told him that I act as mouthpiece for no one; and if he means this as a personal remark, I can tell him that if he looks through your paper he will see that I pay for my own advertisements. I have never made any remarks to hurt any fancier outside the club, though this seems to have been Mr. Lambie's point all along, without the least rhyme or reason, as he ought to be fully aware that the two shows he mentions are both held under the club rules, and therefore no judge other than one of its members would be engaged. The remainder of his letter is, to use a Scotch expression, nothing but some of his "cauld kail" warmed up again. He makes quite as bad a show as the servant girl, whose mistress told her to take a flat iron and place it at her feet as a bed warmer on a cold and frosty night. Asking her the next morning how it had succeeded, her mistress was astonished to receive the answer that she thought it a little warmer, towards morning, but that she could have warmed it in less time at the fire!

J. PATTERSON.

LINNET MULES HATCHED IN FEBRUARY.

SIR,—Some of your readers may be interested to hear that I had a nest of Linnet-Mules in February last. Two I reared until they were five weeks old and the other one is alive now. I shall be only too pleased to show it to anyone wishing to see it. My address is Forester's Arms, Latimer Road, Notting Hill.

A. ANNIS.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND CLASHING OF SHOWS.

SIR,—Referring to the letter in last week's issue *re* clashing of shows, if "Fair Play" will write me direct, I shall be pleased to send him list of show dates already fixed in the district in which his society is situated; though it is probable I have already supplied the Secretary with this, when informing him they could not have the license on account of clashing with another show. Of course, if any society deliberately (as in "Fair Play's" case) chooses a date to clash with another show in their district, they cannot blame the Union for acting upon Union rules, and, further, doing their best to prevent two shows being injured by a loss of entries through both being held on the same date.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec. C.B.U.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Fair Play," seems to suggest that the C.B.U. should hold the whip hand over societies, and even suggests drawing the dates for shows. Does he mean "raffling" the dates off? A good idea for the Union to raise funds. Why should the C.B.U. draw dates for each Society and each society meekly submit to the date allotted to them? The C.B.U. cannot claim the right to do so. Why should societies bend the knee to this usurping crowd? The C.B.U. is a burden to the Fancy, and why do not secretaries stick up for their members? If they do not, there will soon be no members of societies. The only members you can persuade to join societies now are young beginners; old ones have more sense. The young ones you have to obtain under false pretences. For instance, if you canvass a breeder to become a member, almost the first question he asks is: "How will it benefit me?" Well, if you tell that breeder by becoming a member he can only show at half the shows in the country, does it stand to sense that he will join? Therefore, you have to say something else, and leave him to find out the pleasures and great benefits afterwards. Then look who expects twopence per member! The C.B.U. may well accumulate such vast funds, and Societies have to feed this fund whether they can pay their way or not. I received a letter from the C.B.U. Secretary on May 1st containing receipt for our affiliation fee sent March 17th, also asking for a list of our members. This letter I read at our meeting. I was informed distinctly by three members that if I forwarded their names they would resign as members of our society; but I respect our members too much to give them away, unless I am instructed to do so by my Committee, and then, of course, being only an hon. secretary, I must submit. I can hear of nothing the C.B.U. are doing. Some fanciers say the C.B.U. are "beat," if so, why not own to it and let societies keep their fees? The C.B.U. seem to have no use for them.

S. A. DICKEN,
Hon. Sec. Burton on Trent C.B.S.

AN APPEAL TO THE FANCIERS OF BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Will you allow me to make an appeal to the fanciers in Barnsley to come forward and assist us in bringing the Barnsley and District Cage Bird Society to the front, so that it may be as popular as when it held its shows under the Yorkshire Union Rules? There are some of the old fanciers waiting to see how we are going to carry the society on; but let me appeal to them in all good fellowship, and say that "hanging on behind" will not help us to make the Society a success. We have every reason to believe that there are a fair number of young men in the district who are trying their hands at breeding Canaries, and it is only through the Fancy papers that we can hope to reach some of these. Perhaps a few words as to how we stand will not be out of place. We have for our president Mr. W. H. Lindley, of Wombwell, well known as a keen fancier and as a judge of birds; as vice-president we have Mr. W. Rapson. Both gentlemen are prepared to give all novices who join us the benefit of their long experience. The following are the working committee:—Messrs. F. Race (Barnsley), J. Barnes (Cudworth), W. Smith and T. Thorpe (Lower Barugh), and J. Taylor (Dodworth). The officers are well scattered in the district, and with the help which your paper can give us, we hope to work up to as high a level as in days gone by.

ED. CARLISLE, Secretary.

Church Street, Gawber, Barnsley.

THE REDSTART AS A CAGE PET.

SIR,—The Redstart makes both a good show bird and a nice cage bird, and when taken young from the nest and hand-reared, becomes a very lovable pet. It is a showy bird when in full plumage, and is continually in motion, jerking its tail from side to side and bowing its head in a most graceful and becoming way—which causes a fancier much pleasure and amusement. In most localities it is known as the Firetail, because of the colour of its tail. The birds are not overnumerous, and so very few nests are found in this district. Most years I have heard of several; two of these were in holes in an old wall, and the others in holes of trees. As there may be some of your readers not acquainted with the eggs of this bird, I will briefly describe them. The clutch varies from 4 to 6 in number, but mostly 5. Only in one instance have I found a nest with 6 eggs in it. The eggs are like the Hedge Sparrow's, but paler in colour, and not so large. The nest is made of dried grass, small roots, leaves, wool, with horse-hair and sometimes a few feathers as lining. These birds are very apt to forsake their nests if visited too much, or interfered with at all. If the young are taken when they are from 10 to 14 days old, and hand-reared, they do make most fascinating cage birds. They can most easily be hand-reared on a good soft-food mixture, made into a nice, soft paste, so that it can be easily put into their mouths from a feeding stick. Some years ago I had a nest of 5 of these birds. As I had no soft-food by me, I at once made some of my own, which consisted of yolk of egg and bread crumbs, house-fly, ants' eggs, and small worms cut into pieces, together with some small pieces of sheep's heart. I also gave them pieces of mealworms. I successfully brought up the whole five, which I gave to a friend. I raised the five, but when they could pick-up, they began to pluck one another, and so became nearly nude. I had the greatest difficulty in getting these to live, but they did live, and they became good birds. So I should advise anyone who goes in for hand-rearing these birds, or any insectivorous ones, to part them off at once when they can feed themselves, and to keep them as clean as possible, as their feet and feathers are very liable to become clogged up with dirt. They should also have a bath daily, for they dearly love a bath; it also helps to keep their plumage in good order. When they are able to feed themselves, any good stock mixture will suit them, but it should be varied by some live food such as flies, spiders, beetles, small worms, and ripe fruit (they are very fond of various kinds of ripe fruit). The song of this bird is not so good as that of either the Nightingale or the Blackcap, but it is a very pleasant little song and helps to give variety to the fancier's "orchestra." There may be some of your readers who will be able to get a nest for hand-rearing, and these few notes may be of use to him. It is not advisable when hand-feeding to over-cram any young birds, especially when they are quite young; a little and often will bring them on much better, than 3 or 4 "good gorges" a day. A great thing is to feed soon after daylight, and that I know is a great consideration with some people; only fancy getting out of bed three or four times before breakfast to give some paltry bird's food, but I can assure your readers I have done it many and many a time, and I hope to do it again when I can get suitable birds. It is as well to impress upon any young fanciers who keep these birds and also the Nightingale, the necessity of giving plenty of egg-food (both yolk and white), as this is a great help. This must be given, besides plenty of insect food.

T. H. KINCH.

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SOME BREEDING EXPERIENCES.

SIR,—I am a sound lover of birds of all kinds, and I have now kept them for about six years; the longer I keep them the greater the my love toward them. Mine is not an extra good room, nor even an attic or anything that is expensive, as I cannot afford it at present. I have two cock birds and two hens (all Norwich), and it has been pleasing to watch them this year during the pairing and hatching operations. The male bird no doubt is the best of his own house. When I first paired them up the hen seemed to be the mistress of the situation, as the cock bird was almost afraid of her; she chased him all over the "shop." The male bird was full of song, and the hen flopped all over the cage. Then there seemed to be more calmness with the two. I was feeding on white seed first with cuttle-fish, and following CAGE BIRDS closely I changed the diet for the one of mixed seeds, with a little apple and chickweed. I only once gave egg-food during the breeding season, but I thought the birds looked lazy. I paired up rather soon in the second week of March; but it was grand to watch them. I had bought some nesting material and put it in the cage, and one would have thought that the male bird was the hen to look at him building the nest. He used the nesting not only for the nest, but he spread it all over the cage bottom, the hen just "looking" at him. One might have expected eggs from them very shortly; but it did not come off till May morning when the first egg was laid. It was a very large one. I caught the bird and gave it a little castor oil in its beak and vent on the night before it laid. It has laid two smaller eggs since, and I know they will prove good and full eggs. I watched the proceedings and I know the hen is a good mother judging from last year's work. The cock is singing "mad" just at the time of writing. I do not believe in giving too much dandelion. I have been a three years' breeder, but have never kept a great lot of birds, only two or three pairs, and my birds seemed to be lazy and heavy after taking of dandelion. The best thing to do I think before pairing up, is to clean the cage spick and span. Give the birds you are going to mate up a dose of Epsom salts to thoroughly cleanse them. Mate up when they are in condition. Give cuttlefish bone, apple, watercress and chickweed.

A BIRD LOVER.

SIR,—Having been a reader of CAGE BIRDS since its commencement, I would like to state that I have had many valuable hints and have read many good discussions which have been of the greatest help to me. I thought I would like to tell your readers of my experience. My shed is about 8 ft. by 4 ft. by 7 ft. high, and is built with corrugated iron sheets lined inside with thin boards. Half of the top is of glass; the shed is whitewashed inside and bricked back and ends, with a sloping top. No doubt some will think it is small, but I have no space for a larger one. I have room enough for eight two-compartment breeding cages. For the moulting season I took cages out and wired half of shed off, using small mesh. I let all birds fly together, Canaries (cocks and hens) and Linnets, and they all came through a splendid moult. I only lost one bird during the winter out of 25. In February I took flight down and singled off those birds I was going to breed with—eight hens and five cocks. Those that I saw wanted to nest I paired up at the beginning of March, with the result that there are now 13 on sticks and two still in the nest I had one nest of Linnet Mules. So I don't think either the late winds or snowstorms have done much harm to my birds as four more are sitting.

J. LIGHTON.

FIGHTING "BOB."

SIR,—As a friend and I were taking a walk along a country road on Sunday, May 10th, a pair of birds flew out of a hedge a few yards before us. We thought they were young birds and we ran after them. I succeeded in catching one of them, which turned out to be an old cock Robin. It was in a very exhausted state as if it had been in a hard fight. I took it home but it died the same night. E. BUTLER

A NEW SOCIETY FOR KIRKSTALL, LEEDS.

SIR.—A meeting of Kirkstall Fanciers was held at the Abbey Inn, Kirkstall, the other day. Mr. Chew was voted to the chair. On Mr. Chew's proposition, seconded by Mr. Hulton, it was decided to form a Society. The name was agreed on as Kirkstall and District Cage Bird Society. Mr. Chew was appointed chairman, Mr. Hutton secretary, and Mr. Whitley treasurer. The subscription is to be 6d. entrance fee, and 1d. per week. Our next meeting will be held at the Abbey Inn, Kirkstall, on Monday, May 18th, at 8 o'clock prompt. It is hoped that all fanciers will attend to try and make the Society a success. W. HUTTON, Hon. Sec.

5, Glebe Avenue, Kirkstall.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE OF EGG-LAYING.

SIR,—I would like to give publicity to this case, as I think it rather extraordinary. A friend of mine asked me to look at his birds one Sunday. He had a hen that had laid nine eggs. She laid three on three mornings, missed a morning, and laid three again; then she missed two mornings and laid another three, making nine eggs in the twelve days. Some people would think there were two hens together, but I can prove that this was not the case. My friend asked me three weeks since to pair him his birds for breeding, and this pair includes a young hen that he bred last year with a buff cock two years old. I looked at the eggs and could only find one clear one, the birds being just as I left them. I may say that the breeding season about here has commenced rather badly I think, owing to the really "shocking" weather we are having.

C. SHAW.

Bradford.

A DULWICH AND PECKHAM MATTER.

SIR,—I can assure Mr. F. Gain that the Dulwich and Peckham Society contains (like his) a lot of "jolly good fellows," and has many friends and only a few enemies. Now the concert he and Mr. Rogers lost so much money over, he clearly told the Committee, was for the benefit of the loss on the unfortunate show run by Mr. Woolhouse. But was there a loss, according to the show balance sheet? I fancy very small, if any. At the time of the concert I don't think even Mr. W. knew himself definitely. Like Mr. Gain, it grieves me to see one society trying its hardest to exterminate a very powerful rival. Let the D. and P. C.B.S. alone; time alone will show, and work will tell, what position we shall proudly hold in the cage bird fancy. Still second to none is the hope of

E. S. LUGG.

SIR,—"Tit Larks" suggestion that the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. should drop the word Dulwich to suit the Dulwich O.S. (and not the fanciers), does not appear to be such an innocent one as he would have us think. I am glad to say it "has" caused consternation in our ranks, and I think "Tit Lark" has done the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. a good turn, for instead of throwing dust in the eyes of fanciers to make them believe we have moved away from Dulwich, it will cause them to open their eyes a bit. He writes about dropping a bomb amongst a certain section who, "he" thinks, have an "imaginary grievance." We only wish it was imaginary! I can tell "Tit Lark" we have a very big grievance, which must soon come out before your readers. Then he goes on to ask: Why so much bitterness of feeling? My answer to that is, Ask the Dulwich O.S. Your correspondent next runs on to say that my statement in your issue of the 25th contained several inaccuracies, which I deny. I stated, in reply to Tit Lark, when he said the D.O.S. officials were mostly all Dulwichites, that this was false, and I still say it is if the report of the inaugural meeting to start a club in opposition to the Dulwich and Peckham (which was called by the two or three dissatisfied officials, as Mr. J. Robson puts it) was true. In their report (which appeared in the Fancy Press) there were no less than 14 gentlemen's names as officials who do not reside in Dulwich. But one has to take their reports with a grain of salt, when such a gentleman as Mr. J. Robson writes and states he is not now, and never has consented to be, a vice-president of the Dulwich O.S. Again, on April 11th there appeared in the Fancy Press a statement that Mr. T. Boydon, the well-known breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich Plainhead, had been made a vice-president of the D.O.S. Mr. Boydon wishes me to state that he is not a vice-president and not a member, and, further, that he does not intend to be. He was asked if he would become one by one of their officials, but would not give his consent; so whoever proposed and seconded him had no authority to do so. Also on the same date a Mr. Hyman, of Peckham, received a post-card (which is in my possession) stating he was unanimously elected a member, and this was also in the Fancy Press. He, too, wishes me to state he gave no one permission to propose or second him. So you see, "Tit Lark," there are lots of inaccuracies about the Dulwich O.S. I am also surprised at "Tit Lark" asking me if I am aware that the secretaries, chairman, and other officials he mentions reside in Dulwich. I am quite well aware where they reside, after sitting on committee with some of them for four years, on what he calls their "own doorstep." "Tit Lark" states that amongst the officials of the D.O.S. are the founders of the D. and P.C.B.S. To be accurate he should have said "some of the founders," for on looking up the report of the meeting in 1904, which was called to form the D. and P.C.B.S., I find there are still some of them belonging to the old clubs, and some who do not belong to either society. I take it all who were at that first meeting called to form the society are "its founders." Once more I sign myself as one who is not afraid of his name—

W. J. CRANFIELD.

DANDELION AND YOUNG BIRDS.

SIR.—I have been feeding my birds this year on lettuce and water-cress for green food, and have been fairly successful. On Sunday, being out in the country, I gathered some fine dandelion roots from a wood-side—beautiful roots, and full of flower, with tender young leaves, 8 to 10 inches long. I fed the birds with same at breakfast to-day, Monday, May 11, and at dinner-time found one nest of four (10 days old) dying in agony, whilst one or two in other nests look sickly. Cages were all cleaned yesterday, utensils washed, egg food fresh. What killed or poisoned them? They seemed to be lying dead, with green in their crops. Does wood dandelion contain too much juice, which is too strong for the young? Should I have got the short field dandelion? F.H.S.

SUMMER MIGRANTS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

SIR,—On April 26th, I walked round a locality, which I will call A, where most of the Warblers and other small insectivorous birds are usually to be found soon after their arrival in this county, and the only migratory birds I could discover were the Sand Martin, and a Chiff-chaff. On Monday morning I went ont early to another favourite locality, which I will call B, and very soon I noticed a Tree Pipit singing as usual, and a fine male Redstart. The same evening, going to A, I found about 50 Swallows and Sand-martins, two Redstarts, and several Tree-pipits. Tuesday morning I visited B and found three or four pairs of Whinchats, three pairs of Wheatears, and several Common Whitethroats. In the evening I went to A and found one Sedge Warbler and three Yellow Wagtails. Wednesday morning I went to A and saw and heard the Nightingale, the Cuckoo, and the Lesser Whitethroat. In the evening I went to B and saw about three dozen Yellow Wagtails (as they come to roost regularly every night, till they pair up), several Sedge Warblers, the Common Sand-piper, and the Landrail. The river Severn, having overflowed its banks, flooding several hundreds of acres during the night, I could not get round there dryshod. I hope to resume my journeys on Monday and find the Reed and Marsh Warblers, Red-backed Shrike and House Martin. I have seen the Swift to-day.

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THE GOLDEN ORIOLE IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—As the Golden Oriole is now an accepted show bird on the N.B.B. and M.C. list, I have ventured to send the following account of one in captivity, which recently appeared in "Country Life." The writer, "B. De Dedem," says: "I possess a Golden Oriole, who will be three years old in June next. As far as I know, it is the only specimen of an Oriole brought up in captivity. Nowhere have I been able to obtain any information about this bird, and at the Zoological Gardens, when I applied, I was told that they keep no specimens of these birds because of the difficulties inherent to bringing them up and the special care they require. The Oriole in my possession was taken out of the nest in the Department of the Correge (France), where some of these birds are to be found, although in small numbers, during the summer months, before they emigrate back to their country, Africa. The Oriole is very shy and reserved, each family living apart. They do not gather in bands. The one I have was brought up on the yellow of a hard egg, ants' eggs and little crickets caught in the gardens or meadows. When a year old the bird caught a chill in midwinter, when I was in Paris, and began to waste away. I was in great fear of losing it, when it was suggested to me to give it quinine, the bird suffering evidently from fever. I did so, giving for a few days a very small dose rolled in a crumb of bread, and soon it began to recover. The food it takes now is the pate Duquesne, a mixture which is given to pheasants and similar birds in winter. Apart from that it gets bread and fresh fruit. Its favourite fruit is the banana, for which it shows a predilection during the winter months, and on which its kind live in Africa, so I am told. In summer, in the country, it gets some live crickets, when to be found, and ants' eggs. Although the Oriole is very quick in killing wasps when they enter its cage, it does not eat these insects. The Oriole is a very clean bird, and rejoices in a bath. When in summer a shower falls, and the bird is put out on the balcony in its big cage, the first thing it does is to open its wings to let the raindrops penetrate its plumage. Then, like a clown, clinging by its feet to the stick, it slowly turns somersaults to receive the raindrops on its chest and lower parts of the body. At present my Oriole has a gold and green plumage and ruby eyes. I expect it to change its colour after three years of age into a black and golden plumage. Its song consists in various melodious notes, some in a very high key, and an imitation of the call of the Goldfinch, who is its companion in another cage on the same table. I should be glad to learn the experience of somebody else having a caged Oriole, this bird being so little known as yet."

W. P. WALLACE.

BIRD CATCHING.

SIR,—Seeing "Constant Reader's" answer to "Anxious," in your issue of May 9th, I should like to give my experience in catching Bullfinches, as it may be of use to some of the readers of CAGE BIRDS, who, like myself, have not the chance of watching their traps continually. I do not use spring nets for several reasons. In the first place, I cannot watch them, and should a bird get in, a stray cat or dog is likely to come along when it is not wanted. In the second place, there are several disadvantages. In some cases they are very useful. I always use a trap cage of the type that was illustrated in CAGE BIRDS a few weeks back, by a kind reader; but he did not give the size of the cage, and I find a small trap cage is of no use for catching Bullfinches with. The size I use is 16 inches high, 12 inches long, and 10 inches wide. I tried a small trap with no success whatever; I found that the Bullfinches could stand on the top of the cage and pick all the bait without going in at all. A Bullfinch will clear everything at 4½ inches from his perches. For that reason I made a larger trap, and this makes them enter for the bait. I always use privet berries, for I find they cannot resist them, once they have tasted them. As to Bullfinches dying, I have had better luck with them than with Linnets. Here I may say I am not in the land of plenty (of Bullfinches), for I have only seen one pair since the close season; but I managed to catch fifteen (10 cocks and 5 hens) this winter, and I do not think I missed catching one that I heard calling. However, of the 15 three died (one cock and two hens), but I must say I had to nurse some of them, or I might have lost more. I remember catching one, one frosty morning, at daybreak, and of course he had had nothing to eat. I put him in a small call-cage I had by me, and gave him some seed to eat. But no; he was sulky, and would not eat. So at dinner-time I took him home, put him in with a hen Bullie and left him till night. When I went to him after dark he was sitting in the bottom of the cage as big as two ought to be. I took him out, put him in another cage and brought him into a strong light. Of course that woke him up a bit, although he was not very lively. But I found as soon as I put my hand near the cage he opened his mouth at me. I took a bunch of privet berries, and as soon as he opened his mouth, I put a privet berry in, and, of course, he shut it quickly, pinched the berry and tasted it. That started him for a berry or two. Then he would pop his head under his wing again. I kept on at him for an hour or more, and got two or three bunches of berries into him. The result was, next morning he fed off the privets alright, and in about three weeks I got 1s. 3d. for him. But this threw him into a cross moult. In once again thanking "Constant Reader" for his interesting letters in CAGE BIRDS, I will ask him to give us a small drawing of the nets he mentioned as being made "on the come-and-go principle," as I have never before heard of them. I now have a pair of clap nets. AN AMATEUR.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

The Noisy Greenshank.

Among the migrants visiting our shores to breed is the rare Greenshank. It closely resembles the Redshank in structure and habits, nesting upon the swampy moors and in other suitable spots. It arrives in April and May, and during the latter part of the month makes its scanty nest of coarse vegetation. It is simply a hollow in the ground upon some dry spot, among its swampy surroundings. The eggs are buff in colour, boldly blotched and spotted, generally upon the larger end with dark brown. The Greenshank is even more noisy and anxious than its ally when its breeding haunts are invaded by man, flying wildly about and calling loudly

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Dealing with Anxious Hens.

The most trying and difficult cases to deal with are those in which the hen begins to show an anxious desire to start nesting again when the first brood is only about a fortnight old. Fortunately the removal of the cock reduces the proportion of these cases, or, at least, that is my impression; but it does not remove them altogether. The best way to deal with such cases if the hens are noticed freshening early is to endeavour to keep them backward by giving a mild aperient in the water about every second night and changing it at breakfast time next morning to give cooling and fresh green food. A spray of young chickweed, a young leaf of lettuce gathered when about the size of a crown-piece, or a young tender tuft of the blooming heads of ground-sel, gathered fresh two or three times a day, will be much better for keeping the hen cool, and also for keeping her to the task of feeding, than a great bunch given once each day.

If none of these little items of management seem to succeed in keeping her back from nesting then there is nothing else to be done but to introduce the cock. But do not take this course until it is quite clear that the hen is bent on nesting and is going to lay, in all probability, whether the cock is returned or not.

What to do with the Young.

Of course, at this age the young cannot leave the nest, and will not do so in the most favourable circumstances for some days. Therefore a new nest box should be given which may be hung beside the old one, and when the cock is put in he must be carefully watched for a time to see how he is going to treat the young. He may possibly after a scrimmage with the hen settle down very quietly and begin to feed the young as well as if he had not been absent from them. Then if the hen also treats them kindly things will go smoothly. But the probability is that when a hen is very keen on nesting at this stage she has already begun to pluck the sprouting quills from the backs of the young, and is also bent on having the feathers that should clothe her young with which to make her second nest.

When this occurs and the cock seems none too kindly disposed towards them, it is about time for the fancier to look around for a pair of feeders to take to the brood. We have known a kind of wire dome to be placed over a brood in these circumstances, so that the parents could feed the young but not have full scope for their vices, and also the nest and young kept in a nursery hung on the cage front by day and returned to the proper position in the cage each night. But a pair of reliable feeders are by far the best, the easiest, and the safest way out of the difficulty.

Mating for Mules.

When one is about trying for Mules the first mating of the Finch is in nearly all cases the second brood of the season for the hen. The first brood is, or should be, one of pure Canaries, and on the principle of killing two birds with one stone it is always advisable for this mating to be with a related cock, so that the Mule-breeder, even whilst breeding a stock of Mules each year, may, at the same time, be slowly but surely improving his strain of hens and gradually perfecting them for breeding the coveted light Mules.

This will be a work of years, but the results are fairly well assured provided one sticks to his guns and perseveres with one good strain of hens. The fancier who fails and throws up Mule-breeding in disgust after years of unsuccessful attempts to breed a light specimen is he who fails to persevere with the same strain of hens. His disappointment after a few years' in-breeding gains the victory, and he throws them up and tries another strain, thus throwing away his former experience and beginning again practically from his original starting point.

But this is not the mating. The first brood of Canaries are, of course, reared by the hen alone, the cock having been removed as soon as she commenced to sit. Now as soon as the young are a few days old the Finch that is to be the second mate should be hung on the front of the cage if a single breeder, or placed in the second compartment with the wire slide in, if a double breeder is used, and then treated exactly as pointed out for introducing a cock Canary for the second round. But with the difference that in the case of a Finch the Canary should, if possible, remain alone until the young are out of the nest and ready to take the place of the cock either in the separate compartment of the breeder or the nursery cage, as the case may be.

Mating for Second Broods.

In cases where the cock has been taken away from the hen whilst the first brood was being hatched and reared, it very often becomes a difficult question for the young beginner to know when he may safely be returned to her in readiness for the second round. As the birds themselves vary so strikingly in individual temperament it is not an easy matter for anyone to suggest the best course for every particular case. To do so necessitates a certain amount of knowledge of the individual's characteristics, which is only to be gained by those having the personal management of the birds.

If the hen is a really good nurse and feeds well, and refrains from plucking, the best course in a general way is to allow her to remain alone with the young until they leave the nest and are quite safe enough to be shut off by themselves in the empty end of double-breeding cage, with the wire slide separating them from the hen, or, in the event of both ends of the breeder having hens with broods, or of single breeders being used, in a nursery cage hung on the front of the breeder. The hen will then continue to feed them through the wires when they call to her, and there is a fair chance of the cock also, if a kindly disposed one, following the hen's example when he is placed in the cage with her, and taking up a share of the feeding of the young.

True, this may be considered the ideal conditions, which do not turn up so often as the fancier would like to see them, any more than the ideal specimen as per standard requirements. To do this may seem needless waste of time to the beginner, who is all impatience to see another brood on the way, but in nearly every case it will be most economical in every way, besides assuring the safety of the first brood against maltreatment by either parent.

Of Prime Importance Now.

We have been tempted to enter so fully into these details just now because the importance of the subject is of the very greatest moment at this time when young birds will be leaving the nest in great numbers, and this is the most dangerous period of their lives for getting permanent injuries to the feet, and in all save perhaps a very small minority of cases which may be congenital, they are due to faulty and improper perches, and, therefore, are totally preventable. Do not have the perches placed too closely together for large varieties, and, above all, no matter what variety it may be, avoid having perches placed one above another in such a position that the birds have to hesitate and "take their measure," so to speak, before venturing on the jump, or the chances are that some day after indulging in a bit of horseplay and chasing each other about, one or more of the birds will suddenly cease its play and sit with one foot drawn up amongst its feathers. Such a bird should have particular notice taken of the condition of its claws for the next few days, as it is extremely likely to have one or more of its claws crippled and curled underneath the rest. As soon as this is noticed to be the case the bird should be caught and the toe gently massaged with warm olive oil, and then placed in its proper position, or as nearly so as circumstances will permit, and retained there by such appliances as we have already described.

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Seeds and their Uses.

Having been questioned on several occasions lately about the kinds of seeds for feeding cage birds, and the best times to use them to the best advantage, the present time may be opportune for devoting a few notes to the subject for the especial benefit of the novice and tyro in bird-keeping. These notes will be written from the purely practical point of view of the ordinary, everyday fancier who uses the seeds as a more or less staple portion of the food of his birds, and we will, therefore, utterly ignore all such technical points as chemical analysis and theoretical "feeding values." Doubtless many conclusions arrived at will not, or may not, appear "right according to Cocker" in the view of the skilled laboratory expert, but there will at least be the satisfaction of knowing that the conclusions have been the outcome of practical usage, and have stood the test of many years of constant use in the hands of thousands of fanciers of all grades of knowledge and experience.

Canary Seed.

This may well be given first place, as it is, if not actually the most important, certainly one of the most important items in the bird keeper's larder. It is often sub-divided into about half a dozen varieties, and there are not wanting experts who profess to distinguish one from another and to give the place of its origin, from an examination of its external appearances. As a matter of fact, for all practical purposes Canary seed, whether it be grown in Spain, South America, or our own sunless England, is—well, just Canary seed. Given a good, fair-sized, clean, bright and sweet-flavoured seed, free from dirt, mustiness, and badly ripened grains, that is all the fancier need look for. To him the place of its birth and growth is, or may be, of supreme indifference.

For all varieties of Canaries it should form a staple article of diet all the year round, and should form something like a third part to a half part of the total bulk of their food. For nearly all seed-eating birds it should form a tangible and regular portion of diet, whilst for most of the more exclusive seed-eating foreign birds it should form about one-half of the bulk, the other half consisting of millet.

White Millet.

As Canary is the backbone of the Canary-keeper's larder so is millet the most important item in the food supply of foreign seed-eaters. This also is sub-divided into several varieties, but in this case it is with greater reason that the division is made as the seed varies considerably, not only in size and colour, but in food value. The dari, so common in poultry and pigeon mixtures, is in reality a species of millet, whilst the Indian millet, which is perhaps the other extreme with which bird fanciers are familiar, is scarcely larger than rape seed. The only varieties we need mention here are white, red, Indian, and spray millet.

The white millet is by far the most commonly used, and is preferred by the birds. If given an unlimited supply of this seed many foreign birds will refuse to touch any other, and live and thrive, and rear their young solely upon it, so that although it is popularly supposed to be of poor feeding value, it must certainly meet the simple requirements of these birds. However that may be, a mixture of equal parts of this seed and Canary will form a very good staple food for the majority of seed-eating foreign birds, and this may be varied from time to time by adding red or Indian millet to the extent of a third part of the bulk. These varying mixtures—varied only by way of a change for the birds—should form the staple all-the-year-round diet of the birds mentioned.

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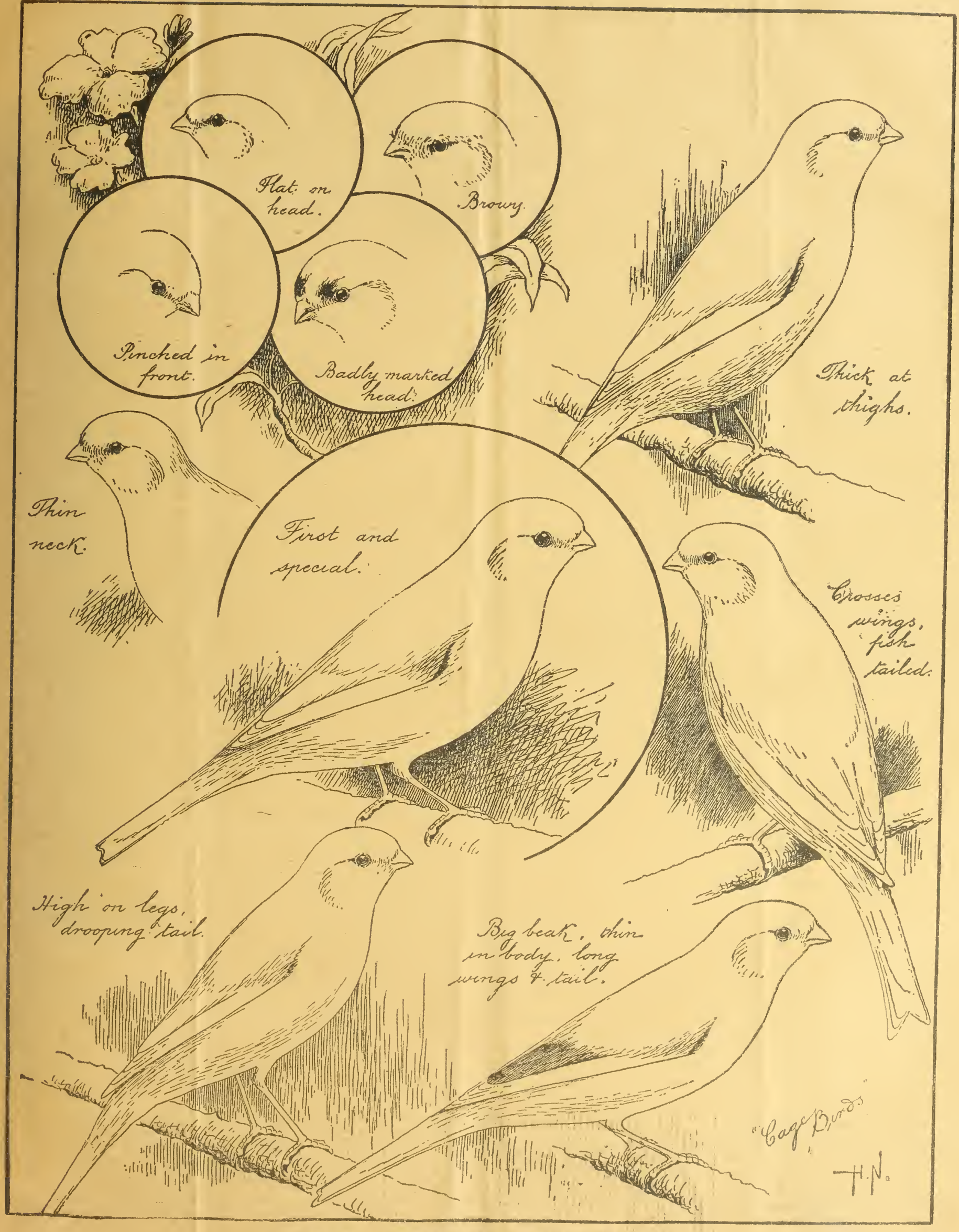


CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 7.—THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY: ITS EXHIBITION POINTS AND FAILINGS.

(Notes on this Drawing by Mr. C. A. House will be found on page 473.)

Mule and Hybrid Breeding.

By J. W. DICKSON (Newcastle-on-Tyne.)

(*Concluded from page 443.*)

This is the Essay awarded FIRST PRIZE in "Cage Birds" Competition in Section Three. Readers should note the announcement concerning this Competition which appears on page 475 this week.

Domestic Duties.

When the hen has gone to nest and laid her third egg part the Goldie from her altogether; he seldom feeds either hen or young, but is more likely to molest and worry her. The Linnet and Greenfinch are often just the opposite, and very attentive to the hens if left with them. The best results, however, are obtained when the hen is allowed to rear the young by herself. The young will appear in good time, and require to be treated the same as young Canaries, although they seem to take more feeding and grow much more quickly. As a rule they leave the nest at about three weeks, and should be weaned on to plain Canary seed by the time they are six weeks old. A little hemp and teazle occasionally ought to keep them in good condition until they moult, when, if you intend to show, you must colour-feed either Mules or Hybrids if you want to stand any chance of getting a "card."

About Goldfinches.

If breeding Dark Goldfinch Mules, the best kind of Finch to use is the Siberian, as rich coloured and as large as possible, with a good blaze. You must not expect to get good Mules from small dull-coloured Finches—here, as in other respects, class will tell, and you will find that the faults in your Finch will appear in the young much easier than the good points which you are trying to obtain. The Siberian and Russian Finches (the former is the larger bird) will require treating in precisely the same manner as your British Goldie, with the exception that they should not have quite as large proportion of hemp for their daily food. Sunflower seed may be given in moderation, say, every other day, and is a very valuable adjunct to their diet if the shells are lightly cracked to enable them to get at the kernel within.

A good deal of discussion seems to go on among devotees of the hobby about the superior qualities of the Cheveral, Peafhroat or Pied Finches, an dthe increased possibility of breeding light or clear mules by using a Goldfinch possessed of one or the other of these peculiar markings. The Cheveral is distinguished by a white band dividing the blaze under the lower mandible into two portions, and the Peathroat by a white spot under the beak about the size of a grain of hemp seed. It is now generally understood that none of these characteristics have any influence in producing the coveted object, and the same may be said of Albino or Pied Finches of any species, the peculiar colouration being a freak of nature, which is not reproduced in the young even when breeding with a pair of abnormal coloured birds.

If you have the right strain of Canary hens to work with you may look for the same proportions of light Mules from your Black-legged Finch as you will be likely to get by using either a thrice house-moulted, or Cheveral, or Peathroat Finch. Of course, there is an advantage to be obtained by using a house-moulted bird for Mule breeding, but it is not in the light feather producing direction, but because they come into breeding condition sooner than the wild Black-legged Finch, who has naturally been somewhat hampered with the change of diet when brought into confinement.

The Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid.

The Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid will be acknowledged by all to be one of the triumphs of the art. This cross it was for for many years thought to be impossible to produce. All doubt is set at rest, however, and one may see this rare and beautiful Hybrid at almost any show of note.

We have not any authentic case of the Bullfinch-Canary having been bred; that is, the father of the Mules being a Bullfinch cock. Many fanciers try their luck each season with this cross and up to the present time, I believe I am correct in saying that all these attempts have been failures, though I must confess that I see no reason why it should not be accomplished.

When breeding with a hen Finch a large roomy cage or aviary is desirable, although we do hear occasionally of breeders being successful who have had their Hybrid pair up in an "ordinary two-compartment breeding cage," the slide in the middle having been withdrawn and so letting them have possession of the full length of the cage. See that the perches are low down, as Bullie hens in particular will often build a fair nest, but will not lay therein—the majority of them seem to drop their eggs from the perch. On this account it is advisable to have a thick layer of sawdust and bran mixed, or fine chaff quite an inch and a half deep all over the bottom of the cage.

What to Aim at.

The Canary cock which you intend to run with the Bully hen should be a large yellow green, nice and cobby and without any light ticks or feathers. What you want to aim at is to breed a nice dark well-marked Hybrid showing the parentage of both species distinctly and free from any light splashes or uneven ticks which, if present, will spoil the appearance of the Hybrid. I think you will agree with this.

This cross is generally nicely pencilled on the back and should show the marking of the Bullfinch distinctly on the head.

The Greenfinch-Bullfinch is another very fine combination of types and sometimes resembles the Canary-Bullie cross very strikingly. In this case a good way to distinguish between the two is by the absence of pencilling on the back of the former.

Some Difficult but Popular Crosses.

The Redpoll-Bullfinch is considered by many to be one of the most difficult crosses to produce and for a long time it was thought to be an impossible one. It has been bred, however, during the past year and it appeared at one or two of the shows.

The Goldie-Bullie is another popular Hybrid, and many will be trying for this cross next season, inspired perhaps by the stormer (said to have been bred from foreign Finches), which has made its appearance and has won in such grand style for one of the most prominent fanciers this past season or two.

The Linnet-Bullie is another very beautiful cross; the breast colours of the parents often seem to be put to shame beside the delicate tint on the waistcoat of their young Hybrid.

Bullie and Greenie Hens as Feeders.

The Bullfinch hen, although she will often sit, seldom rears her young successfully in confinement and on this account the fancier ought always to have a fair number of feeding hens for testing the eggs as they are laid. On the other hand the Greenfinch hen is often a splendid feeder and will make some Canary hens blush, though I think they have a tendency to give the young too much hard seed from the crop before it has had time to turn milky, and this mode of feeding sometimes upsets the stomach of the chicks when they are very small.

On this account they should have a watchful eye kept upon their style of feeding. Supply your Bullie hens with young shoots off fruit trees bearing buds; shoots of rose tree, if covered with green fly or blight, are always acceptable, the insects being a valuable diet for the young of all the Finches, helping, as it does, to make their rearing in confinement a success.

Many delightful Hybrids may be produced, such as Linnet-Greenfinch, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, Goldfinch-Siskin, Redpoll-Siskin, Siskin-Linnet, Greenfinch-Linnet, etc.; and when writing or speaking of any of these crosses the female parent is always mentioned last.

You may try for many of these crosses and if not successful at first it is no use your throwing up the sponge. One good Hybrid is a good season's work if it turns out to be a first-class show specimen.

Essentials to Success.

In your Hybrids as well as your Mules you must always aim at size. If you can get foreign Finches you stand a better chance of getting large birds, as some of the foreigners at any rate are much larger than our native Finches of the same species.

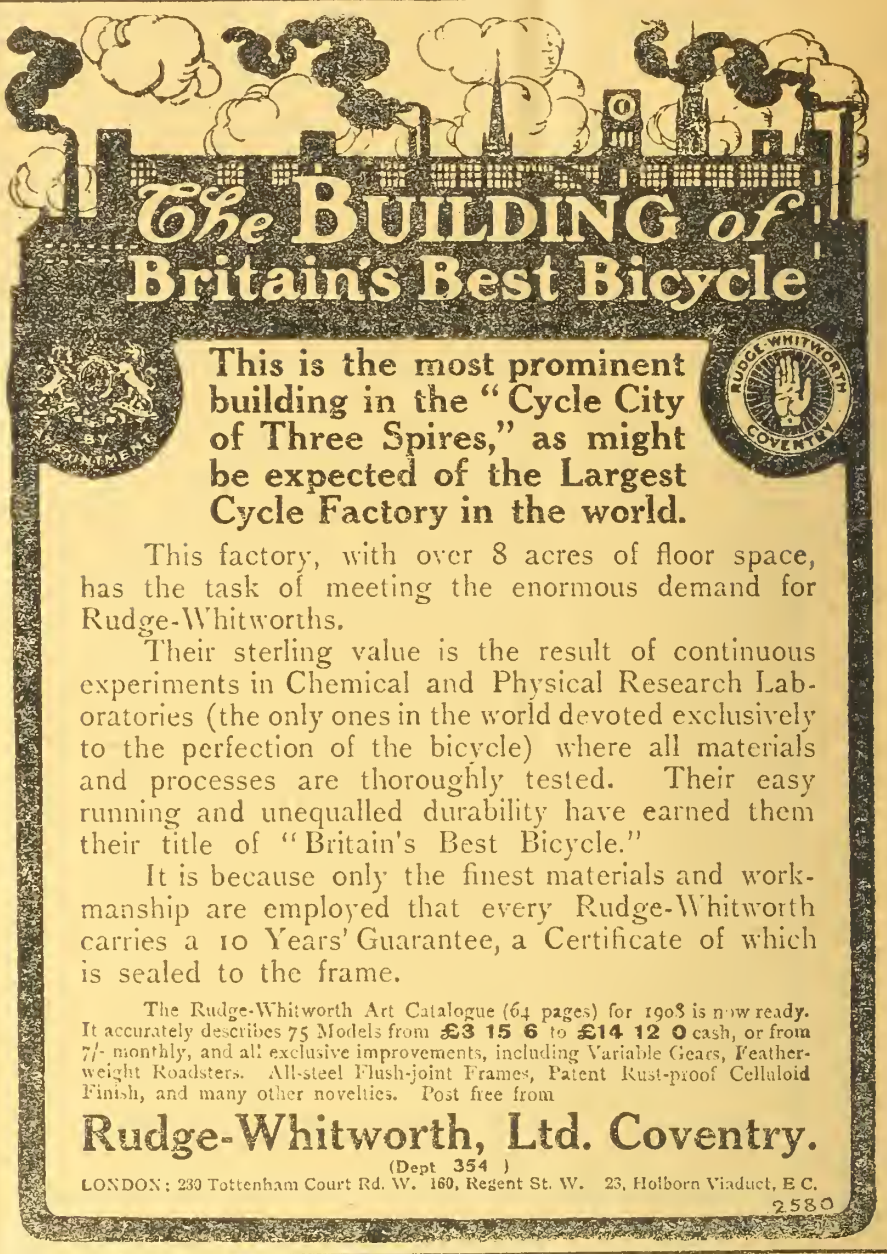
See that your hen Finches have a good stock of nesting material always hanging near them, and try and get it as near as possible like that they use naturally when breeding in a wild state. A good way to study this is by going to the local museum and studying the nests of the birds you are attempting to breed with.

Favoured Homes.

In an aviary a few old Thrushes' or Blackbirds' nests stuck about are often quickly tenanted and lined in a surprisingly short time. The old-fashioned, wooden nest-box, screened with twigs and branches, is also a favourite site.

The Chaffinch-Canary and Canary-Chaffinch crosses have been repeatedly tried without success; the only occasion when the Chaffinch will cross successfully is when paired to a Bramblefinch hen, or the Bramblefinch cock paired to a Chaffinch hen. This is a cross which must be tried for in an aviary.

In conclusion I may say that Hybrid-breeders never had a better chance of success than they have at the present day, as by subscribing to and reading the premier journal, CAGE BIRDS, week by week, they increase their knowledge from a reliable source, and can thus obtain from experts who have made this hobby their life-long study, the necessary advice for the successful keeping and breeding in either cage or aviary of all the species of birds which have been proved suitable subjects for confinement.



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And with a voice so loud and strong,
Pours forth to Heaven his thrilling song.

I listened to his early hymn,
While yet the dawning light was dim,
And bent my head for very shame
That from my heart no music came.

Oh shame! to let a little bird
Thus get the start and first be heard!
Come, then, and let us tune our throats,
And join its song with grateful notes.

—Sent by Gladys High (aged 9), 48, Church Road, Leyton, Essex.

A Strange Nesting Place.

The Wagtail usually builds its nest in a shrubbery; but not long ago one adventurous pair built theirs on a small piece of framework underneath a third-class smoking carriage. Four young birds were hatched and reared under these exceptional circumstances.—Sent by H. South (aged 13), 43, Bedford Road, Ilford, Essex.

**The Sprightly Little Robin.

It is said that when the Robin perches high, it is a sign of fine weather. The sprightly manner, full dark eye, and sidelong turn of the head in this bird give it an air of sagacity and inquisitiveness, which together with its confidence has gained its friends. The nest is frequently placed on a bank, in a hole of a wall, or by roots of trees, and in concealed places. If the nest is not hidden by the foliage the birds contrive an artificial covering of dry leaves; and when the female leaves her eggs, she sometimes covers them in the same manner so that the strewing of leaves, mentioned in the old ballad of "The Babes in the Wood," is true to the habits of the Robin.—Sent by John Stewart (aged 13), 55, Princess Street, Nelson, Lancashire.

*Our Knowing Canary.

I have a Canary which was the wildest bird I have ever seen; but in a few months it became very tame and friendly, and now we always keep its cage door open. It knows us all and will always tell us if it has been neglected in any way. If it wants water it will fly on my head and then to the jug or basin; if seed, it will fly to the seed box. It knows where everything belonging to it is kept. —Sent by E. Miller (aged 12), 1, Waverley Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

Canaries : Their Management & Exhibition.

By J. B. WATERMAN (Dulwich).

(Concluded from page 438.)

This is the Essay awarded FIRST PRIZE in "Cage Birds" Competition in Section One. Readers should note the announcement concerning this Competition which appears on page 475 this week.

The Period of Incubation.

When the nest is complete, look out for eggs. As these are laid, they should be taken away and placed on a little bran in a box, returning them on the evening the third is deposited. Prior to putting the eggs back the nest should be given a good dusting of some powerful insect powder. As each egg is removed, it should be replaced by a dummy, these eggs being, of course, taken out of the nest when the "simon pures" are returned.

The period of incubation is usually fourteen days, but if the weather be warm, and the hen has sat closely, young birds may be expected in thirteen days. While the hen is sitting, give only the best Spanish Canary seed, as this treatment sometimes prevents the hen going to nest again too soon after hatching her brood. If no chicks are out on the thirteenth day (they will soon let you know if they are about by their "cheep, cheep"), give the old birds overnight a supply of egg-food and hemp seed, so that they may commence feeding their family (if any) at break of day; for birds are very early risers.

The hemp seed should be given whole, as this keeps the hen longer off the nest, and reduces the risk of sweating to a minimum. Give no green food whatever till the young birds are three days old, when a small supply may be offered with, of course, egg-food, three times a day, and a good supply of hemp, Canary, and rape.

Attending the Young.

At a month old the young birds may be safely removed to do for themselves, and they should be given a supply of egg-food and a little hemp and Canary (crushed). The quantity of soft food should be gradually reduced as the youngsters grow older, and they should be on hard seed by the time they are from six to seven weeks old, dispensing altogether with egg-food.

Birds are liable at this age to be attacked by stomach troubles, when they become puffed out like a ball of wood; if this occurs they should be taken off hard seed and put on a diet of bread and milk until better, when seed can again be resumed.

Some fanciers object to giving young birds water to drink, but I think it is cruel to keep them without it. I always give my young birds water, but I put into each drinkerful ten drops of Fellows' Syrup of Hypophosphites, and instead of my birds getting inflammation they have always grown rapidly and vigorously. This little "tip" about the syrup was given me by one of the most successful Yorkshire breeders and I can recommend it with every confidence.

If exhibition stock is being bred, Canary marking-rings should be used. These can be affixed to the bird's legs as soon as they are taken from their parent. The rings are numbered consecutively and each number should be carefully entered in a pedigree book (such as the stock-book, which may be obtained from the office of CAGE BIRDS) together with the description of the birds bred from. By this means it is always easy to trace exactly how the birds are bred.

Preparing Exhibition Birds.

At eight weeks old the best and most promising-looking of the youngsters should be placed separately in a nice roomy cage to be moulted and colour-fed. This latter should at first be given weak every day, gradually increasing the strength as the moult proceeds, till nearly the end, when the strength can be again reduced; and when a nice even colour has been procured, the colour-food can be discontinued altogether. It is advisable, however, if the birds are shown much, to give a teaspoonful of the food occasionally, as they are liable to lose a flight or tail feather in transit.

While on colour-food the birds would, of course, have a good supply of their ordinary seed, the owner, not forgetting a liberal quantity of linseed, and the aforementioned gold of pleasure, as these will put a nice sheen and finishing touch on the plumage.

The birds must also have access to plenty of clean water, a bath being hung on the outside of the cage on every bright morning. Never allow birds to bathe after mid-day, as they do not then get sufficiently dry before roosting time.

Birds will not require to be hand-washed till after the first few shows, and all information as to this very delicate operation will be found clearly described in "House's Canary Manual." The birds should occasionally be run into show cages for an hour or so, and if they are spoken to kindly and coaxed perserveringly, they will not be attacked with "stage fright" when being handled by judges at the shows.

Some Show Matters.

Before sending the birds to an exhibition, let the show cages be spotlessly clean with the bottoms nicely covered with Canary Seed. Pack the birds carefully in boxes or hampers, and not in brown or other paper, as this gives the show officials an enormous amount of extra work and sometimes these flimsy wrappers cannot be found at the end of the show, and then there is nothing in which to wrap up the birds for the return journey.

Also never forget to send water-tins, care being taken that these do not leak, as if they do the bird is likely to be without water for many hours. I have known water-tins sent completely riddled with holes, and new pots are not always available on the spur of the moment. Fanciers will see the importance of this point. Always send exhibits off early, so as to ensure their arrival at the show in good time, as nothing is more annoying than to see one's cage bearing the card, "too late for competition," especially after the expenditure of much time and trouble in getting the birds into the "pink."

If the birds fail to receive judicial notice at the first exhibition, they are sent to never lose heart or think ill of the judge, but make up your mind to try and do better next time, and if exhibiting is done in this happy spirit the coveted "First and Special" is sure to be gained in the end. When this is achieved attention can be directed to some of the valuable cups and kindred trophies given by the specialist societies, and should success attend your efforts here the highest ambition of a Fancier will have been reached. Never sit down and say, I shall never win this, that, or the other. Many of the men who are famous in the Fancy to-day commenced in a very humble way, and this fact should act as an incentive to the beginner to go and do likewise.

To revert for a moment to the bird-room: care must be taken, especially during the breeding and moulting seasons, to rigidly keep down the red mite, for once that scourge gets the upper hand—good-bye to success.

The cages should be washed thoroughly in warm water (not boiling, as this causes the wood to warp) into which some carbolic fluid has been put. When they are dry, the following lotion should be well rubbed into the crevices with a small brush:—Equal parts spirits of wine and turpentine, into which a piece of camphor and soda the size of a walnut has been dissolved. This will quickly give all vermin its quietus.

The Moulting Period.

Never let the birds go to nest after the beginning of July, as they will then have ample time in which to recuperate in readiness for the moult. This trying ordeal commences with the old birds towards the end of July and continues till September and sometimes longer if the birds are a bit below par. If the birds are intended for exhibition they will, of course, have to be colour-fed in the same way as the young ones, a start being made with the food before the birds commence to drop any feathers, so as to get it well into the blood before the new plumage commences to grow.

The birds during this period must be kept very quiet, and the food should be of a nourishing character. They should also have a liberal supply of nasturtium flowers, as these are not only an excellent tonic, but are full of colouring matter which is easily assimilated by the birds.

The bath must also be given frequently, a few quassia chips being previously immersed in the water. When they are well on with the moult, a small piece of carrot can be offered as this will tighten up the feathers. Should the sun be very powerful, the direct rays must be kept from the birds by a curtain, but I am no believer in the system of placing the birds in semi-darkness adopted by some fanciers, as I think plenty of good, fresh air is most essential to the birds' welfare at this trying period.

Help from Societies.

Should the moult be successfully got through the birds will be ready for the show bench, and the same rules will apply to them as to the young stock aforementioned. It is advisable that the beginner should join a local cage bird society, and also the specialist club, which caters for the particular variety of bird he has taken up with. He can then attend the lectures and demonstrations provided from time to time, which will be found very instructive and useful; in addition he will be able to take an occasional "feeler" with his birds in the members' classes at his club's shows, with a view to the open exhibitions.

I have perhaps dealt with this subject a little more exhaustively than I originally intended, but I think that, if the instructions I have endeavoured to give are carefully followed out, and with the assistance of CAGE BIRDS every week, the beginner will soon find himself making his mark on the show bench.

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Do Birds Reason?

The flocks of Starlings, odd parties of Wagtails and Pipits which frequent the sheep folds, will allow the shepherd to get quite close to them, in many cases simply hopping out of his way; but if a stranger to the fold happens to go with him in his daily round the birds act quite differently. They evidently know the difference, and are at once suspicious, and will keep well away from both of them. The same thing can be seen when Rooks and Gulls are following the plough. Although it is doubtful if birds can count, they see some difference in the objects before them, and are consequently nervous about getting too close. I have heard a farmer remark that he firmly believed the Rooks on his farm knew when Sunday came round, as he could get very near them on that day. The shot gun was left at home in the rack.

The Number of Eggs Birds Lay.

As far as we know there appears to be no definite law why some species lay more eggs than others. Take, for instance, two of our larger birds of the woodlands and common—the Jay and the Nightjar. The former bird will lay from five to seven eggs in a clutch, and the latter two eggs only, which appear to be sufficient to keep up the race of Nightjars. The larger clutch is no more than enough to prevent the Jay from becoming extinct. Both birds are subject to considerable persecution, and it is doubtful whether, if both species were left entirely to themselves, either would increase much faster than the other. We can only presume that the number of each species is just sufficient to keep up the correct balance of nature, although man has so interfered with bird life that it has enabled some species to considerably overrun their allotted numbers; others (mostly birds of prey) have been reduced much lower than Nature designed. For this interference we are plagued with too many of some of the less desirable birds.

To Protect Wildfowling.

We have received a booklet containing the rules of "The Wildfowlers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland." The objects of the association are, among others, "To uphold and protect the rights of wild-fowlers of all classes; to suppress jealous shooting, to encourage an interest in wildfowl ornithology, and to assist students of the subject." We also notice with pleasure that "attempts will be made to beneficially regulate the close and open seasons for wildfowl." This will naturally be of great benefit to the members of the association, for without proper protection in the way of a close season during nesting the number of wildfowl would soon become considerably less, but it will also allow strange fowl the opportunity to settle, at least for a period, upon the marshes and seashore without being at once bagged by the indiscriminate shooter. The members of the association will no doubt jealously guard their rights, suppress poaching and poachers, and so prevent the loafer from destroying everything living that comes within range.

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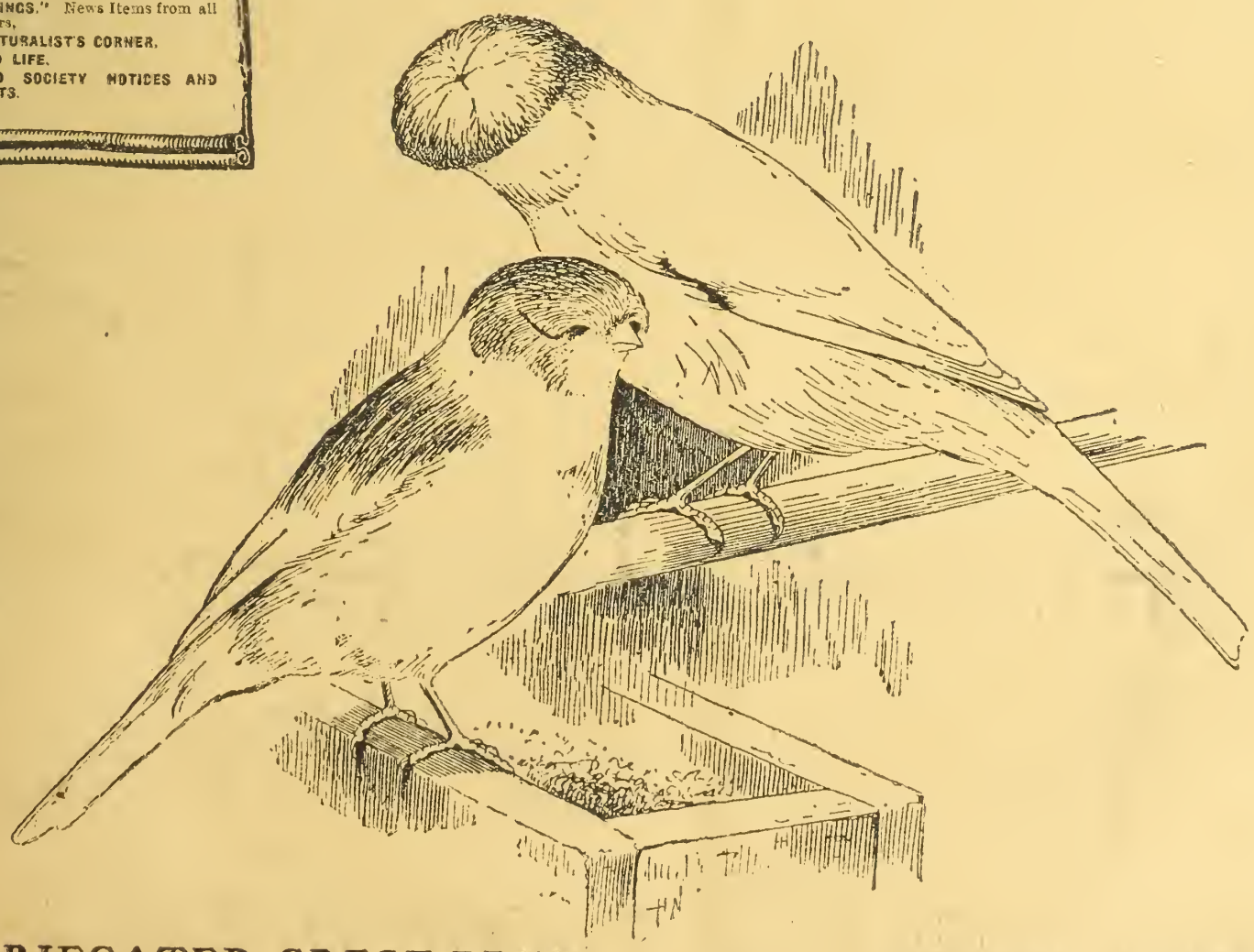

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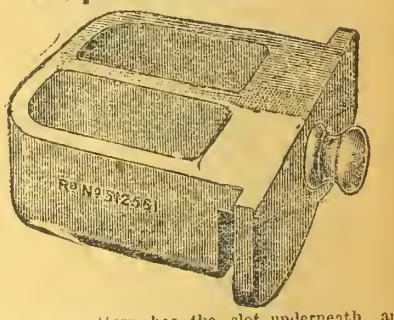

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SINGING CONTESTS.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contests held at Prince Albert Inn. On May 16th sixteen birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jackson and Jennings. Result (for quality only): 1st, Sissons; 2nd, Atkinson; 3rd, Binner. On May 17th 21 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Allen and Jennings. Timekeeper, Mr. B. Jackson. Result: 1st and 2nd divided between Sissons and Sellers; 3rd, Binner.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON.

An open contest for time singing was held at the Alexandria Inn, on May 16. Results: 1, Fairhurst; 2, Hoyes; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Clegg; and 5, Fearnley. A contest (open to all England) for time singing will be held at the Alexandra Inn on May 30th; 1s. per bird, commencing at 2.30 sharp; 10s. added to stake.—J. Mather, Sec.—Advt.

PENTONVILLE.

During the week Linnet and Chaffinch handicaps have been held at the Bee Hive, Cynthia Street, Pentonville Road. Fanciers came from all parts, "Dave" and Morrison providing the winning birds. "Free Handicap" for Linnets and Chaffinches (prizes two handsome marble clocks) is now open. Names taken over the bar. For dates see Cage Birds.—F. Westmore, timekeeper.—Advt.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest held at Crown Inn, North Street, when twenty birds sang. Result: 1st, Ashcroft; 2nd, Firth; 3rd, Watson; 4th, Horwell; and 5th, Oxberry. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Firth.—J. W. Smith, Secretary.

Usual weekly contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, on May 16th, when twenty-four birds faced judge, Mr. J. Paver. Result: 1, Key; 2, Whitehead; 3, Spence; 4, Ross; 5, Evans. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert.—Wm. Empson.

ASTLEY.

Open contest held at Ross Arms, Astley, near Manchester, on May 16th, when 13 birds competed for six prizes (three for time singing and three for quality). Result for time: 1, 2, Jones; 3, Milligan. For quality: 1, Milligan; 2, O'Neil; 3, Barnes. Messrs. Fearnley and Milligan were judges for time, and Mr. Barnes for quality. Mr. J. Hayes, timekeeper. Another open contest will take place on May 30th at Millstone Hotel, Wigan Lane, when we are hoping to get a good entry from all parts.—J. W. Jones, 11, Cotton Street, Leigh.

SHEFFIELD.

Usual Linnet singing contest held at Don Inn, Dunlop-street, Carbrook, on May 1st. There was a large attendance, and 15 competitors. Results: 1st and 2nd, Harry, 66 and 56 respectively; 3rd, Booker, 45. Timekeepers, Messrs. F. Watson and G. Preen.—H. Timms, Sec.

At the old bird house, New Inn, Duke-street, Park, on May 17th, 38 birds were hung for three-minutes' singing. Prize-winners: 1st, Fowlestone, 67; 2nd, Knight, 64; 3rd, Robinson, 62. Timekeepers, Messrs. Spottiswoode and Torry.—J. Wragg, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contests held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on May 16th, when 23 birds sang, including birds from Great Harwood and Blackburn. 1st, Bentley; 2nd, Biss; 3rd, shared between Topping and Galley. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Chadwick. Also on May 17th, when 38 birds sang in heats. The Lancashire birds sang again. 1st, Bentley; 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Hardcastle; 4th, shared between Wigfield and Clegg. Judges, Messrs. Hinson, Crane, and Mawson.—T. Summers, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Linnet S.A. held their members' annual singing contest at club headquarters, Old Red Lion, Smig Brook, on May 9th, when 25 birds competed for seven prizes. 1st, Rostron; 2nd, Dobson; 3rd, W. B. Bentley; 4th, D. Bentley; 5th, Fender; 6th, Marsden; and 7th, Hayhurst. We hope all Linnet fanciers will not forget the great All-England singing contest on June 6th.—R. Hayhurst, Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet Contest, held at Burton Hall, Gilesgate, on May 16, when 62 birds were entered for the five prizes given. This is the largest entry ever known in the county. Most of the champions were present:—1, 2, Fuller (Sacriston); 3, Mills; 4, Brady (Brandon); 5, Marchant. Book-keeper, Mr. W. Fairless; timekeeper, Mr. J. Stout. Judge, Mr. Geo. Reed (Brandon).

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CLUB REPORTS.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held at Swan and Peacock Hotel on May 12th. A good number of Fanciers were present to hear Mr. Turpin's lecture on the Roller Canary. This was listened to with great interest, and the discussion that followed will, no doubt, prove a great help to many of the Roller Fanciers present. The meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Turpin.—F. Howes.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held in Joiners' Hall, on May 14th, a fair attendance of members being present. Mr. Burnett gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Colour Feeding and the Rearing of of Young Canaries and Mules, etc.," which was very closely followed. A few questions were asked, and were answered to the satisfaction of everyone present. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Burnett brought a very interesting meeting to a close.—J. Henderson, Secretary.

W. OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. & F.B.A.

Usual monthly meeting held on May 2nd in the Templars' Hall, Ingram Street, Glasgow, Mr. T. A. Boyd (President) in the chair. It was agreed to have a first feather show on the first Saturday in July, the judges to be appointed at the next meeting. The ramble has been postponed till a later date, owing to the former date being booked by another party. Intending new members should enrol now to enable them to compete for the medals, etc., at the first feather show. The secretary will supply all information on receipt of a post-card.—Geo. Smart, Secretary, Carmyle, Glasgow.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A special meeting was held on 15th May. The chair was taken by Mr. T. G. Hunt. Two new members were enrolled, and the rules of the society were finally decided on. I hope to have manual ready within the next fortnight or so. Members please note. The following officers were elected:—Vice-chairman, Mr. J. T. Hammond; auditors, Messrs. H. Priseman and H. Cole; and Mr. J. E. Mitchell was elected on committee. Our shows will be held as follows: Young stock, early in July (date to be announced later); judge, Mr. C. A. House. Annual show, November 14th; judge, Mr. J. Robson. Our chairman, Mr. T. G. Hunt, has kindly promised to present the society with a cup to be won by the bird with most points at the above shows.—H. W. Cook, Secretary.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

At monthly meeting held April 23rd at Oldham Hall, Renshaw-street, Liverpool, Mr. Metcalfe presiding, a long discussion took place on the advisability of having a rule book to carry in pocket, which might also do as a pence-card. The secretary was instructed to get together all rules, etc., that had been passed since the rules were last printed and place them before the next meeting, when the matter will be further gone into. It was also decided that as the cost of summoning the members for certain special meetings was so great, in future all members, and the business to be brought forward, be put through the Fancy Press. Will members please make a note of this. The next meeting will be held on May 28th at Oldham Hall at 8 o'clock. The business will be the selection of judge and schedule for young show, the resignation of chairman, and other important matters. If any member wishes to give a special for young show, or to bring forward anything in connection with the show, or other business, and is not able to attend the meeting, will he communicate with the secretary. Letters will have every attention.—S. Hadwin, Sec.

PENZANCE AND DISTRICT F.A.

The annual meeting was held at the Rechabite Hall on May 13th. The balance-sheet showed receipts of £79 15s. 10d. (including a balance from last year of £2 13s. 10d.), and an expenditure of £73 4s. 10d., leaving a balance in hand of £6 11s. 10d. The following elections took place:—Chairman, Mr. W. J. Kelynack; vice-chairman, Mr. Ernest Michell; hon. treasurer, Mr. Geo. H. Hall; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Pearce Sampson, 4, Parade Street, Penzance; hon. auditor, Mr. T. H. L. Perry; Cage Bird Committee, Messrs. W. C. Bodinnar, D. Williams, A. Taylor, W. H. Batten, F. Richards, J. H. Bounden, J. Carne, R. Gendall, and S. O. Watkins; President, P. T. Chirgwin, Esq.; vice-presidents, The Mayor (A. K. Barnett, Esq.), Sir Clifford J. Coty, Bart., M.P., Alderman J. H. Tonking, Councillors J. Fuzzy and J. V. Thomas, Col. Cornish, Major Harvey, D.S.O., and Messrs. W. H. Coulson, D. Howell, E. A. Saunders, J. P. Milton, S. G. Bazeley, C. E. Venning, W. Badgery, jun., E. Hall, and W. Colenso, jun. The tenth show will be held on November 27th at the Central Hall. Mr. J. North (Reading) was appointed cage bird judge. The cage bird circular of "Alteration of Rules" was approved of. The election of new members (open membership) closed the meeting.—J. Pearce Sampson, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting held May 7th, when Mr. Currah presided. The schedule for annual show was drawn up. It was decided to add extra classes (over last year) to almost all sections. In the Norwich section two classes were added for natural-coloured birds. It was arranged to have four classes for pairs for breeding purposes, viz., Norwich, Crests, Yorkshires, and Borders, as the members thought it was hardly fair for all varieties to compete in one class. A class was added to the Cinnamon and the British Finch sections for novices (open). In the Yorkshire section Mr. Crawhall, who is always to the fore, guaranteed four classes for cinnamon marks. In the event of receiving the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary clubs we will have about 20 classes for Yorkshires. The arranging of the Border fancy classes was left with the committee pending answers from Border Fancy clubs. Another class was added to the Foreign bird section, making four classes. As a considerable amount of trouble arises in members' classes through cocks being shown in hen classes, it was decided to strike out all the hen classes. The novice members' classes will be the same as last year. The following were elected members:—Messrs. J. Wood, W. Prior, Curry, Bell, Caisby, T. Anderson, C. Rowley, T. Tomlinson, W. T. Turner, and M. Atkinson. After the business, the novices were given the opportunity of asking questions. The question of hens not feeding their young caused a deal of discussion. Mr. Currah said that up till the present he had been most fortunate, not having lost a young one. He attributed this to using Spratt's puppy (dog) biscuits in place of bread, or other biscuits, with his egg food. Mr. Macdonald stated that he was having a lively time, as his hens would not feed a bit; he had managed to save a good few by hand feeding. A member asked for a cure for moving diarrhœa. The following remedies were recommended: milk sop and maw seed, lime water, charcoal, chalk, and cold tea.—Curry and Hutchinson, Secs.

PAISLEY AND DIS. O.S.

A general meeting was held at 2, St. James-street, on May 15th, Mr. Wm. Urquhart presiding. The chief item was the consideration of the balance-sheet for 1907. After a little discussion it was passed. Office-bearers in connection with our next show were elected. The prize list was approved of. After due consideration we altered the date of our show to the 10th October. Fanciers please note the alteration.—John Kelly, Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held on May 11th at headquarters, All Saints' Schoolroom. The chair was occupied by Mr. T. Wright. There were about 20 members present. It was decided that our membership radius be extended to 15 miles of the City of York. The chairman had 40 questions all bearing on birdie matters. These he placed in a hat. Each member was asked to draw out two questions, and give an answer to each of them. This caused a lot of discussion, which was most instructive and interesting to both old and young fanciers. The meeting was one of the best we have had this year.—A. Wand, Hon. Sec.

BELGRAVE & DISTRICT F. & F.S.

A very interesting and instructive lecture was given by Mr. W. Shepherd at our meeting held on May 12th, entitled "From the Nestbox to the Show Bench." Mr. Shepherd dealt ably with the pairing of birds and with the method of dealing with the parent birds until the commencement of the young birds' exhibition life, and was at great pains in explaining everything connected with this period. The novice could quite understand and grasp every point, so explicit was the lecturer. At the close he was inundated with questions, and answered each and all in the most concise manner. The lecture was greatly enjoyed, and there was a good attendance. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Shepherd brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—W. H. Riley, Secretary.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Meeting held at Chapel-street Congregational Hall on May 11th, when a creditable number of members attended. Mr. W. A. Bladon, of Manchester, gave a very interesting lecture on the Cinnamon Canary, dealing very ably with the breeding and showing of same. The lecturer brought with him a few plates of the cinnamon, which included one of his birds, which won at the Palace of 1898, and which was selected as a model by the Cinnamon Canary Club. At the close of his lecture, Mr. Bladon had a good number of questions put to him, which he handled in a masterly way. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bladon brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. We are having a country ramble on May the 30th, and fanciers are invited to accompany us. New members may join at our next meeting, and will be in time to show at our first feather show on June 27th.—W. Jackson, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHALL F.S.

Annual meeting held on May 13th, Mr. J. W. Smales presiding. The balance-sheet was adopted. It showed an income of £112 5s. 9d., and balance to the good of 4s. 1d. Mr. A. W. Dance proposed, and Mr. B. Butler seconded, "That all sections, except poultry, be dropped." A good deal of discussion for and against ensued, and on a vote being taken, the resolution was lost. Mr. R. W. Baxter was again elected president, and the following were elected vice-presidents:—Dr. Sinagar and Messrs. G. Gosney, W. J. Smales, B. Butler, B. G. and P. Hanson, H. J. Norman, Reginald Brown, and E. L. Stroud, and the Rev. F. Roberts; hon. auctioneer, B. G. Hanson; chairman, J. R. Higgins; treasurer, W. Carter; hon. sec., A. Smith, Featherstone-road Schools, Southall; committee, J. Timberlake, A. and H. Allwork, E. J. Lingwood, G. Brant, A. E. Argyle, T. Hocken, and F. J. Brooks. The Chairman then handed the silver cup to Mrs. Higgins, who had made most points at the monthly shows during the year. It was decided to hold monthly shows the second Wednesday in each month, cups to be given to the member making most points with any one variety during the season. Fanciers wishing to join the society should apply to the hon. sec.—A. Smith.

HAYLE AND DISTRICT F.A.

A meeting was held at the Institute on May 11th, Mr. Roskron presiding over a good attendance. It was decided to hold a First Feather Show and Judging Competition on the morning of August 3rd, and Mr. Sherman, sen. (Redruth) was asked to judge. The members reported on the first round of breeding, which had proved a failure generally. Mr. Kemp was the most successful, with nine pairs and twenty-three young ones. Mr. Oatey, sen., came next with sixteen youngsters. All Mr. Kemp's young birds were on the sticks. Mr. Sherman, sen., gave a washing exhibition, and read a paper on preparing birds for the show bench. In his remarks Mr. Sherman said it always gave him great pleasure to come amongst such a jovial lot of fanciers. He had during the afternoon visited some of their bird rooms, and he wished to congratulate the members on the stock he had seen, especially the Yorkshires. Whilst the members had made rapid strides in the quality of the birds (and he thought some would be found amongst the winners during the coming show season), he would ask the novice to pay attention to the washing, for unless a bird was staged well it stood a poor chance of winning to-day in keen competition, and many a good bird had been passed on account of its condition. Mr. Sherman then washed three birds, great interest being taken in the process by the younger members. Mr. Cock, cage bird sec., in moving a vote of thanks, said they were pleased to have Messrs. Sherman, sen., and jun., with them that evening, and he hoped that at no distant date they would have them again. Mr. Sherman, in reply, said if he had done or said anything to benefit any member it more than repaid him; when convenient he should be pleased to come again.—W. Paull, Hon. Sec.

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MARKINCH O.S.

A committee meeting was held recently, and after a discussion it was agreed to have three judges for the cage bird section of our show to be held on November 7th, instead of two, as formerly. The following judges were elected, and have accepted the invitation to judge:—Messrs. W. D. Hogg (Oakley), for Scotch Fancies; John Adams (Dundee), for Border Fancies and Norwich; and George Marlin (Hamilton), for British and Foreign birds.—GEORGE MITCHELL, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Monthly meeting held on May 11th, Mr. Lewis presiding, in the absence of the chairman, Mr. C. Blackhurst, M.R.C.V.S. Messrs. W. Gabbott and P. Brade were elected members, bringing the total membership up to 52. A ramble was arranged for May 24th, when the members will go by train to Longridge from Deepdale, and walk by way of Partick Pike and Chipping down the Valley of the Brock. The secretary then exhibited and described the remaining portion of the collection of birds' eggs, beginning with those of the Harlequin Duck to the end of the British species, the Puffin. The collection, which numbers many thousands of specimens, is particularly rich in variety and in abnormalities, those of the Gulls, Terns, and Plovers being most remarkable. Amongst the varieties were eggs (taken in Great Britain) of the Great Bustard, Bittern, Red-necked Phalarope, etc., the two former species being collected in the early part of the last century. A vote of thanks to the secretary concluded the meeting.—W. HY. HEATHCOTE, Sec.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD C.B.S.

On May 14, a largely attended meeting was held. Mr. Meades (chairman) presiding. Mr. J. Robson gave us a lecture on the "General Management of the Norwich Plainhead." He pointed out that, to be a successful exhibitor, one must get type, size, quality of feather and colour. Unfortunately a few judges gave first place to large birds with plenty of colour, but which lacked type. He dealt minutely with the question of pairing with a view to improving the stock; the introduction of colour from the Green Canary; the result of successive double-buffing and double-yellowing. All these things were useful in producing the show bird, if used in moderation, but if in excess, would tend the other way. He invited questions, which were soon "fired" at him, and which Mr. Robson answered in a helpful manner. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, to which he suitably responded, brought a successful and pleasant evening to a close.—F. W. Hamer, hon. sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

The annual general meeting was held on May 9th at the Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, when there was only a moderate attendance. Mr. D. Sunderland occupied the chair. The balance-sheet was adopted, and showed a balance in hand of £1 13s. 11½d. The chairman then gave the result of scrutiny of the voting for officers for 1908-9, which was as follows:—Chairman, Mr. W. H. Shackleton; vice-chairman, Mr. F. Armstrong; secretary and treasurer, Mr. John Greaves; assistant-secretary, Mr. H. Sutcliffe; auditors, Messrs. R. W. Alderson and T. Clegg; committee (outside Yorkshire), Messrs. A. Ambler, G. W. Cuthbertson, A. Hirst, A. E. Pattrick, and J. W. Ramsden; (inside Yorkshire), Messrs. J. E. Brotherton, J. Bailey, H. W. Battye, W. A. Cowgill, W. Crabtree, S. Dean, R. Halliday, R. Sutcliffe, J Wilcock, and M. Broadley. Seventy-nine papers were sent in, and all voted with one exception—a paper returned through the post through being misdirected. Mr. Mundell was elected on the committee, but having previously expressed his desire to be free from office, there was no alternative but to declare his nomination and election void. Mr. Sunderland resigned his position as committeeman, he being desirous of lessening the number of his engagements. Mr. F. Hammond was elected assistant-secretary. He also declined to take office, being of the opinion that that office should be held by some young and rising fancier, who, in the event of the secretary at any time wishing to retire, would be willing (and by the experience gained, well qualified) to at once step into the more responsible office of secretary. Mr. Shackleton then took the chair. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers, and also to the subscribers and donors to the special prize fund. The secretary, in giving a short report, said they commenced the year with a deficit of £2 6s. By the generosity of the late treasurer (Mr. Mundell) the club was now relieved of that liability, and were enabled to start with a clean sheet. The number of members paying their subscriptions was 153, as against 166 in the previous year; still, he was glad to state that they finished the year with a small balance in hand. Up to the present time 13 new members had joined, and he hoped before the season closed they would be able to add considerably to that number. The committee had been very regular in their attendance when called upon. He was also pleased to say that they had gone through the season without a single complaint being laid to the charge of any member of the club. In conclusion he said he desired to thank all who had contributed to the special prize fund, notably Messrs. Mundell, Brotherton, Bailey and Swanger, R. P. Broome, J. W. Ramsden, and J. Sandiford. With the generous aid of these and others during the last season the club was able to offer for competition amongst its members trophies and special prizes to the value of £57 9s. A notice of motion by Mr. A. Spencer (Nelson), "That the Y.C.C. form a fund to be called a 'Protection Fund,' to aid its members by law to recover from railway companies the full value of birds lost in transit, etc.," was, after some discussion, left to be dealt with in committee. Mr. Carl's offer of £3, to be competed for (at all shows where the club's patronage is given) by amateurs—members who have not won more than three first prizes in open competition previous to current season—was gratefully accepted, as were also the offers of Messrs. J. W. Ramsden and R. P. Broome to repeat their last season's gifts. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—JOHN GREAVES, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN OPEN DERBY O.A.

We have pleasure in submitting our first list of members as follows:—W. Allan, T. Ballantyne, P. Blair, D. Burgess, C. R. Drysdale (Edinburgh); J. Daigleish (Trinity); A. Gorrie, G. C. T. Hope, J. McLennan, P. McNiven (Edinburgh); A. Bowden, M. Petrie, J. Henrie (Leith); W. Rodger (Slateford,; A. Stavert. W. Thornton, W. Whitefield, A. Dodds, J. Robertson, P. Farrell, A. Patterson, C. Kirk (Edinburgh); J. C. Thomson (Colinton); J. P. Thomson, A. Burnett, J. Kean, A. Foster (Edinburgh); D. Campbell (Slateford); J. B. Kerr (Edinburgh); R. Fisher (Bonnyrigg); A. Begbie (Slateford), J. Hardie, John Tait (Edinburgh); G. Park (Galashiels), E. G. Wright (Edinburgh); D. Holden (Muirkirk); J. Carson (Dalkieth); J. Graham (Leith); J. McMillan, A. Jardine (Glasgow); J. Farquhar (Musselburgh); J. Robertson (Edinburgh); R. Johnstone (Musselburgh); P. Vanderauwera (Belgium); J. Wynes (Airdrie); M. Hardin (London); J. D. Maxwell (Falkirk); F. Stratheran (So. Alloa); J. Kennedy, junr. (Paisley); W. Craig (Walkerburn); J. Muir, J. A. Stewart (Glasgow); J. Price (Barrhead); J. Eagle and Son, T. Long, D. McLennan, A. Jeffrey (Edinburgh); W. Barrie (Kirkcaldy); J. Pringle (Selkirk); G. Stewart (Edinburgh); D. Bell (Dumbarton); J. Clark (Musselburgh); J. Fotheringham (Fife); W. H. Lugton (Berwickshire); T. Merrilees, C. Muir, J. Campbell (Broughty Ferry); J. Cook (Cowdenbeath); R. Wallace (Frenchie); T. McVie and Son (Bonnyrigg); J. Strachan (Lasrodie); P. West (Leith); W. Veitch (Renfrew); W. Gray, J. McIlwain (Glasgow); J. Noble (Bonnyrigg); A. Smith (Edinburgh); R. Fernie (So. Renfrew); J. King (Musselburgh); J. L. Smith (Perth); J. Y. Millar (Govan); J. Adam (Edinburgh); J. Ronaldson, J. Neill (Belfast); J. Lavery (Lurgan); J. Begg (Leith); J. Sedley (Musselburgh); J. Fairley (Coatbridge); J. Arnot (Sauchie); S. Hewitt (Edinburgh); J. Greig (Aberdeen); A. Fotheringham (Cowdenbeath); T. Gillies (Fife); J. H. Beveridge (Newton Grange); A. Laing (Bo'ness); J. Carlaw (Falkirk); A. Kirk (Falkirk); W. Hutchison (Slamannan); J. Brown (E. Kilbride); F. Ramsay (Tayport); W. Rough (Edinburgh); W. Kiell, D. Ross (Broughty Ferry); W. Beattie (Dundee); J. Dearness (Leith); J. Ward (Glasgow); J. Sinclair (Edinburgh); J. Munro, A. Curtis, Robert Carmyllie (Broughty Ferry); W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge); R. C. Muirhead (Bannockburn); A. Gibson, J. Nairn (Kirkcaldy); J. Grieve (Markinch); A. Thomson (Kirkcaldy); A. Melrose, J. Melrose, H. B. Melrose, T. Pringle (Galashiels); J. Yule (Loanhead); D. Noble (Bonnyrigg); F. Moffat (Bo'ness); A. Sommerville (Winchburgh); T. Ferguson (Glasgow); J. Dodds, W. Dick (Hawick); M. Smith (Falkirk); D. Caldwell, H. R. Caldwell (Baillieston); W. Douglas, D. Sinclair (Edinburgh); J. H. Smith (Airdrie); A. Crossbie, Dobson (Galashiels); and C. Berwick (St. Andrew's). This is truly a grand list for our first one, there being still a large number of replies yet to be received in answer to our post-cards. We will be much obliged if fanciers will send them in at their very earliest convenience. The time allowed for joining the association expires at the end of this month, when subscriptions must also have been paid. Our next and last list will appear in CAGE BIRDS the first week in June. See Club Notices for date of next meeting.—J. R. Meikle, hon. secretary and treasurer, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

AIRDRIE AND COATBRIDGE C.B.S

Monthly meeting held in Royal Hotel, Airdrie, on May 7th, when Mr. Clark, in the absence of Mr. Fairley (president), took the chair. It was agreed to add three classes to the Norwich section, and one to the Scotch fancy sections of the annual show, and it was also agreed to increase the prize money. Six new members were enrolled. Judges for the club show were nominated. The meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the chairman.—ARCH. MURDOCH, Secretary.

SCOTTISH NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY CLUB.

Committee Meeting, held at 142, High Street, Edinburgh, on May 16, Mr. Winter, President, in the Chair. A letter was read from the secretary, of the English Plainhead Club, agreeing to the contest taking place in Scotland this year, and it was decided to take a vote of the club membership as to which of the following three societies' shows, viz., Glasgow and West of Scotland, Aberdeen, and the Scottish National. The club show and patronage was left over in the meantime, to allow of further applications being received. Will secretaries please note that all applications for club patronage must be made by June 30. During next show season there will be competed for, in addition to other prizes, a handsome piece of plate, value £2; given by the President, Mr. Winter. Novice Members will also be well catered for, Mr. Aitchison, Edinburgh, offering a cash special of 2/s. for most points gained in Novice Classes. Members please note that subscriptions are now due. Any fanciers wishing to join the club can have full particulars from the secretary.—F. Brown, 97, Petershill Road, Glasgow.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Winter Shows and their Judges.

A meeting of the council was held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on May 16th. Mr. John Greaves, the president, occupied the chair. Before the business of the evening commenced a most pleasing duty was performed by the chairman in presenting to Mr. F. Hammond, the late secretary, with a splendid gold medal of the value of £2, as a token of the great esteem in which he is held by fanciers generally throughout the union. Mr. Hammond responded, his remarks receiving loud applause. Business transacted: Re-appointment of Mr. H. H. Towers as treasurer; appointment of Messrs. Hammond and Hill as scrutineers of ballot for next year; carried that the annual subscription be 8d. per member as before; that the number of novice medals be increased to 16 (12 for Yorkshires and 4s. for Norwich sections respectively), and that tenders for handbooks and rules be asked for. The following gentlemen were elected:—As sub-committee: Messrs. R. Halliday, F. Hammond. R. Sutcliffe, W. H. Shackleton, W. Crabtree, T. Ogden, E. W. Johnson. "That we accept Messrs. J. W. Ramsden's and F. Carl's generous offer of specials, etc., and that the best thanks be forwarded to the respective donors"; "That December 25th and 26th be left vacant in regard to shows, and also February 6th, the date of Palace show," were both carried. The judges for the open winter shows were balloted for, the following being the result, subject, of course, to the appointed gentlemen not having prior engagements on the same dates:—

Oct.	3.—Skelmanthorpe	T. Bennett.
,,	10.—Gt. Horton Good Intent	W. Mundell.
,,	16-17.—Sandy Lane	E. Radley.
,,	24.—Queensbury	C. A. House.
,,	31.—Bradford City	P. Mason.
Nov.	7.—Shipley	J. Greaves.
,,	14.—Laisterdyke	R. Halliday.
,,	21.—Bradford West	A. Ambler.
,,	27-28.—Huddersfield	J. C. Barnes.
Dec.	5.—Manningham	R. Carr.
,,	11-12.—Eccleshill	J. Robson.
,,	18-19.—Brighouse	J. Broadley.
Jan.	1-2.—Gt. Horton	H. W. Battye.
,,	9.—Keighley	W. A. Cowgill.
,,	15-16.—Windhill	J. Townend.
,,	22-23.—Halifax	W. Cruise.
,,	30.—Bradford East	A. Hirst.
Feb.	13.—Wakefield	J. N. Harrison.

S. DEAN, Sec.

LONG EATON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held May 9th, there being a moderate attendance of members. Mr. H. Hay (vice-chairman) occupied the chair. Mr. W. R. Hexter was elected delegate to the Cage Bird Union. The Society has arranged to take a brake party to Bredon on June 27th, and all members and friends wishing to join are requested to give their names in to the secretaries by June 6th. Three more silver cups have been offered for competition at the next members' show, this making seven in all, to be won three times, not necessarily in succession. The Society is in a strong position as regards finance, silver cups, and gold medals. The silver cup to be given by Mr. Councillor E. Wallis is for the best young Grizzle Crest; that by F. R. Claye, Esq., J.P., is for the best young Buff dark Crest; and that by Mr. T. C. Guttridge is for the best young Border Fancy. Three more new members were elected: Messrs. E. Fox and W. B. Smith (Long Eaton) and N. Chamberlain (Stapleford).—TURNER AND BARKER, Hon. Secs.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

A well-attended meeting took place at headquarters on May 11th, with Mr. A. C. Burn in the chair. Mrs. M. Clark was elected a member, and Mr. F. King nominated. A report of the Executive Council of the C.B.U., submitted to the meeting of delegates on February 22nd at Manchester, and a list of suggestions for confirmation were read by the secretary, the same being confirmed with the exception of two items in the balance-sheet, which further information was required upon. The schedule for the young bird show on July 4th was drawn up, consisting of 27 classes for Canaries, two Hybrids, 12 British, and two Foreign, and special prizes were announced for the same from Messrs. L. Daintry, P. Taviner, W. Shepherd, and W. Prance. Details of the summer outing on Saturday, May 30th, in conjunction with the N.B.B. and M.C. were announced. An egg-food competition then took place. Upon a vote, Messrs. A. Lazarus and T. Monger were declared the winners. The chairman presented them with a silver and bronze medal respectively. At the close a member demonstrated the art of making an egg cake.—VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

THE SHOWS.

PORTMADOC.

Held at The Park, Portmadoc, on May 14th. The cage bird section turned out a grand success, much in advance of last year, and attracted much admiration from the visitors. There was a nice attendance, and everything passed off well, the arrangements being very creditable to the hard-working secretary, Mr. R. G. Humphreys, and his band of able assistants, including Mr. Williams and other stewards. There were eight classes, which accounted for over 70 exhibit. Mr. Harrison made the awards, and we heard no grumbling.

NORWICH: 1, 2, 3, W. Winnard, grand clear yellows, ablaze with colour, 1st scores in head and chest, 2nd close up, 3rd very nice variegated buff; vhc, Evan S. Jones, buff variegated, trifle too long, good one otherwise. CREST: 1, 2, E. S. Jones, 1st grand buff, good body, smart crest; 2nd large variegated, also very nice crest; 3, W. H. Jones, a good exhibit. YORKS. BUFF: 1, W. H. Jones, excellent variegated, nice head, good wings and carriage; 2, Forbes; 3, E. Robyns Owen, rather smaller, but both of good carriage, well drawn and typical. YELLOW: 1, W. H. Jones, clear good body, head and neck, stands well, wins; 2, Owen Bros., clear, very stylish and neat; 3, Forbes, another nice specimen. CAN. A.O.V.: 1 (no name), large buff crest-bred, good body and plenty of head feather; 2, W. H. Jones, very nice yellow Lancashire hen; 3, Forbes, good cinnamon Norwich, grand colour; vhc, Winnard, very taking clear-capped Lizard. HYBRID: 1, Winnard, lovely Goldfinch-Bullfinch, grand colour and condition; 2, Price Williams, nice Canary-Goldfinch, rich-coloured blaze, good size and condition; 3, W. H. Jones, real good Greenfinch-Canary; vhc, Jackson, nice Linnet-Canary. GOLDFINCH: 1, Owen Bros., grand all-round Finch, trifle uneven in under-blaze, otherwise a tip-top bird; 2, E. Robyns Owen, even better body colour, blaze smaller, in lovely condition; 3, Jackson, grand expansive blaze, but not so rich as two above, very good in other points. Best class in show; several splendid exhibits cardless. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Forbes, splendid Hawfinch, good bib and colour, in exquisite condition; 2, Davies, Yellowhammer, fine colour and condition; 3, Winnard, Bullfinch, good cap and breast colour, trifle unsteady. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Hughes, 1st good Blackbird; 2nd, excellent Thrush, both very steady and splendid condition; 3, Davies, Blackbird, with white on head. FOREIGN: 1, Mrs. Owen, nice Blue-fronted Amazon; 2, 3, Williams, two excellent birds.

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Members and friends at the Dulwich and Peckham and Lewisham Cage Bird Societies' combined ramble.

OUTINGS.

GREAT HARWOOD & DIST. C.B.S.

The annual ramble took place on May 10th, when a good muster of members and friends journeyed to Hurst Green. Starting from Town Gate at 8 a.m. we went by way of Clinckham, past Bradley Hall Farm on to Billington, through Langho, crossing the Ribble at Dinckley. Here we found bird life at its height. The following birds' nests were discovered: Blackbird, Thrush, Redstart, Hedge Sparrow, Water Hen, Snipe, and Peewit. Arriving at Hurst Green at about one o'clock, we paid a visit to Mr. Holden, who showed us his aviary containing a few Yorkshires with young. We then made our way to Mr. and Mrs. Ormerad's, where dinner was served; we did not leave until we had completely satisfied the inner man. We then paid a visit to Stonyhurst College, via Winckley Hall, Hacking Boat, and across Whalley Nab. We arrived home at 6 p.m., thoroughly tired, but well satisfied with our day's outing.—Geo. Waddington, Sec.

LONDON SOCIETIES' SUCCESSFUL COMBINED RAMBLE.

The Dulwich and Peckham and Lewisham and District societies' joint country ramble took place on May 10th. It proved an unqualified success. The party numbered about fifty, and included the following:—Messrs. E. S. Lugg, R. J. Pretty, R. P. Broome, H. E. Tringham, W. Hodson, J. B. Waterman, H. J. Waterman, A. Cunningham, A. Cunningham, jun., Robson, Cranfield, Richardson, Johnson, C. Long, C. J. Doughty, W. Barnes, Cole, Silverthorn, Warley, F. White, Phillips, Jordon, Steed, Causton, W. Pallett, Stevens, Bellenger, C. H. Lee, Silvester, West, P. Causton, Edwards, Meredith, Botting, Pearce, Ogle, Connorton, and Draxler. The morning opened dull, but long before midday the sun asserted himself, and shone brilliantly for the remainder of the day. The ramblers left New Cross at 9.10 a.m., and arrived at Redhill, Surrey, at 9.55. They at once proceeded to the headquarters of the Redhill and Reigate F.S., where they received a hearty welcome from the local fanciers, headed by the genial Mr. F. J. Green (of Lancashire fame), who had kindly undertaken to act as guide. The ramblers were here joined by the following members of the local society:—Messrs. Bacon (hon. secretary), Whitmore, Stanford, Hannett, Lawrence, Crowsier, Crisp, Badock, Bignall, and Mr. Green's two sons.

At length a start was made for Dorking. The route taken was by way of Batt's Hill, Wray Common, Queen's Park, and The Beeches; then along the hills to Boxhill, where a halt was made. What a glorious panorama presented itself here! The eminence commands an extensive view of the South Downs of Sussex away to the hills of Hertfordshire, London, and the Valley of the Thames being included in the purview. Some handsome villa residences adorn the slopes, and at its foot are the woods of Holmdale where, according to local tradition, red deer roamed wild in the middle of the seventeenth century, and where the ancient barrows called Castles mark the retreat of the Britons before the Saxons. The surrounding woods abound in bird life, and provided the party with much useful ornithological data. Skylarks were particularly plentiful, and as one listened to their joyous outpourings as they soared into the sunlit sky one became enchanted. No wonder the song of this splendid musician has captivated the poets. Occasionally the plaintive notes of the Cuckoo were heard, whilst the woods echoed with the lusty song of Blackbirds and Thrushes.

At the foot of the hill the party were met by brakes and landaus, and driven to Dorking, where full justice was done to a splendid lunch served in capital style by Mr. Spencer, of the Three Tuns Hotel. Mr. Robson presided at the subsequent proceedings and in a brief speech warmly thanked Mr. Green and the local fanciers for the hearty manner in which they had received the party and for having shown them so many things of interest in their beautiful district. Mr. Green, in reply, said he and his colleagues felt delighted that the visitors had so much enjoyed the outing, and hoped they would come again to the district. Friend Barnes, who had kept the company in roars of laughter en route by his dry humour, of course "got at it again." He and Mr. Bacon were excellent mirth-makers, and would run each other very closely in a fight for "first and special." Everybody regretted that inexorable duty called Mr. Bacon away early, but he joined the party again later in the evening at Redhill.

Before leaving Dorking the party visited many places of interest in the quaint and picturesque old town. The town contains a grand old church, and in the chancel are the tombs of many notable people. The Roman road runs under the churchyard. Many Roman coins have been found in the neighbourhood, including silver coins of Tiberius and Antonius. A start was made late in the evening for Redhill, where the ramblers entrained at 10.35. The local fanciers, headed by Messrs. Green and Bacon, assembled on the platform and sang "Auld Lang Syne" as the train steamed out of the station, the London party meantime waving their adieux from the carriage windows. En route notes were exchanged, and it was found that the following birds had been seen or heard: Nightingale, Song Thrush, Missel Thrush, Blackbird, Starling, Magpie, Wood Pigeon, Cliff-Chaff, Yellowhammer, Cuckoo, Bullfinch, Wren, Willow Wren, Whinchat, Goldfinch, Redpoll, Blue Tit, Cole Tit, Swallow, Yellow Bunting, Grey Wagtail, Linnet, Chaffinch, Whitethroat, Greenfinch, Hedge Sparrow, and Robin. Owing to the arctic weather experiences of early May many nests of dead young birds were seen, while some birds were only just beginning to build. The party arrived at New Cross station shortly after 11 o'clock. This ended a most enjoyable and memorable day.

DULWICH O.S.

The Society went for their first country ramble on May 17. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. W. J. Lovesy, who conducted the following party:—Messrs. F. Gain, G. F. Woolhouse, S. J. Kent, A. E. Rogers, P. Humphreys, W. Edmonds, W. Goodwin, F. Waterman, W. Brooks, E. Foster, R. Bruty, J. Woolly, R. Pocock, C. Cooper, G. W. Saunders, P. Garlick, W. Butt, J. Portcous, W. Taylor, C. Weiner, W. Rees, F. Daniells, Watson, J. Smith, and T. Marks. We went through the Chipstead Valley and Coulsdon districts, among the most picturesque parts of Surrey. The party entrained for "Stoat's Nest," from which place the ramble commenced. The country was teeming with bird life, nests were encountered on almost every hand, mostly containing eggs, although a few contained young. Chief amongst the species of birds seen were the Yellowhammer, Wagtail, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Hedge Accentor, Wren, Plover, Thrush, Blackbird, and Linnet. The weather was really glorious, which put the party in high spirits. A halt was made at the half-way house, "The White Hart," where the party was photographed by Mr. Lovesy. After this ordeal the journey recommenced through dales and woods, in which the notes of the Cuckoo were continually heard. On reaching "Ye Old Fox," Coulsdon Common, an excellent repast was enjoyed, to which full justice was done. Mr. Pain, who presided, "toasted" the Society, in a few well-chosen words, paying a tribute to the services of Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers. Mr. Woolhouse, who occupied the vice-chair, announced that Mr. Foster had contributed 10s. to the £15 15s. Cup Fund as an appreciation of the day's outing. This was quickly followed by subscriptions from Messrs. Daniells and Humphreys and the rest of the company, £2 2s. being realised—which only leaves a debt of £1. The party separated into groups in the afternoon and enjoyed themselves in various ways. After tea a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Lovesy for the splendid arrangements which had been so admirably carried out; also to the host and hostess for the capital catering. A return to Stoat's Nest was made at about 7 p.m. through a few miles of lovely country. Honor Oak Park was reached just before ten and the final dispersion took place at "Ye Old Herne," everyone going home tired but happy, after a most enjoyable and never-to-be-forgotten day.—Rogers and Mazzoni, hon. secs.

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Attending the Young.

The rearing of young causes anxiety to the owner, they being liable to all the ills flesh is heir to from the time they are hatched; they are therefore the object of special care.

During the first eight days the young should be glanced at three times a day. If they are lying crossed over each other, and are plump and healthy looking, it may be taken that all is well. They should be well feathered at about the age of fourteen days, and at about that time they are frequently a source of temptation for hens to pluck the nice clean feathers out of them. This is most disastrous to Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, not only retarding their growth, but completely spoiling their appearance for months; so that it is impossible to tell until after the feathers have grown again, what they will turn out to be, whether show birds, or only ordinary specimens.

Every fancier is anxious to know how the young will turn out, and naturally does not want to wait until it passes through the moult. To have a true estimate of a bird that has been plucked, the second growth has to be removed during the moult to ensure all the feathers coming as near as possible to their natural condition; otherwise, the appearance will be ragged, and it will be spoilt for competition.

Plucking and Cleanliness.

Young when badly plucked are apt to get a chill. Nursery cages of two descriptions should be available in every bird-room. First, a small cage (with a nest in it) into which birds that have not left the nest may be put; the construction should be such as to have the young so near the breeding cage that they can be easily fed through the wires. The second should be larger and should have one perch at least to enable the young that have left the nest to take to the perch. Birds that have reached that stage move about freely and quickly, and go to the dividing wires the moment the parents or foster parents indicate that they are ready to supply their wants.

Egg food should be within the nursery cage, the most suitable plan being near to the perch. This provision will teach the young to pick. It is generally the case that young, kept separately in a nursery cage, learn to do for themselves earlier than those left in the breeding cage.

There are various ways of precluding the possibility of plucking, such as fixing building material at the end of the cage opposite the nest, etc. Every effort should be made to do away with this possibility, as complete and finished plumage is of the greatest importance to birds of position.

The droppings sometimes clog up the vent of young birds, both before and after leaving the nest, and attention ought to be paid to this, so that this contingency may be avoided. Some young birds run about the bottom of the cage, and their feet become embedded in the refuse. When this happens, the bird should be caught, and its feet washed carefully in lukewarm water. The perches should be kept scrupulously clean, too, either by having them washed, or scraped.

Diet for Young.

Diet is the rock upon which many young birds get wrecked. The egg-food for the first fortnight after they commence to do for themselves, should be precisely the same as that given to the parents. After that the biscuit should be increased gradually, till they take to the seed.

At the age of five weeks they should be supplied with crushed hemp among the Canary and rape seed; this leads them on to the seeds, and by the time they are about six weeks old they will be well on to the seed and able to do for themselves.

When the young are five weeks old an excellent substitute for egg-food is raw oatmeal with rape seed mixed, giving in the wires every morning a piece of loaf bread (the crust), which should be soaked for half-an-hour in scalded milk, with a little lime water added. The bread should be removed two hours after it is supplied, before getting sour.

To guard against a breaking down, a good plan is to supply each young bird with as much biscuit and egg mixture as will lie on a sixpence. Then when a bird softens, through having continued the egg in this way, it will fall back upon it very readily, whereas, when the egg is completely discontinued, in some cases, a sickly subject will not look at it, and may pine away. Healthy young usually can take the seed freely when about six weeks old; care should, however, be taken not to endanger the life by removing soft food too early.

May.

Where birds are in condition by the beginning of May, the breeding operations should be in full swing. Hens should be busy rolling about the nest, or patiently sitting on eggs, giving every indication of prosperity. Fanciers not infrequently count their chickens before they are hatched, and quite as often receive a set back. On the sixth or seventh day, when the eggs are examined, there may come the bitter disappointment of clear eggs, followed by no hope for young birds. This experience produces a pang, but the fancier who has to pass that way should remember that in former years, while sharp easterly and north-easterly winds prevailed, and in consequence of these winds, other fanciers had a similar failure.

It is wise to allow the hen to sit on the eggs her full time, if for no other reason than in the hope of genial weather coming. But she should not be allowed to sit beyond the ordinary time of incubation; to allow her to do so would be a waste of time on the fancier's part, and of strength on the part of the hen.

The cold easterly winds are responsible for a large percentage of clear eggs, even in rooms where artificial heat is used. No fancier should lose heart over having useless eggs in the first run, but should resume egg-food, and supply fresh dandelion leaves, which, as a rule, are in excellent condition in May.

Green Food for May.

Fanciers resident in towns can usually find time to have a stroll in the by-ways, where greenfood can be procured. The safest green-foods are dandelion and chickweed. From the leaves of the former until the heads are in season, the fluff should be clipped, in order to give the birds ready access to the green seed which they are very fond of.

I like to come across a fancier carrying an armful of dandelion heads or chickweed; this is a sign of industry. The industrious man who looks after the birds himself is the fancier to succeed. I have seldom known birds left in the care of deputies to be a success. In many such cases the wrong kind of person is put in charge. Nobody but a born fancier is likely to be a success. The fancier whose better half (or any other lady member of his household) takes an interest in the aviary, is indeed blessed. In his absence at business he has an easy mind.

How to Deal with Eggs.

I am decidedly in favour of the eggs being removed as they are laid, and of their being put back on the evening on which the third egg is deposited. This brings all the young out together, and in addition obviates the risk of getting the eggs broken, which may happen through the cock bird picking them, the hen rolling about in the nest before she fairly settles down, and in various other ways.

The eggs should be put safely away in bran or in sifted sawdust. Care should be taken not to mix the eggs, as when that is done, it is impossible to say which pair the young may be descended from. I have known instances where common and fancy eggs have been mixed in the laying aside, and to save the loss of the higher class young, all the fertile eggs had to be hatched and reared, and it was only on the birds taking to the perch that it could be determined which pairs they were from.

(*To be continued.*)

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TWITTERINGS.

Mr. John Barker, M.P., has, we hear, contributed two guineas towards the funds of Falmouth and District C.B.A.

I have removed from 56, Market Street East to 27, Wellpark Street, near Duke Street, Glasgow, writes Mr. Robt. Watson.

We hear from Mr. Enoch Tams, secretary of the Longton and District C.B.S., that Mr. Sam Wootton will judge the nest feather show.

At the fourteenth annual show of the Weybridge Fanciers' Society, on November 11th and 12th, Mr. T. Heath will judge the cage birds.

My surplus stock of birds is all sold, and I am quite satisfied with the result of my advertising in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. S. J. Mason (Birmingham).

We hear from the sec. of the Bradford East O.S., Mr. H. Hill, that a ramble to Shibden Vale takes place on May 23, when friends will be made welcome.

The date of the next annual show of the Darley Dale and District F.S. has been fixed for Nov. 6th, write Messrs. C. H. D. Dawson and V. S. Hall, the joint secs.

We understand from Mr. J. W. Marsden, sec. of the Blackburn C.B.S., that a ramble will take place on Sunday, May 31, when the train leaves Blackburn for Whalley at 8.38 a.m.

The Great Horton O.S. wish all their members to note that the birds will be staged at 3 p.m. on June 13th, and not 8 p.m. as stated in the schedules, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, the hon. sec.

Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool), has been appointed judge of the Cage Bird Section of the Cockermouth and District F.S.'s next show on December 4th, writes Mr. George Oglethorpe, the chairman.

Specials, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 in the cage bird section in the schedule of the Aberdare show, writes Mr. D. E. Eynon, sec., are for members of the Welsh C.B.C. only. Entry forms are to be marked "W.C.B.C."

The joint ramble of the Windhill and Bradford West Cage Bird Societies will take place on May 30th to Ilkley, writes Mr. H. Clegg, sec. of the latter society. The time and place of meeting will be announced later.

Cage Birds Charts.

No. 8 of "Cage Birds Charts" is now in course of preparation. It will be published in our issue of next week, and readers should make certain they on no account miss it.

Mr. J. C. Barnes has been engaged to judge at the open show of the Potteries and D.s. C.B.A. on October 22nd, writes Mr. J. Simcock, the sec., and Mr. F. Bate, of Stoke-on-Trent, the inter-club young stock show on July 11th.

The Metropolitan C.B.A. have resolved to hold their First Feather Show on June 25th, writes Mr. A. J. Head, the hon. sec., also an open annual show (limited to the Metropolitan area), the date of which will be announced later.

We learn that a new society has been formed at Ferryhill, the membership radius being four miles. The secretary is Mr. R. A. Binks, and his address 27, West Street, Ferryhill. Fanciers in this district are invited to join, and should send their names along to Mr. Binks at once.

Kindly thank all who applied for my rack and cages, as I had far too many inquiries to be able to answer them all, writes Mr. W. Whitehead (Shaw Oldham). Those who did not receive a reply will please accept this explanation.

I have had replies from all parts of the country in answer to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. A. Dodd (Swindon). Kindly thank for me all those who, not enclosing a stamp for reply, have not therefore heard from me.

The Stockton-on-Tees and District C.B.S. have engaged Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington Station) to judge Canaries, and Mr. R. J. Howe (Wellingboro'), for British and Foreign Birds, at their open show to be held November 7th, writes Mr. J. W. Lowes, the hon. sec.

All interested in cage-birds are invited to attend our next meeting in Good Templars Hall, New Bridge Street, on May 30th, at 7.30, when Mr. Doolan will lecture on Colour-Feeding, writes Mr. Chas. Irvine, sec. of the Ayr and District C.B.S.

Kindly note that I have been elected sec. of the Leeds Roller Canary Club in place of Mr. C. Towes, who has resigned owing to business pressure, writes Mr. Thomas Carter, 3, Euston Mount, Elland Road, Leeds. We have fixed our open show for December 12th.

A lecture on the Breeding, Rearing, and Colour-Feeding of Canaries will be given by Mr. A. Wellings at the Blue Bell, Horsemarket Street, on May 28th, at 7.45, writes Mr. Jas. Emmett, sec. of the Warrington and District C.B.S. All fanciers in the district are cordially invited.

The Oldham and District C.B.S. have decided to hold their first feather show on June 20th, at their headquarters, the Textile Dining Rooms, writes Mr. F. Steeple, the hon. sec., and Mr. Alex Donnelly, of Pendleton, will judge. They have also decided to hold their hack-end show in the rooms attached to the Globe Inn, Huddersfield Road, on October 10th, when Mr. W. Bowyer, of Leek, will be the judge.

The Darrel O.S. have decided to hold their open show of Cage-Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, etc., on November 7th, writes Mr. Jas. Robertson, junr., the sec. Will secretaries of local societies whose fixtures are likely to clash with ours kindly communicate with me?

At the Penzance and D.s. F.A. annual meeting held on May 13, the balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £6 11s. 10d., writes Mr. J. Pearce Sampson, hon. sec. It was decided that we hold our tenth show on November 27th, when Mr. J. North (Reading), will judge cage birds.

We have secured the services of Messrs. R. Rhodes, W. Vardy, and Chas. Houlton as judges at our annual show to be held on October 31st and November 2nd, writes Mr. Thos. Smith, sec. of the Ilkeston and District O.S. We are under the C.B.U. rules and are hoping for a great success.

At the last meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club, the untimely death of Mr. Albert Rettich was referred to in sympathetic terms, and a letter of condolence will be sent to Miss Rettich. As a result of the sad accident detailed in our issue of May 9, our British birds have lost a true friend.

The Crewe and District O.S. and The Potteries and District C.B.A. have decided to again hold the Inter-Club shows which proved so successful last year, writes Mr. J. C. Heaton, sec. of the former society. The first takes place on June 20th at Crewe, when Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens), will judge.

The date of our First Feather Show has been fixed for Saturday, July 11th, when the judge will be Mr. T. Edwards, of Burnley, writes Mr. W. Hy. Heathcote, sec. of the Preston O.S. The judges appointed for the open show on November 13th and 14th are Dr. Herd and Messrs. Parker Robinson and W. Mundell.

We have had the pleasure of inspecting the new medal of the Cinnamon Canary Club, specially designed and supplied by Messrs. Fattorini, the well-known Bradford firm of silversmiths. It is really a beautiful specimen of their art, very chaste and appropriate in design, and it gives great satisfaction to the club.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. C. T. Maxwell, so well known as an exhibitor of British and Foreign Birds, has had the misfortune to lose the exceptionally rare Wall Creeper which was one of the chief attractions of Metropolitan shows last season. It died after a very brief illness, and just as it was coming into full spring plumage. We expect, however, our Brixton friend will not be long in finding a fresh inmate for the vacant cage.

Through our late show clashing with so many others, writes Mr. W. Howe, sec. of the Wellingboro' and District C.B.S., we have decided to hold our coming exhibition on September 30th and October 1st. We are hoping to have a fine entry this time to help us clear off the loss on the last one through double expense. Mr. R. J. Howe has been engaged to judge the British bird classes, but we have not yet decided on the judge for the Canary classes.

Will friends who intend joining the N.B.B. and M.C. in the annual ramble on Saturday, May 30th, write Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, the hon. secs., note that the train to Oxshott starts at 9.35 a.m. for the early party, and at 1.37 p.m. to Claygate for the afternoon party, both from Waterloo (connection at Clapham Junction). Names of those desirous of going with us should be sent to us by this Saturday, May 23, to 2, Broad Street Station, London,

Kindly mention that through a misunderstanding with West Bromwich C.B.S., the Inter-Club Nest Feather Show between that society and the Wolverhampton and District C.B.S. will not take place, writes Mr. F. Howes, sec. of the latter society. West Bromwich have now decided not to hold an inter-club show. I should, therefore, be glad to hear from the secretary of any other society in the neighbourhood whose members would like to hold an inter-club show with our society. I shall be pleased to give them particulars as to the working of same.

I have removed from Kidderminster to 78, Leopold Street, Highgate. Birmingham, writes Mr. J. Jeffery. This week-end I took a stroll in the old haunts of the Nightingale, and in spite of the cold, wet weather we have recently experienced, I found some of the 'gales had their full complement of eggs (viz., 5), and had commenced to sit. I was very much surprised, as I fully expected them to be at least a week later. This looks like our having young 'gales about the 3rd of June, which compares favourably with the season before last, when the young appeared very early.

The annual country ramble of the London and Counties O.A. has been arranged for Sunday, May 31st to Great Missenden, Bucks. There will be two sections, and the first party will proceed from Baker Street (Metropolitan Railway) by the 10 o'clock train to Great Missenden, when a circular walk will be taken, arriving at the Red Lion Hotel at 2.15 for a hot lunch. The second party will leave Marylebone (Great Central Railway) at 2.15, and will be met at Great Missenden about 3.20, when a further walk will be taken until about 6 o'clock, when tea will be provided. Great Missenden is situated in one of the prettiest parts of Buckinghamshire and renowned for bird life as well as splendid scenery. Ladies are invited to participate in the afternoon walk. Return trains at 7.45 or 8.56 p.m. The whole day, including fare, hot lunch, and tea, will be 5s. 6d., and the half day, including fare and tea, 2s. 9d. Those desirous of joining either party are invited to communicate with the hon. sec., Mr. R. J. Pretty, 6, Old Burlington Street, W.

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At the Troon and Loans P.P. and C.B.S. show, to be held on Aug. 29, writes Mr. John Ferguson, the Sec., there will be 20 classes provided for cage birds, and that well-known Edinburgh fancier, Mr. Jas. F. Dewar, will judge.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the City of Birmingham C.B.S., writes Mr. H. C. Wilkins. Mr. J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, has been appointed to that office, and all communications on behalf of the society should in future be addressed to him

We intend holding an open cage bird show on Nov. 19, writes Mr. A. E. Bishop, Hon. Sec. of the Worcester and District C.B.S. It will be our first show, and should prove a great success, seeing we have secured the services of Mr. J. H. Payne as judge. Seven classes have already been guaranteed by members.

We are going to have an open show again this year, which we hope will be a financial success, writes Mr. F. W. Hamer, sec. of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. We have fixed on October 8th and 9th, and the show will be held under C.B.U. rules. Mr. J. Robson has been engaged to judge. A members' young stock show will be held on Thursday, July 9th.

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Will secretaries when making application for our support kindly give names of judges, number of classes in each section, and the date of their show? By doing so they will save time and unnecessary correspondence.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, hon. secs., National British Bird and Mule Club.

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A Nest at the "Feathers."

Owing to a change of management at the "Napier," the National British Bird and Mule Club has had to vacate that hostelry, which had been its headquarters for over a decade. A fresh nest has been made at the "Feathers," Great Chapel Street, Westminster (near the site of the old Aquarium), and the members commence to sit at the next meeting night, the last Thursday in June—the original night of meeting having been reverted to. We understand that the room to be occupied is a very cosy and suitable one, with a private entrance from the street.

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Nov. 21.—**Perth.**
*Nov. 24.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
Nov. 25.—**Whitby F.S.**
Nov. 26.—**Newark.**
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*Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
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*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P.
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Dec. 31.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and R.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.**
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.**
Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 331.)

I have taken your paper now for some months, and find it very interesting, writes Mr. E. Brewer (Birstall). I wish CAGE BIRDS every success. Accept my thanks for the last advertisement which I inserted, and by which I made a satisfactory exchange.

In the course of our last meeting, writes Q.M.-Sergt. A. Cant, secretary of the Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S., it transpired that some of our members are having a lucky breeding season, two Greenie Bullies and Linnet Mules being reported.

I was pleased to see the drawing of my young Buff in a recent issue of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. R. P. Broome (Sutton). She took the cup for the best cage bird in show at Epsom and Ewell show; 2nd, Oakham, only time out. My birds are only just starting this year, the very cold weather no doubt keeping them back.

I sold all my cages through my advertisement in your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. W. Baines (Manchester). I had a post card by 5.30 o'clock on Friday from a gentleman at Oldham, and he bought them all on the Saturday. I have also had an inquiry from the South of England, and lots of others. Will you therefore please inform those who enquired for same that I cannot reply to all. I wish your paper the success it deserves.

I much appreciate the very great honour you have done me, writes Mr. J. Hawes (Westbourne Park), in making my hen the Yorkshire representative in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. In winning the S.Y.C.C. Champion Trophy, she was a very great help to me, securing premier honours four out of five times, being unplaced at Plymouth for the only time in her show career. She has never failed under a northern judge, winning in all 26 first prizes. Mr. J. Robson has twice placed her fourth, Mr. T. Heath placed her third, and Mr. C. A. House left her out at Plymouth. She is not only a good show hen, but she breeds good youngsters. One of her sons won the Champion Diploma at Plymouth, and has also won this season, firsts at Queen's Park, Dudley and Spalding, and second at Peterborough.

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Who will win the Four-Guinea Painting?

THIS week our Great Essay Competition enters upon its last stages. As mentioned in our issue of May 2nd, when announcing the winners, the chief prize, that of an original painting of birds, value Four Guineas, was not awarded. This was owing to a difference of opinion among the judges as to which was the best essay out of the winning efforts in the four sections of the Competition. As we also then stated, instead of calling in someone to give a casting vote, we considered the best way out of this difficulty was to devise a means whereby readers of CAGE BIRDS should be the referees.

We have published the four winning essays in instalments extending over the past three weeks, and concluding with the present issue, and we now ask readers to fill in the voting paper appearing hereunder, in accordance with our plan, and thus decide by vote the destination of our chief prize. The instructions on the voting paper should be read carefully and carefully complied with.

It may be well to recapitulate here that the competitors are:—

MR. J. B. WATERMAN, essay entitled "Canaries: Their Management and Exhibition."

MR. J. W. DICKSON, essay entitled "Mule and Hybrid Breeding."

MR. J. JEFFREY, essay entitled "My Experiences With the Nightingale."

MR. A. B. FORSE, essay entitled "How to Fit Up a Bird-room."

We anticipate that a very interesting difference of opinion as to which is the best article will be found to exist when the votes come to be cast up. Readers should get their friends, whether bird-lovers or not, to peruse the essays and give their opinion, as we feel that the endeavour to forecast the result cannot prove other than agreeable pastime. So, readers, make sure you vote yourselves, and persuade your friends to join in also.

Remember: The closing day for receiving voting papers is Tuesday, June 2nd.

VOTING PAPER.

I vote for the Article written by

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Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.—May 30, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. To discuss advisability of having a lecture on colour feeding.—E. Carnsle.

Blackburn C.B.S.—Ramble, Sunday, May 31; train leaves Blackburn for Whalley at 8.38 a.m. Mr. Altham joins party at Lower Hodder Bridge.—J. W. Marsden.

Brighouse and Dist C.B.S.—May 26, Round House Inn, 8. F.F. Show business.—F. Mitchell.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—May 26, New Inn, Station Street, 8. General business.—S. A. Dakin.

Bingley and Dist. O.S.—May 26, Co-op. Rooms, Chapel Lane, 8.—A. Livesey.

Bradford East O.S.—May 23, will members meet at Farrar's, Town Hall Square, at 2.30, for the ramble to Shibden Vale? Friends heartily invited.—H. Hill.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Joint Ramble with Windhill Society, May 30, to Ilkley. Time and place of meeting next week. Fanciers invited.—R. Clegg.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.—May 26, New Inn, Belgrave, 8. To receive entries for Members' Show, to be held Whit Tuesday. General business.—W. H. Riley.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—May 26, "Burton," Victoria Street, 7.45. Arrangements for Inter. Club Show.—J. C. Heaton.

City of Bradford O.S.—May 23, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Delegates Report of Union Meeting; also other business of importance.—F. Rhodes.

Dalkeith and Dist. C.C.—May 30, Ship Inn, 7. Extraordinary meeting, for election of judges and appointment of secretary, owing to the present sec. going abroad.—T. Briggs.

Derby C.B.C.—May 30, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 8. Circular from C.B.U. Nomination for Young Birds. Rule 18 will be strictly adhered to.—W. Stevens.

Darlington C.B.S.—May 27, Half Moon, 8. Judges and Classification; discussion on Federation.—E. Brunskill.

Ealing, Hanwell and Dist. F.S.—May 28, Mission Hall, Church Road, Hanwell. Table Show for all sections, in competition for silver cups. Visitors invited.—W. Bird.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—May 30, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7. Lecture on "Bird Diseases and Medicines, by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax).—Fanciers are heartily invited.—H. Schofield.

Glossop, Hadfield and Dist. C.B.S.—Howard Arms, 8. Fix date of F.F. Show, Club Annual Show, etc.—F. Greif. (No date given.—Ed.)

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.—May 26, 122, Ingram Street, 8. Show, classes, Large British, Small British, Light Mule or Hybrid, Dark Mule, Foreign Birds; all competent business.—R. A. Brown.

Hatton-le-Hole and Dist. C.B.S.—May 23, Crown Inn, 7. Final arrangements for F.F. Show.—A. J. Notley.

Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.—May 26, Central Dining Rooms, Market Place, 7.30. Business important.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Highgate, Hampstead, and Dist. C.B.S.—May 29, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., 8.30. Lecture, "The Norwich Plainhead," by Mr. G. Gardner. Fanciers and friends are welcome.—J. W. Reynolds.

Huddersfield O.S.—Ramble on Sunday, May 24; train leaves Huddersfield for Brockholes at 7.30 a.m. Members and friends cordially invited.—S. Lodge.

Leicester C.B.S. — May 27, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, 8.15. Selecting and moulting British Birds for Exhibition. By Mr. W. Judd. Fanciers invited.—J. A Tyler.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—May 28, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. Important Business.—A. J Head.

Morley C.B.S. — May 22, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Paper by Mr. Bottomley. It is hoped a good number will be present.—R. H Turner.

Northampton Hand-in-Hand.—May 26, Foresters' Arms, 8.15. Discussion on the Breeding Season.—J Nason.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—May 27, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7. First Table Show for Young Birds; 2 classes; (1) Clear; (2) Ticked, etc. Judge, Mr. J. Shepherd; birds to be staged not later than 6.45 p.m.—T. C. Crawhall.

North Manchester C.B.S.—May 25, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Show business.—J Davey

Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.—May 26, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General business.—F. Steeple.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—May 25, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 8. F.F. Show business important.—W. Jackson.

Preston O.S.—Sunday, May 24, Ramble. Train from Deepdale to Longridge, 9.30 a.m. Returning from Brock in the evening.—W. Ry. Heathcote.

Poplar and Dist. C.B.S.—May 28, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E., 8. Lecture by Mr. Robson, on "The General Culture of Cage Birds." Fanciers and friends (ladies and gentlemen) cordially invited.—H. W. Cook.

Rochdale O.C.—May 25, New Club, York Place, 8. Monthly meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Stonehouse (N.B.) C.B.S. — May 23, the Public Hall, 6. Table Show; one class for Canary A.V., and one for British Bird, A.S. Large turn-out expected.—J. Govan. (May 16 was stated on the post card, but we presume the 23rd is meant.—Ed.)

Stratford and East London F.S.—May 28, Workman's Hall, 8. Monthly Show. Judge, Mr. C. A. House.—S. L. Sheldrick.

Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby O.S. May 30, Buchanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, Edinburgh, 7.30. Election of judges, etc. This is the only notice of meeting for all members living outside Midlothian. —J. R. Meikle.

Sale Open O.S.—May 25, Sale Hotel, 8. Paper by Mr. Adam Holt (Stretford), on Feeding and the Preparation of Linnets for Singing Purposes. F.F. Show business; C.B.U. business.—G. F. Hardcastle.

Warrington and Dist. C.B.S. May 28, 7.45. Lecture by Mr. A. Wellings on Breeding, Rearing and Colour-Feeding Canaries.—Jas. Emmett.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S. May 26, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Drawing up of classes for next Feather Show.—T. Duffield.

Fond of the City.

On the afternoon of May 1st two Wheatears were seen in Kensington Gardens a little east of the Round Pond. They were apparently quite satisfied with their surroundings, and seemed to cause no surprise or annoyance to the Sparrows, who are generally aggressive towards strangers.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Parks and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Missed their Vocation.

Anxious, Stoke.—As you have had the birds examined by a breeder, who assures you that they are cocks, I take the sex for granted, though I should be rather inclined to doubt the genuineness of sex of a healthy male of last year which had not commenced to sing yet. The fact that the birds have never heard another sing is not sufficient to account for their own silence. As there are two in company they should certainly have commenced some sort of a medley for a song. Discontinue the mixture, and give instead one of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple diet, and in addition half a teaspoonful of hemp to each twice a week. Every second day give the same quantity of crumbs of sponge cake with five drops of sherry mixed with it, and add to it every second time of giving a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Every day give a spray of green-food—chickweed or dandelion. Every third day for a fortnight give four drops of tincture of steel in the drinking water. Should the birds come in song by this time you should drop off the gold of pleasure seed and the sherry, and give the sponge cake only once or twice a week. If this does not bring them in song, you may try letting them hear a good singing cock for a few weeks, and if that fails, my doubts as to their sex would become a certainty.

Dropped in Moult.

Perplexed.—It is quite useless leaving the birds together now they have gone into moult through being moved from a warm kitchen to a cold room. Your best plan is to separate at once all that are so affected. Keep them free from draughts, and give a teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake daily, well mixing with it one day five drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and the next six drops of sherry. Feed on plain Canary as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful of rape seed per bird every second day, and on alternate days the same quantity of hemp seed. Give a spray of green-food daily. In the drinking water give four drops of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight—stop it sooner if the feathers have ceased dropping out—and then twelve drops of chemical food daily for a week or so. If you persevere with this treatment you may still have time to get one round of nests from the birds, but do not mate them up again until the moulting has quite ceased for a week at least and the birds are plainly anxious to start nesting.

A Fighting Bird.

F. W. Butler.—It seems to me to be more a doubtful cock than a gaudy one. If you did not observe it pairing with the Yorkshire hen, and find the eggs of this hen are clear, I think you may reasonably conclude it is a hen. If this is not the case you should have placed him where the Border hen could have seen him, and also in such a position that "he" could have fed her had he been so disposed," such as being in one side of a double breeder with only the wire slide between him and the hen, or in a small open wire cage such as a nursery, hung on the front of the cage containing the hen for a few days, or until you saw him calling to her and feeding her through the wires. Even if the bird is a genuine cock it certainly was not in good breeding condition, or it would have been singing more or less. You would do well to read the replies the last few weeks on feeding up birds for breeding, and see whether your feeding is at fault.

Yorkshire Weak on Legs.

Sandy.—In the first place see that the bird's perches are of a proper size to give it a firm grip, and are securely fixed in position. Failure to comply with these conditions may be the sole cause of your bird's apparent inability to perch properly. If this is not the case, alter diet. Discontinue egg food altogether for the present, and stop giving boiled rape. Let staple diet consist of a mixture of three parts Canary, and one part summer rape. Give half a teaspoonful of hemp every third day, and on the two intervening days a small teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake, well mixing with it one day four drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and the next six drops of sherry. Give a spray of chickweed or groundsel daily. In the drinking water give four drops of tincture of steel one day, twelve drops of Chemical Food the next, and pure water on the third, and repeat this course over again and again in the same order for a fortnight or three weeks. This is assuming your bird is not inordinately fat, which is just possible, as you say you have been feeding well, although from the few details you give about your dietary, it is nothing much out of the ordinary. Should the bird be over-fat in condition, treat first for a week on a spare diet with saline aperient, as frequently advised in this column, before commencing above treatment.

Hen Going Bald.

E. W. L.—The prospects of curing such cases are always rather remote, so you will probably have to persevere some time before you see any result—certainly not before the proper moulting time. I do not think it advisable to breed with birds so affected. For treatment feed on a staple diet of three parts Canary and one part rape seed, and twice a week give a small piece of bread soaked in milk, and with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped about it—a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut is sufficient. Give a spray of chickweed or flowering heads of groundsel every day, and in the drinking water three times a week as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and six drops of lemon juice. Allow the bird to bathe itself daily, if it will do so, but see it is not chilled afterwards. Every other day for a week slightly moisten the bare skin with a camel-hair pencil dipped in a mixture of equal part of strong common vinegar and water. After that anoint it very sparingly twice a week with sulphur ointment. After giving the above medicine in the water for a fortnight, omit it the third week, and give it only each alternate week afterwards.

Young Birds Dying.

Puzzled.—The reason the young in both broods of the Crest-bred hen died as you describe is that the hen ceased to feed them, and in the last brood she, or the cock, began pecking at the down which would have ended in plucking out the quill when they appeared had the birds lived. The only satisfactory way of dealing with a hen of this class is to keep a pair of foster parents available and transfer the eggs of this hen to the foster parents to be hatched and reared. The eggs of the foster parent may be given to the Crest-bred to hatch out, and if the foster birds are of a good type and the hen feeds well, they should rear the two broods, and thus save all that are hatched out. But it is quite useless trusting to the Crest-bred to rear any young at all. As she has already produced two good broods you should only allow her to nest once more this year.

Various and Important.

J. C. S.—1. To cut the overgrown claws, catch the bird, wash the feet clean and have ready a small pair of sharp nail scissors. Hold the bird in the left hand with its back to your palm, and the second, third and fourth fingers folded firmly across its breast to keep it from moving. Now draw out a foot with the thumb and finger of your right hand and place it between the tips of the thumb and forefinger of your left hand. Hold firmly, also holding the foot up in front of a strong light. You will see a narrow red streak running part of the way along the claw, in the centre, showing how far the blood circulates. Take scissors and snip the claw off just short of the very tip of that pink streak. If you cut right up to the streak it will cause some bleeding, so be careful to keep just clear of it. Treat each claw separately in same way. Should you accidentally go a little too close with one, and it seems to bleed too profusely, heat a knitting needle to a white heat and just touch the tip of the claw with it. But if blood only just shows on the point leave alone; it will not hurt. 2. No, it is not yet too late to mate up fresh pairs. You have plenty of time to get one brood now, and provided the birds have not been mated before this season, you may possibly get two broods if the birds are in good condition and settle down to business at once. 3. About the middle of July you should begin to take steps to prevent any pairs starting for a fresh brood. August should be regarded as the latest month for brood hatching, and this should only be allowed in exceptional circumstances.

Not Fertilising Eggs.

W. S. Brewster.—1. The fact that your Border cock bird seems sleepy and lethargic is sufficient to account for its not fertilising any of the eggs. In all probability he is in an overfed condition, which is the cause of trouble. Now you have separated him, feed on a diet of plain Canary seed, and give just a few grains of hemp every third day, and a small teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake twice a week. Give nothing else in the way of food, save an unlimited supply of chickweed, with an occasional tuft of the blooming heads of groundsel. In drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week. Then for another week give the medicine twice, and during each interval between it give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid for one day. For a fortnight after give four drops tincture of steel twice a week. Let bird have plenty of space for exercise, and after this month's course of treatment, if your hen happens to be ready for mating, try him again. He may fertilise one round for you yet.

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The Opium Fiend.

"Green Food."—The fact that opium is not, I believe, existent in dandelion is a negative reply to your suspicion as to whether this is the cause of your bird's drowsiness. As a matter of fact, I strongly suspect they are overfed, and would suggest that you treat as advised to "W. S. Brewster," or at least so far as all those that are not feeding young, or otherwise busily engaged with breeding are concerned. Lettuce has often been wrongly said to cause drowsiness through possessing opium, yet I note you succeeded with this all right, and have now gone one better, and stuck the opium theory upon dandelion. Still, I do not recommend the use of dandelion for general use at this season. I much prefer chickweed, lettuce, young groundsel, or watercress in the order named.

Brevities.

Sex of Young (Novice).—Yes, as you have Cinnamon blood in both your birds, and are breeding with a Cinnamon cock, there is a chance of one of the clear pink-eyed birds being a cock. The strength of this chance depends solely upon the amount of Cinnamon blood in the hen, and there should be a goodly proportion, for there to be a fair prospect of the chance being fulfilled.

Feeding Young (Roller).—Thanks, glad to hear former advice did so much good. As regards feeding the young, I see no objection whatever to your using the food you mention, seeing you have a quantity of it. I should, however, prefer to use it as a substitute for crushed biscuit, and add about the fourth part of its bulk of egg for the first week at least. As one small egg will be too much for you to use in one day, you might economise by using preserved yolk.

Hen Refuses to Sit (Alice E. Price).—There is no accounting for the idiosyncrasies of hens, such as the one you describe, and no means of curing them. Sometimes hens are driven to forsake their nests by them being infested with red mites, or through being scared by mice. The former I do not suspect is the case, but are you sure the room to which the hen was removed is free from mice? Assuming neither of these is the cause of your hen's behaviour, transfer eggs to a more reliable hen to be hatched and reared, and allow this hen to sit on a few dummies for two or three weeks if she will, when they may be taken away, and the hen allowed to nest again in the usual course. Of course you must endeavour to arrange for her to lay about the same time as one or two other hens.

Roller not Fertilising (Roller Cock).—As you do not say whether the bird sings, nor say anything about its condition, I assume you are quite satisfied respecting its sex. See reply to "W. S. Brewster," and treat as there advised if it is in an overfed condition. If it is in poor condition before mating for the next nest, give every second day for a fortnight a teaspoonful of crumbs of sponge cake with six drops of cod liver oil emulsion in it, and on alternate days a small pinch of gold of pleasure seed and half a teaspoonful of hemp. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. In drinking water give twelve drops of Chemical Food every second day during the fortnight, and on alternate days four drops tincture of steel.

One Egg (Norwich).—Patience is the best thing I can advise in such a case. The solitary egg you may throw away now, unless you had the forethought to place it under another hen just commencing to sit, in which case it might have hatched. Give birds a mild aperient of Epsom salts for one day, and for the next two days four drops tincture of steel. Give a spray of chickweed daily, and in all other respects treat as you did when the birds were going to nest first time. It may possibly be a fortnight before she lays her second clutch now, and you can do nothing to force matters without running the risk of upsetting things generally.

Breeding Songsters (C. W. Tompkins). — You would certainly be able to breed good songsters by mating Roller cock with Norwich hen, and provided you kept no other birds and allowed the young cocks to hear no other song but that of the Rollers, you would probably get some very fair performers. But you must not expect them to equal the pure Roller in vocal abilities. In all probability they will be louder, somewhat harsher, and have less variety in their song. To avoid this you can only do so by breeding pure Rollers; and even then you can only hope for first-rate performers by a very strict system of training and selection for the young.

Wanted: A Pedigree (Three Years' Reader).—No hard and fast rule can be laid down as to what a given pair of birds will breed without knowing something of their pedigree. The grey Crest and Norwich Plainhead will probably produce a few Crest and Crest-breds of an inferior type, and a majority of Plainheads, too feathery and poor in colour to compete with pure Plainheads. As regards the other grey Crest, the best mate for your purpose would be a green cap-marked buff Crest-bred, with plenty of head feather and "browing," bred from a clear-bodied dark Crested strain.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Under Hen Canaries.

W. S. Brewster.—You are quite likely to succeed in rearing a young Yellowhammer and a young Chaffinch under your hen Canaries. It has been accomplished by a good many fanciers—or, rather, by their hens. On the other hand, hen Canaries often fail in this task; several friends have told me that they have had to finish the rearing of the young Britishers by means of hand-feeding. The ordinary diet given the hens when rearing their own kind is sufficient, providing seeding green-foods (chickweed, shepherd's-purse, etc.), and soaked rape are liberally offered. Most hens, in fact, are somewhat shy at tackling what would be most useful items, viz., mealworms, live ants' eggs, smooth caterpillars, flies, small grubs, etc. I have frequently led them into eating mealworms and the live ants' cocoons, however, by mixing the same (with a fork) well among the soft food, cutting up the mealworms into pieces—in the same way, in fact, as one gets the small insectivorous British birds on to artificial food.

Young Chaffinches Under Canaries.

C.M.O.—Another querist asks me almost a similar question this week; note reply to "W. S. Brewster." When the young Chaffinches get over a week old, you may find them begin to "squeeze out" the young Canaries, as they are birds of more vigorous growth. You can watch for this, however, and if the two lots of eggs are due to hatch within a day of each other, then it will not be difficult to bring the four Chaffinches together, assuming, of course, they all thrive. When the youngsters begin to pick up for themselves, let them have a little not too moist soft food containing plenty of ants' eggs, and with some small mealworms frequently cut up amongst it, likewise a few live ants' eggs if you can obtain the same. These things, of course, are in addition to the usual things given young seed-eaters, viz., Canary and maw seeds, lightly cracked hemp, with soaked rape, also the seeding green-foods, and, later on, cracked and kibbled sunflower seeds, etc.

Bullfinches and Breeding.

Nomad.—1. The eggs of a Bullfinch take the same time to hatch as those of the Canary and similar small birds, that is, the young may be expected between the evening of the thirteenth day and the morning of the fourteenth day after incubation commenced in earnest. No absolutely definite period can possibly be given, as it varies over a few hours according to the warmth of the weather, and (especially with captive birds) the degree of closeness with which the hen sticks to her task. 2. Bullfinch hens cannot be really depended on, either in cages, or in aviaries, though in a good big aviary, and with no other couples about, they might go through all right. That is my own experience of them. Their behaviour is very puzzling; some will not even build, but drop their eggs on the floor; others build, but even then drop their eggs about; some build, lay their eggs, and sit for a few days, then apparently get "tired"; while a select few will even make an attempt to bring up the young. Whatever the cause may be, however, I fancy the number of Bullfinch hens which "bring off" the young, as fanciers say, is very, very small—practically *nil* when confined to a cage. 3. This is a vexed question. I can only say, as I have said in the past, that no genuine case of a hen Canary having fertile eggs when mated with a cock Bullfinch has ever come under my notice. It is said to have often happened on the Continent. And there seems no reason why it should not do so. Have never seen a Bullfinch-Canary Hybrid on the show bench.

An Extraordinary Occurrence.

Ruby.—You say that one of your Goldfinches made a small hole in a Canary's egg, piercing both shell and skin, and that when this egg was put under a hen Mule, which was incubating a clutch, it hatched out all right. You ask, is this often the case? It certainly is not; in fact, I think you have made a mistake in some way or other. An egg which has shell and skin pierced is held to be spoiled. To prick the eggs with a needle is a well-known dodge of those who sell eggs of poultry and the like and wish to prevent them being used for sitting purposes. Personally, I certainly have never known a pierced egg to hatch out. I have, however, known eggs when well on in incubation to accidentally get the shells cracked, and then to hatch out after a little Goldbeater's skin has been at once applied to the injured part; and I have heard of court plaster, postage stamp edging, etc., being successfully used. But a smashed egg which has not been sat on—never. As regards the hen Canary, there is something amiss with her internally, and you cannot alter matters. Shall be glad to hear of your experiences with the Bramblefinch-Canary couple.

Food for Skylark.

A Novice.—This is the recipe for Lark food which "A. Horan" says he found so successful. I use it with every success myself for these birds, and large Softbills generally. The quantity mentioned would last your six Larks a fair period, but you could, of course, easily double it. The ingredients you can get from any up-to-date seller of bird foods or through our advertising columns. Game meal (without grit) or crushed puppy biscuits, three pounds, finely ground silkworm pupae, half-a-pound, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, a quarter pound each, by weight. It will keep a long time. A few mealworms and other insects should be frequently given; also a little seed in a separate dish. This food can be moistened with a little water (it should be made crumbly moist, not into a sticky mass). But a little finely minced green-food (chickweed, lettuce, watercress, etc.), or grated raw carrot, or mashed cold boiled potato are by far the best. Clover grass (either a turf of it or some chopped fine and mixed in the food) is also one of the best possible things to give a Skylark to make it sing, and keep it healthy, and assist it during the moult. The game meal is practically identical with meals sold as pheasant and partridge meals, and either can be used.

Moulting Young Mules, etc.

Muler.—Some young Mules are fiends at plucking their companions, and possibly in this lies the explanation of the missing feathers of your own birds. All pluckers must be caged up separately; they can soon do a lot of damage. But it is possible to very much minimise the dangers of plucking occurring, by seeing that the youngsters have sufficient "elbow room" in the flight cages, and that they have something to exercise their beaks upon, such as strands of thick string, cuttlefish, old mortar, sunflower seed, and especially the ripe seeding heads of wild plants, such as chickweed, shepherd's-purse, and thistles. Young birds are like most Parrots—they must be "whittling away" at something. You would no doubt notice the reply to "Tryer" in last week's issue concerning the feeding of young Mules and Hybrids, and will be following the advice given him in future. I have no particular trouble myself to bring up the young. The Linnet you should give plenty of the seeding green-foods I recommended, and lightly rub the head daily with a little sulphur ointment (obtainable from a chemist); rub only the way the feathers lie. Shall be pleased to answer any further questions, if any difficulties crop up in the future.

Changing Eggs.

Pierpont.—Other replies this week deal with the hatching of Chaffinches by Canaries, and their rearing.—It is quite achievable, but you cannot keep, for the best part of a week, eggs that have been sat on for a day or two, then put them under a hen Canary and expect them to hatch out. Only perfectly fresh eggs (newly laid) can be kept for a few days ere being placed under another hen. Once incubation has been commenced, the eggs will be spoiled if kept from under a hen for even a few hours, and especially in cold weather. During the early stages of incubation, the germ quickly perishes if from any reason the eggs are allowed to get cold. A hen being off the nest over long may even bring this about. "Signs of blood" in an egg show that it had been fertilised, also that it had been sat on for a day or so. Sorry to hear of your loss of the Canary through flying out of the window, and trust you recovered him.

Hand-rearing Seed-eaters.

S. McK.—Your question respecting the address will be found answered in the Editor's column. Yellowhammers may be hand-reared in the same way as Goldies, Linnets, and other Finches. Full details of the general procedure have been given in our

last two or three issues. These seed-eaters are not difficult to bring up by hand, providing the two principal rules connected with hand-rearing are duly observed, viz., to feed a little at a time only from dawn to dark, and to keep the nestlings scrupulously clean. I don't believe in taking them from their parents at too early an age; let them show their feathers nicely before you remove them. The food to be used is the usual kind—that is, egg and biscuit. Crush two Osborne biscuits, and well mix with them the yolk and half the white of a hard-boiled egg, using a fork to do this with, one with thin prongs. When feeding take the required quantity of this mixture, and make it the consistency of thin paste (or of cream) with new milk. See that it is always sweet and free from the slightest taint of sourness. It must be made fresh at least once daily. Often I put in a good pinch of Plasmon powder, which I am never without in my bird-room. A few small cut-up pieces of mealworm may be dipped in milk and popped into their mouths pretty frequently; likewise any house flies you can capture should also be fed to them. As the youngsters grow, add a little soaked and just sprouting summer rape to the stock food. Steep the rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before mixing it with the soft food. Gradually increase the quantity of this rape in the food. When they begin to pick up for themselves, wean them on to soaked rape, maw, lightly cracked canary and hemp seeds, hulled and broken up sunflower seed kernels, seeding chickweed, shepherd's-purse, and groundsel tops. I have had them pick up ants' eggs with relish; in fact, I often mix some amongst the food I hand-feed with. Note replies to "Mavis" and "Tryer" last week.

Nest on the Cage Floor.

Tom.—It is irritating, of course, to find a hen ignoring one's brand new, up-to-date nest box, and building her nest in a corner of the cage floor. The feminine mind was ever a problem, we are told, though I do not know that the fact is particularly consoling. Probably your hen does not like the position in which you have hung the nest-box; you could try it very low down, level with the bottom perch, in the corner for which she has shown a predilection. Arrange the nest she has built carefully in it. If she seems disinclined to accept the situation, and starts pulling the nest to bits, put the nest-box right on the floor. If she still "won't play," then you must let her have her own way. But if you wait until she turns quite "broody" (is anxious to sit) after the third egg is laid, you can then put the nest in the box, and hang the latter on the lower nail, with almost certainty that she will make no further fuss, but will get on with the business. So long as she successfully rears the young, however, it is really a matter of little moment where she has her nest, or whether it is in a nest-box. I have seen hen Canaries quite successful with nests made on the cage floor out of nothing but dried grass.

Treating Scaly Legs.

F.M.Y.—The removal of the unsightly, and oftimes pain-giving, scales from the legs of birds is not a difficult operation, nor is it dangerous providing one handles the "patient" firmly yet carefully. I have known fanciers simply pick them off with the sharp point of a pen-knife blade; others adopt the same procedure after soaking the legs in fairly hot water. Personally I use heated oil—olive or salad oil put in a suitable receptacle, the latter then being stood in a basin of boiling water until the oil attains the desired heat, and of this one's finger is the best judge. After soaking the legs in the oil, the scales can be gradually loosened and brought away, either by the thumb-nail, or pen-knife point. It should be done as gently and carefully as possible, of course, care being taken not to wrench the leg, or a toe, or to squeeze the bird's body. Afterwards wash the legs in warm water, dab dry with a soft towel, and anoint with a little cooling and healing ointment—say, Zambuk, or boracic ointment, or even lanoline. If blood should chance to show, paint the spot with "new skin" (obtainable from the chemist); failing that, with a little Friars' Balsam. Any pain is only momentary; as in the case of tooth-pulling with human beings, the operation makes for the sufferer's future well-being. It is not correct that Thrushes "only moult twice in confinement"—if that is what you mean.

Goldie with Two Wives.

Pat.—Certainly; one Goldfinch is capable of attending to two or three wives, and usually "makes no bones" about doing so. When the first hen shows signs of being ready to nest, run the Goldie with her for a few hours daily until the third egg is laid—early morning and the evening are the best times. Then leave her to sitting and rearing duties, and repeat the procedure with hen number two. If both hens show a desire to go to nest at the same time, run him with one in the morning and the other in the evening, reversing things next day—*i.e.*, letting the evening hen (so to speak) be the morning hen. It is quite erroneous to think a Goldfinch (or any other male bird for that matter) must be with his wife always—a few minutes daily will be all sufficient, providing the hen "calls" to him, and he does his duty in that period. Briefly put, this is the whole procedure with any of the Finches which will "take to" more than one wife; some have views on this point, and most emphatically won't. You must arrange matters to best suit your own cages and circumstances.

Crossbill and its Management.

Constant Reader.—A Crossbill is not a rare bird; it is generally a winter visitor to the southern parts of Great Britain (though nests have been found there), frequenting the forests of Scotland in fair numbers. Many are seen from time to time on the show bench. Most are shown in their wild (*i.e.*, red plumage). After a moult in captivity their colour changes to a yellowish green. I have heard of a case in which a moulted Crossbill retained some of the red shade in its plumage; but this was a noteworthy exception. The comparative amount and depth of the red colour is said to form a reliable index to this bird's age. Your bird may be given for seed, sunflower, hemp, and Canary seed; and for animal food three or four mealworms daily, with any other insects you can get. A few berries (haw, privet, black, and so on), also the core and pips of apples, smashed nuts of various kinds (walnuts, crack nuts, etc.), and fruit are relished. Offer him any of the other seeds or seed mixtures in general use now and again; also small maize, dari, wheat, and the like. Sometimes he will eat a little, and variety is good. The Crossbill will find a great fund of amusement, and a supply of food also, in a few fir and pine cones, if you can get them with the seed in. He will also find you some employment in providing him with new perches, for he will use his spare moments in chewing these up. It is good for him, too, to have exercise for his curious and powerful mandibles. I found him an amusing and interesting bird when tame. Don't give the fir, etc., cones in a "green" state. Gather them ripe, when about to open; if necessary lay them in a moderately warm place (such as a cool oven) until they open.

Wagtail, Pipit and Bullfinch.

Novice.—I can hardly say more than that I use the food you mention myself for Wagtails, with the addition of a little dried ground-up sponge cake, and vegetables of some kind. Give a little colour-food about the beginning of July, and very gradually work up the strength. One part colour-food to five or six of soft food is a good strength. A really first-class Yellow Wagtail, put down in first-class condition, is a very good exhibition bird indeed. A Pipit (that is, Meadow or Tree) stands little chance of the highest honours in a mixed insectivorous class; sometimes a class for "Lark or Pipit" is to be found, but only at the biggest shows. A Bullfinch should have all the natural colouring agents you can gather (or it will eat) while it is moulting—black and privet berries in particular.

Brevities.

Loose Feathered (A.H.).—Yes; the treatment I recommended to you is equally suitable for similar small birds. Glad to hear it has resulted in such a big improvement in the condition of the birds.

After the Moult (C.C., Liverpool).—Into every tablespoonful of soft food given the Thrushes, well mix six to ten drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Begin at the lower dose, and gradually work up to the higher. Give fresh daily, and continue for at least a fortnight, when improvement should be noticed. Let them have a few mealworms, and also a few "blackbeetles" daily.

Linnets Off Song (D.J.J.).—Your letter is a complete puzzle. I cannot guess the cause, and you give me no particulars to work upon. What is the state of the birds' excreta? Are they lively and tight in feather, or inclined to be dull? Do they eat well? Your feeding seems excellent, except that you give too much hemp for the springtime. It is very fattening when regularly given. Write me again, and in the meantime stir half a teaspoonful of dandelion juice (from the chemist) into their drinking water for three days.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Indian Parrot Out of Condition.

M.W.—Your diet is fairly correct, though I prefer the home-made mixture of Canary, hemp, wheat, dari, oats and sunflower seeds, with ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), cuttlefish, green-food and water. I should say the bird was ill when it came to you, but the trouble was not then apparent, having since developed. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water every other day for a week, and on the other alternate days make the drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this for a month. If the bird has caught a chill obtain the following mixture from your chemist: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts. To one part of the mixture add two parts of water, and let the bird have a few sips three or four times a day. In case of there being any exudation from the nostrils, spray or bathe them with diluted glyco-thymoline. The bird should be kept out of the reach of draught till its condition is improved. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops or any kind of animal food whatever. It must not be kept in a vitiated atmosphere.

A Special Case.

W. B. Smith.—In such cases I have found jalap and areca-nut most effective, but the voidings should not be allowed to remain in the cage but removed immediately. Give the bird as much jalap as will lie on a sixpence; if the bird will not take it any other way, give it in a piece of madeira or sponge cake. If this method fails slightly damp the cake, and the jalap will then adhere to it—one dose should be sufficient. Follow this by two or three doses of about the same quantity of areca-nut administered by a similar method. As a tonic I should make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food for the next month. You will find the proper seed diet given in reply to "Amateur" in this issue, but of course the drugs, etc., advised in this reply will not apply to your bird—only the diet. If there is no improvement ten days hence you had better repeat query with fullest details. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food whatever.

Grey Parrot Unwell.

Amateur.—It is in the diet that you have chiefly erred; treat as under:—Diet, seed mixture of Canary, wheat, oats, dari, hemp and sunflower, well mix and keep a constant supply in its cage. As you have been giving boiled maize you must continue to do so, but as soon as it is eating freely of the seed mixture gradually wean it from the maize. You can also give, so as to vary the diet, ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), green-food, green peas, lettuce, etc., as in season, cuttlefish, grit and water. You must not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops or any kind of animal food. Give the bird several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls of water, with two days between the doses. This aperient must be stopped at once if its voidings become watery loose. When not giving the magnesia make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. Wean it from the boiled maize, and treat as above, and there should soon be an improvement.

Parrot Eating Voidings.

C.P.—You will have to cover the cage grating with half-inch mesh wire-netting, and see that this is kept very clean, till bird is broken of the habit. The proper seed mixture you will find in replies to other correspondents in this issue; continue the boiled maize for a time, but as soon as you are sure it is eating heartily and readily of the dry seed mixture gradually wean it from the boiled maize. Ripe fruit, plain biscuit (dry), nuts (shelled walnuts are best), also a little lettuce, green peas, or other salad as in season. Keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in the cage, mix a little Parrot grit with its seed mixture, and offer it water, into which you have put sufficient Parrish's Chemical Food to make it the colour of pale port wine, three or four times a day, permitting it on each occasion to satisfy its thirst. In the case of any appearance of constipation give a dose or two of Dinneford's Magnesia which will soon give relief. For quantity, etc., see other replies in this issue.

Sexing Bronze Mannikins.

W. Baker.—I fear you will have much difficulty (at any rate, till you have trained your eye somewhat) in recognising the distinctions when comparing the birds on the move, but with two skins such are very apparent. Adult male: Above, brown; top of head, almost black; forehead, black; lower back and rump, whitish, barred with dark brown; tail, dull black; wings, brown with a band of metallic green which crosses each shoulder; face, chin, throat, and chest, bronzy-brown, glossed with steely-purplish; breast and abdomen, white, barred on the sides with steely-black; under tail-coverts, white, barred with blackish; beak, leaden; legs and feet, dark brown; iris, brown. Adult female: Slightly smaller than the male, her beak not so conical, but more tapering, upper surface of plumage, browner than that of the male, and her metallic green shoulder bands not so large nor quite so brilliant. The female has little more than a call note, while the male has quite a little chattering song. The throbbing of his throat while uttering it is very noticeable, while the female produces her call with scarcely a perceptable movement of the throat. With a little careful observation the above differences should soon enable you to decide whether you have a true pair or a couple of males. This species is fairly ready to nest even in a cage, though the young are not always reared. A Hybrid between this species and the Magpie Mannikin was reared in my aviary last year, and still lives.

What Bird?

I.K.—It is a female Ring-necked Parrakeet, of which there are several species. Just which yours belongs to I fear it is impossible to say from a written description. It is mainly a matter of diet, when with a thoroughly healthy body its plumage will improve. Give it several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in its drinking water), say, three or four, with a two days' interval between each dose; if its voidings should become watery loose the aperient must be stopped at once. Follow this by a course of Parrish's Chemical Food—see other replies. Diet: A seed mixture of Canary, hemp, maize, wheat, dari, and sunflower seed in equal parts should form the staple diet; this can be varied with ripe fruit, green-food, plain biscuits (dry), nuts (shelled walnuts are best), cuttlefish, and water. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops, nor any kind of animal food. Spray the bird, or let it have a bath, two or three times a week, keeping it out of draught till dry. It should have the opportunity of quenching its thirst three times a day if it is not safe to leave the water in its cage continuously, which it will be quite safe to do providing the bird is not troubled with an inordinate thirst.

Brevities.

Treatment of Tri-coloured Nuns (E.M.).—The treatment of Tri-coloured Nuns or Mannikins is very simple, and as under the conditions of cage life they are not very active birds, an ordinary breeding cage should suffice, but it must be understood that the larger the cage the less likely are they to become mopy and dull. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, green-food (lettuce, green in flower, chickweed, etc.), cuttlefish, grit and water *ad. lib.*, for drinking and bathing. I do not remember any record of Nuns breeding in captivity, though occasionally I have had odd birds pair up with other species, but never any result; however, it is not impossible. Put a husk at one end of the cage and a small box at the other. Give them a little hay and long grass, and leave them to their own devices. Your chances of successful breeding would be much greater in an outdoor aviary than under any other conditions.

Parrot with Wound on Leg ("Favourite").—You must certainly look to the food tin and remove any sharp edges there may be about. The wound must be well cleansed, and then lightly touched with Friars' Balsam, keeping the bird from pecking at it till it is dry, if possible. If the bird will not leave the wound alone, you must try and get a bandage of some sort round it while it is in a raw condition, and if you can protect it from the bird's beak it should soon heal. It should be bathed with clean chilled water each time it bleeds, and then be lightly anointed with the Balsam.

What Birds? (Curios).—(1) I am of the opinion that these queries belong more to my colleague Mr. Weston than to myself, and you had better repeat query as to treatment, etc., to him next week. In the meantime, diet your Bullfinch on Canary, summer rape, sunflower, and teazle seed, two parts of the first-named and one each of the others; supply fresh green-stuff, such as chickweed, tender lettuce, etc., at least twice a day. (2) Am of opinion it is the common Linnet in its nuptial dress; this rosy hue is not retained in captivity; the bird moults out brown. Of course, on the other hand, it might be some species of Rose Finch, but I think it is the former. (3) I am doubtful as to what this can be, and there is but little time to look the matter up before going to press, but I will keep the query before me and try to give you a definite reply in our next issue. At present I incline to the opinion that it is the Siberian Chaffinch, or possibly an abnormal Brambling.

Naming a Parrot (J. L. Martin).—I do not know the birds by the vernacular name you quote, and, of course, immature plumage is a very unsafe guide to define species by. However, I'm of the opinion they were All-Green Parrakeets. In such a young stage I should not hesitate to feed on pulped boiled maize, ripe fruit, and even a little milk sop, but aim at getting them on to a seed as quickly as possible. The great thing is to ascertain how they have been fed before coming into your hands, and avoid a sudden change of diet (which many species resent), and if it be unwholesome, gradually wean it on to a more wholesome one. The diet for this species is Canary, millet, and a few oats, such ripe fruit as it will take, and grecufood. They are natives of Brazil.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Linnet (F. Collinson).—Acute inflammation of lungs, enlarged liver, terminating with apoplexy. A severe form of "chill."

Cinnamon Ken (Leader). — Inflammation of lungs, spleen, kidneys, and liver, ending with apoplexy. This condition is suggestive of "bird-fever," and if any other deaths occur you must go in for thorough disinfection.

Variegated Cinnamon Cock (E. J. Reynolds).—Undoubtedly a case of "Bird Fever," which seems strange considering that you have only the house-bred birds saved from last year. The infection must have come with a strange bird or cage, but not with the seeds, unless it came from an infected shop.

Young Blackbird (W. A. Lott).—Inflammation of liver and bowels.

Hen Canary with Week-old Chick (H. Thornhill).—Inflammation of lungs, liver and spleen, terminating with apoplexy—all the symptoms of "bird fever."

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A True Account (H.E.T.).—Many thanks.

Breeding Results (A.M.).—We shall be very pleased to have an account of your breeding results. We are always glad to hear of readers' experiences with their birds, either with reference to breeding or otherwise.

Illustrated Ideas (J. Neale).—Our artist has a number of "Ideas" awaiting illustration, and also their turn to appear in our columns, but whether yours are amongst them we cannot at the moment say. In any case, we cannot undertake to use "Illustrated Ideas" the same week as they are received.

Nest on a Tombstone (J. Burton).—We thank you for this very interesting photograph.

Outdoor Stock Cage (C.B.).—Articles and photographs safely received, and we shall hope to use them shortly. Accept our best thanks.

Address Wanted (S. McKinlay).—We cannot give addresses without permission, but if you will send your missive in a stamped envelope, we will have it addressed and posted with pleasure.

Report (D. Roberts).—We are very much obliged to you, but it so happened that a local correspondent had already sent in a report.

Seed Crushing Machine (T. B. Gray).—We do not remember the machine in question, but have put your enquiry in the correspondence column.

The Water Ousel.

In the West the Water-Colley, in the North the Dipper, elsewhere the Water Ousel—such are the names given to a rusty-brown bird with a white neck. He flies in a straight line like a Starling and in a clumsy manner as a young Starling does. His cry is feeble and pett sh, and has an unfinished sound. His haunts are the stream and small rivers. There are usually a pair of them together, and they may be seen in the same stretch of water day after day, but being shy and wary are not easily observed.

Thrushes Delay Railway Truck.

At Stairfoot Colliery, near Sheffield, Thrushes have built between the spokes of a waggon wheel, and the female is hatching four eggs. A few days ago it was found necessary to move the waggon, which is loaded with coke. As a result the nest fell out, but, strange to say, none of the eggs suffered injury. The nest and its contents were replaced, whereupon the mother bird calmly resumed sitting. The workmen are carefully watching the safety of the nest, and instructions have been given that the waggon must not be shifted until the young birds are hatched.

A Tame Hawfinch.

Allow me to express my appreciation of the excellent "Chart" of the Hawfinch which appeared the other week in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. C. Wilmot (Bedford). The series of charts which you are giving us is simply invaluable, especially to those who have but recently entered the ranks of the Fancy, calling attention as they do, not only to the good points of the specimens produced, but also to the bad points to be found in same. The model Hawfinch in last week's issue is, I consider, A1. This bird is a great favourite of mine. The one I now have is a great pet, being very tame. He sings to me (that is if one can call it a song), and kisses me; in fact, puts his formidable beak right between my lips. He is very affectionate.

Sparrow Pests.

A north country paper suggests combined Sparrow destruction in the same manner as Pigeons have been dealt with in the south and west of England. No doubt these birds are much more numerous than is desirable, and a little thinning out would be to the advantage of farmers and others; but they are most difficult birds to deal with. They are as cunning and crafty as any of the bird-we have, and will not look at anything having the slightest suspicion of being a trap, not even when it is left for some days. The only method of dealing with them appears to be during the winter when they can be fed and shot, or caught at night with nets. Now although the farmer is raving against them during harvest, he tolerates them during winter, and so the birds live and multiply to worry him again the following August.

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THE BREEDING AND MANAGEMENT OF THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY.

By J. HAZELL.

A Lecture given before the Members of the Lewisham and District C.B.S.

The Norwich Plainhead is, to my idea, the most perfect specimen, as well as the most popular of all Canaries.—It is said that in the City of Norwich, from whence it is supposed to have originated, there are about 4,000 breeders. Although at one time the best of specimens came from there, it is not so at the present time, as they are bred North, South, East, and West. At any bird show you will always find a good gathering of Norwich. It is one of the most easy varieties for the novice to take up with; being hardy and making good feeders and breeders.

You are all aware that we have a Southern Norwich Plainhead Club in our midst, with headquarters in London, doing all in its power to improve the Norwich. It has only been in existence about four years, but there is already a marked improvement in the breed down South, and all lovers of this variety should join and support it.

Colour, Type and Quality.

In a good Norwich we must have three things—Colour, Type and Quality. A Norwich Plainhead without colour would stand very little chance on the show bench. So to get colour it is most important to breed for same. You are certain to lose colour if you pair clear to clear. The best way to obtain colour is to pair a clear to a ticked or variegated Canary. By pairing two variegated birds together it is possible to breed greens, and these paired back to clears will soon break up and you may breed from them clears, ticked and variegated. You will then have a good foundation to work from for colour.

In breeding for type it is best to pair two medium sized birds together, these being usually more typical than the larger sized birds. By pairing two large birds you get them too long and coarse in feather. Pairing a small hen to a large cock is better than pairing a large hen to a small cock.

It is most important to see that the cock has a nice round head and clear skull, showing no trace of browning, and with plenty of colour. Shape and quality should predominate in the hen. I like the hen to be shapely, with short close feather, as then, if paired to a cock with plenty of feather, they would not throw those long-feathered birds we sometimes see.

I have bred this last few years some nice typical hens by pairing two very short feathered birds together, providing they were of the right shape and quality, and have succeeded in getting rid of a lot of superfluous feather; I do not think I have any loose feathered birds in my room now.

Double Yellowing and Buffing.

Double yellowing and double buffing I have never had much to do with, not seeing the advantage of breeding yellow to yellow without one has a special object in view. But from double buffs last year I got some very nice young, but you want to know what kind of feather to use to gain anything by so doing. The pair I double-buffed had very short feathers, and that silkiness you get on a yellow of sound rich colour, there being very little meal or frost on it to what some buffs have (you might almost take it for a yellow). The young from this pair were similar in feather to the old cock, but with more meal or frost on them.

We will now run through the standard of the Norwich Plainhead Club to see what we have to breed to. "Colour: Deep, bright, pure, rich and level throughout." So you see colour is a most important point in a Norwich Plainhead. "Shape: Head round, full and neat; neck, short and thick; body, short and chubby, with wide back well filled up, deep head, and full chest." "Feather: Soft and silky, with brilliancy and compactness." "Wings and tail, short, compact, and good carriage." "Size: Well proportioned." "Beak: Short and stout (clear)." "Legs: Well set back (also clear)." "Feet: Perfect." "Condition: Health, cleanliness, and sound feather. Streaked beak and marked legs not to be a disqualification, but count against the bird to this extent." "Length: Not to exceed 6½ inches."

I think that is a very good standard, and if you succeed in breeding one that will have all these points in it, I think you will be very lucky indeed. You see there is no need to have those long-sided birds we sometimes see on the show bench.

I breed even marks, and advise breeding with birds marked on opposite sides, and as near as possible in the same way, though of course I can only speak from observation. Lizard blood, in my opinion, does not improve type or quality, though other breeders may differ with me over this.—H. THOS. LUCAS, Hon. Sec.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE first council meeting of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. for session 1908-9 took place at headquarters, Market Tavern, Bradford, on May 16th, a good muster of delegates being present. The new president, Mr. J. Greaves, occupied the chair, and, before the real business of the evening commenced, had the honour and pleasure of presenting Mr. Fred Hammond (the late secretary) with a magnificent gold medal, value £2, in recognition of his valuable and esteemed services to the Union. Mr. Hammond responded, and spoke of the great pleasure it would give him to wear such a valuable token, and he thanked the donors for their kind appreciation of his services.

NOVICES will be pleased to hear that they have had the number of medals to be competed for in their sections increased to sixteen, twelve of which will be given in the Yorkshire section and four in the Norwich.

FIRST Feather shows seem to be falling out of favour altogether. This season not even a single open one will be held in the Union district, and fanciers will have to content themselves with those for members of societies only. The young bird shows have gradually dwindled down during the last four or five years. Then four was the usual number, and this year two have been talked about, but both have fallen through.

THE Windhill and Bradford West societies have arranged a joint ramble for May 30th, the venue being Ilkley, and they wish to get as many fanciers and friends to go with them as possible. All are sure of a hearty welcome. Plenty of bird-life is to be seen around Ilkley, amongst the birds being Kingfishers, of which I have seen several pairs every year for at least six years, and Chaffinches, of which there are more here than in any other place I have ever visited, and splendid ones at that. Both societies being strong numerically a good company is expected.

MEETINGS have been rather quiet lately, fanciers having turned their thoughts towards the breeding room. Some, as usual, are doing well, others are doing bad, and therefore are seeking the reason why this is so. I have heard of one fancier who says there are no sweating hens, and I am inclined to agree with him. In his opinion the cause is diarrhœa in the nest, this making the hen wet, and appear as though she was sweating. I hope our friend will write up to CAGE BIRDS and give his reasons and state how he proposes to remedy the trouble. I am certain this would prove both interesting and instructive, and now is the time it is required.

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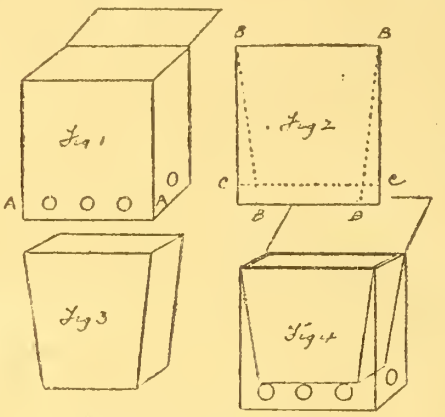
No. 207.

A SELF-SUPPLYING FOUNTAIN SEED BOX.

Sent by W. W. Challis, 7, Downing Place, Cambridge.

Below I give a sketch of a seed box, which might be of interest to CAGE BIRD readers. To make, obtain a plank of wood 8ft. long, 1ft. wide, and ½in. thick. From one end mark off 48ins. and cut off. Now divide this piece of wood into six equal pieces. These six are to be fixed together, so as to form a box with a lid. At about half an inch from the bottom, drill holes



A Self-Supplying Hopper.

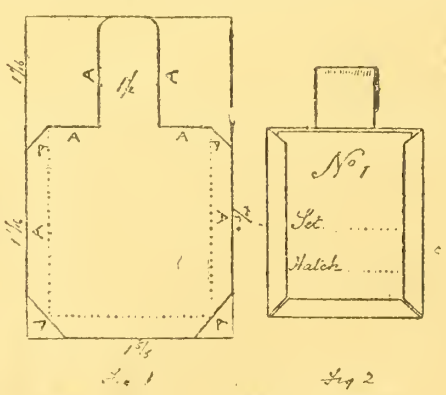
(about 1¼ins. diameter). (See Fig 1). Now take the remainder of the wood and divide into four parts. Take each of these and mark off 1in. from the two lower ends (C to C in Fig. 2), and 1in. upwards (B to B), cutting off, as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 2. These four pieces of wood are joined together as shown in Fig. 3. It will now be found that this fits into the first box, the bottom of the inset box coming just above the holes in the other. (See Fig. 4). Place seed in the box, and all you have to do is to watch that your birds obtain the seed through the holes and you have made a seed-box in which no seed is wasted and a mice-proof one. This can, if wished, be fixed to a pole if required, for the aviary.—W. W. CHALLIS.

No. 208.

A SIMPLE LABEL HOLDER FOR BREEDING CAGES.

Sent by J. W. Bancroft, 12, Princes Drive, Marshland Road, Cheshire.

Herewith I submit a sketch of a simple and handy device for hanging labels on to the fronts of breeding cages, which I find very useful, especially to fanciers who have an aversion to gumming or pasting



Label Holder for Breeding Cage.

the labels on to the cage front. The label is simply slipped down the groove formed by the sides being bent over to the front. The holder may be hung in position on any part of the front, so long as the hook rests on a cross-bar. To make holder, first cut a piece of tin (Fig. 1), 2¾ins. by 1⅝ins., and cut off as at A in Fig. 1. This done, form grooves by bending forward to the front the three sides of the tin, that is, along the dotted lines as in Fig 1. Now bend the half-inch strip over to the back to form the hook. The holder is now complete, and ready to receive the label. Fig. 2 shows holder ready for hanging in position.—J. W. BANCROFT.

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THE NIGHTINGALE NEAR HARROGATE.

SIR,—While a friend and myself were walking near a wood at Bilton at dusk on May 16, we both heard and saw a Nightingale. I am mentioning this as it is, I think, a very rare occurrence near Harrogate.

J. DURHAM.

INFORMATION WANTED ABOUT A SEED-CRUSHING MACHINE.

SIR,—Can any reader favour me through the columns of your very interesting paper, CAGE BIRDS, by giving me an idea of what kind of machine Wilson's Patent Seed-crushing Machine is, where is could be seen, and what it is likely to cost? T. B. GRAY.

TWIN LINNET MULES.

SIR,—Being a fancier and breeder and successful exhibitor, I am sending particulars of a happening in my bird place, thinking it might be of interest to other fanciers. I put a cock Linnet with a hen Canary. They paired, and she laid three eggs, all fertile. One egg was much larger than the others. Two hatched, and the young are doing well. The other egg not hatching I opened it, and found two well-matured young birds in it—dead, of course. I have shown them to several fanciers, one being Mr. W. N. Midgley, the successful Norwich exhibitor. I have them by me in spirits of wine, and they can be seen by anyone on application. The young Mules were bred in an ordinary 24-inch breeding cage. C. OSBORN.

Winslow, Bucks.

THE GOLDEN ORIOLE IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—I was pleased to read about the beautiful Golden Oriole in CAGE BIRDS of May 16, the like of which bird I have not seen since my schooling days in the hills in India, where it is found in plenty. A more beautiful bird it is hard to find when it is seen in summer plumage, sitting on the tall trees in the hillsides with the full blaze of the sun striking on it. It is hard to tell whether it is more plentiful in Africa or India, but I should say the latter, as I have never seen one while in Africa where I was for quite two years (on the trek). The only way for an Oriole to be brought up in captivity is by hand and from the nest (wild state) when about ten days old. I fully endorse everything mentioned about the Oriole, and may I suggest that besides the food that has been mentioned, the fancier should try a few gentles, mealworms, smooth green caterpillars found on cabbage plants, and grasshoppers, which may be found among the grass in the country, but are rather hard to procure. No doubt the reason why the Oriole will readily kill wasps and not eat them is on account of thinking them to be grasshoppers, and when finding out the mistake throw them away. I am not in possession of this beautiful bird and have not seen one yet in England, where I arrived from India as far back as '89. So after all these years I have almost forgotten the exact colour. This bird, the Hill Mynah and the Indian Jay I have had and reared in India (taken from the nest), but on an entirely different diet—one which is not procurable in England—i.e., ground "Gram" and "Ghee." I may say that there are millions of grasshoppers in India, and one has to be careful which ones to get as there are some which no birds will touch in India. The Oriole builds its nest on the highest of branches and almost at the top of the trees, especially firs and oaks. I trust this will explain and give a little satisfaction to W. P. Wallace and to B. De Dedem.

W. R. EVERETT.

AN APPEAL FROM THE CAMELON CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—Will you allow me a little space in your valuable paper on behalf of the above club? We held our first open show in November, 1906—at least it was open for poultry and pigeons, but confined as regards cage birds. This was voted by everyone a huge success, but judge our surprise when we were informed about eight months after the show that we were £11 in debt! Now we consider this has been caused by sheer carelessness on the part of two of our officials, who have all along never taken the members into their confidence. We, the members, have tried all means to try and get our late show cleared up, but we have never yet got a satisfactory report from the said two officials. I may say that when we were told we had lost a good round sum on our show, the members decided to try something in order to clear this debt. With this in view, we held a concert, and provided a good company, but owing no doubt to the dull trade we have have been having here, we only realised about £2 10s. from same. No doubt some of your readers will think we have taken a long time to have our show settled up, and quite right, too. But owing to some grievance which has existed between the said two officials, which has caused a deadlock, we have been able to do very little in the matter. At the same time we, the few remaining hard-working members, are determined to have this debt cleared, so that we may have our confined members' show of cage birds this year again, as we are anxious to try and raise the Fancy to a higher level in our village. With this end in view, we make an earnest appeal to all fanciers to help us out of the difficulty we have been put into, by giving us their support at this time. Any subscriptions, though very small, will be very thankfully received.—I am, for the members, DAVID MORTON.

Brown Street, Camelon-by-Falkirk.

YELLOWHAMMER-CANARY MULES

SIR,—As promised, I write to let you know that these Mules are doing well. I saw them on Sunday last; they were then 23 days old and were sitting on the perches. Two appear to be cocks, and are favouring the hen. She, I might mention in answer to your footnote, is a yellow Cinnamon Canary. The other one is apparently a hen, and more favours the cock bird. In the other nest were four eggs, one unfertile, and the others were addled after about the third day, evidently through leaving the Yellowhammer with the hen, as the eggs were found buried under the lining of the nest. The Yellowhammer is now with a clear Buff Norwich hen, and another nest of eggs is expected. Should any fancier care to see the young, and the old pair now nesting again, or should the facts be in any way disputed, I will forward you the owner's name and address for publication, so that they may see for themselves.

E. H. HULL.

IDEAL BRITISH BIRDS.

SIR,—I am more than pleased that ideal British birds are being depicted and articles written on them. I think myself it would be a good plan for men who have made a special study of certain species, men who have selected, moulted and put them on the bench, and have been successful with them, to give their views of the bird after the article has appeared. If we are going to have ideal specimens depicted, and they are going to be judged to the standard laid down in the articles, we will know what to select, but when we see birds winning at the Palace Show with the very faults that are spoken against, what are we to do? On looking at the British bird standard in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL for 1907, we see these words referring to the Goldfinch: "Blaze large, well back over the eye and down the throat, free from black stripes or breaks." And yet there was one with these black stripes in the money at the Palace Show. We read that the bib of the Hawfinch should not be triangular but shield-shape. The Hawfinch that won had a shield-shaped bib, and the one that was second had a triangular-shaped one. If exhibitors knew exactly the ideas of the judges, we could select them. The Norwich Canary judges judge to a standard laid down by the members of the Norwich Plainhead Club, and the Norwich exhibitors breed to that standard. Now why cannot the N.B.B. and M.C. members lay down a standard for all the British birds and let their judges judge to that standard? Then there would not be so much dissatisfaction when exhibitors go to shows to see birds taking premier honours that are not ideal specimens and do not come up to the standard.

HERBERT J. CHICK.

[The opinions of fanciers generally are always welcome, and we shall be pleased to print any discussion arising out of the "Charts" now being published. Mr. Chick, however, gives us credit for "too much good intention." Our object has never been to picture birds for judges to judge to, or to lay down arbitrary rules for our judges in the accompanying articles—and it never will be our object. That does not come within our province, but is a matter for the various specialist clubs. Our intention is solely to help the novices and amateurs in the hobby to an understanding of the various points which go to make up the winning specimens seen on the show-benches of to-day, and to point out faults to be avoided. Mr. Chick apparently overlooks the fact that possession of a fault does not by any means debar a bird—Goldfinch or otherwise—from taking and being worthy of a prize, though it may keep him out of premier place. He also has clearly never exhibited Norwich Plainheads, or had much talk with those who do so! And lastly, what is the ideal British bird?—do we know it? Anyway, if all exhibitors waited until they got it (assuming "ideal" to mean faultless) then British bird classes would soon disappear from our shows. Besides, possibly all have not Mr. Chick's faculty of consistently acquiring the "ideal."—EDITOR.]

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Garstang, Lancashire.

THE C.B.U. AND CLASHING OF SHOWS.

SIR,—I think your correspondent, Mr. Dicken, is only voicing the opinion of hundreds of fanciers in his letter of May 16th in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. I should also like to know what good the Cage Bird Union has ever done except draw the fees from the societies affiliated. Now, when we are members of a society that is affiliated to the C.B.U., we have got to show where they like and not where we like. We are not allowed to exhibit at any show which is not under the Union's patronage, while if we don't belong to a society, we can show where we like. I think the outsider is better off. Now, has the C.B.U. ever got reduced railway rates for exhibits as they were going to do when they started? If so, no one has ever heard about them. I, like Mr. Dicken, think we should be better off without any C.B.U.

T. KEEGAN.

SIR,—I heartily agree with your correspondents who think it is time some move was made in regard to the C.B.U. As far as I can make out the Union has not only failed in its purpose of benefiting the Fancy, but to an extent has hindered it by stipulating that its members shall exhibit at affiliated shows only, etc. I do not know whether the railway companies have been approached respecting the reduction of the exorbitant rates charged for birds, but if they have, the effort (one of the chief objects for which the Union was formed, I believe) has failed, as the rates not only remain very high, but passengers taking birds with them are now required to pay for same. The writer was recently charged 1s. 6d. for three show cages containing birds; they being small and light I took them in the compartment with me. Re the clashing of shows, I think secretaries will themselves do all they can to avoid choosing the same date as another society situated in their vicinity in order to obtain better entries, and I for one fail to see why we should be dictated to as to when we may hold our show, or where we may exhibit. The only end the Union will attain in my opinion, will be to decimate the membership of societies, as I personally know several fanciers at present members of societies who intend to sever their connection if this ridiculous state of affairs is allowed to continue, they being, like myself, desirous of sending their birds to the shows that will suit them best, and not to be confined to a few. I think the correspondence recently published conclusively proves that at present the Union is more of a detriment than a help to the Fancy, and I hope for a speedy improvement or its termination.

WILFRID R. BELLAMY.

SIR,—In reply to "S. A. D."; if societies have not the common sense to keep from affiliating with the C.B.U., they should stand by such a rule as I suggested last week, and thereby give any new societies that wished to either affiliate or apply for a license a chance as well as the old societies of having a license, a Saturday in the two best months and the patronage of anyone who wishes to exhibit. He knows as well as I do that if there were no C.B.U. with a rule 17, there would not be any of this annoyance, and fanciers could exhibit at any show they wished to. It is not the C.B.U. we want, but the patronage of fanciers to make the show a success. Re the Secretary of C.B.U.; I know the show dates in our district, and anyone can see them mentioned in CAGE BIRDS; the question I asked him to answer however, was how to get a Saturday from the middle of October to the end of November without clashing with another show. Now these are the only suitable months for our show to be held in, and there is a show on every Saturday (but one) on the same main railway line as ours within a few miles of us. We give way to one only 20 miles from us on the same line, and take the date fixed on by one which is on another line altogether, and 40 miles from us; yet we cannot have the license. He says the Union wants to prevent two shows from being injured by a loss of entries. This is where the selfishness comes in; the other society gets to know we have pitched on the same day that they have selected and writes to stop us getting the license, so that we may not get the patronage and a share of the entries on our line (which would not hurt them in the least). Just because they cannot get the entries themselves, they stop us from obtaining them. Then, again, I have learned that a new society has applied for a license on the same day as another old society, 20 miles from here, on the same line, and affiliated to the Union; and they were informed that they could not have the license, but could affiliate. Puzzle number two, now where does the prevention of injury and loss of entries to this society come in? FAIR PLAY.

WILD BIRDS AND HUMAN ENEMIES.

SIR,—Might I be permitted to draw the attention of your many readers to a very sad state of affairs in the woods and other places where birds are tempted to take up their abode to breed in this district (Whitehaven). A ramble into the woods mentioned leads one to wonder if in the near future there will be a bird left or not. Only yesterday (Sunday) a friend and I found five young Blackbirds lying dead at the bottom of the tree which contained the nest. How they came to be there is a mystery; but the fact remains that someone's shoe heel had mangled the poor little creatures. Only a few weeks ago I visited one of the places which I am writing about. It was a beautiful morning; on every hand the birds were singing, and it made me forget for the time being that within three hours I would be hewing coal in the mine in total darkness. But yesterday (Sunday) there was a great change. The place seemed to be entirely deserted, and where I had found birds' nests on previous occasions there were traces of the destroyers' work. Some, no doubt, will blame the children. To such let me put this question: Is a child able to break a bird's wing whilst it is flying? No; certainly not. But those "children" at ages ranging from 20 to 50 who roam the countryside with catapults are more likely to be the culprits. Can we fanciers do nothing to protect our pets? Why not form a society for the protection of wild birds and their nests? It is alright saying we have the wild bird protection laws, but that stronger measures, and stronger measures alone, will save our wild pets from total extinction is the opinion of—

THE WILD BIRD'S FRIEND.

[While deploring to the full cruelty in any form towards birds, whether captive or wild, we hope and believe our correspondent's views on "total extinction" are the reverse of correct. We have already strong societies looking after the protection of our wild birds. If the perpetrators of acts of cruelty are not seen and caught, however, no society, of course, can possibly deal with them; and if they *are* caught, then the law as it stands at present can deal severely with the offenders. Witnesses of wanton cruelties towards birds ought always to do their best to bring those responsible to book.—EDITOR.]

The most delightful and appropriate Postcards for Bird Lovers on the Market are those published by "Cage Birds."

ANOTHER EXTRAORDINARY CASE OF EGG-LAYING.

SIR,—Having read in CAGE BIRDS an instance of abnormal laying by Canaries, I should like to let you know about a hen I have. I mated her on April 28th and she laid an egg on Sunday, May 3rd, another on Monday and another again on Tuesday, after which she refused to go near the nest until the following Sunday, May 10th, when she laid one. The next one appeared on Tuesday and then every day until she had laid six, making nine in all in 14 days. I set her on six and she is now sitting tight. Can any of your readers account for this?

G. NEWMAN.

THE BREEDING OF RIBBON FINCHES.

SIR,—Having noticed in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, recently that enquiries are being made respecting the breeding of Ribbon Finches and also that the reply was to the effect that probably these birds would breed in the autumn, it may be of interest to your numerous readers to know that a pair in my bird-room two weeks back hatched three young ones—two males and a female. Unfortunately the young hen bird fell out of the nest which was near the ceiling of the room and was killed. I find that the cock bird does all the feeding; the young ones very seldom go to the mother bird for their food. I also have a pair of Fire Finches with a nest of eggs, but I do not know how many, as I find it does not do to interfere. Other foreigners I have are busy making nests.

JOHN FAWCITT.

DANDELION AND YOUNG BIRDS.

SIR,—Your correspondent "F.H.S." did certainly not act very prudently in gathering rank, lush green-food of any kind for his birds as dandelion leaves 8 to 10 inches long would be. Assuming that he knows enough about common plants to be sure it was really dandelion that he gathered, he is another one to learn by costly experience that this green-food is not the best that can be procured for use during the breeding season. It is now many years ago since I first published my conviction, based on a series of careful experiments in using it, that dandelion, except in quite exceptional cases, should be strictly avoided after the birds have begun to breed. The very idea of discarding such a popular green-food was pooh-poohed by not a few who prided themselves on their practical experience, but many of the critics have gradually come to learn that "there's summat in it." Although many fanciers still swear by it, and use it all through the season, it will never alter the fact that it is decidedly a risky green-food for breeding birds. Exactly how it acts, or what its peculiar properties are that affect birds badly, I do not profess to know, but as different fanciers' experiences are so much at variance on the point, it may be that its harmful effects are only developed under particular conditions of growth and environment, or when the general condition of the bird renders them more than usually susceptible to it.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

MULE AND HYBRID BREEDING NOTES.

SIR,—Since CAGE BIRDS has become widely known in this district and wild-caught birds are so readily obtained, a good number of young fanciers have taken the hobby of Mule breeding up, and made their own cages out of all kinds of boxes. There were several instances where these fanciers had eggs in March. One had a hen Bullie (now been caged three years) fed chiefly on hemp seed, which laid, being paired up with a cock Linnet, but the eggs were laid in the cage bottom. She never made any attempt to build. Last season this same hen laid over 20 eggs in a similar way, but none proved fertile. She has been a very prolific layer during her cage life, having laid over 40 eggs. She has been up with several kinds of mates but none of her eggs has ever been any good. This does seem a pity and quite disheartening to anyone. She is quite a pet with her owner, being so tame. I know where hemp seed is used solely for them, it stimulates and brings them on a great deal earlier than other kind of food, but at the same time too much of that seed is not advisable without plenty of green food. Another young fancier had up a hen. Canary and cock Greenie, which he had seen pair well, and the Canary had built her nest three or four times, only to be at once pulled to pieces by the Greenie. He tried parting them for most of the day, but the Canary only moped and would not attempt to again build until the cock was brought back. I advised him to get a nest pan and remove the eggs as laid, placing dummies in their places, and when she had laid her three eggs remove the cock clean away from her hearing. Whether that will have any result remains to be seen. Another steady pair which are going on well is the Twite-Canary. They are the best of friends although the Twite was only caught in the winter, but soon settled down to cage life through being placed with steady birds. His greatest hopes, however, rest on the Redpoll-Bullie pair. Both birds were caught before Christmas and have steadied down very quickly and are the best of friends. He also has up the Redpoll-Greenie (both steady and caught since Christmas). This promising young fancier has a great gift for steadying wild caught birds and soon gets them quite tame. It is his intention to try the Yellowhammer-Canary cross, as he has a new tame Yellowhammer; he also intends to use the cock Bullie in several crosses. I only hope he may be rewarded with a good Hybrid or two this season. His Redpolls, Linnets, Bullfinches and Greenfinches were, I believe, all caught in a trap cage in his own garden, although he as a rule generally raises a lot of young birds by hand feeding from the nest. Hybrid breeding is certainly booming in this district, so I hope to be able to give your readers some useful hints as detailed to me by these enthusiasts. Plenty of cock Bullies can be had, and have been caught in this district, but very few hens, and what hens have been caught I hear have soon died when put in a cage. I have myself in years gone by always lost more hens than cocks. The reason I never could understand, without it was because I had not caught their mates. Some of my callers have been great students of CAGE BIRDS, and have seen Mr. G. E. Weston's notes and correspondence re the Siskin-Bullie cross, so are very anxious to produce it. I wish Mr. Weston would suggest the Yellowhammer cross in some way, as many are caught in this district, but the bird does not give much encouragement to Hybrid breeders. I am glad to say that several are going to try the cock Bullie in various ways. I don't see why he should not breed as well as the hen. I have myself used one for a good many years, but never with any success; but others might be more fortunate. I have known of several instances where he has successfully bred with his own species in confinement, the same as the Goldfinch, both in a cage and in a large aviary, but not with any other species. I hear also of a gentleman who has a large aviary and is trying this season to get a cross between a cock Blackbird and hen Thrush. He has put in a Thrush's nest in a bundle of sticks, besides giving them plenty of nesting material.

T. H. KINCH.

A NEW SOCIETY FOR FERRYHILL.

SIR,—I am glad to inform you that the fanciers of Ferryhill have just formed a society to be called the Ferryhill and District Cage Bird Society. We have fixed a membership radius of four miles and have upwards of 20 members enrolled. We hope to get a good few more. The meeting nights are the first Thursday in each month, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All fanciers living within the radius are earnestly invited to become members.

RD. BINKS, Secretary.

27, West Street, Ferryhill.

AN APPEAL BY MR. J. H. PAYNE.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a little of your valuable space to thank those who so kindly responded to my appeal for help in respect of the loss sustained by the old fancier in Painswick—Mr. J. Bridgman—who lost the whole of his stock through vermin. He feels deeply grateful for the kindness shown him and would ask all to accept his heartfelt thanks. I must also thank you, Sir, for inserting my appeal in your paper, and I feel sure you will be as pleased as I am that he has now made another start. Mr. C. E. Brown gave a Buff Norwich cock, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, 7 Borders; A Friend, a pair of Norwich; Messrs. E. Baker, a Buff Norwich hen; G. T. Jones, a Norwich hen and a Bullfinch cock; E. Stephenson, a Yellow Norwich hen; G. Gwilliam, a Buff Norwich cock: J. Houghton, 2s. 6d.; E. Wasley, 2s.; H. Barnes, 1s.; and J. H. Payne, 5s.

J. H. PAYNE.

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THE STUFF FANCIERS ARE MADE OF.

SIR,—A young friend of mine, an ardent new recruit to the Fancy, was invited to spend the day with me yesterday, and at the duly-appointed hour presented himself, but bearing a somewhat bulky parcel which was very carefully handled. Feminine curiosity at last prompted a question as to what the parcel contained, as it is not usually customary to carry big parcels on Sunday. Our young friend blushingly admitted that it contained his first young Canaries, and explained that as their mother was feeding them only indifferently, he declined to trust them to her tender mercies, so he took them with him wherever he went and fed them by hand! The latter he then proceeded to do, to the great amusement of those who had never previously seen a couple of healthy, hungry, young birds being hand-fed. Of such material are good fanciers made.

H. E. TRINGHAM.

AN APPEAL FOR A FANCIER IN DISTRESS.

The Benjamin Spier's Fund.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in CAGE BIRDS to thank the many subscribers to the above fund. Subscriptions flowed in from north, south, east, and west, and from both sides of the water. Never for one moment did I think, when I was led to send out the appeal last December, that I should get such a grand sum for our brother fancier who has had the great misfortune to lose his sight. But my appeal found its way to the hearts of brother fanciers, and to those who have subscribed I repeat His own words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." I thank subscribers one and all. I also wish to thank Mr. Easterling for the time he has given, visiting, as he did, the Crystal Palace Show daily, and many other shows, getting together the grand sum of £10, not being able to go myself, through being on the sick-list at the time. Since my last letter in the columns of CAGE BIRDS I have received the following sums:—Mr. Easterling, £3; Bird Lovers (Sydney, Australia), 10s.; Mr. S. Stubbings (Perth, Western Australia), 6s.; John Barclay (Belfast), 5s.; Miss P. Wahnrow (Kentish Town), 2s. 6d.; J. J. Boston (Harringay Park), 2s.; Friend in Scotland, 1s.; grand total £15 15s. 6d.

GEORGE HENRY NEAL.

163, Junction Road, Upper Holloway, N.

SIR,—Will you permit me a small space in the columns of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to acknowledge receipt of £15 15s. 6d. collected by Mr. G. H. Neal and Mr. Easterling on behalf of myself, wife and family, for which I most heartily thank them and all subscribers. I wish all fanciers the best of health and a good breeding season.

B. P. SPIERS.

Walthamstow.

THE BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB AND ITS JUDGES.

SIR,—I am pleased to hear from Mr. Patterson that he is not upset, and I hope he will remain as calm as he pretends to be. Mr. Patterson says it is nothing short of presumption for me to interfere in anything concerning the club, seeing I am not a member. I deny having interfered with the club, further than taking exception to statements he made in his first two letters. Now, Mr. Patterson has definitely stated that he will not answer any questions which touch outside the effect of the new rule on the club's interest. I say, so let it be. In my first letter I asked him a question which he said was away from the point at issue, and when I pressed for an answer he said I had an axe to grind, but he could not be the grinding stone. Again, in my third letter I asked a few questions, but he made no attempt to answer them. Now, although he looks upon me as a presumptuous, wandering intruder, he is prepared to credit me with being able to give your readers information on a whole host of questions he himself puts! I think the interests of all concerned would be best served by a club official giving the information Mr. Patterson desires. It might tend to augment the club's membership and therefore strengthen their hands. While thanking Mr. Patterson for his extended sympathy towards myself, through our knowing each other, I can assure him that I have too long and wide an experience in public life (including parochial and municipal, with all their honourable rebuffs) to be easily hurt. But, after all, what will it profit to embitter the feelings of anyone? So, Mr. Patterson, just to show you are not wanting a "grinding stone" from Whitburn, kindly insist on getting your information from your club officials.

ROBERT LAMBIE.

[This matter is now closed.—EDITOR.]

A NOTED WINNING WHEATEAR.

SIR,—I was very pleased indeed when I took up my CAGE BIRDS to find that you had given my Wheatear the honour of being depicted on the front page. It is acknowledged by the judges it has been shown under to be the best seen on the show bench. It was caught in Leicestershire, a young bird, last season. Seeing it had to be shown in A.S. classes, I think it did very well. It won 2nd at Leicester, beaten by my Wryneck, 4th at Nottingham, beaten by my Chough, Great Grey Shrike, and Magpie, 1st at Hull, 1st and spl. at Shipton, 1st and spl. at St. Helen's, 2nd at Derby, beaten by Mr. Axe's Thrush, 3rd at Burton, beaten by a Nightingale and Golden-crested Wren. It shows that however good a specimen a bird may be it very rarely wins first every time in the Any Species class under different judges, because individual tastes differ. I consider myself that when a bird comes before a judge, and he knows it is the best specimen of its kind that he has seen, he should put it first. A black and white sketch gives you the outline of this bird, but it cannot show you the beauty of the bird. Its wings are lovely and as full of work as possible. It carries a grand colour on breast and back. Birds such as this one should be depicted for the benefit of the novice, because often we see birds depicted that are not ideal specimens, although they may have won at the Palace. Thanking you and wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

HERBERT J. CHICK.

SWEATING HENS & GROUNDSEL.

SIR,—I do not like to seem to differ from so old and respected an authority as Mr. Verrall, yet I am sure that he must himself welcome a recent experience of mine with groundsel which will go far to prove that it will not of necessity kill either old or young Canaries. First, one word regarding sweating hens. If, as the work of Dr. Creswell goes to prove, sweating is caused by a non-virulent type of septic bacilli similar to the germs causing septic fever, his conclusions are far off the mark as to the cause of sweating; but there is certainly a great truth underlying his remarks as to egg-food, too rich in egg being a predisposing cause, seeing that the egg is the cultivating medium for the bacilli. As regards groundsel I should never hesitate to give it to birds when it is in the proper condition; that is, not too rank in growth, clean, young and tender, fresh, dry, and free from frosted or decaying portions. These, indeed, are essential points which every kind of green-food should comply with. For the first round of nests it is often the only green-stuff available, and numbers of hens will almost rear their young upon it. Now for my experience. At the present time I have a pair of Crests with a brood of one solitary youngster—the only one that was hatched. The hen being an unusually good feeder as Crests go, has kept me particularly interested in this pair. The only green food I have given them is groundsel, and the birds both feed very freely with it, so that it forms probably at least one-half of the sole sustenance taken by the youngster. On the morning of the twelfth day after this bird was hatched the birds were some hours late in being fed, and the green-food had been absent since the previous night. The youngster was chirping impatiently, and the hen obviously anxious to get to work. A tuft of freshly-gathered groundsel was given her, being placed where she could reach it comfortably from the side of the nest box. Immediately she hopped on the side of the nest and began devouring it ravenously, clearly bent on getting a cropful in the shortest possible space of time. I watched her movements minutely, and no sooner had she filled her crop in this hurried manner from the spray of groundsel than she turned round and fed the youngster with just as much of it as he could hold. All this took place in such a short space of time that it is hardly possible to believe that all the mass of green-stuff passed into the young bird's crop could have been warm. And yet that youngster is still living, and thriving apace, and has not looked behind since it was hatched. Surely this should convince our old friend that groundsel will not kill young Canaries. Had there been the smallest danger of it doing so this eleven-days-and-a-half-old youngster would have stood a poor chance after a meal as described coming on top of a long abstinence.

"PAX."

Several letters unavoidably held over.

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How to Fit Up a Bird-room.

By ALBERT B. FORSE (Leyton, N.E.)

(Concluded from page 460.)

This is the Essay awarded First Prize in "Cage Birds" Competition in Section Four. Readers should note the announcement concerning this competition which appears on page 495 this week.

Cage Fittings and their Uses.

I will now pass on to the fittings. For seed, I use wooden hoppers four inches wide, with a glass front, and the sides made to pass through the wires about half-an-inch when hooked on, thus preventing the seed being thrown out on the floor and wasted (see Fig. 7). The

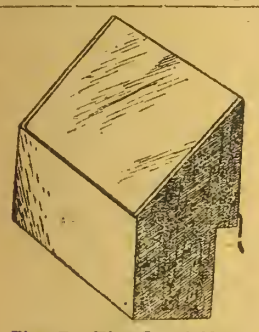

Fig. 7.—The Seed Hopper.

drinkers are of the open glass pattern with egg-shaped bottoms, and are round inside, with a flat piece outside to fix against the front of cage. When hung on with a wire bracket, these drinkers are very easily cleaned out, having no corners in which the slime may collect. Covered drinkers should not be used as the water in them gets foul much quicker.

Regarding the egg-food pans: These constitute one of the greatest difficulties the breeder of Yorkshires has to contend with. If he use the cut drawers for the door to drop in, he finds that he cannot hang the show cage on and use the egg-drawer as well, and if he cut a slot in the wood under the door, he cannot hang on the cage because the knob of the egg-drawer gets in the way, and the birds have also to pass over the egg-food to get into the show cage. If the drawers are used either to the right or left of the door, they are liable to get the excrement dropped into them from the perch above. To get over all these difficulties, I have been using the half-circle pans fixed with a piece of stick just above the right-hand perch on the cross-bar of the front; but this is very awkward in the breeding season, for you have to open the door, and put the hand right into the cage to get out the pan, and of course, off jumps the hen. Before the season arrives I hope to have time to alter all my cage fronts by cutting a space between four wires just over the right-hand perch (see C, Fig. 2) and fixing a cross-piece so as to form a slot for an ordinary egg drawer to slide in. (See Fig. 8.) The egg-food can then be changed without disturbing the birds.

An Easily-constructed Cage-rack.

The arrangement of the cages depends a great deal on the aspect of the room. If there is plenty of light, you can arrange them anyhow you like; but if, as in my case, there is only one window (and that facing due north, with a wall running out at right angles some 15 feet, entirely preventing the sun getting into the room as it goes down to the west, my room therefore never getting a ray of sunshine from morning till night), the breeder then has to put his thinking cap on, in order to devise a means of getting as much light as possible into his cages.

Having a great objection to the racks I have seen, on account of the harbour for red mite which they usually provide, I spent a good deal of time trying to think out how I might construct a rack on which the cages would touch as little as possible, leaving at the same time plenty of air space all round them. The result of this consideration was the cheapest, neatest and best rack I have as yet seen. These racks can be fixed close up to the wall or in the middle of the room, if necessary.

The wood used for making them is 1 inch wide and ¾ of an inch thick, which should be planed up on all sides. It can be purchased, if so required, ready planed for about 1s. 9d. per 100 feet. Cut off a number of lengths 6 feet 4 inches long, and also some 1 foot long; now take the long pieces and lay them parallel, fixing the short ones across them like the rungs of a ladder as in Fig. 3. The first one should be 9 inches from the end of the long lengths to the top edge of the cross piece, and from the top of this to the top of the next one the space should be 17 inches; then two more 17 inches again. There should then be 16 inches of the long lengths left.

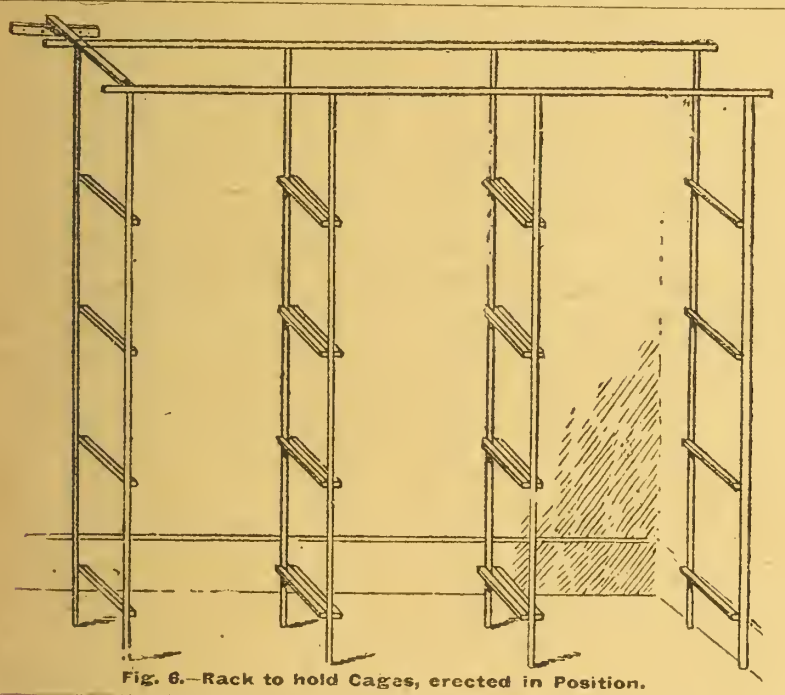

Fig. 6.—Rack to hold Cages, erected in Position.

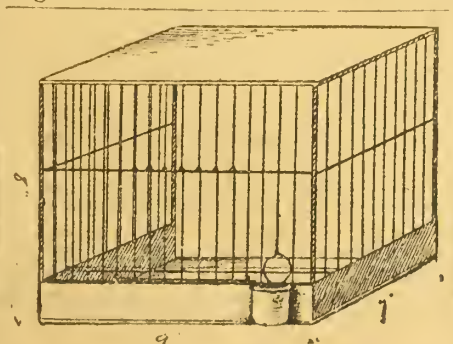

Fig. 9.—The Nursery Cage.

Now turn this over and fix fillets on the other side exactly corresponding; this will make what I will term a double standard as in Fig. 4. A single standard will also be required at each end of the rack, that is to say, with the fillets nailed on one side only.

When making these standards, great care must be taken to get them all exactly alike. Supposing the rack to be for a stack of twelve 23-inch breeders, the standards should be placed 23½ inches apart and a length of the wood fixed along the top ends of the standard back and front, being careful to keep the standards the proper distance apart. If the end of the rack is close up to the wall, it will be as well to fix a single standard to the wall first; being careful again to keep it perfectly upright and with the

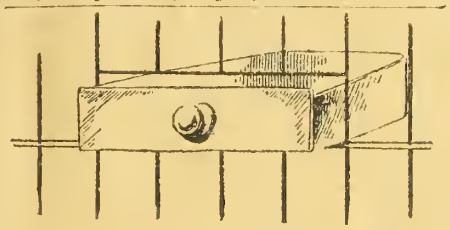

Fig. 8.—How the Egg Drawer Works.

fillets facing the room. It will then be necessary for someone to hold up the two long lengths, while their ends are fixed one to each top end of this single standard.

Now take one of the double standards and place it 23½ inches from the fixed one, that is, measuring along the top stretchers, which should still be held up, and nail through the stretchers into the top ends of the standard. Now fix another double one in like manner, and then a single one with the fillets facing the last double standard. Cut off the ends of the top stretchers, leaving two or three inches overhanging for strength. A fillet about 1 foot long should now be fixed to the wall exactly opposite and level with the top of the last single standard, and a piece of the wood should be fixed from this fillet to the front of rack directly over and nailed to the standard, care being taken to see that the rack is perfectly upright, neither leaning in towards the wall or out to the room. See Fig. 6, which shows the rack in position.

Completing the Racks.

The bottoms of the standards should now be fixed to the floor with some small brads, keeping them the same distance on the floor as they are on the stretchers at the top. Having fixed the bottoms, it will now be necessary to fix another length of the wood along the back edges of the standards about three foot from the floor again keeping the standards the proper distance apart.

To save a lot of measuring it is best to cut off a piece of the wood exactly 23½ inches long and hold this between the two standards when fixing. When this back stretcher is fixed on, the rack should be quite rigid and ready for use. If the room is large enough it is best to fix the racks far enough from the wall to allow of one's getting behind them, but this is not absolutely necessary. It will now be seen that this rack will hold three tiers of cages, four in each tier, with the bottom one 9 inches from the floor and the top one as high as it is advisable to go. This rack can be made to suit cages of all sizes, providing they are the same length in each tier; and when the cages are all in position it will be seen that there is air space all round them. Any cage can be removed from the rack without disturbing the others.

The spaces between the cages are also handy for cleaning-out purposes; a board can be made to slip in between the two cages and the sawdust scraped out on it, thus preventing it from falling into the lower cages. I like sawdust best for the cage bottoms, as it keeps the birds much cleaner. Sand, however, must be given in a pot or pan of some kind.

Nursery and Bath Cages.

In addition to the cages previously mentioned, I use nursery and bath cages. The nursery cages are about 9 inches long, 7 inches wide and 8 inches high—wood top and bottom and wire all round, with a door and a drinker hole in one end and a perch at the same end. No perch should be used at the end nearest the breeding cage, or the old birds will pluck the youngsters through the wires. Fig. 9 depicts one of the nursery cages. Two hooks should be made on these cages, so that they hang on to the cross-bar of the cage-front. A good number of these nursery cages should be kept, so that when in use a clean cage can be exchanged for a dirty one, for it is much better to remove the young birds to a clean cage than to clean the cage out with them in it.

The bath cages are about 7 inches long, 6 inches wide and 7 inches high—wood top and bottom, and wired on three sides, one end being left open for the birds to enter when the cage is hung on to the breeder. This cage is also fitted with hooks in the same way as the nursery cages. White china pie dishes make very good baths at a cost of one penny each. These nurseries and baths look very neat if painted inside and out to match the breeders.

The whole of the cages and fittings in my bird-room, including hoppers, show-cages and cases, I have made myself, and if anyone about to start a bird-room will follow out the foregoing instructions, I feel sure he will be pleased with the result. I am equally sure they will be as proud of their room as I am of mine. At any rate, that is my sincere wish.

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One day an old lady had a hen Canary on her head, when she heard a knock at the door. When she went to open the door the bird flew out. The old lady was very frightened at this, and ran out and followed the bird, which flew on to a tree close by. She whistled to it, and it flew back and sat on her head again. She then walked indoors with the bird safely in her keeping. This lady was my grandmother. —Sent by Annie Saunders (aged 14), The Street, Dickleburgh, near Scole, Norfolk.

*The Parrot and the Thief.

A certain boy was presented with a Parrot which became very fond of him. It would not make friends with his sister or anybody else, but would scream out if they went near him, "Gway, gway, bad man, bad man." One day it happened that all the family were out of the room where the bird was, and a passing tramp stole in. Not seeing the Parrot or anybody about, he laid his hands on a silver paper-knife, meaning to steal it. Suddenly he was startled by a hoarse voice which began screaming, "Gway, gway, bad man, bad man." He fled hastily, but the bird's cries roused attention, and the thief was captured.—Sent by M. E. Rickman, 63, Clwyd Street.

Will Master Rickman give town and state his age?

*The Quarrelsome Cuckoos.

Two Cuckoos and a Hedge-Sparrow were hatched in the same nest recently. One Hedge-Sparrow's egg remained unhatched. A few hours after a contest began between the Cuckoos for the possession of the nest, which continued undetermined till the next afternoon, when one of them, which was somewhat the more superior in size, turned the other out, together with the young Hedge-Sparrow and the egg. This contest was very remarkable. The combatants alternately appeared to have the advantage; each carried the other several times to the top of the nest, and then sank down again oppressed by the weight of his burden. At length, after various efforts, the stronger prevailed, and was brought up by the Hedge-Sparrows.—Sent by Edward Lydyard (aged 12), 60, St. Nicholas Road, Bristol.

My Experiences with the Nightingale.

By J. JEFFREY (Kidderminster).

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This is the Essay awarded FIRST PRIZE in "Cage Birds" Competition in Section Two. Readers should note the announcement which appears on page 495 concerning this Competition.

A Venture at the Shows.

The show season was now in full swing, and I determined to try my hand at exhibiting. I made some cages and sent birds out to all the shows within 40 miles, not venturing to send them too far away. I was very successful indeed, often taking 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in soft-bill classes with Nightingales. I have quite a pile of my cards by me now, and I often look through them with pride. A good percentage of the birds were claimed at the shows, and I succeeded in clearing between £6 and £7 in prize money. This compensated me for my trouble and expense, as what birds I had left sold well and at a very fair price.

Further Valuable Experience.

I determined to keep two pairs myself through the winter having, as I said, a good supply of cured wasp grubs by me. I had two large roomy cages made with canvas tops, and I placed a pair of hand-reared birds in the one and a wild caught cock bird and a hand-reared hen in the other. But through an accident I lost the one hen. The hand-reared cock began to warble well as soon as it had finished moulting, and improved very considerably as the weeks went by; but the song never approached that of an adult specimen.

I was very anxious to hear the wild-caught one begin to sing. It seemed a long time to wait from August to December without hearing a note, but one day about the middle of December, sure enough the old cock began to sing one very cold morning as soon as it was daylight, and most mornings after that I had the pleasure of listening to him pour out his pure, wild notes equal to those of any bird I had heard. It was a treat, and I was delighted, as it proved beyond all doubt that Nightingales would sing in confinement.

Nesting in Confinement.

One morning while I was having breakfast and was listening to the birds singing, I saw him fly across the cage and make love to his mate. Sure enough the birds were paired, and very soon after I saw the hen carrying about any bits of rubbish she could find in the cage in her beak. I could hardly believe she wanted to nest, but I went and gathered a handful of leaves and placed them in the cage. It was only the middle of January, and the weather was cold. But for all that she soon manipulated the leaves into a kind of nest in one corner of the cage, and I began to wonder what the outcome would be.

One day, while trying to see how the nesting operations were going on, I noticed a lot of feathers in the nest and concluded that the birds were plucking themselves for material with which to build a nest. But, on closer examination, I found that both birds were full of quills. The birds were living rather high up the wall and the fire and gas at night had sent them into a moult. This quite alarmed me, and instead of dropping the birds lower and further away from the fire, I took them directly into the front room. This proved fatal, and within a few days both birds were dead. Imagine my disappointment. I had only the one hand-reared cock bird left. He had picked up the song of the adult bird very well, and was making a great improvement in his style of singing, but he was nothing like so nice a singer as the old bird.

Preparing for Further Experiment.

This completed my first year's experience in the keeping of Nightingales. I was more than satisfied, and had learnt a lot, and I determined the next season to go in for it "thick." So I set to work and made some cages, and as soon as the weather opened out well, I commenced to build a good-sized aviary—20 yards long, 7 feet high, and 8 feet wide. This I divided into four, with half-inch wire netting, and doors leading from one to another. The back and part of the top were made with corrugated iron. The front part of this (under the wire netting) I planted with a thick hedge of evergreens and privet with a brick gullet about a foot away for a stream of water to run down so many hours each day.

My past experience convinced me that Nightingales could not only be kept in confinement, but also bred in confinement; and, nothing daunting, I was going to try the experiment. Every preparation was made to carry out my object. First of all I decided not to rely on gentles for the staple diet.

Gathering Ants' Eggs.

So I made several trips to the outlying woods and gained permission to gather ants' eggs therefrom. I had four different places where ants were pretty plentiful, the nearest place being about two and a half miles away. I had a strong carrier fixed to my bicycle, and had two bags made of black selica, about eighteen inches wide and one yard long.

Many a morning at 4.30, I was off to the woods to gather a bag of ants' eggs. I would carefully remove all the sticks and rubbish from the top of the nest until I came to a cluster of eggs, and then with a small shovel gather them into the bag. I tied up the bag and shook it well so as to get rid of the loose ants. I replaced the nest as nearly as I could as I had found it, and moved off in quest of another. When I had got about 20 yards away, I would look carefully on the ground to find a fresh trail of ants. This done, I would watch them till I saw some of them carrying bits of stick or leaves, or grubs, and whichever way they were taking them, that was where to find the nest. I would follow the trail straight up to the nest, and in this way I would fill my bag with a good supply of ants' eggs and come home with an appetite ready to devour a dry crust.

Now came the task of clearing the eggs from the rubbish. I had previously levelled out a square patch of ground at the top of the garden and boarded it round with 11-inch boards which were let in the ground several inches. These boards were well besmeared with gas tar inside and out, and the ants' eggs were shut down inside this patch. With two small riddles as much of the rubbish was taken away as possible, using the larger mesh first and then the smaller one. Ants and rubbish were put back into the bag and carried away to the nearest wood.

Then came the cleaning operations of those that were left. The eggs were spread out as thin as possible, and long boxes were made having a hole at each end. These were placed all round the square, and very soon you would see thousands of ants carrying eggs into them.

Procuring Ants' Eggs.

As each box was filled, the eggs were emptied into a tin box and placed in an oven till they were steaming hot. They were then placed on canvas frames and put in a good airy room to dry gradually. In this way a grand supply of ants' eggs was always available.

The only drawback I experienced was that in dry weather the ants would bore holes in the ground and carry their eggs in there; they would also tunnel under the boards and get away. But I soon overcame that difficulty, by covering the floor with a thick strong canvas. It was about the middle of May when the ants' eggs appeared, and operations began on the 9th of June, when the first nest of 'gales was secured. I remember the date quite well, as it fell on the birthday of a friend of mine, who was quite taken up with the hobby, and was helping me for the very love of the thing. By this time I had by me quite a store of ants' eggs, and it was lucky I had, for I succeeded in collecting 64 Nightingales that season. In addition, I secured about 13 adult Redstarts, 2 nests of Wrynecks, nests of Lesser Whitethroats and Dippers, several Whinchats, Stonechats, Rock Pipits, and a nest of Tree Creepers, making 120 odd birds in all.

Some Unfortunate Incidents.

The ants' eggs proved a veritable godsend to me, but for all that, I had to use a very large proportion of genties. I had no trouble at all with the birds which turned out strong and healthy, and it was less than a dozen I lost all that season. I made a small extra place in the aviary for cleaning ants' eggs, and using some very stiff gas-tar, I found this acted like bird-lime; it killed several birds for me! On another occasion, I went into the aviary with a bucket of water, and the 'gales, which were very tame, came flying after me: some settled on my head, some on my shoulders and arms, and, in fact, anywhere they could settle. They would do this, especially if they were a bit short of food. Unfortunately, on the occasion in question, one missed his mark, and fell into the water, and in my hurry to put down the bucket and get the bird out, to my annoyance, I found (after it was too late), I had dropped it on two nice young 'gales.

I had a very good season as regards sales and exhibiting, and I succeeded in taking first and special and several other prizes at the Crystal Palace, also winning a tea service of 50 pieces for most points at the Longton show.

They Wintered Well.

This time I kept by me three pairs of 'gales and several odd hens for breeding purposes in the following spring. They wintered well and sang splendidly, but I kept them in a much colder room. One bird I kept out-doors till the middle of January, when the thermometer registered 10deg. of frost, and the wire netting was white all over with rimy frost. I am convinced that 'gales can stand a very large amount of cold, providing they are well fed.

Last year I went away for three days at Christmas, and when I came home the first thing I heard was the 'gale, who was singing away for all he was worth, and this notwithstanding the fact that the ground was covered with snow, two inches thick, and there had been no fire in the house during my three days' absence.

I had special reasons for keeping my 'gales in as cold a room as possible. In the first place, I wished to keep them from pairing, and in the second, to harden them for turning out in the following April. Everything went off satisfactorily, and the birds were put in the aviary. My food supply was getting "spun out"; the weather was too cold for breeding gentles, and no ants' eggs were yet to be had. So I had a very anxious time of it. I sent for a quart of mealworms, which cost 7s., but, dear me! they ate them all in two days. But just in the nick of time I was able to gather both ants' eggs and gentles.

A Crowning Success.

I gathered a lot of old leaves and blackbirds' nests and pulled them to pieces. Sure enough, the birds started to breed. I had three nests. Two of them yielded me four youngsters each, and the other one three.

It was a treat to hear the birds sing. The neighbours were out at night listening to them, and I became quite "famous." This was the crowning year of all. I bred and collected over 80 'gales that year (1899). A gentleman came from Birmingham to see my aviaries, and a column of particulars appeared in a Birmingham weekly journal, which I send for the editor's inspection.

I shall never attempt to breed 'gales again, except it be an odd pair; there is too much trouble attached to it. And the quantity of food necessary during the winter is enormous. I don't think for one moment that the Nightingale could be kept through our winter on artificial food. My birds were kept exclusively on cured wasps' grubs, English ants' eggs, and gentles. On this food Nightingales will live for years in confinement, and will sing and breed just as well as in their natural state.

This year, as I have said, proved to be my best season. I had a tremendous collection of soft-bills, and besides this, I reared a nest of Kingfishers, seven in number. Each one of these birds required daily five fish from 2 to 3 inches long. I sold five of them, and kept two till long after Christmas, and then I lost them through misfortune.

Altogether I had a very trying time to keep up the supply of food for my birds. I picked out quite a score of the worst-looking birds of one kind and another, and turned them out. Some of them, although wild-caught, stayed about for weeks, refusing to go away, and often I would throw them a handful of ants' eggs. I felt sorry for some of them—they tried so hard to get back into the aviary.

Proper Feeding Necessary.

It was very evident I could not improve my mode of feeding, as the bulk of my birds were living pictures as regards health; there was not a delicate bird amongst them. I am quite convinced that if you want to keep a Nightingale for show or song you must keep from artificial food as much as possible. The natural food of the 'gales is little more than what they can suck from the caterpillars, etc., their chief diet being only juicy matter. Only the juicy part of the beetles they attack passes through the birds, as the wings and legs are thrown back in pellets in a similar way to that of the Owl. The song of the Nightingale, too, depends on the power of the musoles of its throat, which are only delicate organs and easily destroyed; how then can it be expected that a 'gale will sing in confinement on such indigestible matter as grated biscuits and other ingredients that are to be found in artificial foods?

It is quite true that the birds will live on such foods for a considerable time, but, as I have proved over and over again, let anyone come and pick the finest bird I have and feed it on artificial food, and in a month after I will beat it hands down with a much inferior bird; simply because his bird will go back, while mine will improve. I did this so repeatedly when I was exhibiting, that I gave up showing as it was "spoiling" good customers.

The Disappearance of Marked Nests.

The following year I laid my plans for another good season, but quite a different experience awaited me. I found 13 nests, which I calculated would bring me at least 70 birds. But the first four nests I went for had disappeared. One was in a by-lane; I saw it one day, and it was quite safe, but I learnt afterwards that a spaniel dog had routed it and killed the young. Rats were responsible for another, as I saw them running about close to the nest. Another was close to a drain, where a pair of weasels had made their billet; the old hen had been torn to pieces on the spot. As I was nearing the fourth nest, I heard quite a commotion, and on hurrying to the spot I discovered an old Jay in the act of carrying off the last young bird.

This all happened in one day, and a 10-miles journey round resulted in my returning without a feather. I was greatly disappointed, but my troubles were not yet over, for a very heavy thunderstorm came on and simply drowned several more nests out: and that season I only succeeded in getting 27 birds.

My Final Experience.

The next season I had 64 birds, and so on till the present time. But last year was the most disastrous of my 12 years' experience. The continued wet weather destroyed thousands of young birds. Out of 20 nests, only 2 of these carried; one nest of youngsters, I am sorry to say, got out when only 8 days old, and I lost them, and only succeeded in gathering 7 birds.

Nightingales only breed once in a season and in the whole of my experience I have never known them to nest again after hatching out their young; but in nearly every instance where the eggs have been destroyed, I have known them go to nest again. Last season many of them forsook their eggs when they had been sitting a week. I could go to half-a-dozen nests now and find them intact. Several I brought home, but the eggs were of no use. One I gave to a gentleman to take to America.

In conclusion, I may say that I don't think there is anyone living to-day who has had the time and opportunity of studying the habits of the Nightingale and other soft-bills that I have, and very few who have had the practical experience and handling of so many birds of this class.

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The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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Red Millet.

Red millet may be treated in practice much the same as white millet. It is as a whole slightly larger in size than the white, and is of a dark reddish-chestnut colour. The birds seem to eat it just as freely as the white when white is absent, but as long as white is available that will always be given preference. Thus if a mixture of white and red millet and Canary is given very little attention will be paid to the two last-named until the white millet is exhausted; then, again, little attention will be paid to the Canary until all the red millet has disappeared, which would seem to show that millet of any colour is better liked than Canary by these birds.

Other varieties of millet, brown, yellow, and also a mixture of brown, yellow, red and Indian, are not infrequently sold by dealers who are not specialists in bird seeds as red millet. But in practical use, so long as one provides a good proportion of white these varieties may be used in a manner of speaking indiscriminately.

Indian Millet.

The Indian millet being very small in grain is of particular use for the smallest of foreign seed-eaters and for young foreign birds just commencing to feed themselves, as these classes of birds cannot always easily "tackle" the larger grains of red and white varieties. It is of a rather dull, buffish white—I had almost written dirty white—colour, not unlike a sample of miniature white millet that had long lost its freshness and brilliancy.

Spray Millet.

Spray millet is the yellow millet which is sold in the natural husk as it grows. Its use is chiefly as a treat for the hardier classes of foreign seed-eaters and for shy or delicate feeders. Most birds enjoy picking out the seed for themselves immensely. In large aviaries it may either be suspended in bunches, as brought from the roof—the best place is where mice are not troublesome—or tied to the ends of sticks four or five feet long and planted here and there about the floor.

As a food for Canaries and British Finches it seems less suitable than Canary, and is rarely liked so well by the birds. But foreign Finches will as a rule come under the general category of seed-eating foreigners as already mentioned. British Buntings I have found rather partial to the white millet and should expect it to be rather favoured by the Larks and Pipits, and possibly the Wagtails, though I have not really tried it extensively for these birds.

Most of the foreign mixed feeders and some of the generally classified insectivorous species, of which the Nonpariel and Pekin Robin may be mentioned as types, respectively, prefer the white millet as a seed food to any other—hemp only excepted. Here, however, it is to be understood that the seed diet is decidedly a bye-portion, and given more in the way of a treat than as a portion of the diet.

Linseed.

For cage birds pure and simple the use of this seed may be advantageously reduced almost to the vanishing point. Its extremely oily nature renders it wholly unsuitable as a regular item of diet for closely confined birds. Its principal use is when given a few grains every two or three days to hen Canaries for a month or so prior to nesting, or to birds that are in a poor condition. In the latter case its fattening nature is useful to build up the birds quickly and in the former case its oiliness is believed to have a good effect in helping to ward off egg-binding with the early nest. But when given in either of these cases its use should be discontinued as soon as the birds go to nest, as it not infrequently sets up trouble with the young when it forms any appreciable portion of the seed diet, and the hen feeds the young with it to any extent. The glutinous properties of the seed are then against it.

Another time when it is generally used is during the latter half of the moult. At this time it is of real service, so long as its use does not set up undue looseness of the bowels. Its oiliness is now useful from a three-fold point of view: It helps to form a suitable carrying medium for the colour used in colour-feeding and distributing it in the feathers; it gives a natural bloom and gloss to the plumage when fine; and the drain of the moult reducing the general condition of the birds, its fattening properties are at this time much more useful than would be the case at any other time. Many fanciers make a point of mixing a small quantity of crushed linseed with the soft food. This, however, is a practice I would never advise, as it is not every bird that will eat the food thus prepared, and perhaps those that will not are the wisest, as the oil in it must at the best of time be more or less rancid from exposure to the air, which doubtless accounts also for its being more relaxing when given in this way. Always give linseed in the whole seed or not at all.

Apart from these minor ones, the chief use of linseed is for forming a portion of the seed mixture for British birds of the Linnet tribe—Linnets, Twites, and Redpolls—and in smaller proportions for British Finches generally; and for use in mixed collections of birds kept in large out-door aviaries. On broad, general principles it may be written down as a guiding axiom that the smaller the space in which a bird is confined, the smaller must be the proportion of this seed in its diet, cutting it down until on reaching the tiny, so-called regulation singing cage of a few inches square, it is made to disappear altogether.

Teazle.

To the fancier who is not conversant with this seed, perhaps the best description is that it is a small seed, in colour and in longitudinal corrugations very much resembling the common flavouring carraway seed. It is a little shorter in length, but about three times as thick, and is of an unbent cylindrical shape.

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Thistle Seed.

There are very few but who know this seed well enough, through having gathered at one time or other their own supply from the heads of the various thistles. All that has been said concerning the use of teazle will apply equally well here. Both seeds are, so to speak, the speciality for Goldfinches and Siskins, and are of great service to all the rest of the Finch tribe, and as an occasional change for Canaries.

Whether used as a cleaned seed, and mixed with the daily diet, or given in the more natural form of ripe thistle heads, it is of the utmost service for seeding off Greypates and bringing them through the moult successfully. It is also very good as an item in the regular mixture for feeding adult birds. Indeed, it might almost be said that the three seeds, thistle, teazle, and hemp, are the mainstay of the keeper of Goldies all the year round.

One important caution we may point out here is to avoid the mistake of buying the shiny black niger or inga seed for thistle seed. To many fanciers inga appears to be known as thistle seed, or rather, it is believed to be the product of a species of thistle, and consequently to be a good substitute for real thistle seed. This is a very serious error, for whilst thistle may be used with freedom as a regular article of diet, niger is only suited for special use on particular occasions. If one has any real doubt about recognising the two seeds, the best way out of the difficulty is to procure a few ripe thistle heads, and extract the seed for comparison with niger, when one should have no further trouble in recognising the two seeds apart.

Summer Rape Seed.

The only rape that is fit as a regular article of diet for caged birds is that known as Summer, or German, rape. It is a small round seed, of the usual cabbage-seed type, but is of a reddish brown colour. In colour it is somewhat variable, and often has a kind of purplish or bluish bloom, which probably gave rise to an idea that the rape of the German breeders was of a bluish hue. The flavour should be mild and nutty, with nothing acrid or "mustardy" about it. When this is obtained it may well form a fourth part of the bulk of the staple mixture for Canaries during the greater part of the year. In very cold situations, or cold rooms, it may be used more freely during the winter months than is advisable in heated rooms, where, if it is used very freely during the winter, the effect will be to force the bird into premature breeding condition, and upset the stock generally in the following spring. If used very sparingly during the winter, and then given rather freely for a week or two, its effect is soon seen in forcing the birds into song and condition, especially those that have appeared a little backward.

Another time when it may be used freely with every advantage is when the young are being reared. At this time a regular supply may be given, either dry, scalded, or soaked in cold water. In either of the two last-named cases the utmost care must be taken to prevent it becoming sour, which it does very rapidly in warm, sultry weather. Many fanciers soak and crush it and mix it with the egg-food when the young are being fed, and it will often tempt a lazy hen to feed better. But it has the disadvantage of making the egg food turn sour much quicker than it otherwise would, so that on the whole it is much the best plan to keep the egg-food pure, and give the rape in a separate china or glass vessel. Another point to be observed is that rape must not be given in this way until the young birds are at least five or six days old.

Many of the seed-eating British birds, especially those of the Linnet tribe, subsist much more largely upon rape than Canaries do, therefore, it should form a larger proportion of the bulk of their staple mixture.

(To be continued.)

WILD BIRD LIFE.

Love of the Old Home.

I have known the Redshanks to yearly frequent the same marsh and water meadow, even when the ground was so encroached upon by building that hardly space was left sufficient for a cow to graze upon. Here in the villages there are a few old walnut trees left, a remnant of the timber of the one-time extensive park. They are now practically surrounded by houses, yet the Jackdaw, Wood-pigeon, Starling, Thrush, Chaffinch, and Wryneck annually nest in them. The latter bird can be heard frequently during the day, for he is anything but quiet, until a nesting site has been selected. The cry of the Wryneck is loud, shrill, and clear, and often repeated. This ceases as soon as the hen bird begins to sit. I have repeatedly watched the bird flying from tree to tree but have never yet detected it uttering its note when on the wing. This bird is somewhat locally distributed, preferring open wooded districts where cultivation is being carried on, to the thick woods. Its food is not found so much upon the timber as is that of the Woodpecker, to which bird it is closely allied. Although it possesses an outer toe like the Woodpecker's, it will be noticed that it never climbs the trunk and branches of the trees, but sits like any other perching bird. Neither has it the stiff tail so peculiar to climbers. It obtains its food almost exclusively by means of its tongue, which it inserts into the nooks and crevices of the bark, proceeding along the branch in a sidelong course. Its plumage is soft and beautifully mottled, and a well-marked specimen is as handsome as any of our wild birds.

Food of the Snowy Owl.

A considerable portion of the food of the Snowy Owl consists of fish, which the bird catches for itself.

The Most Hated Bird.

The most hated bird is probably the Crow. He is detested by the gamekeeper, the sportsman, the farmer, and every one who has anything to do with farms, woods, and fields, and yet the Crow survives.

The Song of the Nightingale.

At the time of writing the song of the Nightingale can be heard after 10 o'clock at night, and very little in the daytime; later the time of singing will be altered, and he will be heard oftener during daylight and just before dawn. A Thrush was singing one night quite recently long after dark, and the Lark carolled some time after sunset.

A Summer Extract.

"Down the road skims an Eave-Swallow, swift as an arrow, his white beak making the sun-dried dust dull and dingy: he is seeking a pool for mortar, and will waver to and fro by the brook below till he finds a convenient place to alight. Thence back to the eave here, where for forty years he and his ancestors built in safety."

In Heat and Cold.

The sitting wild bird will soon be suffering from the heat of the sun, while patiently incubating her treasures. It is no uncommon sight to see a Blackbird or Thrush in some exposed position, with its beak open, panting in the heat. But as summer advances, vegetation grows and makes shade for the sitting bird and callow young. In the far North, where some birds nest upon the snow, do they commence incubation when the first egg is laid, or do they occasionally return to the eggs to warm them just sufficiently to prevent them getting frozen? Bird books give us no information upon this point, and we are unable to see for ourselves.

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THE POULTRY PRESS Ltd.

(INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ACTS 1862 to 1900.)

SHARE CAPITAL - - £9,000

DIVIDED INTO

4,000 Preference Shares of £1 each - - -	£4,000
5,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each - - -	5,000
	£9,000

Issue of £1 000 Six per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares (the interest on which is guaranteed for two years). Directors, friends and employees of the Company have intimated their intention of applying for 1,250 of these shares which the Directors reserve the right to allot in full. The Preference Shares carry a fixed cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of £6 per cent. per annum on the capital for the time being paid up thereon payable by half-yearly instalments on the 22nd August and the 22nd February, and (subject to the payment to the Ordinary Shares of a fixed cumulative dividend at the rate of £10 per cent. per annum) a right to receive out of the profits for each year a further non-cumulative dividend for such year at the rate of £5 per cent. per annum on the Capital for the time being paid up thereon, and rank, both as regards the first mentioned dividend and in a winding up as to repayment of Capital, in priority to all other shares in the capital. The holders of the preference shares may, after the 22nd February, 1913, be required to sell their Preference Shares at 25/- per share pursuant to Article 26.

The 5,000 Ordinary shares above mentioned are to be issued to the Vendors as fully paid up shares, the Vendors thus showing their confidence in the future of the Company by taking their whole payment in Ordinary shares ranking after the Preference shares both for Capital and Dividends.

ISSUE of 4,000 Six per cent. PREFERENCE SHARES of £1 each payable as follows:—
5/- per share on application. 5/- per share on allotment. 10/- per share on Thursday June 18th, 1908.

The shares may be paid up in full on allotment on or before the 25th day of May 1908, interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum being allowed in respect of the prepayment of instalments.
Applications have already been received from the Directors, their friends and employees of the Company for 1,250 Preference Shares and the remaining 2,750 are now offered for subscription at par.

DIRECTORS:

FREDERICK CARL, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.; Newspaper Proprietor; Founder of "Cage Birds."
JOHN EDWIN WATMOUGH, Plompton Hall, Thackley, Bradford, Chairman of the Fanciers' Newspaper and General Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd. (Proprietors of "Pigeons," "Fur and Feather," etc.)
WILLIAM EWERT BERRY, 12, Burleigh Street, Strand; Newspaper Proprietor; Director of "Health and Strength," "The Advertising World," etc.
JOHN TREWAVAS, 1, Cheapside, Bradford; Solicitor; Director of the Fanciers' Newspaper, and General Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd.

Bankers:—LONDON AND WESTMINSTER BANK, Temple Bar, W.C.

Auditors:—MESSRS. HOLMES & SON, Chartered Accountants, 33, Paternoster Row, London, E.C.

Solicitors:—ALFRED HARRIS & CO., 29, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C. **Sec. and Registered Office:**—S. C. AVIS, 154, Fleet Street, E.C.

PROSPECTUS.

The Directors of the Poultry Press Ltd., have decided to give the Poultry Keeping Public an opportunity of acquiring a portion of the Preference Share interest.

They feel that by enabling poultry keepers to participate in the success of the undertaking, they will be expediting that success, and taking a step as advantageous to their own interests as to the interests of poultry keepers themselves.

The bright prospects of "**The Poultry World**" are so evident as scarcely to need insistance on them at this juncture. The Directors assert without fear of contradiction that no other poultry journal at present on the market can claim so large a proportion of enthusiastic amateurs amongst its readers. No other poultry journal has shown the same rapidity of proportionate increase both in respect of circulation and advertisements, and no other poultry journal has been met at the start of its career with such a wave of general approbation.

In making this issue of Preference shares, the Directors their friends and employees of the Company have applied for 1,250 and the remainder are offered to readers of "**The Poultry World**" in the confident anticipation that a distribution of a certain proportion of shares amongst poultry keepers themselves, will enable the obviously bright prospects of the paper to materialise more quickly than perhaps would otherwise be the case.

The directors of the Poultry Press Ltd. are all gentlemen who have been closely connected with the publication of similar periodicals, occupying a creditable or noted position in newspaperdom. Mr. Carl, Mr. Watmough and Mr. Berry, have each made big successes of class papers of a similiar order to "**The Poultry World.**" Mr. Carl, the Managing Director, whose experience in conducting Fancy Journals is a large one, is of the opinion that he has never before come across a reading constituency so responsive to any efforts made on their behalf, or so cognisant of the value of practical journalism as the present readers of "**The Poultry World.**" Mr. Carl intends pursuing the same policy in directing "**The Poultry World**" as that which enabled him to extend the sold-copy circulation of "**Cage Birds**" from 4,000 copies per week to ten times that number—40,000 copies per week—in that period of six years. The ability that has brought about such results, almost incredible, have been placed at the disposal of "**The Poultry World,**" and Mr. Carl has every hope of being able to show even better results from his management of this Company's property. In fact, the substantial progress made in the period already covered by his management has been highly gratifying to all concerned in the production of the paper. From its first appearance "**The Poultry World**" was given the heartiest welcome, and has met with such a measure of support as has never before been accorded to any Live Stock Journal. Its circulation and its advertisements have each shown a steady upward growth until now at the present moment "**The Poultry World**" has a circulation which is 300 per cent beyond that enjoyed by "**Poultry and Pigeons**" from which paper it was taken.

The services of several highly popular and respected poultry experts and artists have been enlisted on behalf of the company; the names of the Rev. J. N. Williams, C. A. House, W. Hooley, G. F. J. Buvington, E. G. Wippell, standing for all that is progressive, reliable and authoritative in poultry journalism.

The Directors further possess the great advantage of being able to utilise the columns of their successful kindred journals, "**Cage Birds,**" "**Pigeons,**" "**Fur and Feather,**" etc., through which to proclaim the merits of "**The Poultry World,**" and advance its interests amongst prospective poultry keepers.

In order to show the possibilities in respect of circulation and advertisements, a well-known expert has provided the Directors with some interesting figures. According to his calculations, there are in the British Isles alone 35,000 exhibitors of prize poultry, 3,000 exhibitions where poultry is given some measure of representation, 1,000 clubs for people interested in poultry with an aggregate membership of 25,000, 2,000 people engaged in poultry farming on an extensive scale, 15,000 people engaged in poultry farming as a side-line or hobby, 5,000 members of clubs or organisations dealing solely with the utility side.

We have had worked out for us a comparative financial statement of the revenue from poultry advertisements derived by two other poultry journals. The average, so far as we are in a position to judge, comes out roughly as follows:—

Cash received from Advertisements—

Total per week.		Total per Week.	
During Season, No. 1 Journal ...	£120	Out of Season, No. 1 Journal ...	£50
" " No. 2 " ...	450	" " No. 2 " ...	190

These estimates may, of course, be incorrect one way or the other. They are calculated on the face value of the advertisement space. But the wide and great possibilities open to a reputable and well conducted poultry journal must be apparent to everyone familiar with the field.

In fact, the Directors feel such confidence in the success of the paper that Mr. Carl and Mr. Watmough have undertaken to guarantee the dividend on the Preference Shares for the first two years, after which period they feel that there can be no doubt as to the dividend coming out of the profits of the Company.

The following Contracts have been entered into, namely:—

1. A contract dated the 30th March, 1908, between the Company of the 1st part, Frederick Carl of the 2nd part, and John Edwin Watnough of the 3rd part, whereby in consideration of their respective contracts for services, the Company agreed to allott to the said Frederick Carl, 2,500 Ordinary shares, as fully paid up shares in addition to the salary therein mentioned, and to allott to the said J. E. Watmough, 1,500 Ordinary shares as fully paid up shares in addition to the salary therein mentioned.

2. A contract dated the 30th day of March, 1908, between the Fanciers Newspaper and General Printing and Publishing Company, Limited, of Idle Bradford, of the one part, and the Company of the other part, being a contract for the sale to the Company of the Poultry Section of "**Pigeons and Poultry**" in consideration of the allotment to the Fanciers Newspaper and General Printing Publishing Company of 1,000 Ordinary Shares as fully paid up Shares.

The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director shall be the holding of at least 100 shares in the Company or the holding of the office of Director of a Limited Liability Company holding at least 500 shares in the Company, and that the remuneration of the Directors shall from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, but shall in no way affect the remuneration payable to the said Frederick Carl and John Edwin Watmough respectively under the before-mentioned contract.

Interest of Directors:—

Mr. Frederick Carl is the holder of 1,700 Ordinary shares.
Mr. J. E. Watmough is the holder of 1,500 Ordinary shares.
Mr. William Ewert Berry is the holder of 800 Ordinary shares.

Mr. John Trewavas' qualification is by reason of his being a Director of the Fanciers Newspaper and General Printing and Publishing Company, Limited, which said company is the holder of 1,000 Ordinary shares in this Company.

A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is printed in the fold of the Prospectus (or at the foot) and forms part of it.

Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and of the above mentioned contracts may be inspected at the offices of the solicitors of the Company at any time during business hours.

The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is 1,500 shares.

The preliminary expenses including registration fees and fees of the Accountants and Solicitors and the cost of printing, advertising and issuing this prospectus, and stamps are estimated at £200 and will be paid by the Company.

Where no allotment is made the application money will be returned in full and where the number of shares allotted is less than what was applied for, the surplus of the application money will be applied towards the amount payable on allotment and the balance, if any, returned. In case of default in payment of any instalment at its due date the allotment will be liable to cancellation or forfeiture and all amounts previously paid and any interest thereon will be liable to forfeiture.

Application should be made upon the forms accompanying the Prospectus, and sent to the Secretary at the registered office together with a deposit of 5/- per share.

Prospectus and Application Forms may be obtained from the Solicitors or at the Registered office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Dated 19th May, 1908.

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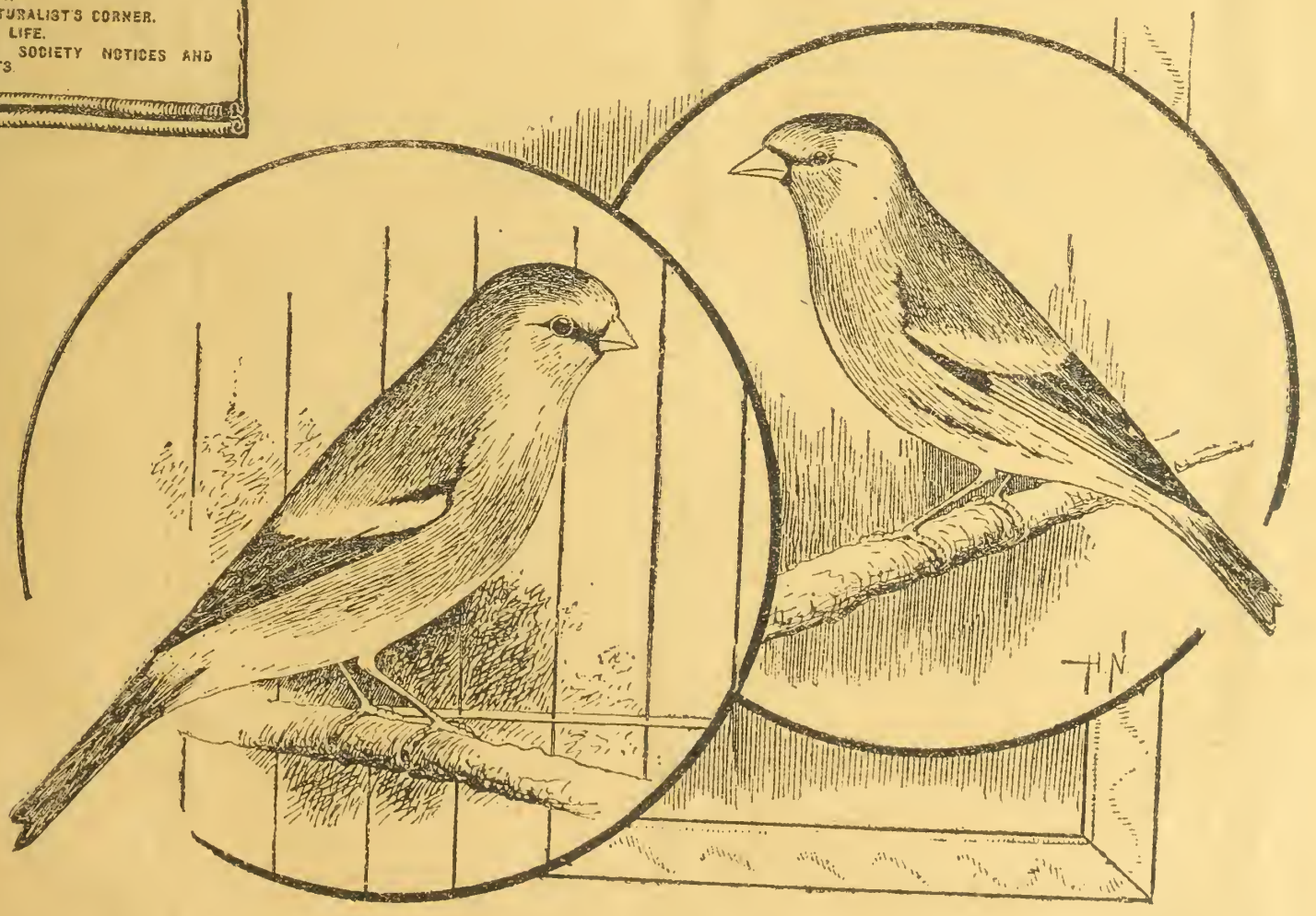

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HOW TO REMIT.—Under no circumstances will Cheques or Post-dated Money Orders be accepted as deposits. Uncrossed Postal Orders must be sent and the numbers taken for safety.

RULES.

1.—PROCEDURE.—The intending purchaser should send to this office the amount of the purchase (our deposit fee included), and at the same time he should communicate with the seller, stating what it is he requires sent on approval. We acknowledge receipt of the deposit to both parties. In all cases the depositor should give his name and address, and also that of the vendor, and must write same clearly and distinctly.

2.—END OF TRANSACTION.—The deposit is retained by us until we hear from *both* parties that the transaction has been completed. If a sale has been effected, we hand the amount deposited to the seller. If a sale has not been effected, we return the amount to the depositor. The transaction must be conducted by the parties themselves. We merely hold the deposit.

3.—AMOUNT OF COMMISSION.—The fee is 6d. for each £1, or fraction of £1, and it must be sent at same time as the deposit.

4.—IMPORTANT POINTS.—The depositor must decide within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the goods whether he will keep or return the same, unless, that is, some other period of approval (of which we must be advised) is agreed upon by both parties. The depositor must at the same time notify us of the fact that he has returned the goods. If the goods are not returned within the said forty-eight hours, we reserve the right to send the deposit to the seller after the expiration of that period. And should the seller fail within three days to notify us of the receipt of his goods back again, the transaction will be treated as ended, and the deposit be returned to the depositor.

5.—A SATISFACTORY PURCHASE.—When a transaction has been completed to the satisfaction of both depositor and seller, both parties must at once return the deposit receipts as a guarantee of its completion. The depositor must at the same time instruct us to pay over the deposit to the seller.

6.—GOODS ALREADY SOLD.—If the goods are sold before our deposit note reaches the seller, or, if for any other reason he declines to do business, he must at once return the deposit note to us. Failing its receipt, we reserve the right to return the deposit to the sender after the expiration of three days.

7.—FRESH TRANSACTION.—In case no sale be effected, a deposit is available for purposes of a fresh transaction, provided another deposit fee be paid.

8.—GOODS IN TRANSIT.—Goods in transit are at the seller's risk, and any damage or loss sustained on the journey must be borne by the seller. But goods not approved of must be properly packed and returned by the same means as were used in sending the same.

9.—PAYMENT OF CARRIAGE.—The payment of carriage must be a matter for arrangement between the vendor and depositor. We do not undertake to settle disputes affecting questions of carriage. But in the absence of other arrangements the purchaser is liable for the carriage of the goods, and if the goods are sent on approval and returned, each party pays the carriage one way.

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Advertisements close Tuesdays first post in each week, and should be sent to the Advertisement Manager, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London. Terms for Display Advertisements on application.

APPLIANCES.

CAGE fronts, any size to order; all appliances.—Tarbotton, Maltby-st., Bradford.

OUTDOOR aviaries, bird houses.—Sussex Portable Building Co., 128, Lewes-rd., Brighton.

HEMP mills, 1/4; oval perching, 3 feet 10½d. dozen; all wants supplied.—Torpy, Naturalist, Bradford.

GIVING up hobby. Manchester fanciers requiring good cheap cages should write or call 56, Darnley-st., Brooks's Bar.

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NOTICE.—Punched bar fronts, 3d. ft.; any size made, Norwich, Yorkshire, Border show cages, 2/- each 3 for 5/6; club patterns; stamp list everything.—Hogg, Cage Manufacturer, Middlesbrough.

NOTICE.—Handsome new Palace aviary, 3 ft. by 3 ft., fitted all complete, highly finished, ornamental —10/6; carriage paid; approval anywhere; list; stamp.—Hogg, Cage Manufacturer, Middlesbrough.

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Sizes stocked:—12 by 10 or 12, 3d. each; 14 by 12, 3½d.; 16 by 12, 4d.; 18 by 12, 4½d.; 20 by 12, 5d.; 24 by 14, 6d.; other sizes to order equally cheap. Show cages, Baths, Seed Boxes, etc. Satisfaction guaranteed.—Benner and Sons, Cage Makers, Copperas Hill, Liverpool.

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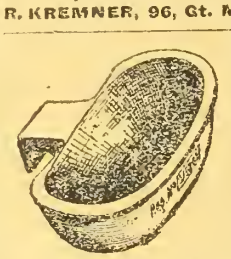

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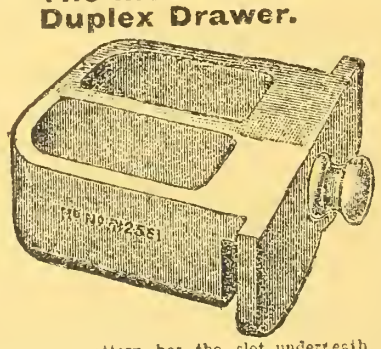

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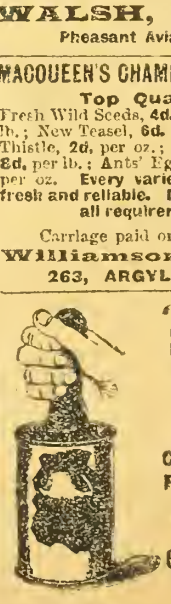

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SINGING CONTESTS.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual contests held at the Prince Albert Inn, Newtown. On May 23rd 12 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jackson and Jennings. For quality—result: 1st, Binns; 2nd and 3rd divided between Sissons and Binns. On May 24th 27 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Allen and Jennings; timekeeper, Mr. R. Jackson. 1st, Sellers; 2nd, Sissons; 3rd, Binns.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

There will be a great Linnet singing contest open to all England for quality singing, held at the Prince Albert, Newtown, Leeds, on Whit-Tuesday, when the landlord will give six splendid prizes. Entrance fee, 6d. per bird. Everybody will be heartily welcome. This house is only five minutes' walk from the Leeds Bird Market, and ten minutes' walk from all stations. First bird hung at three o'clock.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.—ADVT.

DARLINGTON.

A Linnet singing contest held at the George Hotel on May 23rd, when 26 birds competed for two prizes. Result: 1 and 2, Simpson (timepiece and silver medal). Judge, Mr. J. Cannon.—R. S. BLACK.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, on May 23rd, when 24 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Paver, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Result: 1, Key; 2, Allan; 3, Ross; 4, Moore; 5, Laverick; 6, Evans. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert.—WM. EMPSON.

LEEDS.

Usual contest for quality singing held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on May 23rd, when 28 birds sang. 1st, Galley; 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd shared between Wigfield and Stead. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and T. Chadwick. On May 24th, when 30 birds faced the judges. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Crowther; 3rd, Wigfield; 4th, Galley. Judges, Messrs. Cooper and Nicholson. We wish all Linnet fanciers to know that our yearly contest will be held on Whit Monday, when upwards of £30 will be sung for. First pair of birds to be hung at 11 a.m. prompt. Numbers drawn night before match.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.—(ADVT.)

SHEFFIELD.

Usual contest held at Don Inn, Duniop-st., Carbrook, May 24th, when some good singing was heard. Twenty-four birds competed. 1st, Blackadder, 78; 2nd, Baker, 72; 3rd divided between Watson and Robinson, 53 each.—BROWN, Sec.

IN THE COURTS.

PROSECUTION AT CAMBRIDGE.

At the Cambridge Borough Police Court on May 15th, William Casey, labourer, of 2, Coldham Lane, was summoned for using nets for the purpose of taking 28 wild birds not included in the schedule to the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, in the close season, on May 2nd. The close season extends from March 1st to August 1st.

Mr. G. A. Wootten appeared for the defendant, and asked the Magistrates to adjourn the case, as he had seen Mr. Millard, who owned the farm where the birds were caught, and Mr. Millard said he gave defendant permission to catch the birds because they were a pertect pest. Mr. Millard was very ill, but his foreman would be authorised to say Mr. Millard gave defendant the permission.—The Clerk, in reply to the Chairman (Mr. Campkin) said the Act was a curious one, because if permission was given no offence was committed.—The Chief Constable said it placed the police in an awkward position because Mr. Millard denied giving the defendant permission to trap the birds. Otherwise the proceedings would not have been taken.—The case was adjourned until Saturday.

At the adjourned hearing Mr. Wootten said he was prepared to show that defendant had obtained the necessary permission. Mr. Millard was too ill to attend the Court, but he had written a letter which he proposed to hand to the Bench.—The Magistrates' Clerk said this would not be evidence.—Mr. Wootten asked for an adjournment, so that Mr. Millard could attend, but the Magistrates decided to hear the evidence for the prosecution.

P.s. Merry stated that on Saturday, May 2nd, at 7.20 a.m., he was on duty on Coldham Common, in company with P.c. Abbott, both of them being in plain clothes. It was a foggy morning, and witness got close to the defendant, who had fixed nets on a piece of ground adjoining Coldham Common, in the occupation of Mr. Charles Millard, of the Station Farm. A number of call birds in cages were placed close by. Witness had reason to believe defendant was there without permission, and he kept observation on him until 1.29 p.m. During this time defendant caught a number of birds. He packed up his nets and call birds, and came on to Coldham Common, where witness stopped him. Witness said to him, "You know this is the close season. Have you permission to catch birds on that land?" He replied, "Yes; I got permission a month ago from Mr. Millard." Defendant said he had caught six Linnets, and he "knew what he was about." He added that he "had got the Act, but had not got any birds that were on the paper." He refused to allow witness to examine the birds, and witness took possession of them, as well as the nets and call-birds. Witness found that defendant had caught twenty-five Linnets and three Greenfinches. The birds were set at liberty. Witness saw Mr. Millard after the adjournment, who repeated his statement that he had not given permission to the defendant.—The Magistrates adjourned the case for a fortnight.

A NOISY COCKATOO.

At Birkenhead County Police Court the other day, Arthur Thomas Harding, of Stanley-road, New Ferry, was summoned for keeping a Cockatoo to the annoyance of the neighbourhood. From the evidence it appeared that a medical student complained of the noise made by the Cockatoo. The noise, he said, was greater than he had heard any Cockatoo in its wild state in Africa make. Four witnesses spoke to the nuisance. The defendant said when the bird came to his house six years ago everybody petted it; and now there had been a great change shown towards it. The magistrates remanded the case for a month to see what could be done to prevent the annoyance being repeated.

YOUNG RAVENS FORFEITED AND SOLD.

In Stranraer Sheriff Court on May 14th, Thomas Inglis, gamekeeper, Barncorkrie, was charged with a contravention of the Wild Birds' Protection Act by having in his possession five Ravens which had been recently taken. He pleaded guilty. The Fiscal asked that the birds should be forfeited and disposed of. Ravens were in much request as pets, and a good market could be found for them. No good object would be gained in liberating them, for he was told that after a considerable period of captivity they would be incapable of providing for themselves. Accused said he took the birds in ignorance. He had always been accustomed to destroy them. Sheriff Watson imposed a penalty of 6s. for each bird, 30s. in all, with the alternative of seven days, and ordered that the birds should be forfeited and sold.

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I received, writes Mr. J. E. Howarth (Dewsbury), on May 23rd, an unsealed envelope, properly addressed and with a 1d. stamp on (postmark, Bristol, May 22nd), but with no letter inside. I should like to know if it is a joke or a would-be reply to my advertisement in your issue of the 11th inst.

I was very pleased on receiving CAGE BIRDS this week, writes Mr. R. B. Tope (Plymouth), to see my Grizzle Crest, second at the Crystal Palace, pictured on the front. He is a descendant of that noted Crest-bred, "The Earl of Devon," which won me numerous first prizes and specials. He was only once beaten; it was at Liverpool under Mr. House, when a noted Northern Yellow Crest took premier honours; he, however, stood second. I received four telegrams from different fanciers asking for lowest price, but I was not to be tempted to part with him under catalogue price. My best thanks are due to your artist, Mr. Norman, for the masterly and realistic drawing of the bird; it reflects great credit upon him. I wish CAGE BIRDS yet further success.

Where Birds Drink Wine.

Wine is so plentiful at the present moment on the shores of Lake Maggiore, from the village of Brione to Orselina, that it is given freely to tramps who ask for a drink. The poorest of people leave a bowl of wine on the window-sill for all comers, and it is reported that even the birds share the hospitality.

A Persistent Singer.

The song of the Reed Bunting is just now the most monotonous of the avian choir. It consists of a single short passage ending abruptly. The bird is a most persistent singer, and while perched upon a fence rail near his reed-fringed home will drone out his song by the hour. Even out on the breezy marshes, where it is in keeping with the surroundings, its song becomes somewhat irksome.

Jackdaws Among The Pigeons.

In wild life we have frequent instances of parent birds fighting with larger and stronger ones, in defence of their young. The danger to the little ones, and the knowledge that they are entirely dependent upon them will make even delicate and inoffensive birds bold and brave for the time being. On the other hand, we occasionally get an instance of abject cowardice, when one would think that the robbed bird would make some show of resistance, or at least some attempt to attract the thief from his booty. A number of Pigeons build upon the parapets and stone cornices of old Greenwich Church, where they increase and multiply, and would do more so if it were not for an artful Jackdaw from the adjacent park, who occasionally makes a raid into the Pigeon stronghold, and by sheer boldness and cheek carries off a baby Pigeon, while the old birds gather together upon the upper portions of the building, and craning their necks over the edge look down upon the robber, and probably wonder whose baby the black rascal will take next.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

IT is with great regret that I write of the death of Mr. W. Horsman, the esteemed late host of the City of Bradford Society's headquarters, who was laid to rest some fourteen days ago. Some time ago I mentioned the presentation made to him by the society, and at that time he was bedfast. He never rallied, and passed away after many weary months of illness.

I also regret to record two very unfortunate accidents which have happened to Yorkshire fanciers. Mr. M. Broadley, of Windhill, has sustained a dislocated shoulder by a fall from a ladder while following his employment. He is, however, progressing favourably, and hopes before long to be among his birdy friends again. The other fancier, Mr. M. Robinson, also sustained an injury whilst following his employment, and a very serious one indeed. Having had a leg severely damaged, he is in a very critical condition. All bird-lovers will join me in wishing both speedy recoveries.

THE Secretary of the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club is giving the members a whip-up, and would be pleased to hear of any new members. Some good prizes are again to be given, and it behoves all fanciers of our native birds to help the club on to the success it deserves.

THE Open Norwich Club is forging ahead; they held their first committee meeting on Saturday last, which proved to be fully representative. The members now total 75. They have decided to give their patronage to ten shows, and the three highest birds at each are to count for specials. Four prizes will be given in the champion section and six in the novice section (the latter six including the three given by Mr. Carl); also at each show 3s. will be given for most points gained by 4th birds, and 2s. for fifth birds, thus giving those who are not at the "top of the tree" a chance to handle a little of the spoil. The next meeting takes place on July 4th, and all who wish to join and want their names to appear in the year and rule book must communicate with the secretary before that time.

MANY fanciers (outside the West Riding particularly) seem to have some vague idea that the Yorkshire Canary Club and the Yorkshire Union are one body, and the secretaries are continually receiving the communications intended for the other. Secretaries and intending members will do well to note that the Yorkshire Union is a union of societies confined to Yorkshire (the societies, not members) for the protection of the Fancy in general and the advancement of bird-keeping and breeding in all its branches; whilst the Yorkshire Canary Club is a specialist club having as its sole interest the promotion of the Yorkshire Canary, and it is in no way connected with, or under the influence of the Yorkshire Union. I might mention, too, that the C.M.Y.C.C.,Open Norwich Club, Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C. are also in no way under the Yorkshire Union, but give their patronage and prizes where they think the most good will accrue.

WHO is the prominent breeder and judge that went gathering dandelion during the thunder and hailstorm t'other Friday? He must be doing well, if hail, thunder and lightning couldn't turn him back! Rumour says he won't take £10 for the best two he has out; they must be good ones.

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CLUB REPORTS.

MORPETH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held on May 15th, Mr. A. Grey in the chair. The most important business was the framing of rules for the working of our society. The C.B.U. circular of "alteration of rules" was approved of, the meeting being unanimously in favour of their adoption. Will fanciers wishing to join please send in their names not later than June 12th, our next meeting night, after which date our books will be closed for the enrolling of members for the present year.—E. COWLING, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

At a committee meeting held on May 22nd at Douglas Hotel, there were seven members present. Messrs. Mulvey, Maguire, and Rooney (all of Dublin) were admitted members. The matter as regards Mr. Devitt was allowed to stand over until the general meeting. It was decided to hold the general meeting on June 11th. Mr. R. Halliday wrote saying he would book the 26th November next to judge the club show. The meeting adjourned until May 29th at 8.30.—W. C. SHOLEDICE, Hon. Sec.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Monthly meeting held on May 12th, when a large number of Roller Fanciers attended. Six new members were elected. Letters were read from the Wakefield and Leeds Roller Canary Clubs with reference to the C.B.U., and it was unanimously decided to withdraw from the C.B.U. We all think that, as a specialist Club, we can manage our own affairs; neither can we see what benefit we are getting for our money.—The Chairman, Mr. F. E. Fisher, in proposing a vote of condolence to Miss Rettich and family, spoke in sympathetic terms of the late Mr. A. Rettich, and said that we all held him in high esteem, and the B.R.C.C. had suffered the loss of a good judge. Mr. F. A. Lester, in seconding the vote, which was carried, spoke in a similar strain. This concluded the business. The Chairman then called on Mr. F. A. Lester to give his lecture on "Rollers, Past, Present, and Future," which proved very interesting. Mr. Lester described the means by which the Roller had been brought to perfection by the Germans, and how it was making great progress at the present time in this country. He stated that it had a great future before it. He urged the members present to breed more tours into the song of their birds, pointing out that it was being done by several members at the present time with great success on the show bench. After the lecture numerous questions were asked. The answers were interesting, and will no doubt prove of great service to the members. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Lester, the Chairman remarking that he himself had learnt a lot thereby. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded an enjoyable evening.—J. W. NORRIS Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Some Hints on Color-Feeding.

Fortnightly meeting held on May 23rd, Mr. J. Farrar presiding over a very large attendance. It was decided that the first feather show be held on July 4th in St. Peter's Hall, Green Street, Mr. Millar (late of Southwick) being appointed judge. The question of the patronage of the specialist clubs for our open show on November 20th and 21st was then brought forward, and the secretaries were instructed to again write to the Norwich Plainhead Club and the National British Bird and Mule Club. It was also decided that there would not, in any event, be less than seven open classes for Norwich Plainheads, or less than six open classes for British Birds, and two for Mules or Hybrids. The suggestions agreed to by the delegates of the C.B.U. at their last annual meeting were all agreed to unanimously until we came to the clause which stated that "licenees be not granted to purely cage bird societies, as such ought to be affiliated to the Union." A long and interesting discussion ensued upon this question, Mr. W. F. Swan and Mr. G. Davison speaking in favour of compelling Societies to join the Union, and Mr. W. Reid and Mr. G. Clark speaking strongly against coercing any Society into joining. However, it was put to the meeting, and it was carried by a majority of five that all the suggestions be agreed to. The adjourned discussion on "Colour Feeding" was then resumed. The question was raised as to how much hot pepper should be used, and the majority of the Norwich breeders present agreed that four of cold to one of hot was about the right proportion, although one or two of the older breeders thought that a larger proportion of hot pepper might be used with better results; while, on the other hand, one noted Yorkshire breeder present thought that hot pepper should only be used when birds are being moulted in a cold room. Replying to questions as to how and when to mix the colour food, Mr. Reid stated that he always prepared his colour food overnight, and that to ensure the colour being thoroughly incorporated with the egg food he rubbed the whole lot together through his hands. He was supported in this by Mr. Riseborough, who pointed out that unless the feed was properly mixed together the birds would probably waste a lot of good colour-food in their endeavours to pick out the egg food with the least pepper on it. Several other questions were asked by the younger breeders, which were all satisfactorily answered by Mr. Swan, Mr. Clark, and other members before the discussion was brought to a close. Fanciers, both old and young, are heartily invited to attend and take part.—REID AND MADDISON, Secs.

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ABERDEEN O.S.

Meeting held in the Trades Hall, on May 23. The President, Mr. Hector, occupied the chair. A letter was read from the Scottish Plainhead Club intimating that Aberdeen was on the list for the international Contest, and it was unanimously agreed to fulfil all conditions required by the Plainhead Club, should our show be chosen for the contest. Letters were also read from the Scottish Crest Club and the Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland, offering their patronages, which were accepted. Mr. John Strachan gave notice of motion to alter the rule in Young Birds' Section. Before parting the President said they were all pleased to see Mr. John Smith back again, after his long holiday in South Africa, and that they had missed his genial presence (applause). Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Hector for his kind remarks, and for the hearty welcome the Society had given him.—John Bryson, sec.

ROCHESTER, STROOD, FRINDSBURY AND DISTRICT F.S.

A general meeting was held at "The Vineyard," Rochester, on 21st May, Mr. J. Giles presiding. The chief items were a discussion on the financial affairs of the society, which were in rather an unsatisfactory state, and the election of officers. Mr. J. Giles was unanimously re-elected chairman, Mr. H. W. Casimore vice-chairman, Mr. T. R. Brookland treasurer, and Mr. W. Hurdman secretary. The remaining officers were re-elected *en bloc* as last year. Five new members were elected. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to the assistant-secretary, Mr. T. Charles, of a massive marble clock, subscribed for by the members, on the occasion of his recent marriage. The presentation was made by the chairman, who spoke in high terms of the good work Mr. Charles had rendered the society. Mr. Charles suitably thanked the members for this pleasant surprise. Arrangements are in progress for the annual open show in October.—W. HURDMAN, Sec.

OPEN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

A committee meeting was held at the Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, on May 23rd. Mr. D. Sunderland (chairman) presiding. Mr. Percy Illingworth, M.P., was unanimously elected as president. Messrs. Harry Vire, C. Hepplestou, C. J. Whiteley, and F. Carl, and Mrs. C. M. Sunderland were elected vice-presidents, and Messrs. S. Clegg and J. Wilcock (Bradford) auditors. Applications for membership were accepted from Messrs. Alfred Grey (Morpeth), F. Coventry and W. Sherrington (Preston), L. Dyke (Bolton Woods), D. Hunter (Scarborough), A. Spencer (Doncaster), and J. Eyre (Dodsworth). It was decided that the following rules be added to those already passed:—Rule 17, "That the chairman be empowered, through the secretary, on the requisition of five members, to call a special meeting to discuss any important business within fourteen days' notice." Rule 18, "That rules shall not be altered, or any new rule adopted, except at the annual meeting, of which one month's notice shall be given to all members." The offers of special prizes, viz., marble clock and bronzes, value £4 4s., Mrs. C. M. Sunderland; oil paintings on opals, value £1 5s., Mr. H. Vire; copper kettle, value 10/6, Mr. C. Hepperston; dress piece, value 15/6, Mr. C. J. Whiteley; and others from Messrs. Haigh and Son, W. H. Shackleton, Joe Wilcock (each 10/6 cash), Mr. F. Carl's special, value £3 3s. (for competition in the amateur and novice sections), and a cruet from Mr. Sam Wilcock, were accepted. A vote of thanks was passed to all donors, and the secretary was instructed to invite applications (through the Press) for club's patronage, all applications to be made before first Saturday in July. Intending members wishing to have names included in rule book for season 1908-9 must send in their applications before first Saturday in July. Societies desirous of club's patronage must submit judge's names, and provide not less than six open Norwich classes. The number of club shows is not to exceed ten. "That four prizes be provided for competition in the champion section and six in the novice section for points gained throughout the season, and that 3s. be given for most points gained by members by fourth prize birds and 2s. for points gained by members by fifth prize birds at each show held under the club's patronage, any member gaining a first prize not to be eligible for these two specials."—Carried. "That three highest birds (at each show) count for points."—Carried. "That applications (already received) for O.N.P.C. patronage be deferred until next meeting."—Carried. Next meeting will be held on first Saturday in July. A vote of thanks to Mr. D. Sunderland for presiding closed the meeting.—O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

RUGBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At a meeting held at The Moat, Albert-street, on May 19th, Mr. Clem F. Savage read a paper entitled "The Treatment of Young Canaries." Mr. G. A. Towers presided, and although the attendance was not so large as could be wished for the occasion, there was a good discussion. It was decided to hold a members' nest feather show on June 27th. Mr. H. Diekens will be asked to officiate as judge.

OXFORD F.S.

Annual meeting, April 27, when Mr. W. F. Cross was voted to the chair, and a large number of members were present. The balance-sheet for last year was presented showing a balance in hand of £3 13s., and assets £20. The chairman explained that the past year had been a very unfortunate one, but hoped the society would make more rapid strides. The rules were revised, and the following were elected as officers: — President, Mr. M. Wootten, J.P.; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. G. H. Morrell, Mrs. Ball, Messrs. A. Butler, E. E. Shepherd, Hall and Co., R. G. Gillard, M.R.C.V.S., W. F. Cross, J. Gould, J. Hastings, J. F. King, Alderman F. H. Kingerlee, and J. P. S. Boulton; Hon. Solicitor, Mr. G. Walsh; Hon. Vet., Mr. R. J. Verney, M.R.C.V.S.; Auditor, Mr. C. Haines, F.C.A.; Bankers, Messrs. Wootten and Co.; Hon. Treas., Mr. W. F. Cross; Sec., Mr. A. H. Calcutt, Kidlington, Oxon.; Asst. Sec., Mr. H. Jedan, 5, Fairacres Road, Oxford; Committee, Messrs. H. Johnson (Chairman), J. C. Coates, J. A. Lees, A. Galpin, W. White, W. R. Lee, R. G. Gillard, M.R.C.V.S., F. Butler, F. Palmer, A. Lewin, A. Payne, and S. Boultou. Anyone wishing to become a member will be supplied with a copy of the rules on application to the secretary, and the committee will be pleased to receive guarantees of any class or gift of special prizes. The radius of membership is open, and fanciers are invited to become members.—A. H. Calcutt, sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

A committee meeting was held at headquarters, 25, High Holborn, on May 18th. Present: Messrs. Rohson (chairman), Fulljames, Dewhurst, Dobson, Silver, Trower, Weston, Hathaway, Wyse, Maxwell, Vale, Cooper, Goodchild, Newby, Plumbridge, and Carr. Letters were read from Mrs. Howe, Messrs. Turton, Cunningham, Arrighi, Hathaway, Galloway, and the L. and P.O.S. Proposed by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Cooper, "That no cage-maker claim any credit, or right, in the design of the N.B.B. and M.C. standard show-cage, as drawn up and designed by the sub-committee, and passed by the general committee on April 20th, 1908." Proposed by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Trower, "That the secretaries be authorised to have a standard cage made by a private person for the purpose of being photographed and sent to the Fancy Press." Proposed by Mr. Trower, seconded by Mr. Cooper, "That a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded the following gentlemen, who very kindly went to the trouble and expense to send up cages to help the committee:—Messrs. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), P. F. M. Galloway (Caversham), E. Hathaway (Clapham), R. A. Newley (Brixton), J. Walsh (Blackburn), J. Sandiford (Preston), Watson, and Cullen." Mr. Fulljames referred in sympathetic terms to the sad death of Mr. Albert Rettich, and proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Miss Rettich, expressing the sympathy of the members of the club through the loss of her father. This was seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, and supported by all present. Proposed by Mr. Weston, and seconded by Mr. Cooper, "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Mr. W. C. Cunningham for his generous donation to the club funds." The hon. treasurer reported the following financial position of the club:—Received up to date, £23 16s. 6d.; paid out, £13 16s. 6d.; balance in hand, £10. Owing to the change of management at the "Napier," notice was given for the club to find new headquarters. Messrs. Robson, Dewhurst, and Plumbridge having previously seen several rooms, placed the facts before the committee. On the proposition of Mr. Trower, seconded by Mr. Silver, and supported by Messrs. Maxwell and Cooper, it was decided, "That the headquarters of the N.B.B. and M.C. be transferred to the Feathers' Hotel, Great Chapel-street, Westminster, and that our meeting nights be held on the last Thursday in each month as formerly. Proposed by Mr. Goodchild, and seconded by Mr. Maxwell, "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Messrs. Robson, Dewhurst, and Plumbridge for the trouble they had taken in finding suitable headquarters for the club." Proposed by Mr. Weston, and seconded by Mr. Robson, "That Mr. H. Norman, The Eyrie, Salisbury-road, Carshalton, become a member of this club." This was carried. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH EASTERN DIST. O.S.

Our next meeting is not till September 7th, when there should be some interesting reports from the members as to the likely champions that will be forthcoming at the Annual Show which has been arranged to take place in the Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, on November 14. We have been successful in securing the services of Mr. Wm. Thornton, to judge the Scotch Fancies, and Mr. John McLay, the Norwich Plainheads, Crests, Border Fancies, etc. At our May meeting the allocation of classes for British Birds was left over till the next meeting. Seven new members joined the Society during the season.—George R. Smith, hon. sec.

OUTINGS.

BRADFORD (East) ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

A good number of members and friends turned up on May 23rd for the ramble to Shibden Vale. The weather was gloriously fine, and a pleasant afternoon was spent amidst the splendid scenery which this district is noted for. After a bracing ride on the car from Bradford to Queensbury we walked through the Vale, which just at this time of the year is at its best, the beautiful foliage of the trees vieing with the pleasing contrast which the bluebells afford for the premier position of beauty. Many pleasant walks were explored, as this was the first visit which had been paid to this district, before we adjourned for tea at Rose Cottage. After full justice had been done to this, the party indulged in a homely sing-song, one of the ladies and a member officiating at the piano. The walk was then resumed, and we made our way to Stump Cross, taking the car to Shelf. From thence we walked back home, having spent a very enjoyable half-day's outing. At our next meeting on June 2nd we are to have a novel competition to decide. Mr. R. Halliday is giving a grand, framed water-colour painting of a Yorkshire as a prize to the member who picks out the faults of about six Yorkshires which he has sketched, each of them having some pronounced fault, which he will criticise, and place in a sealed envelope, the competitor gaining the prize who is nearest to him in his criticisms. All members are eligible to compete for this prize, the entry is free, and I hope there will be a good turn-up of members in order to make the affair a great success.—H. HILL, Secretary.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT AND HEYWOOD CAGE BIRD SOCIETIES.

The Rochdale Good Intent and Heywood and District Cage Bird Societies had a very interesting ramble on May 17th. Leaving Rochdale by the 8.40 train for Todmorden, we went by way of Dobroyd Castle on to the Moors, but the day being very dull not many birds were to be seen. We reached Holmes Chapel in good time for dinner, so we spent an hour in the fields and woods behind, where we found innumerable birds' nests, some containing eggs and others young. After doing ample justice to the meal provided by our host and hostess we made for Townley Park, and after viewing the fine old hall and ground had tea at the Waverley Cafe. We afterwards adjourned to the smoke room, where we were joined by Messrs. Edward and Uttley, of Burnley, and having been treated to a song or two we had a very good discussion on the Lancashire and Crest. Just before parting our conversation drifted into one about the Norwich Plainhead, and one member said he would like to show a team selected from a given district against a team selected by Mr. Edwards, also from a given district. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Barwise for so ably acting as guide, and to the secretary for organising the ramble, was suitably responded to, and we parted company with our Burnley friends, reaching home at about 9.15, having spent a very enjoyable day.—SAM M. CLAYTON, Hon. Sec. of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

The members went for an afternoon ramble in Wanstead Park on May 16, when seventeen members turned up. The journey was made first by ferry, then by brake and tram, and occupied just about an hour. Entering the park and going to the cottages, the party were met by the head-keeper, who proceeded to show the way. The first point of interest was a stable in which the same Martins and their young have built for five years in succession. Following our guide through the wood, the old grotto was first inspected, and then a lovely walk of two miles through the wood was commenced. First the nest of a Carrion Crow was noticed, then the entrance to that of a Spotted Woodpecker, which was pointed out in a tree close to the lake, from whose waters a pair of Mallards and a Moorhen took wing. Passing on we came to a Dove's nest, and while looking at this the Cuckoo and Chaffinch were heard. A little way further on, a pair of Long-tailed Tits were seen, and following the edge of the lake, a brood of wild duck. The herons' nests could now be seen, there being 54 this year, showing a decrease of two on last year's number; but the cold weather had killed many of the young. A large number of Martins and Swifts were also busy here. We were next shown the latest thing in Hybrid breeding, this being a cross between the Black and White Swan (rather too large for cage birds). Eggs are being incubated from this pair, but there is a good deal of doubt whether they will hatch, there being a week's difference in the time which the eggs of the two breeds take to hatch out. We next came to a dead tree containing a number of Starlings' nests, two Jays at the same time passing overhead. Within a few yards we were shown the nest which four tawny Owls had left that morning. We next came to a most noisy place, consisting of no less than 250 homes of the Rook—what is called Rook Island. Adjoining this is another island known as the Heron Isle, on which no Rook is allowed to nest. Here we saw several Herons feeding their young on small fish. These birds seem to prefer to build in the tops of oak trees. Following our path, we saw a Misselthrush, Ringdoves, Herons, Dabchicks, Coots, Wild Duck, pairs of Jays, Chiff-chaffs, Thrushes, Blackbirds, and several more Jays, some coming quite close. Passing through another wood several nests of Thrushes and Blackbirds were found, and also that of a Misselthrush. Coming to the boating lake, several of the party indulged in a pull on the water. Leaving the park, we adjourned to Mr. Pindard's, at the tram terminus, where an excellent tea was provided, to which full justice was done. After a merry meal and the usual speeches, the return journey was entered upon, the party arriving at the ferry just before nine, all having spent a most enjoyable afternoon. —W. Pawley, hon. sec.

TORBAY O.S.

The first ramble took place on May 20th. The party entrained at Paignton for Brixham (a fishing port situated the south side of the bay), where we were met by Mr. J. Dickers, a breeder of Yorkshires, who kindly acted as guide. Tracks were at once made for the country, the route taken being through Higher Brixham, on to the picturesque old thatch cottage, known as "Ann Tolcher's Cottage." At this point we left the main road and took to the country lanes, which brought us to the top of a hill that gave us a magnificent view of both sea and landscape. Looking seawards was to be seen the lovely coastguard station at Mausands, which a few, headed by Mr. E. Parnell, sen., made for, while others kept to the hill top, and were to be seen prying in the hedges, bramble, and furze bushes. It was in the latter way that the first nest containing eggs was discovered, which most of us had a peep at. Close at hand an old farm labourer was trimming a hedge, and on being asked if he had disturbed any nests replied that they didn't sit in such places, but there was wan (one) sitting in the orchard below. He was referring, we found, to Pheasants, which could be heard close by. A rally was made, and we then took to the coast, where we were overtaken by Mr. P. W. Mugford (a well-known West Country breeder of Mules and Canaries, and exhibitor of British birds), who followed by a later train. We continued along the edge of the cliffs, where we had an entire change of bird life, as we were now overlooking the English Channel in a part that is noted for its seagulls; in fact, it might be termed the home of the seagull, as hundreds of them nest in the cliffs between Mausands and Berryhead, which latter place we reached 5.45 after a three hours' walk. It was gratifying to see the veterans arriving fresher than the youngsters. Among them were our chairman, Mr. J. Webber, who certainly had a limp collar by this time; our vice-chairman, Mr. A. N. Innes, a genial and jolly fellow, as most of those who has spent years on the sea are, Messrs. M. C. Parnell, P. W. Mugford, and J. Bamberry. Among the younger members were Messrs. C. Parnell, W. Hodge, Jack Jeffery (the assist. hon. sec.), F. Badcock, and Will Bastard. The party having been got together, we all sat down to a good tea provided at the Fort Tea House. After tea, and a much-needed rest, we visited the Lighthouse, and spent the rest of the evening sauntering about the Fort grounds, leaving in good time to enable us to reach Paignton at 8.45, after spending a most enjoyable day in lovely summer weather.—J. N. JEFFERY, Secretary.

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CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 8.—THE CHAT FAMILY. Some Exhibition Points and Failings.

Notes on the Drawing on page 521.

The family of Chats (strictly speaking this is a somewhat loose use of the term "family") is one of the most interesting among insectivorous birds. In their wild state, its three most common members, so far as Britain is concerned, the Wheatear, Whinchat, and Stonechat, are fairly well known to lovers of our native birds, being not at all unpleutiful in suitable localities. On the show-bench, however, only the Wheatear appears at all frequently. The other two species are rarely staged. This results solely from difficulties of keeping and moulting. Of the trio the Wheatear is, comparatively speaking, quite easy to maintain in health and condition (perfection of plumage, that is) also—and this perhaps is the chief thing—to "meat off." The Whinchat presents a much more difficult problem; the Stonechat the hardest problem of them all. From a judge who has kept examples of either species for any length of time, the fancier who can put down a really good Stonechat or Whinchat is certain of recognition in the prize list. It does not matter so very much whether the specimen be perfection (or "ideal," as some term it) in show-points, so long as it is somewhere near the mark—the chief thing is to get it on to the show-bench: to paraphrase a well-known saying: Sufficient for the day is the exhibiting thereof.

To take the Whinchat first: In the top right-hand corner is shown a "good specimen." This drawing gives an excellent idea of the shape and markings required in the show specimen. This bird should be as large as possible, and not too slim in build. The white streaks over the eyes, and that which passes across the chin round on to the cheeks, require to be very distinct, sharply defined on the edges, and pure in colour, while the wing-patches, situate near the shoulder, should also be large and clean in colour. Other white parts are the abdomen, and the tail for some two-thirds of the way down.

The crown, neck, back and rump are black, of somewhat dingy shade, strongly marked with brown, the result being conspicuous "spangling" very like that seen on the Bramblefinch. The wings are black, edged with rufous-brown; the tail towards the end is dusky brown, with two black feathors in the centre. On the breast the bird should be a pretty reddish (or rosy) tint. The cheek-patch is an important point, and should be an intense black—a charming contrast to the white markings above and below it.

"An Inferior Bird"—The deficiencies of this bird will be readily appreciated on contrasting it with the specimen above. In markings it fails badly, and reminds me of the hen Whinchat more than anything else, though it is very like the young bird, which, however, does not show the clean white head-marks. It should be noted that a Whinchat under two years old is not really fit for exhibition purposes, while full beauty of colour, spangling, and markings generally is not attained until the third season. In winter, too, he is not so gay in colour and nicely marked as when in nuptial dress.

"A Perfect Stonechat."—In my own opinion the Stonechat is one of the birds which truly deserve to be termed "delicious." He is usually a source of tribulation in the beginning, but once on food and over the first shyness incidental to captivity, makes one of the most captivating pets I know—richly clad, and the essence of daintiness in every movement.

The head (down to the upper edge of the eye) hind neck, and back are black, margined with reddish-brown with varying heaviness; the cheeks (under the eye) and throat are practically an intense black; on each side of the neck appears a band of white, which needs to be wide, well-defined and pure in colour; the breast is reddish-chestnut, shading into white on the vent, while the rump is whitish also; the wings are brownish-black, edged with reddish-brown, and should carry a distinct white patch on the coverts.

In shape the Stonechat always puts me in mind of a very much enlarged edition of the Gold-crested Wren—he has a very broad rounded head, thick neck, chubby body, and short tail. As in the case of the Whinchat, perfection of colour and markings is only attained by three-year-old birds, this being particularly noticeable in the case of the head, which in an old male (during the breeding season) is an intense velvety black, whereas in the younger bird the head is mottled with brown, and the "collar" and other white markings less prominent, and not so pure in colour. When in winter plumage the colour-scheme is less brilliant, and the brownish "spangling" on the upper surface very pronounced.

"Fails in size, shape, and colour."—It is easy to pick out this bird's failings, the lack of marking on back, the irregularly cut "collar," the obscure wing-patch and the dullness of colour all over, to say nothing of the fatal slimness of body.

"Badly-cut markings."—This shows the black on cheek and throat faultily shaped, and the white neck patch very irregularly finished off at the edges.

"An Ideal Wheatear."—A strong adjective, but one which the bird here depicted thoroughly justifies. The Wheatear is a much larger bird than either of the two species just dealt with. Its size, in fact, is one of the most peculiar points about it, for some Wheatears look, to the eye, quite twice the size of others of their kith and kin. Needless to say, it is these extremely large birds that stand the best chance of success on the showbench. They are said to be the birds which inhabit the more northern parts of the globe (Greenland, for instance) so that apparently this matter of size is on all fours with that of the British and Siberian Goldfinches. Very few of the extra big kind are caught in England in the Spring, but they are not uncommon during the autumn migration. The Wheatear should have a very broad, well-rounded chest, a bold wide head set on a proportionate neck, and stand well up on its legs.

The crown, hind neck and back, are a delicate bluish-grey; on the forehead, and running well across the cheeks over the eyes, should be a broad, well-defined pure-coloured white streak; from the base of the mandibles a streak of black plumage should run past the eye and towards the nape, widening as it extends backwards, and being clean-cut on the edges; the wings are black, the inner feathers prettily edged with brownish-yellow; the region of the rump is white, which, as the bird often droops its wings, shows conspicuously, as it does also when it uses its wings; the tail is white at the base, and black towards the tip, the two centre feathers being black right through. The colour of the under surface is not easy to describe, but may be defined as a delicate warm ruddy orange, varying in depth in places, and with yellowish shadings.

As occurs in the two species already dealt with, one must have an old Wheatear to get the white forehead, dense eye-stripe and other markings to perfection, while the young bird never possesses that beautiful purity of colour found in the older bird, though this failing is not so marked as in the case of the Stonechat. In winter plumage the garb of the male becomes duller; he is then not unlike his always plainer, browner-coloured mate.

"An ordinary pale-coloured specimen."—This bird has the buffish markings found on the hen, and on some (probably young) cock-birds. Such a one would stand no chance whatever on the showbench.

"Small and badly-defined eye-marks."—The eye-stripe here shown is a particularly bad one, being both small and ill-defined. The white band on the forehead and over the eye, too, is not sufficiently well-marked and vivid.

One or two other important points apply to all three species as exhibition birds. There should be no missing claws, or missing, broken or frayed tail and flight feathers, or damaged feathers at the base of the upper mandible, while it is essential that the birds should be thoroughly steady, and tight and glossy in plumage.

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Cage Birds Charts:

How to Judge Exhibition Birds.

NO. 8: THE CHAT FAMILY (Wheatear, Stonechat and Whinchat).

[See Full-page Drawing and Explanatory Notes on pages 521 and 513 this week.]

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WOODPECKERS (*Picidæ*).

DIAGNOSIS.—*Tree-birds, with straight beak of medium thickness and toes in pairs, or one only behind.*

SIZE.—From that of a Crow to that of a Tit.

FORM.—*Bill* of medium length and stoutness, straight or very slightly curved, usually compressed and chisel-tipped, corner of mouth coming half-way to eye; *feet* with short shanks and strong sharp curved claws, two toes in front and usually two behind, sometimes only one behind, the inner hind or first toe being in some cases rudimentary or wanting; *wings* of medium length or short; *tail* medium or short, usually very stiff and serving as a support. Head large, neck rather long in some. Tongue very long and extensible, hard and barbed at tip.

PLUMAGE AND COLOURATION.—Varied in colour, very commonly black and white, sometimes olive-green, or brown, never showing any blue, but very often red or yellow; no seasonal change, but usually a small difference between the sexes. Young differing little from parents; sex-difference apparent at once.

YOUNG.—Naked and helpless, fed by parents; they have bare, swollen skin at the gape, and a warty pad on the hock, as nestlings, and move about in the nest on their hocks.

NEST.—A hole pecked out in a tree or bank.

EGGS.—Several, pure glossy white.

INCUBATION.—A fortnight, or a little more.

COURTSHIP.—In the American Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*) the male displays his wings.

FOOD.—Chiefly insects, especially wood-borers and shelterers under bark; berries, fruit, nuts, and sometimes the sap of trees, are also taken by some. They usually seek food on trees, but some feed on the ground.

GAIT.—On the ground they hop awkwardly, but on the trees they are very active, seldom hopping from bough to bough, but climbing up and round the trunks and large branches; they descend, if at all, tail first.

FLIGHT.—Usually somewhat undulating, a few beats of the wings alternating with closure of them for a moment. The feet are carried tucked up in front, and the neck extended.

NOTE.—Usually harsh, a cackle or "laugh"; sometimes a piping sound.

DISPOSITION AND HABITS.—Shy unless protected, unsociable as a rule, and often rather quarrelsome. Young birds in some cases will fight violently as soon as fledged.

ECONOMIC QUALITIES.—They are, on the whole, most useful, destroying insects injurious to timber.

CAPTIVITY.—They live well if reared from the nest, but are very quarrelsome with each other; they become very tame and make good pets. They have not been bred, in England at all events.

DISTRIBUTION AND IMPORTANT SPECIES.—This family, numbering nearly three hundred and fifty species, is found all over the world except in the Australian region, almost always in wooded country, though a few frequent the ground or rocks; they are, on the whole, resident, few being migratory. The family includes three sections, the typical Woodpeckers (*Picinæ*), with the typical structure and habits of the family, and found throughout its range; the Piculets (*Picumninæ*), tiny birds with rather the habits of Tits, and numbering only a few species, found in West Africa, South-East Asia, and South America; and Wrynecks (*Iyngina*), with very finely-pencilled plumage and normal tails, including our well-known migratory species and a few others, confined to the Old World outside Australia. Our commonest Woodpecker in England is the Green (*Gecinus viridis*), about the size of a pigeon, olive-green, with red crown and yellow patch above tail; in India the Golden-backed (*Brachypternus aurantius*), with the crown red and upper surface dull golden, is the best known; and in North America the Golden-winged or Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*), a dove-brown bird, with spotted breast, barred back, and red crescent on the back of head, and with the quill-shafts bright golden yellow.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1908 SEASON.

Despite the cold breeding season we have had, I have been successful in getting 30 young ones on to the perches out of 33 hatched, writes Mr. Jas. Stewart (Whitehaven)—not a bad percentage, I think.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, writes Mr. H. E. Parrott (Weybridge), I paired up my Yorkies very much later this season, but am glad to say that the first round are hatching out very well indeed—four per nest in nearly every case. I have twenty youngsters out at present, and doing well, and other nests due in a few days, so with ordinary luck my first round will be as successful as ever.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.

The season for young birds up here is very bad. We have plenty of full eggs, but no young birds, they dying in the shell—the result of the weather.—J. FORD, sec. of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.

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Upon the whole our members seem to be getting a fair percentage of young birds, although the weather of late has been very severe. But we are pleased to state that this last few days the weather conditions have shown signs of improvement.—CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, joint secs., Newcastle C.B.S.

Rugby C.B.S.

The secretary of the Rugby C.B.S., Mr. C. F. Savage, writes us that some fanciers in that district have had very bad luck with their first round, the spell of cold weather of a few weeks ago having upset the breeding operations, so that the results to date are almost nil. Others however, are doing better, and have quite a number of youngsters on the sticks. All are hopeful of better fortune in the immediate future.

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TWITTERINGS.

Mr. George Brown, sec. of the Leith O.S., writes that his address is now 1, Coalhill, Leith.

Whilst searching for eggs in Aberdeenshire, a farm labourer fell a hundred feet from a cliff and was instantly killed.

A brown Rook, with pinkish tint, is reported to have been taken from the rookery at Benton Hall, near Newcastle-on-Tyne.

An aviary, we hear, has been built in Alexandra Park, Oldham. The birds are being provided by Mrs. C. E. Lees, of Werneth Park.

A Spotted Eagle, measuring five and a half feet across the wings, has been found dead at Downham, Essex. The bird is a rare visitor to England.

We have engaged Mr. A. Wellings, in addition to Mr. H. Tams, to judge at our show on November 20th and 21st, writes Mr. W. Ridge, hon. sec. of the Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.

Our show date is fixed for November 13th and 14th, writes Mr. J. Netherwood, hon. sec. of the Wakefield and Dis. Roller C.C. Messrs F. A. Lester and T. W. Walton will judge.

Kindly inform all who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS that I had 26 offers by the Sunday morning, writes Mr. J. Hollker (Westhoughton). I could not reply to them all.

Kindly note that I have been elected secretary of the Rochester, Strood, Frindsbury and Dis. Fanciers' Society in place of Mr. W. E. Miller, writes Mr. W. Hurdman, 28, Horsley Road, Rochester.

A printer's error last week gave Mr. H. Stevens as judge of cage-birds and cats at Harpenden show on Whit-Monday, whereas that gentleman takes cats only, our section being in the hands of that well-known fancier Mr. C. E. Silk, of Emsworth.

Will those who intend taking part in the N.B.B. and M.C. "Ramble" on Saturday next, May 30th, meet at Waterloo station for the 9.35 train, at the bookstall south station, or the 1.37,a No. 3 platform, main line, writes Mr. J. P. Carr, joint sec.

Mr. Hopper (Keswick), has been appointed to judge the Border Fancies, and Mr. J. W. Bancroft (Cheshire), the remainder of cage birds at the Egremont (Cumberland) show on November 27th and 28th, write Messrs. Woodburn and Lucas, hon. secs. of the Egremont C.B.S.

At the last meeting of the Sunderland C.B.A. a very interesting discussion took place, we hear, concerning the merits of the four winning articles in our recent Essay Competition. In view of the voting now proceeding, we prefer not to say which way the favour of the meeting went.

We are having an open young bird show on July 1st, writes Mr. F. Easterling, sec. of the Battersea and Dis. C.B.A., when Mr. Robson will judge. The judges at our open show to be held on October 14th and 15th are Messrs. A. Patrick (Yorkshire Canaries), and J. Robson (the remainder).

We have engaged Messrs. W. Mundell, W. Vardy, and C. Houlton to judge at our forthcoming open show on November 6th and 7th, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Hillmen, hon. secs. of the Liverpool O.S. We have also taken St. Martin's Hall—one of the finest in the Kingdom for a cage bird show.

Ramsden's Specials.—Notice.—These special prizes are offered for competition amongst exhibitors who have colour-fed their exhibits on Ramsden's Pure Peppers only and solely. In reply to several correspondents, special precautions will be taken next show season to protect the interests of bona fide competitors. —(ADVT.)

I have been advertising in CAGE BIRDS since No. 1 appeared, writes Miss M. Hall, and have sold over 50 Yorkshires, the stock of the late David Hall, my brother, in three weeks. I am keeping a few pairs, as I feel I cannot lose my interest in the Fancy, and would feel lost without my CAGE BIRDS on Fridays after having taken it for so long.

At our monthly meeting held at headquarters, writes Mr. W. H. Manley, the hon. sec. of the Bristol C.B.S., Mr. Brown's lecture on "Colour Feeding and Rearing of Young" was much appreciated by a crowded attendance. Mr. W. G. Bull will give a lecture on the Yorkshire on June 3rd at headquarters, City Hotel, Wine Street.

I am glad to say that the birds I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Symes (Chilcompton), were sold very quickly. It will not be the last time I shall advertise in your valuable journal, as I had letters from all over England and Wales. Those who did not receive a reply from me will please accept this intimation of my best thanks.

Owing to an error on the part of our printers, the advertisement of Mr. W. Rudd, Norwich, last week stated the price of Norwich hens to be 2s., instead of 3s. Will readers please note? This well-known specialist has also recently executed orders for birds and goods from many foreign parts, including India, Canada, Cape Town, Rome, New Zealand, Trinidad, Madeira, Punjaub, France, Egpyt, and Belgium.

Members of the Lewisham and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. H. Thos. Lucas, the sec., are requested to refer to Rule 3 of the club's rule card, and to remit unpaid subscriptions to me before June 1st. Any recently nominated new members are also referred to Rule 8, and are kindly requested to conform with same with regard to entry fee.

The members and friends of the Leeds C.B.S., writes the sec., Mr A. Wilkins, purpose going for a trip to Monk Fryston on Saturday, June 30th. Names of those who intend going should be given to me on or before June 14th. All intending visitors to the private grounds must obtain tickets (one penny each) of admission; children will be admitted at half-price.

Will members please note that Mr. Sandiford has again promised the Northern Norwich Plainhead Club a handsome cup, writes Mr. Anthony Hay, the sec., on the same conditions as last year, viz., for most points in Norwich Plainhead classes over all shows held under the club's patronage. Only users of Sandiford's Colour-feed are eligible to compete for cup.

A fire, the cause of which remains unknown, occurred at Mr. W. Vale's well-known hospital for birds and animals in the Manor Road, South Norwood. A number of the birdie inmates are said to have been burned to death, and the hospital itself was completely destroyed. Fortunately, however, the inmates were not so numerous as during the holiday season.

We have received from Mr. A. B. Forse, the hon. sec. of the Walthamstow F.A., a copy of that society's manual for 1908-9. It is really nicely got up, and contains a list of the officers, the rules of the association, and the names and addresses of members. Fanciers desirous of joining are invited to communicate with the sec., at 29, Thornhill Road, Leyton, N.E.

HAVE YOU VOTED?

Readers should Remember that the last day for receiving voting papers in connection with our Essay Competition is Tuesday next, June 2nd. Coupon and full particulars will be found on page 495 of last week's "Cage Birds."

Vote Early, and see that your friends Vote Early.

The Yorkshire Union are open to receive advertisements for insertion in the Year Book, to be issued shortly, and as every one of the 1,250 members will receive a copy gratis, advertisers can rest assured of good results. The price is 7s. 6d. per page and pro rata; breeders' cards are 1s. each. Specimen advts. on application to the sec., Samuel Dean, 6 Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford.—ADVT.

I am instructed to inform you that the British Roller Canary Club has withdrawn from the C.B.U., writes Mr. J. W. Norris, the hon. sec. At the same time we should like to ask those Roller Fanciers who have stood aloof from the B.R.C.C. because we were affiliated, to kindly send their names and addresses in at once, to be in time for this year's rule book, which is now in hand.

Kindly mention that through an error on my part, writes Mr. A. B. Forse, hon. sec. of the Walthamstow F.A., the names of the cage bird committee were omitted from the list of officers contained in the manual which we have just issued. They are as follows: Messrs. B. Forse, F. R. E. Handscombe, A. J. Marley, and A. J. Watcham. A slip containing this list of names will be sent to every member with the half-yearly balance-sheet to be issued shortly.

The Manchester and Northern Counties Ornthological Society have received a very kind invitation to join the Altrincham Society in a ramble, which they are holding on Saturday, May 30th, writes Mr. E. Jones, the assistant sec. The meeting place is Hale Station and the time 3 o'clock. The destination is Castle Mills, as before, but we shall go by a different route. Tea has been arranged to be had on our arrival. We shall be pleased to see members and friends in good numbers, and can assure them of a very pleasant time.

Kindly announce, writes Mr. Ernest Woodhead, the hon. sec. of the Hartlepools C.B.S., that owing to the deplorable strike in our town it has been found necessary to cancel our nest feather show, fixed for June 13th. We contemplated holding a second show in July, but are afraid that this also will have to be deferred. We are, however, proceeding with the arrangements for the open show on December 6th and 7th, and have engaged as judges, Messrs. W. Vardy and E. Brunskill.

An excellent little treatise dealing with the different varieties of Rabbits is sent us by the publishers, Messrs. Madgwick, Houlston, and Co., Ltd., of London. It is written by F. Townend Barton, M.R.C.V.S., and is priced at 6d., or 1s. bound in leather. For this moderate sum a mine of information, concise and eminently practical, is offered keepers of Rabbits, while many very good illustrations of hutches, appliances, noted winning Rabbits, etc, appear within the covers. This handy little volume is entitled, "Everybody's Book of the Rabbit."

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*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare.** J.H.P.
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*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
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*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
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Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
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Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.**
Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 331.)

TYSON v. CARL.

At the request of many friends we have decided to publish in booklet form a verbatim report of the case Tyson v. Carl—the recent lawsuit in which the question: What Is A Headline? was thrashed out. This account is a transcript of the shorthand notes of the hearing supplied by an independent reporter on the staff of the London News Agency, who vouches for its accuracy in every detail. The evidence makes a bulky little volume of 51 pages, and we will send a copy post free to any interested reader on receipt of three penny stamps.

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The May number of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—contains a particularly interesting article entitled, "Bird Keeping." It is written by Mr. Henry Gray, M.R.C.V.S., and constitutes the first part of an enquiry into the cause or causes of mortality among freshly-imported foreign birds. "The Yellow Hangnest" is the subject with which Mr. Wesley T. Page deals, and there is an accompanying excellent photograph of that bird. Miss C. Rosa Little writes on "The Breeding of Swainson's Lorikeet," Mr. Ivan D. Murray on "The Air Sacs of Birds," and Mr. O. Millsum tells of "A Visit to the Little Zoo, Bath." Other notes, equally interesting and instructive, go to complete the current issue.

The merits of Britain's great bicycle, the Rudge-Whitworth, are borne eloquent testimony to by the recent wonderful ride of T. A. Fisher, of the Unity Cycle Club, who started out on Monday, May 18th, on an attempt to break the thousand miles' record, concluding his effort in 91 hours and 1 minute, this being no less than 12 hours and 40 minutes better time than any previous record. He rode the same Rudge-Whitworth right through, to which, in a great measure, his success was due, for we may add that at the end of the ride the machine was in perfect condition, and Fisher just as fresh as possible. Yet during his marvellous performance he had only eight hours sleep in two stretches of 4 hours each, with hot baths and massage from time to time.

The "Excelsior" color-foods sold by Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known fanciers' specialist, of Norwich, have acquired a remarkable reputation as goods of the highest quality and efficiency Samples of this season's peppers have just reached us, and they should serve to keep this reputation right up to high-water mark, for they are chock-full of color, ground to just the right degree of fineness, and guaranteed to contain nothing injurious to the birds. It is put up in two shades, the "Excelsior" Red Feed and the "Excelsior" Yellow Feed, the latter being also sold as "Norwich Orange Blossom," which is a food ready to give at once to the birds, only requiring the addition of a few drops of water, and being a highly nutritious and reliable food during the moult as well as a coloring agent.

The Bristol C.B.S. have received an invitation to visit the woods of P. Napier Miles, Esq., writes Mr. W. H. Manley, the hon. sec. This will constitute our ramble on Saturday next, May 30th. Kindly notify fanciers (members and friends) of the change of arrangements. The party will meet at the car terminus, Black Boy Hill, at 2.45 prompt.—Mr. C. E. Brown, of Kingsweston, also writes: I would suggest that our friends come over the Downs, across Stoke Bishop Hill (not the Bristol to Avonmouth Road), and I will meet them at Stoke Bishop Fountain, where we immediately enter the private woods of the Kingsweston Estate. Through the kindness of Ivor A. Forestier-Walker, Esq., after leaving the woods, we shall visit the Kingsweston House, where the head gardener, Mr. F. Taylor, has promised to meet us. He will then take us through the gardens and houses; from one of these gardens one gets a grand view of the new dock at Avonmouth. There are also numbers of birds in and about the gardens. So there is a jolly time in store.

Lancashire C.A. Patronage.

All societies catering for Lancashires, and desiring the patronage of the Lancashire Canary Association should communicate with me as early as possible, writes Mr. W. Adams, the sec., as at our next meeting, to be held at Littleborough, on June 27th, we intend going into the matter, and we hope to have applications from some shows outside Lancashire. Address, 17, Baron Street, Rochdale.

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Be in Time: Subscription List Closes Tuesday, June 2.

WE take this final opportunity before the closing of the subscription list to draw the attention of readers of CAGE BIRDS seeking a medium for the investment of spare cash to the issue of Preference Shares in the "Poultry Press, Ltd.," as per the advertisement appearing on the back page of this number. The said issue affords fanciers a splendid opportunity of actively participating in the financial welfare of that popular poultry journal, "The Poultry World," and of furthering the educational work initiated in its columns—work which has already met with such striking appreciation from those interested in all branches of poultry-keeping.

Reference to the back page will show that this is an issue of preference shares of £1 each, which carry a cumulative preferential dividend of 6 per cent., guaranteed for the first two years by Messrs. Watmough and Carl, and, subject to the payment of a 10 per cent. dividend to the holders of ordinary shares, these preference shares will carry a further possible non-cumulative dividend of 5 per cent., making a total possible 11 per dent. in all.

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CLUB NOTICES: Continued.

Porth and Dist. C.B. F.S.—June 6, Danix Temperance Bar, Hannah Street, Porth, 7.30. Business of importance.—R. G. Challenger.
Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.—June 4, "Red Lion," Stoke, 8.30. Business important.—J. Simcock.
Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—June 4, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Final arrangements for F.F. Show.—J. C. Birch.
Queensbury C.B.S.—June 3, Baptist Schools. Lecture on Moulting and Colour Feeding, by Mr. W. H. Walsh (Halifax). Fanciers invited.—S. Jagger.
Reading C.B.S.—June 3, Palmer Hall, West Street, 8. Colour Feeding, introduced by Mr. T. Yates.—G. H. Charles.
Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—June 3, Temperance Club, 8. F.F. Show Business.—S. M. Clayton.
Rochdale O.C.—June 2, Club, York Place, 8. Town Hall Show. Business important.—J. Butterworth.
Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S. — June 4, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table Show Young Birds bred by Novices. Birds must be in the room by 8 o'clock.—Lindsay and Bingham.
Stockport B.F.A.—June 4, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Schedules, etc.—W. Stafford.
Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—June 4, Leeds Hotel, 8. Discussion on Federation and other important business.—J. W. Lowes.
Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—May 30, Station Hotel, 7. Arrange Ramble, etc.—J. M. Nicholson.
Shields C.B.S.—June 3, Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. Laygate Lane. To arrange schedule for Open Show and other business left over from last meeting.—W. Duke.
Sunderland C.B.A.—June 6, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Usual business, and a discussion; fanciers invited.—Reid and Maddison.
Shipley O.S.—June 2. Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Members' Show, etc.—H. Dobson.
Stirling and Dist. O.S.—June 3, Douglas Hotel, 8. Selection of judges.—G. Hislop.
Spen Valley C.B.S.—June 1, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Dates of Members' Shows, and other business.—R. Bennett.
Tong and Dist. C.B.S.—June 2, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements respecting F.F. Show, and a Washing Exhibition, by Mr. L. Ogden; friends invited.—J. Smith.
Wallasey and Dist. C.B.S. — June 4, St. Mary's Schools, 8. Discussion on Training and Staging Young Birds for Exhibition.—W. Mallinson.
Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—June 6, Adelphi Inn, 8. W. Ridge.
West London F.A.—June 4, Bush Hotel, 8. Mr. H. Gray, M.R.C.V.S., will lecture on the Common Ailments of Birds.—J. Dewhurst.
Widnes and Dist. O.S.—June 4, Grosvenor Hotel, 7.30. C.B.U. and show business.—S. Andrews.
City and County of Perth O.S.—June 2, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. General business.—J. Kerr.
Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S.—June 1, 6, The Broadway, 8. Lecture on Colour Feeding, by Mr. F. Easterling. Fanciers invited.—H. Smith.

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Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S.—June 6, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Arrangements for Table Shows, and Ramble.—H. Foden.
Altrincham C.B.S.—June 2, Victoria Restaurant, 8. General meeting.—B. Head.
Ayr and Dist. C.B.C.—May 30, Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street, 7.30. Lecture on Colour Feeding, by Mr. N. Doolan; fanciers invited. Lecture will start prompt.—C. Irvine.
Battersea Open C.B.A.—June 3, Duchess of Devonshire, Lavender Road, Clapham Junction, 8. Schedule of Open Young Bird Show, and Paper on Colour Feeding.—Friends cordially invited.—F. Easterling.
Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dist.—June 6, Co-operative Hall, 7. All subscriptions must be paid. Business important.—G. Harver.
Bradford East O.S.—June 2, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Surprise Diagram Competition—arrangements for F. F. Show, and ordinary monthly business. — H. Hill.
Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—June 5, Bakers' Rooms, 8. Open Discussion on Breeding.—R. Whitton.
Bermondsey and Dist. F.S. — June 2, Samson's Castle, 8.30. Selecting judges for Annual Show and Young Stock.—A. Lupton.
Bolton and Dist. O.S.—June 1, Headquarters, 8. Business important.—J. Stringer.
Bradford West and Windhill.—May 30, Ramble to Ilkley. Meet at Midland Station, Bradford, at 1.50. Shipley at 2.5. Fanciers invited.—H. Clegg.
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—June 2, New Inn, Station Street, 8. Paper by Mr. S. Hakes, on "Hand-rearing Large Varieties of Softbills," and other interesting items.—S. A. Dicken.
Coventry O.S.—June 3, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Nest Feather Show. Schedule, etc. Judge, Mr. C. H. Walton (Leicester).—G. Peters.
Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—May 30, Horse Shoe, 7. Discussion on Federation.—W. Rutherford.
City of Wakefield O. and C.B.S.—May 30, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. Delegate for Y.U., and other important business.—Parker and Atkinson.
City of Hull C.B.S.—June 1, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Nest Feather Show. Judge, Mr. H. E. Stubbs (Grimsby).—F. F. Potter.
Chester and Dist. C.B.S.—June 2, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8. Selection of judge for Old and Young Bird Shows.—A. J. Red.
Crook Original C.B., R., and P. Society. — June 3, Crown Hotel, 7. Show business, etc.—A. Bowes.
Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—June 2, Bull's Head Inn, 8. Monthly business.—F. W. Tomsett.
Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—June 3, George Hotel, 8. Classification for Open Show and Northern Federation scheme.—R. S. Black.
Dulwich O.S.—June 4, Herne Forest Hill Road, 8.30. Committee meeting. Classification and arrangement of Young Bird Show (June 18). Election of new members.—Rogers and Mazzoni.
Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—June 4, Montpelier Hotel, Choumert Road, Peckham, 8. Lecture, "The Roller Canary." By Mr. J. W. Norris. Fanciers and friends welcome.—W. Hodson.
Forfar and Dist. C.B.I.S.—June 6, Granite Bars, 7. Arranging of Champion and Norwich sections. Members requested to clear arrears in fees at this meeting. Other business competent.—W. Grewar.
Gloucester and Dist. C.B.S.—June 4, Ram Hotel, 8. Drawing up of schedule for F.F. Show, other business; important.—J. Houghton.
Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—June 1, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30. Arrangements for Ramble. —G. Waddington.
Glasgow and Western Counties.—May 30, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Show of British Birds, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Yellowbunting, A.O.S. Buntings, and other important business.—J. H. Adams.
Hartlepools C.B.S. — June 3, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street, 8. Arrangements for Annual Excursion, and discussion of Proposed Northern Federation.—E. Woodhead.
Hyson Green (Nottingham). — June 5, Cricket Players, Lindsay Street, 8. F.F. Show, June 13. Mr. Tom Oliver, judge.—R. E. Garton.
Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—May 30, Bird-in-Hand 7. Auditors' Report; also other important business. —J. Simon.
Leyton and Dist. C.B.S.—June 1, Headquarters, 8. Lecture on British Birds, by Mr. Allen Silver. Fanciers invited.—B. F. Forse.
Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—June 2, Roebuck Hotel, 8. Club business, 8.30. Discussion led by Mr. R. L. Crisp. Visitors invited.—H. T. Lucas.
Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S.—June 1, "Fox and Hounds," London Road, 8.30. Entries close, F. F. Show at this meeting. New members requested to attend.—W. Lang, jun.
Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.—June 6, Co-operative Room, 6.30. General Business; members wanting photos please attend.—Turner and Barker.
Larkhall C.B.C.—June 6, Miners' Hall, 7. Election of office-bearers for ensuing year.—G. Kirk.
Laisterdyke B.F.A.—June 3, Railway Hotel, 8. Business important and purchase of colour food.—J. Pownall.
Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—May 29, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Important business. Members note change of meeting night from Tuesdays to Fridays.—R. H. Davies.
Longton and Dist. C.B.S.—June 2, Castle Inn, 8. Paper by Mr. J. Edwards on Colour Feeding. Appointment of secretary, and C.B.U. new rules.—E. Tams.
Leeds C.B.S.—June 6, Lockhart's Cafe, First Feather Show, 5 classes, 2 Nor., 2 Yorks., 1 A.O.V. Entries close night of show. Judge, Mr. King.—A. Wilkins.
Musselburgh O.S.—May 30, McDonald's Rooms, 7. General business. Members note, all hens must be registered at this meeting. D. Kay.
Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S.—June 6, Crown Hotel, 8. Date for Nest Feather Show.—A. Wake.
Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—June 4, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Business of importance; also subscriptions due.—East and Jeremy.
Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—June 1, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. F.F. Show business and debate.—E. Jones.
Nottingham and Notts. O.S. — June 3, Cobden Hall, 8.30.—G. E. Wilkinson.
Neath and Dist. F.A.—June 2, Cambrian Hotel, 8. Committee meeting, and Monthly Members' Show business.—W. R. B. Richardson.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—June 4, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 7.30. Final arrangements for Nest Feather Show.—Curry and Hutchinson.
North Manchester C.B.S.—June 2, Christ Church Schools, 8. Schedules for F.F. Show.—J. Davey.
Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.—June 1, Headquarters, 8. Usual monthly business.—T. H. Tiffen.
Otley and Dist. O.S.—June 2, Queen's Head, 8. Nest Feather Show.—W. Dawson.
Pelton and Dist. C.B.S.—June 6, Fleece Inn, 7. Business of importance.—L. Hall.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Young Birds Dying.

C. Collard.—Sorry I cannot venture to assert what was the cause of the young birds' deaths from the specimen sent, as I do not undertake post-mortems. I can only speculate upon the absence of all traces of food in the crop that the old birds had ceased to feed them, but as the lower bowel was in quite good order the cessation must have been of short duration. The body was well grown and nourished. The eyes being glazed over was quite natural up to this age; they would have opened in a few more days. When the other young are hatched, treat as follows: On the evening when the young are due to hatch give half a teaspoonful of finely-chopped yolk of egg—without bread; next day two similar quantities, and after that add an equal bulk of crumbs of sponge cake to the egg yolk for the next day or two, finally adding an equal bulk of bread crumbs. Thus after the third day your egg-food will consist of equal parts of egg yolk, sponge cake, and bread crumbs. Well mix all together. On fourth day give a scrap of lettuce or tender young ground-sel, and after that a little green-food daily—chickweed, groundsel, or lettuce preferably. When the young are a week old give a supply of hemp in a separate vessel, and a few days later you may add a supply of soaked rape seed, fresh every day, if the old birds care for it. After this no further alteration need be made in diet until young are ready to leave parents. Do not give large quantities of food at one time. It is much better in every way to give small scrappy bits, and to give it fresh so much the oftener.

More Trouble with Young.

Disappointed.—I cannot determine with any degree of certainty what your birds died of from the description you give. But I should imagine they died from the effects of constipation. Next time young are hatched substitute bread crumbs, or equal parts of bread and sponge cake, for the biscuits to mix with egg-food. Also give a supply of two parts Canary and one part rape in the hoppers instead of all Canary seed, and give green-food. Do I understand you rightly to say that you mix the crushed hemp seed with your egg-food? If so, this also is wrong. You should give the hemp separately, and only just crack it, not crush it. Even cracking need not be done unless the birds have a very large brood to cater for. See reply to "C. Collard" in this issue.

Disappearing Feathers.

G. Oxley.—If the feathers have been gone for the last eight months it is almost a moral certainty that they were not reproduced when the old feathers dropped out at the last moult. This might have been caused by a chill which stopped the moult prematurely, or to a generally weak condition of the bird. In either case the probability is that the feathers will not be reproduced until next moult. Meantime, all you can do is to reserve her strength, and try to get her in the best of health and condition in readiness for next moulting season. Do not mate her this year. Feed plainly on a staple of Canary three parts, and rape one part. Twice a week give a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Give a spray of green-food daily, and add fifteen drops of chemical food to the drinking water twice a week. Regulate bowels, if necessary, by giving an occasional pinch of Epsom salts in the water. Give baths frequently, but be careful to avoid chill afterwards. Keep bird on this treatment until moult commences; then place it in an evenly warm temperature, and get it through the moult quickly, when its plumage should be perfectly restored.

Three in One.

A Y.—It is likely that one trouble alone affects all your birds, viz., over-feeding. The evidence all points that way. 1. You did quite right to separate this hen. Her trouble when about to lay was a mild form of egg-binding, which is often due to hens being blocked up with fat. The swollen condition you now describe is due either to fatness, or dropsy, most likely the former, judging from the general look of things. Keep her on a spare diet of Canary seed only, with green-food daily, as much as she likes to eat. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five drops of sherry in it and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Two or three times a week give twenty drops of sherry, ten of glycerine, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water. Keep in a good-sized cage, where she can get plenty of exercise. 2. The two Yorkshire cocks are probably also blocked up with fat. Treat same as above for a fortnight, or longer, if necessary. 3. As all your birds are probably in an overfed condition, if this cock is active and vigorous, and has fertilised the eggs of the other two hens, there could be no objection to keeping him employed by mating him with a third hen. The extra work may keep him from going the same way as the others.

A Little Outcast.

G. Burrows.—The one young bird in a breed of four, which is the smallest of the flock, and squeaks long after the others have been fed, is not being sufficiently fed. The other three being the strongest monopolise the parents' attention whilst feeding, so that this little "rinklin'," as the country folk would call it, gets only half fed upon the few crumbs that are left. The best way out of the difficulty is to hand-feed this little one two or three times a day for a few days until it has gained a little size and strength to compete with its fellows more successfully at feeding time. Give it a square meal last thing at night for a few nights. I expect this bird was hatched a day or two after the others, and has consequently not been able to get its proper share of food from the start. Such cases are very often seen when the eggs are not removed as they are laid for the first three days, and then returned on the third evening, so that all the eggs start incubation and hatch out within a few hours.

Lost Use of Legs.

Crackey.—I am afraid the bird's legs are paralysed, and that it was caused either by a slight injury to the back, which might have escaped your attention at the time, when you washed it; or to getting a severe chill in the drying process. In either case you had best leave the repair to Nature. To prevent the bird being soiled give a shallow nest in a wooden nest box for her to sit on. This can stand on the floor of the cage, and the floor be strewn with sawdust round it to absorb any moisture. Feed on plain Canary and green-food whilst the bird is so inactive, and give on alternate days in its drinking water twenty drops of whiskey one day, and fifteen of chemical food the next. I would not advise you to attempt any other interference, but if there is no sign of improvement after resting in this way a week or two I would advise you to have it chloroformed.

Young Birds and Seed Samples

E.D.G.—1. As your old birds do not seem to care for egg food, and yet eat the prepared food you mention readily, by all means use latter when the young are hatched in lieu of egg food. There is no reason why they should not rear their young successfully with it, as almost as much depends upon a bird's taste for any particular food in this matter as the nature of the food itself. For other details of rearing see reply to "C. Collard," of course substituting food you name for the egg food named therein. 2. Neither of the samples is German rape. There is a very decided difference between them. No. 1 is probably all wild mustard, hot and biting, and contains a large proportion of dirt. No. 2, not so dirty, appears to be more like cabbage than anything else; it certainly is not rape. I would not use either myself, but if compelled to choose I should prefer No. 2.

A Bird Bald.

No Name.—There is probably something wrong with your dietary. If I am right in assuming the bird is kept singly, feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part rape seed as a staple. Give in addition separately a half teaspoonful each of hemp and inga, and a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, each once a week, and on different days, not altogether. Give a spray of green-food daily. Allow the bird to bathe as often as it likes, but see it is not exposed to draughts. In drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny-piece, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and six drops of lemon juice every third day for a fortnight, and every second day give twelve drops of chemical food in the water for three or four weeks. Twice a week very slightly anoint bare skin with sulphur ointment. Do not soil the feathers by putting on too much. You will probably not see much, if any, improvement until moulting season proper arrives.

Canaries in Outdoor Aviary.

E.W.—Your aviary appears to be very well placed, and should prove quite suitable for Canaries, or any kind of half-hardy birds—to use a gardening term. Cinnamon Canaries would be quite hardy enough to keep in it, and would probably thrive well, if you only took the precaution to stock it with birds that have been accustomed to a cold room. But do not put in hot-house creations; that is, birds bred in artificially heated rooms, or the result will be failure. As regards second query, I should say the hens you refer to are beyond all hope of cure. They may be regarded as incorrigibly bad feeders, and your best plan is to get rid of them—dispose of them as pets, nothing more: or give them a dose of chloroform—and fill their places with others with a higher moral sense of their obligations as parents. Stick to your good feeders as you would to a golden treasure.

Withholding His Merry Note.

"Stamps."—It is not at all unlikely that the breeder of the first bird was mistaken respecting its sex, and that it is a hen after all. These errors cannot always be avoided. If you hung the undoubted cock beside the doubtful one at this season, in such a position that they could see and reach each other, the sex would probably not long remain in doubt, as the cock would soon be seen calling to the hen and feeding her between the wires. The conduct of the second bird in refusing to sing in the presence of the other bird is one of those individual idio-syncrasies which cannot be explained. The fact that the first bird has begun to drop feathers shows that it must be exposed to some chills or draughts, or to great variations of temperature. Either of these causes must be removed before any cure can be effected. For proper treatment see reply to "W.D.S."

Swelling Around Eye.

W.R.M.—Unless the swelling around your bird's eye has come up quite rapidly, and shows a "ripe head" or core like a boil it is probably a tumour, and I would not advise you to interfere with it at all. You would probably only make matters worse. If the bird is a common one have it chloroformed, but if valuable enough to be worth it, show it to a veterinary, who could doubtless remove the swelling quite easily. If it is really a "boil" with a head as described, then you may just open the top of the core with a fine clean needle, press around it very gently to expel as much of the contents as will easily come away, and add to the warm water with which you bathe it a teaspoonful of liquid extract of witch hazel to each cupful of water.

Birds Not Breeding.

J.C.C., Locheilt-side.—Your birds must be very much out of condition not to have made any attempts at breeding yet. There is not much the matter with your feeding which could account for it. Leave them together now, and treat them as follows for a few weeks, or until they go to nest and have laid their eggs. As a staple food give a mixture of two parts Canary and one part rape in the hopper. In addition to this give separately to each pair the following extras: Each day three leaves of dandelion, every second day a teaspoonful of hemp, and on alternate days a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five drops of sherry mixed in it, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it, and give a pinch of inga seed in the corner of the egg drawer. In the drinking water for the first three days give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn daily, and afterwards twenty drops of whiskey every second day for a week, and four drops of tincture of steel on the intervening days. If you persevere with this treatment the birds should soon be going to nest.

The Same Old Trouble.

"Try Again."—The chief cause of your trouble was that you commenced giving crushed hemp too early and thus brought the hen into breeding condition much too soon. Read reply to "C. Collard," and you will see where you went wrong in the feeding. On the Thursday when you began to give hemp you should just have finished decreasing the proportion of egg in your soft food, and be commencing to give green-food. Of course, you may now return the cock and let them go to nest again. When the next brood are hatched treat as is here intimated, and you will not probably always meet with this sort of disappointment. Also treat the brood of young Mules when they appear in the same way. There is no reason why you should not succeed all right. The Scotch have a saying that "the best laid plans of mice and men, gang aft agly."

Not "Puzzled" Now.

"Hopeful."—Am glad to hear you are no longer "puzzled," as you were when you sought advice a few weeks ago. 1. The time at which a hen Canary with a brood of young wants to go to nest again depends upon the manner in which she is fed, and upon her individual temperament. Many hens begin to think about nesting again when the young are a fortnight old. This is a little too early for safety. The best time is when the young are from twenty-one to twenty-eight days old, because at this time the young are able to do without the warmth of the hen, and if either of the parents maltreats them, may be placed by themselves in a nursery cage and hung on the front of the breeding cage, when the cock, or both cock and hen, will continue to feed through the wires, whilst arranging for a second brood. 2. If the cock had been left with hen whilst sitting, and the hen began to want to nest again when the young were about twelve days old, you would do no good in removing the cock then; the probability is she would "go on strike" at once, as far as feeding was concerned. The cock would be the most likely to continue to feed them. Give a mild aperient in the water, and cooling green-food. Then if she seems bent on nesting, give her a new nest box and moss, and if she takes to that for the new nest, and does not pluck the young, leave latter alone; but if she starts to pluck, place the young, nest, and all in a nursery cage in such a position that the old birds can feed them comfortably. Return to original position in the cage at night to see if the hen will brood over them. If so, allow her to do so each night until they are old enough to do without her, and be up betimes each morning to remove back to the nursery for the day. If she will not cover them at night, leave them in the nursery and cover them up snugly with a bit of soft flannel or wool, and be true to your present pseudonym.

Brevities.

Not Nesting (Boots).—The most obvious reason for the birds not nesting is that they are not well matched—in short, you have put together two hens. This, of course, is assuming the birds are in good general health, and that neither sings much, if at all. As you say nothing about the condition of the birds I cannot venture on a more definite reply. If you think this suggestion "far off the mark," you must write again, and say what condition the birds are in. There is not much the matter with your feeding.

Going to Nest Again (A. Fordham).—The hen should have the cock taken away from her when she commences to sit this time, and be left to rear the young by herself. Feed plainly whilst she is sitting, giving a mixture of two parts Canary and one part rape, with a small spray of green-food daily, and a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg food (whichever you prefer) once a week only. See reply to "C. Collard," and also get back numbers of CAGE BIRDS for April, and read up the Novices' Notebook page.

Bird Moulting (W.D.S.).—You did quite right to separate the birds when the cock started moulting. He was not in good condition when mated. Give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge-cake every second day with five drops of sherry in it, and on alternate days the same quantity hemp seed. In the drinking water give twelve drops chemical food daily for a week, and for another week every second day, and on intervening days four drops tincture of steel. The spots are where the new plumage, unaffected by colour food, is showing through. You cannot get rid of them without putting bird on colour food and plucking them out—a course I do not advise you to adopt. Wait until general moult.

Occasional Asthma (M. E. Palmer).—As these attacks occur two or three times a week it points to some rational explanation. Take particular notice when they occur, and see if anything has occurred the day before to cause the bird to get a slight chill or to occasion any draught to which it might have been exposed. As the bird is feeding young I would advise you to mix well together 60 drops each of glycerine and sherry, and ten drops of oil of eucalyptus, and give two drops of this direct into the beak from a quill or a medicine dropper each night when the attack comes on. Shake mixture thoroughly to mix in the oil each time before using. When you discover the cause take the necessary steps to remove it.

A Doubtful Pair ("Sexton," Cardiff).—Your suspicion is the correct one. Both are undoubtedly cocks. Occasionally a hen will make a very fair show at singing, but it will not behave as your supposed hen did. No, it is not too late to pair up now for a single brood, and there will be plenty of time to get a brood. Try to get a healthy young hen of last season that has not been mated up yet.

Does Not Lay (Mercedes).—You should have given particulars as to feeding, what condition birds are in, and whether the cock sings. It is possible you have got two hens mated. See reply to "J.C.C., Locheilt-side" for the way you might treat them, to bring them on to nesting properly. If, however, you have an undoubted cock, give the hen a clutch of common eggs to hatch and rear, which would very likey start her off properly on her own account. Is the hen an old one, or a last year's bird? If the former, I would discard her without further effort on her behalf, and replace her with a vigorous young bird.

A Mating Query (W.E.D.).—Yes, any extreme of heat and cold is apt to cause a loss of feathers such as you describe. It is just possible, however, one of the hens is responsible for the bareness. See reply to "No Name" in this issue for a suitable course of treatment whilst you have the bird alone. There is no reason why you should not mate him again as soon as No. 1 hen is again ready for him. When he is alone you should feed him a little more plainly. Cut off the inga, gold of pleasure, and most of the egg food.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Siberian Goldfinch with Diarrhœa

Polsyh. You are certainly committing a grave error in not letting your Siberian Goldie have any grit. I advise you to give him a supply at once, but start with a pinch only, and see that it is really "gritty," which can be attained by sifting out the dust, if any. Most of my own birds like a piece of cuttlefish to peck at, and it is undoubtedly beneficial. Your feeding is good, but you ought to put a liberal allowance of sound ripe teazle seed in the stock mixture. Under the circumstances, the little milk sop (I assume he eats it) should benefit him. For medicine, get one ounce of crystals of citrate of iron from a chemist, and dissolve as much as just lies on a sixpence in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, using a glass or pot vessel. Continue this for five or six days, when you will, I think, find the bird's excreta of normal character, and the bird itself much tighter in condition. If the bird is very queer, then try five or six drops of chlorodyne (well stirred up) for a few days.

Thrush Not Singing.

Greenhorn.—You seem to be feeding the bird very well indeed, and I assume it is in good condition. This being so, then I am afraid the explanation of its songless state lies in its being a representative of the gentler sex. Song is the only true test of the sex of hand-reared Thrushes. You might keep it another fortnight, and try giving it a feed or two of "blackbeetles" daily. If it does not sing then, I should say it is hopeless.

Contest Singing Cages.

Dum-dum.—The cages used for singing contests are those known as "back cages," and these are to be obtained from most large cage makers. They vary slightly in size, width of wiring, etc., according, I suppose, to individual taste, and most have a metal plate (running through a slot) to cover over the seed supply at will. The explanation of the other matter is that some have a drawboard (a tray to pull out for cleaning purposes), while some have a turn-rail only.

What Weed?

Marker.—Your letter made me smile. My description of shepherd's-purse must have been a very bad one, for that which you send as this weed is in reality chickweed, which bears very little resemblance to it indeed. Shepherd's-purse has heart-shaped seed-pods running up the stem, the latter being crowned with a bunch of very tiny white flowers. An illustration, and full description, appeared in CAGE BIRDS for September 7th last.

Siberian Goldfinch's Bare Eye.

Dennistown.—I have never heard before of whiskey mixed with the liquid a beetroot has been boiled in, being used as a cure in a case where a bird is going bare of feathers round the eye. Therefore I cannot, of course, say anything either for or against the same. If the eye of the Goldfinch is in a healthy condition (no discharge, or anything), personally I should not trouble my head in the matter. Evidently it does not detrimentally affect the bird, or he would not be singing so stoutly, and be in fine plumage otherwise. And if it appeared to be irritating the bird (evidenced by its rubbing the eye continually on the perch), I should, if it were mine, apply a little boracic ointment to the place daily, with the tip of a finger. If muling operations are going along nicely, however, you would be wise not to interfere with him unnecessarily.

Jackdaw's Scaly Legs.

Constant Reader.—It is evident from the bird's behaviour that the scales pain him, and you should remove them by the method advised when answering a querist last week. He will then give up the habit of pecking at the scales and making his legs bleed. After the operation is over, wash the legs in warm water, dab dry with a soft cloth, and paint over any raw or bleeding places with "New Skin," an extremely useful liquid preparation sold by chemists at sixpence the bottle. It only takes a few moments to dry on, and the bird should be held until it is well set, for it "stings" a little when first applied. Any pain is merely momentary, however, and the bird's health will be benefited immensely afterwards. Your feeding is excellent.

"Cock Eggs and Hen Eggs," etc.

Bill Bailey.—I could almost think you were having a little joke. No one can "tell cock eggs from hen eggs." If this were possible, then breeders of Canaries would no longer have any excuse for now and then popping a cock bird into a hen class, or selling young birds with inaccurate statements (I ought, no doubt, to say forecasts) as to their sex. It is the same in Mule and Hybrid breeding—no one

can tell from the egg what sex any youngster which may hatch out of it will be. Your other questions are not easy to answer briefly. Fertilisation is assumed to take place at about the time the yolk (carrying the germ spot) is ripe—that is, about to break from the ovary (or "egg-chamber") of the hen, and fall into the oviduct (or "egg-passage") to commence its journey to the outer world. While *en route* the yolk is coated with the white and the shell, and the process of hatching commences, though the changes that then take place in the cell (or germ) are invisible to the naked eye. "Hatching" ceases once the egg is expelled from the vent, to recommence when the hen begins to sit. The first visible signs of fertility (to the outside eye, so to speak) are streaks of blood, as fanciers term them, forming within the egg after it has been sat on a day or so. A practised eye can detect these "blood streaks" at a very early period, by the well-known process of looking through the egg when holding it against a strong light. After three or four days of incubation, the egg begins to get quite opaque when so viewed, and at the end of a week the merest tyro can with certainty judge of the fertility or otherwise of the same—hence the term "clear egg" denoting an unfertile one. I trust this answer clears up your doubtful points.

A Hybrid Pair.

P. Felce.—A cage, 3 ft. long, 2 ft. high, and 2 ft. from back to front, makes a rattling good cage to try to breed either British birds or Hybrids in, the good width affording seclusion. Give them an ordinary nest-bag and a supply of charpie for nesting materials. If you get out into the country at all, you can supplement these with dried grasses, bents, and an old Blackbird's or Greenfinch's nest pulled to pieces. My own hen Britishers were often very fond of charpie, and one or two have built a fine, clean-looking, cosy nest practically entirely of it. Some use an earthenware nest pan, but the majority of hen British birds prefer wooden nest-boxes, or Roller travelling cages with the end (or top) and inside fitments removed. Some like an old Blackbird's nest to re-line, and some will lay their eggs in simply a hole made in dried grasses strewn on the cage floor. They are very variable. They will rear the young (or attempt to do so, I should say, for few succeed, the usual plan being to put the eggs under foster parents) on the ordinary seeds, but must have unlimited seeding shepherd's-purse, groundsel, chickweed, and the like. In addition, mine also relished soft foods, and egg food.

A Muling Matter.

A. E. Jones.—Your Goldfinch may be run with another hen as soon as ever she is ready to commence domestic duties. When he should be again put with hen No. 1 must depend on how that lady comports herself. If she favours you with a clutch of clear (unfertile) eggs only, she will be ready for another trial after a rest of seven or eight days, during which period she should be well fed, a little egg food being given daily. If she hatches, then don't begin to think about a second nest until that brood is safe—a bird in the hand, so to speak, is worth two in the next round of eggs. Young Mules are more precocious than young Canaries, and can usually feed themselves a day or two earlier. It is always the best plan, however, to let the hen keep steadily on feeding them until they show signs of picking up for themselves. This will happen somewhere about the twenty-second day after hatching. Round about this time young Mules can be safely transferred to nursery cages, or shut off from their mother by means of a wired slide. But if she shows no impatience to commence with the second nest (by plucking the young, or in other quite unmistakable ways) don't hurry to separate them. If necessary, it is possible to part the hen and her young for an hour of a morning or evening, while the Goldfinch is run along with her. It is best not to trust the Finch with the young unless you know him well. Oft-times they are spiteful, and "chivy" them about.

Brevities.

Identity of Bird (A.A.).—The bird you have is a Ring Ouzel (Turdus torquatus). One local name for it is "White-throated Blackbird." Sorry to dash to the ground your hopes of a Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid.

Wild Seed (Goldfinch).—To me the sample looks just the ordinary wild seed mixture. A very similar sample reaches me this week from another querist, who says his own Goldies like it very much, and thrive upon it. Give your birds some mild saline medicine (sulphate of soda).

Wild Seed (Hardbill).—I will try and give you a full answer next week. If your Goldfinches are fond of it, as you say, then obviously it is worth while giving it to them.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Parrot with a Cold.

A Parrot Lover.—Get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts. Take one teaspoonful of the mixture to two tablespoonfuls of water, and let the bird have this only for drinking (offer it three or four times a day) till the trouble yields. Bathe its nostrils with diluted glyco-thymolino two or three times daily; use a camel-hair brush for the purpose, well cleansing same, and use a fresh portion of the solution for each occasion. Continue this till the exudation ceases. Diet: Use a mixture of Canary seed, wheat, dari, maize, oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds. Half the bulk of the mixture to be Canary seed, the other half to consist of equal parts of the items named; well mix, and keep a supply continuously in the cage. Also supply so as to vary the diet; ripe fruit, plain biscuits (dry), nuts (shelled walnuts are best), green food, and keep a piece of cuttlefish continually in the cage. You must continue to give boiled maize till you find it is eating freely of the dry seed mixture. As soon as this occurs, gradually wean it from the boiled maize. For one day only soak one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the boiled maize, repeating the dose in a week's time. Do not give table scraps, slops, or animal food of any kind.

Not a Gifted Speaker.

W. J. Kent.—Your bird is the Roseate or Rose-breasted Cockatoo, not notoriously gifted in the way of speech, though many of them are good screechers. However, by patience and kindness you should overcome this, and if you keep it where it will hear conversation going on and talk to it, pet it, etc., it should ultimately speak, at any rate, a few words. Correspondents have described in this paper talented birds in their possession. If the bird eats heartily of crushed maize, oats, and Canary seed this will suffice. Tempt it with various ripe fruits, and let it have a little daily of such as it fancies, also plain dry biscuits, nuts, green food, and cuttlefish, and till it is in good feather again make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops, nor any kind of animal food.

Whydah Not in Full Plumage.

Mario Cammino.—The principal diet of this bird is white and spray millet and Canary seed as well if it will eat it, with green food (lettuce, etc.), cuttlefish, grit, etc., and a few live insects daily, such as mealworms, spiders, ants' eggs, smooth caterpillars, various plant bugs, etc., as procurable. Of course, grit and water for drinking and bathing must also be supplied. Make its drinking water just saline with Epsom Salts for one day only. Follow this by making the drinking water the colour of pale port, for the next month at least, with Parrish's Chemical Food. If there should appear any signs of constipation, you give a dose of salts as required. The change from winter to nuptial plumage is a severe strain on the bird's system, and your bird was evidently rather low when it commenced; but unless it has gone farther than your letter indicates it should soon pick up.

Green Parrot Shivering.

Mrs. Hanmesser.—If the bird does not actually eject the food before eating it again, it is perfectly natural; many species bring the partly-digested food from the crop up into the mouth again and then re-swallow it, and, apparently, it assists their digestion; but, of course, if your bird actually ejects the food it is some digestive trouble, and the symptoms you give point to this fact. It is not wholesome for any Parrot to live entirely on sunflower seed, and I'm not surprised at its picking itself. Give it three or four doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, with a two days' interval between each dose—one teaspoonful of the magnesia in two tablespoonsful of water. Take away the drinking water over night, and offer the magnesia water to the bird every two or three hours, this being its only drink for that day. On the days you are not giving magnesia (and continue it for a month at least) make the drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. Diet as follows:—Seed mixture—Canary seed, wheat, maize, dari, oats, and hemp (omit the sunflower seeds entirely for a time), well mix, and always keep a supply in the cage. Also supply *ripe* fruit (such kinds as it favours), plain biscuit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), cuttlefish, and grit; a little green food is very wholesome, such as fresh lettuce, cress, green peas (uncooked), etc., as in season being usually much appreciated.

Breeding Ruficaudas.

Gargle.—The data you give practically answer your own query. The Ruficauda, Pectoral, and Yellow-rump Finches are equally likely to breed in such cages as you mention as the Long-tailed Greenfinches, and their treatment is practically the same. Your success, if not unique, is certainly most uncommon, and I'm sure an account of your success would interest many CAGE BIRDS readers, as well as myself. Of course, it is a well-known fact that luck enters largely into such cases, and that under similar conditions three or four will fail where one succeeds. At the same time, I'm convinced that more might be done in the way of breeding of Foreign Birds in cages if those having *roomy* indoor cages would persevere with same. Shy and retiring birds should have, say, one-third of the cage front screened with canvas, and the nest-box fixed in the back corner of cage behind it. Hope to hear of further successes.

Keeping Cordon Bleus Outdoors.

E. W.—Cordon Bleus are very delicate, or rather in a very fragile condition, when they first arrive in this country, but the weather is now fairly settled, and if you provide them husks, etc., to sleep in, such as survive will be comparatively hardy by the time the cold weather is here again. The difficulty with Cordon Bleus, Fire Finches, etc., is to get them hardened off, or acclimatised, as we term it. Once this is accomplished, they are not any more delicate than the majority of small Foreign Finches, but in this process, even with experienced aviculturists, the mortality is very great. Striated and Sharp-tailed Finches are much less difficult to harden off, and your losses with these should be comparatively small. If you are in a rural district, and can command a supply of blighty (non-poisonous) foliage and herbage and *living* ants' cocoons (so-called eggs), your task should not be a difficult one. The beauty of these small avian gems, as well as the difficulty of the task, only enhance the pleasure of ultimate success.

Budgerigars and their Eggs.

M. E. Palmer.—(1) Till Budgies are a good size the noise they make is only a faint hissing, and is not readily heard a little distance (a few yards) away. Take the opportunity when she is feeding of lifting down the husk and examining it; possibly you may find young therein. If not, put in another husk in another part of the cage. It would hardly be wise to clear out the husk, as possibly the earlier eggs may be infertile and that the later ones may yet hatch out. It often occurs with these birds, they will incubate on the first clutch the full period with no result, then lay another clutch without clearing out the previous one, and go on incubating. (2) See reply to "E. W." re Cordon Bleus. As you can have them on "appro.," they should certainly be worth having, and as the weather is now fairly warm and settled there should be a reasonable chance of acclimatising at least some of them.

Breeding Moustache Parrakeets.

Newport, Mon.—It is almost impossible to say what the actual species of these birds is, the popular name being used with several of the Ring-necked and Alexandrine groups. Turned out at the present time they are quite hardy, and will winter quite safely out of doors. They are not Plum-heads. They are almost certainly immature birds, a good condition to secure them in, but at this stage with most of the species, the sexes are almost indistinguishable. They do not breed till they are adult. Nest boxes, or small barrels, are generally used for Parrakeets of this size. Suitable nest-boxes with concave bottoms are advertised in our columns. The diet (not the drugs) given in our reply to "Mrs. Hanmesser" in this issue will suffice for this species also. Several distinctions are only of value as regards adult birds; such as they are, I will give them in our next issue.

Java Sparrows Breeding.

Anxious Learner.—As regards the general principle of breeding Foreign Birds in cages see reply to "Gargle." White Java Sparrows are free breeders either in cage or aviary; in fact, they are one of the easiest of Foreigners to breed in cages, but the wild Grey Java is very uncertain in this respect, and is usually in the cage or aviary more than a year before attempting to do so. A good method of getting a free breeding strain of the Grey variety is to procure a pair each of White and Greys and cross-mate them, and then again cross-mate their progeny, and you will thus have unrelated pairs. However pied the progeny of the White and Grey crossing may be, the result of the cross-pairing of their young will be 90 per cent. of pure Greys. I should say what pied specimens do turn up are usually very handsome birds. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet seeds, a few oats, "paddy" rice (rice in the husk), green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water *ad lib* for drinking and bathing.

British and Foreign Finches.

"Avifauna."—It all depends on what Britishers you have got. Chaffinches, Brambles, Buntings, and Greenfinches I have found very hostile, and frequently murderously inclined to their foreign relatives. The other British Finches are fairly friendly, and, at any rate, tolerant towards their foreign cousins. The Weaver and Whydah groups are all handsome birds, and should do well in such an aviary and series, as also should Diamond Doves. These are very small and pretty, and are free breeders, making a pleasing variety. Pekin Robins could also be kept, and any of the following: Ruficauda, Pectoral, Long-tailed and Masked Greenfinches, Zebra, Ribbon, Diamond, Spice, and Saffron Finches, White and Grey Java Sparrow. Silverbills and a pair of small Quails, such as Chinese, or African Harlequin. These and the Doves being mostly ground birds are specially welcome on this account, and if there is a little cover will breed. Supply a hopper of Canary and white millet in separate hopper, in addition to seeds you are now supplying; also spray millet, a saucer of good, soft mixture, a little ripe fruit, and green food in variety, lettuce, etc.

Cockatoo with Bad Feet.

Cockie.—When a bird has got into a bad condition, especially as regards plumage, and such is the result of either plucking or disease, recovery cannot be rapid; the bird must be got into a generally healthy condition, and gradually the plumage will become more normal, and ultimately possess the bloom of health when the bird is completely restored. Continue the treatment already advised, with this proviso—that if Parrish's Chemical Food was not advised, make the bird's drinking water the colour of pale port with this tonic, and continue same for a month or two. Get a few (say three) pellets of sponge cake, soak them in tasteless castor oil, and see that the bird takes them. Let them be about the size of pills. Bathe the bird's feet in hot (of course, not scalding) whiskey and water for a few minutes at a time several times daily, dry them, and till the bird's feet are easier cover the perches with baize and the sand tray with white blotting paper, which, of course, must be renewed as it becomes fouled with the bird's voidings. A little grit can be mingled with its seed mixture while you are using the paper over sand tray. You had better report progress a fortnight hence, with fullest details.

Brevities.

Moustache Parrakeets (Abb).—See reply to "Newport, Mon.," in this issue, and also look out for supplementary reply in next issue.

Young Grey Parrot (A Young Grey).—Get some half-inch mesh wire netting, and fix over cage grating; keep this very clean, and do not remove it till the bird is broken of the habit. The bird is possibly feeling the lack of soft, moist food; you can supply this with soft, over-ripe but not rotten fruit. Try several kinds, and let it have a little each day, as well as plain biscuit, just dipped in water, but not made soppy; a few nuts (shelled walnuts are best) can also be given. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish continually in cage. Mix a little grit with seed mixture while you have to keep the grating netted over. For a time give Parrish's Chemical Food in drinking water. See replies to other correspondents.

Budgerigar's Overgrown Beak (Avis).—The beak must be shortened back to normal size, care being taken not to cut back too far or split the beak by taking off too much at a time. Keep a piece of cuttlefish and a lump of hard mortar rubbish in cage; this should prevent a recurrence of the excessive growth. Many Budgerigars are moulting just now; it is the case with those in my aviary. Let them have a few oats daily, with Canary, white, and spray millet, and a liberal supply of grass in flower, fresh and tender lettuce, etc. Of course, the probability is they will not breed till in good feather again.

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Cinnamon Yorkshire (J. Bean).—Liver disease, inducing feverishness and pneumonia.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Article (J.B.).—We have to thank you for an interesting contribution. Pleased to hear from you at any time.

Breeding Results (W. Smith).—We are always glad to know how our readers have fared, and especially if any experiences out of the ordinary have fallen to their lot.

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The Egg Collector in Ireland.

Ireland appears to be now the favourite hunting ground of the egg-collector. He has done his level best to exterminate rare species in England and now turns his attention to the sister isle. There is a certain spot, which is the last great stronghold of the Chough (a fast-diminishing species; if this is not carefully protected these birds will soon be extinct. It is recorded that an English collector took up his quarters there last season, and raided within miles every nest that had any market value. It is a difficult matter to protect any well-known nesting place of any rare bird. These collectors are generally men of substance, or work for those who are.

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QUESTIONS & CORRESPONDENCE.

CONCERNING MULE-DOUBT BREEDING.

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(1)—*All c* means when he says (in his winning
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ing and healthy? I have not done much
Hybrid-breeding yet, and shall be glad to
know this. E. MILNE.

WATERHENS BREEDING IN TREES.

SIR,—On Sunday, May 17, I saw, or rather heard, a large bird fly out from some ivy-trees. On going up I found a Water-hen's nest which contained four eggs then and seven when I went again to get a look at the bird for the purpose of making sure it was a Water-hen. Although I have been used to these birds all my life I have never known one to be ten feet off the ground before.

F. N.

WHAT BIRD IS IT?

SIR,—There is a peculiar bird which we have seen during the month of May. It has come regularly for the last three years. It is about the size of a Blackbird and has a black tail and white above its tail. It appears to have a little white about its neck, and also a remarkable "crake" or "snore." Nobody round here (Cumberland) has ever seen or heard of such a bird. It is very wild, too. It chiefly haunts the woods and flies high among the branches. It can be heard quite 300 yards away. Some people have said it might be a Nightjar. Can any reader say what it is likely to be?

G. SKELTON.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE OF EGG-LAYING.

SIR,—Seeing the letters in CAGE BIRDS *re* egg-laying, I thought the following might be of interest. My Plainhead Norwich hen was paired to a Crested Norwich cock (both Buff) on May 8th. She laid one egg on May 15th, two on the 16th, two on the 17th, two on the 18th, and one on the 13th, making eight eggs in five days. There is no mistake about this, as I have only the one pair and the cock is in full song. One of the two eggs laid on each of the three days was in each case very small and speckled and the other large and of a pale green colour with hardly any markings. They have already had one nest of clear eggs, which I think were caused by the cold weather in the beginning of April. (MISS) B. GORDON.

SIR,—I notice in this week's CAGE BIRDS an account of an extraordinary case of egg-laying, written by G. Newman. I may say that I have had a case very similar to his, and would be glad if any of your readers could account for it. My hen laid eight eggs in eight successive days. I caught her off feeding this afternoon (May 24) and saw there was one young bird which is out to time. S. BAYLEY.

THE WHITETHROAT IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—This bird arrives at about the middle of April, and is a refined, delicate-looking bird. It has a very pleasant song, but nothing like that of either the Blackcap or the Nightingale. It is also very pugnacious; it refuses to allow any male of its species to get within its domestic area. When in full plumage it makes a very attractive cage pet and show bird. It can easily be distinguished by its white throat, and is generally found in gardens and pleasure grounds. It is a very useful bird to horticulturists, as it destroys no end of insects, flies, and aphides; at the same time it plays sad havoc with any ripe fruit; for it appears to live on fruit during the summer. The bird can, however, easily be taken in the nets which protect the fruit trees and strawberries, and one thereby stands a good chance of getting a few nice, young birds. I have never hand-reared above two or three nests, as I could nearly always get young birds in the way I have stated. I have also caught them in trap cages and under sieves baited with ripe strawberries, which had been "forced" under glass. At the time I had some of these birds there were no shows near to my home; if there were, they did not cater for the likes of them. So I soon got tired of them and did not keep them long, as one could then neither sell them nor give them away; I used to let them have their freedom after I had learnt a few lessons from them and had studied their ways. They soon settled down to cage life and quickly became nice, engaging little pets. Their nests are generally built in a low bush or on pea-sticks, old rubbish heaps, underwood, etc. They are made of dry grass, moss, hay, etc., loosely put together and lined with horse-hair and sometimes feathers. The clutch of eggs consists generally of five—all of a greenish grey and spotted with reddish brown. If the female is startled from the nest, it is very amusing to watch her as she affects lameness; or an injured wing, so that she cannot fly, until she gets you away from the nest. You then soon discover that she is alright. As the young of these birds are raised on small insects, such as moths, caterpillars, flies, beetles, and aphides, it is always as well to give them some of these when hand-rearing them, also a little ripe strawberry with scalded bread and milk, ants' eggs, and a little yolk of egg mixed into a thin paste so that it may readily slip from the feeding-stick. Any good kind of soft food will do for these birds when they can feed themselves, varying it with ripe fruit of different kinds in summer and shop currants in winter, with a few spiders, flies, beetles, mealworms, etc., daily. The birds, like all other soft bills, must be kept scrupulously clean, or they will soon smell, besides getting their plumage into a mess. In the use of shop currants for either these or Nightingales, or even Blackcaps, it is as well to vary them. Some should be soaked in cold water only (never hot), and some in golden syrup, and honey and water, or even honey. I have also used soft, ripe apple soaked in honey. Some of the birds were very fond of it, whilst others would not touch it. Perhaps, after reading these notes, some young fanciers may like to keep these birds; if so, they may be glad of a few ideas from one who has kept these birds.

T. H. KINCH.

A CUCKOO IN CAPTIVITY AND A THRUSH'S SAGACITY.

SIR,—A lady living in the Manor Park district has in her collection of British Birds a Cuckoo, which she has had for three years. It is in splendid plumage and very tame. She keeps it in an ordinary medium-sized Thrush cage. I think this is the first time that a Cuckoo has been reported to have lived so long in captivity. The same lady has got a Thrush's nest which was built by a hen which was allowed to go where it liked about the house. The first nest was built over the window and rested on the blind, and, of course, fell down when the blind was drawn down. The nest was replaced in the morning, but Mrs. Thrush saw there was danger where it was, so she pulled it to pieces again and rebuilt it on the kitchen dresser. This nest was built of pieces of ladies' lining and dress cuttings and pieces of cotton. She laid two eggs. The nest and eggs are still in the lady's possession, and she would no doubt be pleased to allow any fancier to see both the Cuckoo and the Thrush-nest. W. C. H. WYTHE.

A BIRD LOVER FROM CANADA.

SIR,—Having been a lover of cage birds from a boy, and having had great success with my aviary in Canada, I now, living in London, keep up my hobby, only on a much smaller scale. My collection comprises three English Goldfinches (two cocks and a hen), a cock Siberian Goldfinch, which is a splendid songster, two cock Chaffinches and a hen, a pair of Yorkshire Canaries, a pair of Hartz Mountain Rollers, and two cock Linnets. The birds are kept on a special table, about five by four feet, which is placed in front of a large east window. When the morning sun shines upon them, they send forth their charming songs in gratitude, calling me to duty. I am up every morning, Sundays included, at sunrise, and my feathered friends are thoroughly cleaned out, perches washed and dried, given fresh seed, sand, and water. Twice a week a bath is given them if the weather permits. Finding it such an interesting hobby, I would advise all parents to encourage their children to keep different species of birds. It is well worth an hour or so each morning of simple duty to receive such joyous thanks in return from our little feathered friends. In conclusion, I must not forget to mention how I enjoy CAGE BIRDS, the paper which does so much for the Fancy. JAMES A. DOUGLAS.

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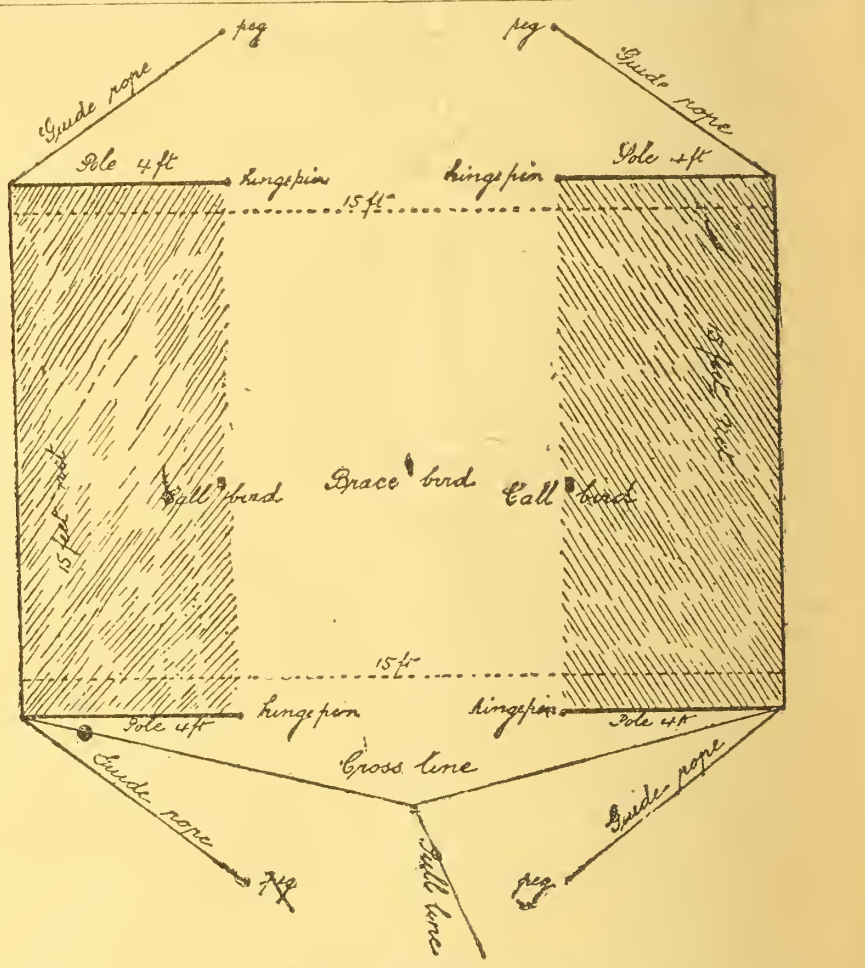
BIRD CATCHING.

SIR,—It would be very interesting to know how "Constant Reader" feeds his fresh-caught birds (Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc.), and what kind of cages he keeps them in. Perhaps he will also be good enough to tell us if he keeps them dark.

A LOVER OF BRITISH BIRDS.

SIR,—In reply to "Amateur" I have pleasure in enclosing a drawing of the nets I use and which I described as being made on the come-and-go principle. Each of the poles brings the net four feet and takes it four feet distance from hinge pin to hinge pin seven feet along dotted line. (Of course the dotted line is only an imaginary one, being for the purposes of measurement.) Each net therefore covers eight feet by fifteen feet, so that there is an overlap of one foot along the centre—total blank space five yards. On the ordinary system the only vacant space would be that between the four hinge pins, as the nets would cover the space between each pair of poles. Tie the cross-line to the pole tips where the nets are fixed, afterwards again tying it half way down the pole, to keep the cross-line from slipping towards the hinge pins when pulling. By tying half way down you get double speed in nets coming over. Stand straight in front of your net to pull, not straight in the centre, as the farther net will come over first. You will thus prevent bridging—*i.e.*, both nets meeting when coming over and propping one another up instead of dropping flat. Tie the pull-line to the cross-line, so that it cannot slide along it. Of course, two corners of each net are pegged to the ground and two tied to the pole tips. When the line is pulled the folded nets will spread out and cover the whole space. A single net is worked in the same way, but instead of the cross-line being tied to two poles, it is tied to one pole and the other end to the peg driven in the ground. You can then stand anywhere you like when pulling, except behind the net.

CONSTANT READER.



Clap Nets Set Ready for Use.

In this illustration the nets are shown extended on the ground, and not folded up at the outer edges (expanding only when the pull takes place), as described by "Constant Reader."

DANDELION AND YOUNG BIRDS.

SIR,—Perhaps my experiences of the dandelion question would be of some interest. I am strongly in favour of dandelion at all times (except in cases of diarrhœa) for both parents and young Canaries; but it must be the right sort of dandelion leaf—young leaves, with as few serrations or points as possible, something like a lettuce leaf. It must be given the birds as fresh as possible, not too much stalk and quite dry. I give this *ad lib* with what I may say is fair success. Last year nothing suited my old birds so much as quantities of dandelion. It brought them into breeding condition, and in the case of one pair I had four nests. The young birds fed on dandelion (in addition to egg, of course) from the date when hatched, and were a deep yellow—an intense colour—partly due, in my opinion, to the dandelion, both the leaf and petals of the flowers. This year, although it is still early in the breeding season, I have had from four to five eggs per nest and only one egg in 30 proved infertile; all the others hatched out. Within three weeks of their being hatched I had 15 in a flight cage, all being fed by two pairs of parents; but yesterday (May 24), when only four weeks old, they were put into a larger flight cage, and picking up egg, crushed hemp, scalded rape (getting on to hard seed) and last, but not least, dandelion. At the age of five days a nest of four promising youngsters were killed through my giving the parents watercress, by way of experiment. Lettuce is recommended, but one fancier told me last year he had only reared one youngster from 12 pairs through giving lettuce. My opinion of dandelion is that it is an excellent tonic and food. There is some nutrition in the milk in the stalk and leaf. It helps to impart yellow colour and so do the petals of the flower; and it rallies the old birds to go to nest again and to lay fertile eggs. One of my hens has to-day laid her eighth egg in nine days, and I have little doubt but that they will all be fertile. There is one feature about the outward appearance of my youngsters this season as compared with that of last season, and that is they are not so tight in feather as formerly. Last year they were particularly sleek and close in feather, this year they are rather loose and fluffy. Will one or other of your readers give me some remedy or advice? I should say that most of my youngsters are Yorkshires, bred from last year's birds—all cold-room bred, with plenty of fresh air, the window being frequently open. They are now in a large flight cage 6ft. by 4ft. C. M. B.

TWINS TWICE OVER IN ONE NEST.

SIR,—I noticed in CAGE BIRDS that a reader had two birds in one egg; well, I can beat that record. Last year I had a Norwich hen which laid three eggs—two large ones and one small one. I got five birds from these three eggs, four in two large eggs; but, as my friend says, they were dead, but they were fully formed. Another reader says he has a Thrush's nest in a well. Well, I have a house in my garden where I keep lumber, and I have some cord on a shelf in the house. On this cord a Thrush-nest is built and contains four young ones, all a week old.

W. REDSTRUE.

The most delightful and appropriate Postcards on the Market for Bird Lovers are those published by "Cage Birds."

IDEAL BRITISH BIRDS.

SIR,—You did well in calling Mr. Chick's attention to the fact that "the possession of a single fault does not by any means debar a bird from taking a prize," especially if it excels in all the other points. Take, for instance, the Hawfinch. He may be rich in plumage, close in feather, with excellent head and correct shape, size and position, and yet may fail somewhat in bib. But surely this one defect is not sufficient to put him out of the money altogether?—although, as you say, it may prevent him from taking premier honours. The same thing applies in reference to the Goldfinch. He may have a rich-coloured, well-formed blaze, rare body colour, be well buttoned, of nice size, and in lovely condition. Because he has one or two black stripes on his blaze this is surely not sufficient to disqualify him from even winning, providing, of course, there is nothing else in the class to beat him in all the points? The fact is, it is no easy matter very often for a judge to give his decision, as he must of necessity judge a bird "all round." But there are many of us, I am afraid, so conceited as to imagine that we could have done the job a great deal better. Personally, I always endeavour as far as possible to fall in with the judge's opinion and to examine the bird from what I consider may be his standpoint, and if this plan were more generally adopted, we should hear much less than we do about the "disappointed exhibitor."

J. C. WILMOT.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND CLASHING OF SHOWS.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in reply to T. Keegan. I was never more surprised than to hear him say, "We should be better off without the C.B.U." When, at the annual meeting in February of the Bristol Cage Bird Society, it was proposed to withdraw from the C.B.U., he was the very man who spoke against it. He says, also, that members of a non-affiliated society can show where they like. My word—Mr. Keegan can turn like the wind! Now, Mr. Editor, the reason for all this chatter is because the Bristol Cage Bird Society clashes with Weston-super-Maro Fanciers' Society. I believe it came about in this way: The secretary of the B.C.B.S. wrote to the secretary of the C.B.U. and told him the dates that had been selected. The latter wrote saying that this particular date had been fixed upon by another society in the same district, and asked for further dates, which were given as October 22nd and 23rd. Mind you, the B.C.B.S. knew nothing of the W.-S.-M. date. After waiting some little time, the secretary of the C.B.U. wrote to the B.C.B.S. confirming the dates selected. The secretary of the B.C.B.S. then wrote to CAGE BIRDS and had the dates put in the "Show Dates Fixed" column. No announcement from the Weston-super-Mare secretary was to be seen. When he saw the dates fixed on by the B.C.B.S., however, he wrote to the secretary of the C.B.U. explaining that he had given the same dates to another society in the same district. He had a reply to the effect that the secretary had made a mistake, and that the Weston Society's date being chosen first, they must make arrangements with the Bristol Cage Birds Society and get them to alter their dates, which they absolutely refused to do. They said the W.-S.-M. Show wouldn't hurt them; they would clash. The excuse was that arrangements had been made with the printer. Could they say what printing was put in hand? I want to know what about Weston-superMare? They will get hurt, as theirs is only a small show. I think if Weston-super-Mare was an old-established society, holding a large show, instead of giving a few classes, the Bristol C.B.S. would take particular care that they should not clash. I don't blame the C.B.U. in the first place, but I blame the secretary of same for not being more particular in confirming dates. Both societies are affiliated to the C.B.U. ONE WHO KNOWS.

SIR,—I think it is quite time the C.B.U. were asked to prove what good they have done for the Fancy, and if they cannot prove any good to their credit, surely societies will ignore them. Your correspondent "Fair Play" says if societies have not the common-sense to keep from affiliating, they should stand by their rules. Let "Fair Play" remember, one fool makes many. I do not think one society in every ten, when it affiliates with the C.B.U., does so because it is in favour of same; far from it. I think it does so because the Fancy at the present time seems to be in such a tangled mess, with affiliated and non-affiliated societies, that between the two it is impossible to know where we are. I always consider the backbone of every Fancy is the working man, and the average working man is unable to send his birds any great distance on account of the enormously high railway rates. He has therefore to content himself with shows within his reach. Suppose he is a member of an affiliated society, then the great and mighty C.B.U. step in, and declare that this fancier shall only send his birds to such shows as are affiliated. Therefore, to gain his entire freedom he must sever his connection with his local society. Is it just, is it English, to be thus dictated to? It seems to knock the heart out of the Fancy. I have never seen where the C.B.U. have even tried to persuade the railway companies to reduce the rates, or done anything else beneficial to the Fancy. If they offered cups or trophies of some description to be competed for by affiliated societies, it might be some trifling inducement, but I see no excuse or reason for their existence at all. We can surely manage our own affairs without the interference of the C.B.U. I notice in your valuable paper this week an appeal from a society in distress (the Camelon C.B.A.). I am always sorry to see this, but I fear there will be more societies in the same fix. Societies will suffer from loss of members. However, seeing the large balance to the credit of the C.B.U., and thinking it might be overlooked by them, I have mutilated my paper to the extent of cutting out this appeal, and am forwarding the cutting to the secretary of the C.B.U., hoping he may bring the matter before his committee. They may like to be charitable, and I feel quite sure that out of all the societies who have subscribed to the C.B.U. balance, not one would dislike to see a small item thus spent.

S. A. DICKEN.

Hon. Sec. The Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.

[In our issue of Feb. 29 last, Mr. Dicken will find reported the annual meeting of the C.B.U., whereat the matter of railway rates and charges was dealt with.—EDITOR.]

CURING WASP GRUB, GENTLES ETC., FOR WINTER USE.

SIR,—I have been much interested in the article by Mr. J. Jeffrey upon the Nightingale, as it gives evidence of considerable careful and original research respecting the natural diet, and also the mode of living in confinement. Perhaps I may be allowed to add that it would give me pleasure if Mr. Jeffrey (or someone else) would just state how the wasp grub, beetles, gentles, and ant eggs may be safely cured in summer, so as to be kept good when stored for use during autumn, winter, and early part of spring.

W. SUMERFIELD WILLIAMS.

[A request for similar information also reaches us from Mr. W. H. Turner.—EDITOR.]

"SWEATING" THE YOUNG, AND ITS CAUSES.

SIR,—I picked my CAGE BIRDS up this morning and was reading the notes of "Straight 'Un" when I was struck by one passage which seemed to aim straight at me. It was the one about sweating hens. Now, I have kept repeating my belief that there are none, but being only a novice with four years' experience (albeit four good years as regards young birds) I did not think myself capable of confuting old fanciers. But here I am at last. Well, perhaps some brother fancier may also take my standpoint, make investigations and give us the results. I once read a book which told me that a bird's skin was made in such a way that for a bird to perspire was utterly impossible; please notice that my firm belief is that the trouble is due to nesting, diarrhœa. I do not mean by this, however, that the hen is troubled with it. We find that sweating takes places during the first seven days after the young hatch. Every fancier knows that the mother for the first few days removes the droppings from the nest. Well, suppose those droppings are too thin for her to remove, what is the consequence? With the mother keeping the young warm, the unremoved excreta becomes sticky, and gets all over the nest. The mother bird does not seem to know what is wrong, but keeps on trying to dry the youngsters off, like she does when they hatch, and so naturally makes things worse. So much for the subject itself. Perhaps I may set the ball rolling by trying to give a few of my own ideas as to the causes of it. First of all I will say that I have 25 young birds now on the sticks, with 23 feeding themselves; these are from 10 hens and five cocks. I have had no sweating hens this time yet. (1) Giving dandelion. I believe dandelion a good thing to give to the birds when they are being paired up, at the rate of three or four small leaves per cage. After first egg I give no more all that season. Of course, during the moult and after, for as long as possible, I give shepherd's purse and rat's tails (Plantain) liberally. Whoever heard of a wild bird feeding its young with dandelion? (2) Feeding at the wrong time of the day. I believe the food should be fresh morning and night; not given about 11 o'clock, or 3 o'clock, and left till the same time next day. (3) Making egg-food too wet. It should be crumbly not sticky. (4) Neglecting small things, such as tonics in the drinking-water. I vary them myself; chemical food, dandelion juice, essence of gentian, etc. (5) Leaving the cage with the droppings in which accumulated during sitting. They should be lifted out with a card, and so give the birds a clean cage. (6) Forgetting insect powder when putting off and thereby breeding red mite. (7) Keeping on filling up the seed hoppers, instead of ridding their contents once a week. (8) Not washing out the food pots and drinkers often enough, which leaves them sour and slimy. I believe if I tried hard I could write out a bit longer list, but I do not want tearing to bits just yet. Perhaps, however, older fanciers will bear with this, my first effort, so I remain, A Young Novice—

B. H. CLEGG.

[Under the heading "Dandelion and Young Birds" readers will find some interesting letters bearing on points raised so ably by Mr. Clegg.—EDITOR.]

DURHAM'S RECORD LINNET-SINGING CONTEST.

SIR,—I notice in your isue of May 23rd a report of a Linnet singing contest held at Gilesgate, Durham, when sixty-two birds were entered. The reporter states that this is the largest entry ever known in the county of Durham. I beg to say that this is not correct, for in 1895 there was a contest held at the "Lord Clyde," in Gateshead, when there were a hundred and twenty-four birds entered! It took two days to get through them! A bird called "The Talking Doll," belonging to J. Maddison, won first and second.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

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**The Martin's Revenge.

A saucy cock Sparrow had got into a Martin's nest whilst he was abroad. When he returned the Sparrow put his head out of the hole and pecked at the Martin with open bill as he attempted to enter. The poor Martin was sadly provoked at this injustice, but was unable by his own strength to right himself. So he flew away and gathered a number of his companions, who all came with a bit of clay in their bills, with which they plastered up the hole of the nest and kept the Sparrow a prisoner. The Sparrow died miserably for want of food and air.—Sent by Emily Carter (aged 12), 19, Edward Street, Stoke-on-Trent.

*Cockatoo with a History.

An Indian Mutiny veteran has died at Leith Hall, Aberdeenshire. It was a cockatoo—part of the loot of a fortified place in the hands of the rebels. Colonel Leith Hay, of the 93rd, took charge of the bird, and it was carried through the stirring time of the mutiny, on one occasion the head of its carrier being knocked off by a shell. It is said the bird on that occasion was guilty of much Hindustani profanity. The bird was brought home by the late Colonel, and has during the past half-century occupied a favoured corner in Leith Hall.—Taken from the "Glasgow Weekly Herald," by Wm. Jamieson (15), 621, Dumbarton Road, Partick, by Glasgow.

*Our Caged and Wild Pets.

My brother has an outdoor aviary in the garden, in which he keeps Canaries. Many a time this winter he has had to break the ice in their drinking vessels before they could get any water. The other day when he went to feed his birds he found a dead Robin, which had died because of the frosty weather, or very likely had been killed by some cruel cat which had caught it when it was feeding from the wash-tub. We have all kinds of birds, such as the Thrush, Blackbird, Linnet, Greenfinch, etc., in our neighbourhood, and many of these come to feed from the wash-tub when the ground is covered with snow.—Sent by Doris Tilley (aged 14), 84, Station Road, Gorsty Hill, near Halesowen.

BEGINNERS: You MUST read the **ANNUAL.**

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR,

(Continued from page 473).

My Pekin Robins.—Continued.

I have had several near shaves of success in past seasons, but this year victory has crowned my efforts (1898), or rather those of my Pekins. Last year we got as far as a completed nest; this year we have gone two better—eggs and young.

My Pekins began operations early in May, by building a beautiful little nest of roots and fibre, lined with horse-hair, in a box tree. The nest is really a work of art, and very cunningly hidden. The hen laid three eggs—very large for the size of the bird, and a bluish white in colour, heavily blotched with chocolate at the big end.

The parents take it turn in turn to sit; the hen takes the day watch and the cock relieves her at about 6 p.m. The time of incubation was about fourteen days. On looking into the nest very casually as I passed, I was delighted to see two youngsters and an addled egg. This disappeared in about three days, but whether eaten or broken, I can't say.

Feeding the Young.

At first the youngsters were fed from the beak. I saw the whole operation through a knot hole close to the nest. The old birds do not carry out the excreta, but eat it. After a few days they began to feed on meal-worms, and "clocks," too, which, however, they first killed; this did not fortunately prove "too stimulating" as the youngsters evidenced by their hearty enjoyment of them.

Of course, I had the good sense and taste not to go poking about the nest. I did all observations through a knot-hole, where I could see all, myself unseen. To-day (June 12th), the young have flown. They are queer little things—dark slate colour all over, with hardly a trace of eye-markings, no tails, a tiny yellow edging on the big wing feathers, short legs and horn-coloured beaks.

When just hatched (I forgot to say), they were perfectly naked. At about the eighth day they got a sort of bluish colour where the feathers were coming through, and when next I saw them they were nearly full-feathered. I say *pink* and *naked* when hatched, for this reason, that in the account of hatching in the Report of the U.K.F.C.B.S., the young were spoken of as covered with a hairy sort of fluff, which makes me think that the whole account was apocryphal. Besides, the extraordinary things the old birds were asked to feed on are wonderful. What would they give the young? I quote the writer—"Egg? No! Biscuit? No! Bread and Milk? No! Crushed Hemp Seed? No! Meal-worms cut up? Yes!" I wonder what those youngsters did while these experiments were being tried?

There is such a scolding now each time I go into the aviary to feed, and it is quite amusing to see how the old birds will wait about, with their beaks full of meal-worms, until I am gone, lest I should know where their precious babies are hidden.

A Word of Caution.

I might give a word of caution. In sending Pekin Robins on a journey, never forget to put a sponge soaked in water in the pot or the birds will arrive in a moribund condition, and will the next day shuffle off this mortal coil, if they do not do so the same night.

Since writing the above, the Pekins have built another nest high up in an Elder, and have laid three more eggs; but, horrible to relate, in spite of the Regulations of the W.R.C.C., I have taken the nest of eggs, as I have a Virginian Nightingale sitting in the same aviary, due to hatch, and I cannot afford to rear both; so the poor Pekins must go to the wall, as they have already done their duty.

Acclimatizing Pekin Robins.

I have often thought that it would be delightfully easy to acclimatize Pekin Robins. The only difficulty is, that you want a big walled garden and the absence of cats. Given these two requisites, I am sure that Pekins could soon be added to our native birds.

I should keep them for a few weeks in a wire enclosure with some shrubbery. Then I should liberate them, but still continue to feed in the accustomed place. I am confident that the Pekins will not go far afield, and if they are liberated about May or June, you would soon (unless cats are introduced) find plenty of nests full of little Pekin Robins. It is not a very costly experiment. Will not some one with a sequestered garden try the experiment?

Chapter XIII.—My Indigo Buntings

By the Creoles of Louisiana this pretty little bird is known as the Petit Papa-Bleu. It is a migratory bird, and arrives in the Southern States from the direction of Mexico, with the Painted Finch or Nonpareil. They are taken in great numbers by means of traps. It is not a forest bird, but prefers the outskirts of woods, the little thickets along the fields, and is frequently perched on a fence or on some conspicuous bough, whence it utters its really pretty song. The female skulks in the brushwood, where her sober coat renders her still more inconspicuous.

The Indigo Finch is a short and stumpy figure of a bird—what Mr. Poyser would have called "stocky," and though not so gorgeous as the Nonpareil, he has not the latter's vile temper. Indeed, he will agree well with his kind, a thing which the Nonpareil utterly refuses to do; his motto seems to be, "The World for One Nonpareil," and he certainly acts up to it.

A Mistake at the Christening.

I never could understand where the Indigo got his name, as it is quite a misnomer. The colour is not indigo but azure. The cock Indigo only assumes his gorgeous livery as spring advances. During the autumn and winter months he is a sober little gentleman in a drab suit with just a mere suspicion of blue facings. The hen remains the same dowdy little thing all the year round. I have at present ten adult pairs of Indigos in a large garden aviary, which I call "The Wilderness." It is full of shrubs and bushes and long rank grass knee deep, interspersed with thorns and nettles of gigantic proportions—an ideal place from an Indigo Finch's point of view.

In this aviary they have now been for ten years; but till the present season, 1906, they have never made any attempt at nesting, although the Nonpareils gave them a lead last year. One day in the spring of this year, I saw Mrs. Indigo carrying about some bents in her beak—a sure sign of nesting to come. She was very "tickle" about a site, as we say up here, and began on several, but finally abandoned them for reasons best known to herself.

At last, however, she found a site to her liking at the very top of a tall shrub. The nest was composed of the very slenderest material, and was no stronger than a Whitethroat's. It was not built on a solid foundation on some convenient fork, but suspended by the strands from the branches, like a small Oriole's nest. So light and utterly flimsy was the whole affair that I was in despair. I felt certain it could not stand any real work.

Just as it was finished and ready, as I thought, I went to London for the inside of a week, and on my return I found that an egg had been laid, presumably that day. I looked the next morning for No. 2, but it was not there, and I feared that she would lay no more. However, I waited in patience, and the next day there was a second egg, and a third followed, and then Mrs. Indigo settled down to her duties.

(To be continued.)

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HINTS ON THE REARING OF YOUNG BIRDS.

By W. STAFFORD (Secretary of the Stockport B.F.A.)

A Paper read before the Stockport B.F.A. on May 7th.

In what I am about to say there will be nothing fresh—simply my own method of feeding and rearing young birds. In trying to rear young successfully, the speaker said that first of all they should pay attention to condition, as it was unfair to expect birds to fulfil their nesting duties unless they were in a proper condition to do so. One of the chief things in seeking to secure good condition was fresh air. Always let the birds have fresh air in all weathers, except cold, damp days, said the speaker; then, of all times, you must be very careful. Clean water every day was absolutely necessary.

Necessary Seed and Sand.

He liked to leave his birds in good, roomy flight cages until the end of February, all the time feeding them on simple diet—plain seed and fresh water every day. Occasionally he gave a little mixed seed, viz., maw, niger, rape, linseed, and on very cold days a little extra hemp, as he thought this helped to keep up the warmth of the body. He also gave a little boiled carrot or ripe apple now and again. Good sand and cuttlefish were necessary, as he thought that in times past when he had neglected to supply grit, it had been the cause of a little illness among his birds.

He advised fanciers not to forget the bath on nice days. Whilst he liked to get the cock bird into the best condition, he did not forget the hens. His reason for this was that if the cock bird were ready first, the chances were he would be more likely to obtain full eggs.

Preparations for Breeding.

He preferred to transfer his birds from the flight cage into the breeding cage early in March; this gave him time to feed them up ready for pairing. His method of feeding was to give egg-food twice a week during March, and a little green food, but he cautioned his hearers, when giving the latter, to be careful of frost. He also gave a little mixed seed on the days when he did not give egg-food. When you put birds into the breeding cage, continued the speaker, see to their beaks and nails, and trim them if necessary; also trim round the vents of those that are heavily-feathered on that part of their bodies.

The end of March was quite soon enough for pairing up the birds, he thought, but if a pair of birds were ready sooner, he would let them go. He advised having a good, firm perch, level with the nest, whilst the birds were pairing. For nesting material fanciers should use what they found to be the best; he himself was quite satisfied with the usual nest-bag.

He took the eggs away; when he took away the third egg he put dummies in the nest, and at night took them out and replaced the proper eggs in the nest. He gave the nest a good dusting with insect powder, taking care to look for and remove at once any sharp or hard substance that he might find in the nest. He also lowered the perch when the hen was sitting; a bird, he said, generally jumped off the nest on to the highest place, and if a perch were higher than the nest one might expect to find an egg or a young bird on the floor at times. By having the perch lower, one would find that the hen would usually hop on to the edge of the nest, and the chances were that the young or eggs would drop into the nest instead of on to the cage bottom.

It was a good plan to put a ticket on the cage stating when the hen was set and the eggs due to hatch, as it was so easy to forget an odd nest or two unless something of this kind were done.

Careful Attention to the Hen Necessary

Give the hen plain seed whilst she is sitting, continued the lecturer, and dust the nest again the day before hatching takes place. Also clean the cage out, and if very dry weather at the time, dip the eggs into warm water. Give her a bath, also, on the day before the hatching takes place, and if she uses it (or if the weather has been wet) you will have no occasion to moisten the eggs. Also give the hen a little egg-food ready for breeding the young with. I make my egg-food with hard-boiled egg, home-made bread, a pinch of salt, a teaspoonful of fine sugar, and a little Spratt's Food. I have used biscuits, but I don't care for them, and would sooner use home-made bread.

Do not disturb your birds if you can help it; go about quietly. Should a bird leave her eggs, put them under some other hen if possible, even if they seem cold, for they may not be spoiled. I remember quite well going into my room one day and finding a hen dead in the nest. I transferred the eggs to another nest, and got a couple of youngsters from the same.

Feed on egg-food only for the first day; give hemp seed on the second day, and then start giving green food on the third day. I am of the opinion that I get better birds when they are fed well with egg-food, but if a hen fancies green food then I give her green stuff, and let her have her own way. I have also used groats. I generally give hemp seed whole, as it causes the hen to stay off the nest a little longer, thus letting the young have a little more air than they would otherwise have.

In the Early Stages.

If you find a young bird on the cage-bottom, breathe on it, and if it shows signs of life put it in the nest again, and it will be alright in a short time. Just have a look in the nest when the hen is off, and if the young appear fluffy don't interfere with them. Should you find them limp and unable to hold up their little heads, then chew up some food and give them a little in their beak from the point of a stick; but mind you have not been smoking just previously. Or if the hen is by herself, you might try how she fares or acts by putting the cock bird in the cage; some cocks are good feeders. Hand-feeding is a tiresome job, but is sometimes a great help.

For green food I prefer chickweed; I also give dandelion, watercress, and lettuce. A good way to keep green food sweet is to wash it well when gathered, and then, instead of keeping it in water, wrap it in a damp cloth. One of the best ways of getting a hen off the nest early in the morning is to place a sprig of green-food through the wires of the cage overnight, and leave one end of it in the drinking water; you will probably find it eaten up when you go to look at the birds.

Removing the Young.

When the young leave the nest, you must look out for the "plucking" evil, and as soon as you see this you must transfer them to a nursery cage. The cage I used last season is wired on one side, about 2in. deep for feeding purposes; the remaining portion of this side is all wood. This stops the birds from being plucked and the young from climbing. The other three sides are wired all round. This cage answered the purpose very well for me last season. Whilst the young are in the nursery cage see that they have daily fresh egg-food, and hemp seed crushed. I always leave some water for them. A little milk sop is good, and I sprinkle some maw seed on it. Clean the cage out often, and throw the stale food away. Should any of the young keep crying out for food, try to feed them with a stick; or you might put them back with the mother for a short time, and watch if she feeds them; if she does, then take them away again after a little while.

When you see the young picking about in the nursery cage and seeming to get their own fill, you can transfer them to a flight cage. Keep on with the egg-food and crushed hemp, and also give crushed Canary seed, gradually reducing the egg-food. By the time the birds are six weeks old they should be on hard seed. Even then a little egg-food occasionally will do no harm.

Special Treatment.

For sweating hens, the speaker said he tried the effect of giving tasty bits. In bad cases he gave a little Epsom salts in the water. Egg-binding, he thought, was a weakness; he therefore refrained from giving anything that would relax the hen. He gave her rather something that would strengthen her, and also a little maw seed, putting a little warm oil on the vent.

Inflammation, he thought, was due to damp, or to their having cold, wet days. For this he used quinella; he also slightly moistened the bird with turpentine. For diarrhœa he used prepared chalk and diarrhœa mixture. He had also used catechu.

An interesting discussion followed, in which Messrs. Dickenson, Massey, Oldham, Garner, Dean, and others took part. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr. Stafford, to which he suitably replied.

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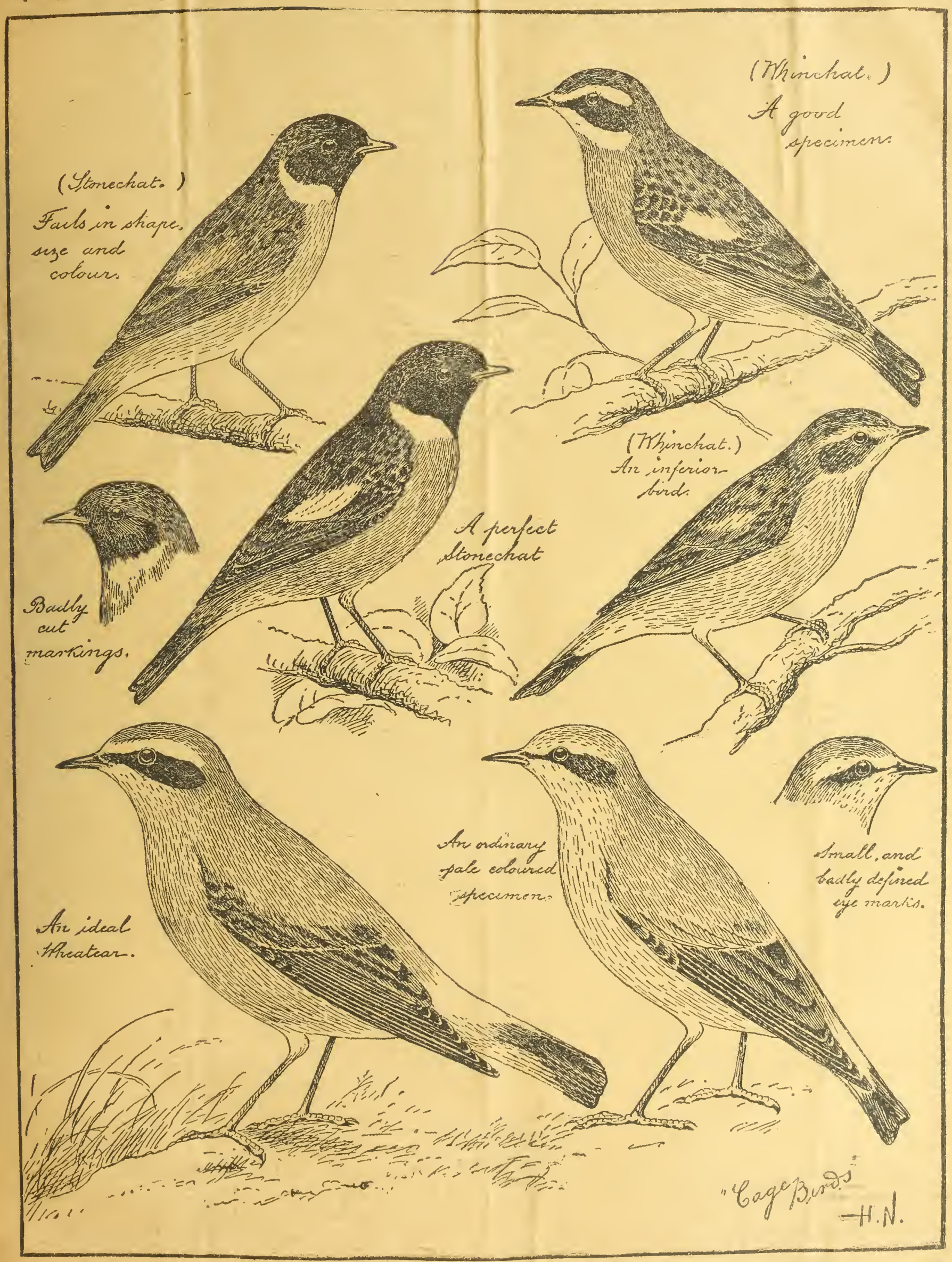

CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 8.—THE CHAT FAMILY: SOME EXHIBITION POINTS AND FAILINGS.

(Notes on this Drawing by Mr. G. E. Weston will be found on page 513.)

The Evolution of the Canary.

By GEORGE PETERS.

A Lecture delivered before the Members and friends of the Coventry O.S. on April 15th.

There is little difficulty in tracing the descent of the Canary to a certain period some 400 years back. To attempt to go back further would be tantamount to going into the question of the origin of all species of birds; so I shall content myself by speaking of its history from the early part of the sixteenth century, which will be sufficient for our purposes.

Domestication of the Canary, with changed environment, has brought about a variation in its colour and shape. It is described by Hernandes, who died in 1587, as "a bird wholly yellow except the end of its wings." But one can hardly believe that the description is a general one of Canaries at that time; it is useful, however, as evidence of the change which was taking place in the colour of the birds. The chief efforts of the time seem to have been with a view to producing songsters. In 1677 (90 years later) it was recorded that "The Canaries in England were generally imported from Germany and were of a green colour." I have no doubt that variation in colour had shown itself by this time and that the Germans were taking advantage of it.

The Origin of the Lizard Canary.

But it seems to have been left to other nations to seize, as it were, on any variation in form or shape and fix it so far as was possible. This would result from the bearing on the birds of the occupations of the Canary breeders. Thus, the Spitalfield's weavers and French clockmakers would soon find out that the rattle and clatter of their looms and the rasping of files, etc., were detrimental to the training of Canaries for song alone, and would therefore devote their thoughts to producing birds of colour, markings, etc.

"There were two species of Canaries, one a native of Madeira and the other of the Canary Islands." This statement was confirmed by Dr. Heinekin who, in his description leads one to believe that the Canary from Madeira differed somewhat from the other in that it was of a less level colour and showed spangling. Taking this for granted, we have the origin of the Lizard and London Fancy tyes of Canary. These Canaries were taken up by the weavers and clockmakers, the Lizard Canary being the more robust and beautiful of the two, and being more nearly like the original stock has survived and become an established variety. The London Fancy Canary, on the other hand, has become nearly extinct.

The Rise of the Different Varieties.

The Coventry weavers and watchmakers were influenced by similar conditions in the choice of a variety, and they appear to have gone in for what are now the Norwich, Crest, and Cinnamon types. Without a doubt they made their mark in those days. Although at the present time there are not so very many Canaries bred in Coventry, and although we do not hold the same foremost position as in the past, owing mainly to the changed conditions in the manufacture of ribbons and watches, there are still quite a number of good birds bred from time to time, as you are aware.

We have now different Fancy types well established. They are known as Belgian, Scotch, Border, and London Fancies, Crested, Yorkshire, Norwich, Lancashire, and Dutch Frill varieties.

Breeding New Types of Canaries.

There are great possibilities even now of establishing new types if only variation is taken advantage of as it has been in the past. One of our members tells me he had a Canary with fourteen feathers in its tail, and you know the usual number is twelve. Now, if this variation had been taken advantage of he might have been on the high road to establishing a "Fantail" variety of Canary.

Be that as it may; one can only notice the remarks of fanciers on the appearance of those birds which were in the course of evolution. I had a try at producing a new variety in the way of markings (a green body with a clear Crest). I paired a Lizard to a clear-capped Crestbred and then a clear-capped young one to a clear-Crested. I bred several with clear Caps and a clear Crest with a variegated body; but the crest was not large, and I thought the change in markings was no improvement on a clear body dark Crest, and so gave up the experiment.

When purchasing a Crest-bred from a noted breeder, and looking at his stock, I noticed a Crested bird that had a habit of holding its head on one side as though to show off his crest. I remarked on this peculiarity to the owner and he said it was bred from some of his best birds. Some two years afterwards, I bred one which was just the same. Now if that variation had been seized on by me I might by now have bred a variety that looked one way and hopped another.

I only mention these cases that are well within our own knowledge and experience in order to confirm my statement that variations in Canaries have not ceased. That all the various types of Canaries should have evolved from a small green bird, first prized as a songster, seems incredible, but if it were not known to be so, the great difficulty there is even now of breeding to the ideal type and the remarkable reversion to the foundation of all varieties that takes place on pairing up two of different types, extremely varying in shape, would prove it to the most sceptical mind.

The Popular Crested Variety.

As all varieties have been established in the same way, I only propose to deal with the Crested Canary which, I think, with all due respect to the opinions of admirers of other varieties, the most remarkable and at the same time most difficult to breed. And this, notwithstanding the probability of its being the first variation in form to be seized on by breeders. That it should be so popular is natural, even if we had not the authority of Bechstein, who says that a "Crested was most admired." A "daisy-crested," or "top-knotted" bird suddenly appearing would not require a fancier with a trained eye to see to admire it and cogitate on the possibility of breeding it.

Among the German Canaries now brought to this country as songsters, we frequently see "top-knotted" or "tufted" ones. That they have not been bred of crested properties must be evident to anyone, as they are too far removed from the present-day Crested show birds. The breeding of a "top-knotted" Canary doubtless caused a sensation among the breeders of the time, and if, as is not at all unlikely, someone else bred one, the opportunity of perpetuating the variety was doubly great.

This having been done, for a time Crested and Crestbred would be paired together, and one shudders to think of the amount of in-breeding that must have taken place until such times when fresh blood was required. There probably being no other Crested blood obtainable, a Plainhead would have to be used, when another surprise would doubtless have awaited the breeder. He would find that a young one was bred with a better-shaped crest than the old ones hand. And so after many trials it was seen that the way to breed good Crests was (and it still is) to select and pair Crest to Crest-bred. This has resulted in the present-day show-birds —a splendid variety.

The Drawback of the Crest.

But along with this marvellous success there is one great affliction, that of blindness, from which this variety suffers. How to avoid this is a problem that has never been satisfactorily solved. Some say that in-breeding causes it, but if that were so the London Fancy would be quite blind long before it becomes extinct, and the Lizard would be groping his way about the cage. Others say that wealth of feather is the cause of this blindness; but that, I think, mostly causes physical weakness, and if this kind of weakness alone affected the sight, some of the Belgian Canaries would want glasses.

Again, others assert that the blindness is caused by the creasted feathers irritating the eye; but this can only be an accidental cause, as Crestbreds suffer from blindness more than Plainheads of other varieties. Neither can it be for lack of using their eyes, for they feed and live just as others do.

My birds have been troubled with this affliction, and it has resulted in a serious loss to me, as, of course, to all other breeders of variety. Strange to say it is always the best birds that go blind. Why? My own theory is that it is a mental weakness that causes it more than a physical one.

The Cause and Cure of Blindness.

Crest-breds are less afflicted in this respect than Crests, and birds with badly-formed crests seldom, if ever, go blind, except by accident. The skin carries the feather, and, conforming as it does to the shape of the skull, it follows that a certain form of head is absolutely necessary if there is to be a well-centred and well-radiated crest. The description of such a head is given as "dome-skulled" or "cushion-shaped." Now, on examining, both externally and internally, the head of a good-crested bird, one finds a "domed" head, it is true, but also a depression slightly concave in the centre, which becomes thickened and is convex on the inside, thus giving less room for the brain. You will see by the skulls of the Crests and Crestbreds that I have here just what I mean.

Now, in selecting for breeding purposes, the best Crests and Crestbreds with the centre in exactly the same spot, neither more forward from, nor nearer to the back, it follows that this peculiarity in the shape of the skull is fixed and becomes hereditary, in common with other desirable points; but this particular part of the skull to which I have referred becomes gradually thicker and more convex on the inside, thus giving less and less room for the brain. It is thus, to my mind, that the optic nerves are in some way affected, causing blindness in apparently strong and healthy birds.

The only way to counteract this distressing tendency is to immediately introduce new blood. This will cause more or less reversion, but it will effectually counteract the predisposition to blindness. The Crest of to-day has been evolved by great care in selection, by extreme perseverance, and by much "in-and-in-breeding"; but Nature resents the last of these means with no uncertainty, and we are forced over and over again back to the first selection.

Let me say before closing that, notwithstanding the great changes brought about by man in the course of the cultivation of the Canary family, the Goldfinch, I consider, has greater possibilities if only it be taken up and treated in the same way as the Canary has been treated. After various questions had been asked and replied to, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Peters, proposed by the Chairman, Mr. T. Gilbert, brought the meeting to a close.

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No. 209.

AN EASY WAY TO SECURE REMOVABLE WOOD FRONTS.

Sent by A. J. Lucas, 33, Little Park Street, Coventry.

Enclosed is a sketch showing what will be found to be an inexpensive way of fixing wood-framed cage-fronts. The idea is to use three ordinary wire staples, such

To Secure Removable Wood Fronts.

as are used for fixing wire netting with. Put two in the cage-front, ½ in. apart, and one in the cage bottom. Then get an ordinary nail, or a bit of wire, and push it through them; this makes a very secure fixture. At the same time it is a very easy matter to take the fronts in and out. The fastening at the top is the usual projecting wire.—A. J. Lucas.

No. 210.

EGG-SAVING DEVICE FOR MULING PAIRS.

Sent by E. Harrison, 14, Frisby's Buildings, Stamford, Lincs.

As there is difficulty with the eggs of muling pairs owing sometimes to the Finches being so mischievous and sometimes to egg-eating hens, I am sending the following device which should prove useful. Get half a cocoanut shell and line it

An Egg-saving Device.

with cow-hair, or something similar. Then cut a piece of cardboard to fit inside the shell when lined, so as to leave a space underneath large enough for the egg to fall into. Cut a hole in the centre to let the egg pass through, and cover the cardboard that is left with cow-hair, pressing it into the lined shell. It will then be found to form a comfortable nest, leaving the eggs quite safe. When setting the hen, remove the cardboard and put a piece of cow-hair in the bottom of the nest to make it a nice depth for the hen to sit in. The sketch will, I think, explain the idea.—E. Harrison.

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The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

(Continued from page 503).

Winter Rape.

Winter rape is a seed about double the size of the last, and of a darker or blackish colour. It is of the same shape and general type as the last, differing in outward appearance—in size and colour. It differs also quite as much in flavour, for when a little is chewed or held on the tongue it is of a hot, biting nature, sometimes stinging the tongue almost as much as mustard seed.

Although some fanciers believe in using it in a small way as a change, its value from a cage-bird fancier's point of view may be written down as nil. A few grains now and again may be harmless enough, but for Canaries most people prefer to give it a wide berth. This is more particularly the case when there are young ones about. The only occasions when one might well be tempted to make use of it would be during a spell of great cold, when he might scatter a few grains on the floor, or for the purpose of adding a small proportion to the mixture for British Finches, or as an addition to the diet of a mixed collection kept in a large outdoor aviary.

Some "Unscrupulous" Mixtures.

A variety known as English rape is, I believe, nothing more nor less than Charlock, or Wild Mustard. Judging it by its flavour, the latter term is very descriptive. All that has been said against the use of Winter rape might be repeated here with emphasis. On general principles the fancier will be acting most wisely if he leaves it severely alone.

The similarity of the seed of rape, cabbages, turnips, and many other plants affords vast opportunities to the unscrupulous for mixing up old stocks of vegetable seeds which would be otherwise unsaleable, and working them off as rape. The fancier should, therefore, always make a point of tasting any sample of rape submitted to him before purchasing. He will very often be able to detect a mixture almost immediately by the different flavours he will get out of a single small pinch of seed, which will materially help him to appreciate the truth of the assertion of a bird-keeper, who many years ago planted a small quantity of "rape seed" in his garden, from which, if my memory serves me well, about a score of different species of plants were obtained.

Hemp Seed.

Although sometimes very much abused hemp is without a doubt one of the most generally useful and valuable seeds in the bird-keeper's larder. For Canaries it should be given sparingly during the winter months and after the breeding season is over, and should always be given separately for the sake of economy. If added to the usual seed mixture the birds usually throw out the other seeds to get at the hemp, thus causing a terrible waste, which is avoided by giving the hemp separately. The usual exceptions when it may be used with greater freedom are when the birds are kept in cold rooms, in outdoor aviaries, flying loose in rooms, and during the winter months. In short, at any time when an oily, heat-producing food is required, or the birds are kept in such circumstances as render such a food harmless.

In the rearing of Canaries and Mules it should be given in unlimited quantities after the young are a week or ten days old. Many hens will then feed the young almost entirely upon it, and no young will be found to thrive better than those which are being fed liberally upon this seed. It should, however, be withheld altogether whilst hens are sitting, particularly in cases where the cock is allowed to remain with the hen, as it is apt to stimulate him too much and cause him to drag the hen off the nest and try to drive her to begin nesting afresh before the first clutch of eggs is hatched.

For birds in large aviaries it may also be used freely with advantage, and should form a regular item in the food of all our British Finches. In cases of shy feeders amongst Greypates and newly-caught Finches, diet consisting mainly of hemp is one of the surest means of saving them, whilst for Goldfinches generally it should always form a fairly large proportion of their regular diet. This latter may very probably be taken exception to by many, but, all the same, many others hold to and swear by it.

As an occasional treat for all kinds of Larks, and all the hardier soft-bills, especially those of the Thrush and Tit tribes, it is also invaluable.

Crushed hemp is in all respects the same as that mentioned above, except in the cases of soft-bills, Greypates, young birds, and when hens have a very large brood to rear, when it may be lightly cracked. Crushing is of no advantage, but rather the reverse, as it exposes the oily kernal and causes the seeds to go rancid much quicker.

Niger or Inga.

Niger and Inga are different terms for one and the same seed. Some people even call it Niga. It is of a shiny-black colour, ranging from a jet black to a rusty black, about the same length as carraway seed, but somewhat wedge-shaped, and with a smooth surface. The kernal is white, and the whole is so full of a limpid oil, that in India (where the plant is largely cultivated for the sake of its oil) the oil is said to be extracted and largely used for culinary and lighting purposes. The yield of oil obtained from the seed is said to be as high as thirty-five per cent. It is doubtless this excessive quantity of oil in the seed which, when the seed is properly used, gives it its chief value, and is also accountable for its relaxing properties when given in too large quantities.

Whilst of immense value for use in particular circumstances, it cannot be too strongly impressed upon the novice that it is always most unsuitable for a regular item in the diet of cage birds, and it should never figure largely in a mixture given to any species of bird. Whenever it does do so, that mixture should invariably be set apart for occasional use only, by way of giving the birds a temporary change, and never used as a regular food.

It will very often be found most useful in helping to tempt newly-caught British birds which refuse to eat, and a small amount of this will often stimulate them and give them a zest for more and for variety.

Its Medicinal Value.

Then, almost any seed-eater that is fond of this seed will be greatly benefited by a dose—not a bad term this for a seed, which should in reality be used more in the sense of a medicinal remedy than as an actual food—of half a teaspoonful of this seed. This will be especially noticeable in the case of birds that have gone dull simply through an attack of constipation from feeding too liberally on constipating seeds. If the seed that has set up the trouble is strictly limited in quantity for a day, and half a teaspoonful of Niger given in its place, the effect will be all that could be desired, and the birds stimulated at the same time.

This method of correcting errors of diet by simple antidotes, and also the practice of treating the simplest ailments by a judicious management of the food supply is one that every bird-keeper should cultivate and become a master of.

Its advantages and healthfulness are not to be compared with the habit of pouring down a bird's throat for every simple ailment drugs and nostrums, of which one knows practically nothing respecting their effect upon the feathered creation—a point which is too often overlooked. The effect of any particular drug upon a bird may differ in the most striking manner from its effect upon the human race, or the animal kingdom as represented by the mammalia.

The Great Virtue of Inga.

By far the greatest virtue of Inga from a fanciers's point of view is its undoubted power, when used in the right way, to prevent egg-binding in the early nesting arrangements of Canaries. Of course it is equally serviceable in later nests, but the earlier nests were mentioned because egg-binding is far more common than it is later in the season, for the reason that, when the birds are going to nest the second time, all the conditions—weather, temperature, etc.—are more generally favourable to egg-laying, and as a rule only hens that are of a weakly constitution, or very much run down, will be troubled with egg-binding.

If a pinch of Inga is given to the hens twice a week all through the winter season, and then, when they are mated up, a few grains daily until the eggs are laid, egg-binding will be almost entirely unknown.

But do not overdo it. There are two points where the average fancier generally goes wrong. First, in a proper estimation of the quantity represented by the indefinite term of "a pinch." To many a teaspoonful is but a pinch, and in most cases the birds get a good deal too much, even when the owner thinks he is rigidly adhering to the proper quantity. A teaspoonful would represent about four times the quantity that is here meant by a pinch, so that if one gives a fair teaspoonful of the seed to each four hens twice a week during the winter they will not go wrong. In the second place, in prescribing a few grains to be given daily after the birds are mated until the eggs are laid, we assume that the birds are not going to be mated until ready to set about nesting almost at once, so that the eggs will nearly always be laid within a fortnight from the time of being mated.

Now, if the birds are put together too soon it is no uncommon thing for a month to elapse before the eggs are laid, and this is certainly longer than allows of Inga being given every day. In such a case it will be far better to give it only on alternate days. In advising "a few grains" to be given, about half the above quantity described as a pinch is intended, or not more than a sixth part of a teaspoonful.

We have gone into detail about this question of quantities here that it may be used as a general guide when "a pinch" or "a few grains" of any of the richer seeds is mentioned in future notes.

(To be continued.)

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

The King of Songsters.

May is the month of bird music, the month when every copse, spinney, and hedgerow is crowded with sweet-voiced songsters. This music is not only confined to the hours of sunshine, for after the sun has set behind the hills and the long twilight deepens into darkness, feathered minstrels may still be heard. Upon the marshes the sedge-birds trill whenever disturbed, the melodious Woodlark whistles at the edge of the wood, and in favoured localities the king of songsters sings at the hour of midnight. There is no more conservative bird in existence than the Nightingale. Year after year one may be heard in the same copse, and even in the same bush. The nest is placed within a few feet of the previous year's structure, and where the bird has once been heard, he may with assurance be looked for the following season, unless some local alteration on the one hand, or, on the other, scarcity of the species prevents distribution. These lovely birds appear to be unusually plentiful this year; consequently they are likely to be heard in districts not before favoured. As an instance, we ourselves have several near our village, although it is some years since they were heard so close. We heard one from the house, but so far away that only occasional passages reached us. It was dark and wet, but the bird might be only a passing visitor, and to-morrow be gone; so it was needful for us to face the elements and go in search of the musician. At the top of the road we could hear the singing of birds in opposite directions—one away over the Beeches, and the other across the lavender fields, where a small wood runs down to the railway embankment. We turned our backs to the weather, and, making for the latter place, safely negotiated the hedge and barbed-wire fence and got fairly close to the songster. Now there are singers and singers, and this bird was only a moderate performer. He did a good bubbling note and a nice clear whistle, but had far too many discordant passages. Very different was the bird near the beeches. We were able to get within three or four yards of the bush where he sang, night after night, commencing at about ten-thirty o'clock. Each note was clear and distinct, full and sweet, bubbling with melody; there was no cessation after the other.

The Nightingale's Food.

The Nightingale will eat ordinary earthworms, and is therefore not such a delicate feeder as some imagine.

Increase of Swallows.

Swallows appear to be slightly upon the increase. This is pleasing, for they are undoubtedly prettier and more graceful birds than the more common House Martin.

Passage from White's Selborne.

"The Titlark and Yellowhammer breed late, the latter very late; and, therefore, it is no wonder that they protract their song, for I lay it down as a maxim in ornithology that as long as there is any incubation going on there is music."

Return of the Flycatcher.

The graceful little Spotted Fly-catcher has returned. One was located upon the dead branches of a fir tree. He was a long way off, but the fluttering flight made identification fairly easy. A meddlesome Starling drove him away. We shall no doubt see many of them along the lanes and hedge-rows during the summer.

The Missel Thrush.

In the elm trees at the bottom of my garden a pair of Jackdaws and a pair of Missel Thrushes have set up housekeeping. The 'daws are restless birds and constantly on the move; occasionally one will stray near the home of the Thrushes, when one of the latter instantly dashes out and shows fight, gallantly buffetting the black rascal until he drives him away. It is astonishing how courageous birds become in defence of their eggs or young. Even small weakly birds will do their best to protect their treasures.

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Issue of £4,000 Six per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares (the interest on which is guaranteed for two years). Directors, friends and employees of the Company have intimated their intention of applying for 1,250 of these shares which the Directors reserve the right to allot in full. The Preference Shares carry a fixed cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of £6 per cent. per annum on the capital for the time being paid up thereon payable by half-yearly instalments on the 22nd August and the 22nd February, and (subject to the payment to the Ordinary Shares of a fixed cumulative dividend at the rate of £10 per cent. per annum) a right to receive out of the profits for each year a further non-cumulative dividend for such year at the rate of £5 per cent. per annum on the Capital for the time being paid up thereon, and rank, both as regards the first mentioned dividend and in a winding up as to repayment of Capital, in priority to all other shares in the capital. The holders of the preference shares may, after the 22nd February, 1913, be required to sell their Preference Shares at 25/- per share pursuant to Article 26.

The 5,000 Ordinary shares above mentioned are to be issued to the Vendors as fully paid up shares, the Vendors thus showing their confidence in the future of the Company by taking their whole payment in Ordinary shares ranking after the Preference shares both for Capital and Dividends.

ISSUE of 4,000 Six per cent. PREFERENCE SHARES of £1 each payable as follows:—

5/- per share on application. 5/- per share on allotment. 10/- per share on Thursday June 18th, 1908.

The shares may be paid up in full on allotment on or before the 26th day of May 1908, interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum being allowed in respect of the prepayment of instalments.

Applications have already been received from the Directors, their friends and employees of the Company for 1,250 Preference Shares and the remaining 2,750 are now offered for subscription at par.

DIRECTORS:

FREDERICK CARL, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.; Newspaper Proprietor; Founder of "Cage Birds."

JOHN EDWIN WATMOUGH, Plompton Hall, Thackley, Bradford, Chairman of the Fanciers' Newspaper and General Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd. (Proprietors of "Pigeons," "Fur and Feather," etc.)

WILLIAM EWERT BERRY, 12, Burleigh Street, Strand; Newspaper Proprietor; Director of "Health and Strength," "The Advertising World," etc.

JOHN TREWAVAS, 1, Cheapside, Bradford; Solicitor; Director of the Fanciers' Newspaper, and General Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd.

Bankers:—LONDON AND WESTMINSTER BANK, Temple Bar, W.C.

Auditors:—MESSRS. HOLMES & SON, Chartered Accountants, 33, Paternoster Row, London, E.C.

Solicitors:—ALFRED HARRIS & CO., 29, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C. **Sec. and Registered Office**:—S. C. AVIS, 154, Fleet Street, E.C.

PROSPECTUS.

The Directors of the Poultry Press Ltd., have decided to give the Poultry Keeping Public an opportunity of acquiring a portion of the Preference Share interest.

They feel that by enabling poultry keepers to participate in the success of the undertaking, they will be expediting that success, and taking a step as advantageous to their own interests as to the interests of poultry keepers themselves.

The bright prospects of **"The Poultry World"** are so evident as scarcely to need insistance on them at this juncture. The Directors assert without fear of contradiction that no other poultry journal at present on the market can claim so large a proportion of enthusiastic amateurs amongst its readers. No other poultry journal has shown the same rapidity of proportionate increase both in respect of circulation and advertisements, and no other poultry journal has been met at the start of its career with such a wave of general approbation.

In making this issue of Preference shares, the Directors their friends and employees of the Company have applied for 1,250 and the remainder are offered to readers of **"The Poultry World"** in the confident anticipation that a distribution of a certain proportion of shares amongst poultry keepers themselves, will enable the obviously bright prospects of the paper to materialise more quickly than perhaps would otherwise be the case.

The directors of the Poultry Press Ltd. are all gentlemen who have been closely connected with the publication of similar periodicals, occupying a creditable or noted position in newspaperdom. Mr. Carl, Mr. Watmough and Mr. Berry, have each made big successes of class papers of a similiar order to **"The Poultry World."** Mr. Carl, the Managing Director, whose experience in conducting Fancy Journals is a large one, is of the opinion that he has never before come across a reading constituency so responsive to any efforts made on their behalf, or so cognisant of the value of practical journalism as the present readers of **"The Poultry World."** Mr. Carl intends pursuing the same policy in directing **"The Poultry World"** as that which enabled him to extend the sold-copy circulation of **"Cage Birds"** from 4,000 copies per week to ten times that number—40,000 copies per week— in that period of six years. The ability that has brought about such results, almost incredible, have been placed at the disposal of **"The Poultry World,"** and Mr. Carl has every hope of being able to show even better results from his management of this Company's property. In fact, the substantial progress made in the period already covered by his management has been highly gratifying to all concerned in the production of the paper. From its first appearance **"The Poultry World"** was given the heartiest welcome, and has met with such a measure of support as has never before been accorded to any Live Stock Journal. Its circulation and its advertisements have each shown a steady upward growth until now at the present moment **"The Poultry World"** has a circulation which is 300 per cent beyond that enjoyed by **"Poultry and Pigeons"** from which paper it was taken.

The services of several highly popular and respected poultry experts and artists have been enlisted on behalf of the company; the names of the Rev. J. N. Williams, C. A. House, W. Hooley, G. F. J. Buvington, E. G. Wippell, standing for all that is progressive, reliable and authoritative in poultry journalism.

The Directors further possess the great advantage of being able to utilise the columns of their successful kindred journals, **"Cage Birds," "Pigeons," "Fur and Feather,"** etc., through which to proclaim the merits of **"The Poultry World,"** and advance its interests amongst prospective poultry keepers.

In order to show the possibilities in respect of circulation and advertisements, a well-known expert has provided the Directors with some interesting figures. According to his calculations, there are in the British Isles alone 35,000 exhibitors of prize poultry, 3,000 exhibitions where poultry is given some measure of representation, 1,000 clubs for people interested in poultry with an aggregate membership of 25,000, 2,000 people engaged in poultry farming on an extensive scale, 10,000 people engaged in poultry farming as a side-line or hobby, 5,000 members of clubs or organisations dealing solely with the utility side.

We have had worked out for us a comparative financial statement of the revenue from poultry advertisements derived by two other poultry journals. The average, so far as we are in a position to judge, comes out roughly as follows:—

Cash received from Advertisements—

	Total per week.		Total per Week.
During Season, No. 1 Journal ...	£120	Out of Season, No. 1 Journal ...	£50
" " No. 2 " ...	450	" " No. 2 " ...	190

These estimates may, of course, be incorrect one way or the other. They are calculated on the face value of the advertisement space. But the wide and great possibilities open to a reputable and well conducted poultry journal must be apparent to everyone familiar with the field.

In fact, the Directors feel such confidence in the success of the paper that Mr. Carl and Mr. Watmough have undertaken to guarantee the dividend on the Preference Shares for the first two years, after which period they feel that there can be no doubt as to the dividend coming out of the profits of the Company.

The following Contracts have been entered into, namely:—

1. A contract dated the 30th March, 1908, between the Company of the 1st part, Frederick Carl of the 2nd part, and John Edwin Watnough of the 3rd part, whereby in consideration of their respective contracts for services, the Company agreed to allott to the said Frederick Carl, 2,500 Ordinary shares, as fully paid up shares in addition to the salary therein mentioned, and to allott to the said J. E. Watmough, 1,500 Ordinary shares as fully paid up shares in addition to the salary therein mentioned.

2. A contract dated the 30th day of March, 1908, between the Fanciers Newspaper and General Printing and Publishing Company, Limited, of Idle Bradford, of the one part, and the Company of the other part, being a contract for the sale to the Company of the Poultry Section of **"Pigeons and Poultry"** in consideration of the allotment to the Fanciers Newspaper and General Printing Publishing Company of 1,000 Ordinary Shares as fully paid up Shares.

The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director shall be the holding of at least 100 shares in the Company or the holding of the office of Director of a Limited Liability Company holding at least 500 shares in the Company, and that the remuneration of the Directors shall from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, but shall in no way affect the remuneration payable to the said Frederick Carl and John Edwin Watmough respectively under the before-mentioned contract.

Interest of Directors:—

Mr. Frederick Carl is the holder of 1,700 Ordinary shares.

Mr. J. E. Watmough is the holder of 1,500 Ordinary shares.

Mr. William Ewert Berry is the holder of 860 Ordinary shares.

Mr. John Trewavas' qualification is by reason of his being a Director of the Fanciers Newspaper and General Printing and Publishing Company, Limited, which said company is the holder of 1,000 Ordinary shares in this Company.

A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is printed in the fold of the Prospectus (or at the foot) and forms part of it.

Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and of the above mentioned contracts may be inspected at the offices of the solicitors of the Company at any time during business hours.

The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is 1,500 shares.

The preliminary expenses including registration fees and fees of the Accountants and Solicitors and the cost of printing, advertising and issuing this prospectus, and stamps are estimated at £200 and will be paid by the Company.

Where no allotment is made the application money will be returned in full and where the number of shares allotted is less than what was applied for, the surplus of the application money will be applied towards the amount payable on allotment and the balance, if any, returned. In case of default in payment of any instalment at its due date the allotment will be liable to cancellation or forfeiture and all amounts previously paid and any interest thereon will be liable to forfeiture.

Application should be made upon the forms accompanying the Prospectus, and sent to the Secretary at the registered office together with a deposit of 5/- per share.

Prospectus and Application Forms may be obtained from the Solicitors or at the Registered office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Dated 19th May, 1908.

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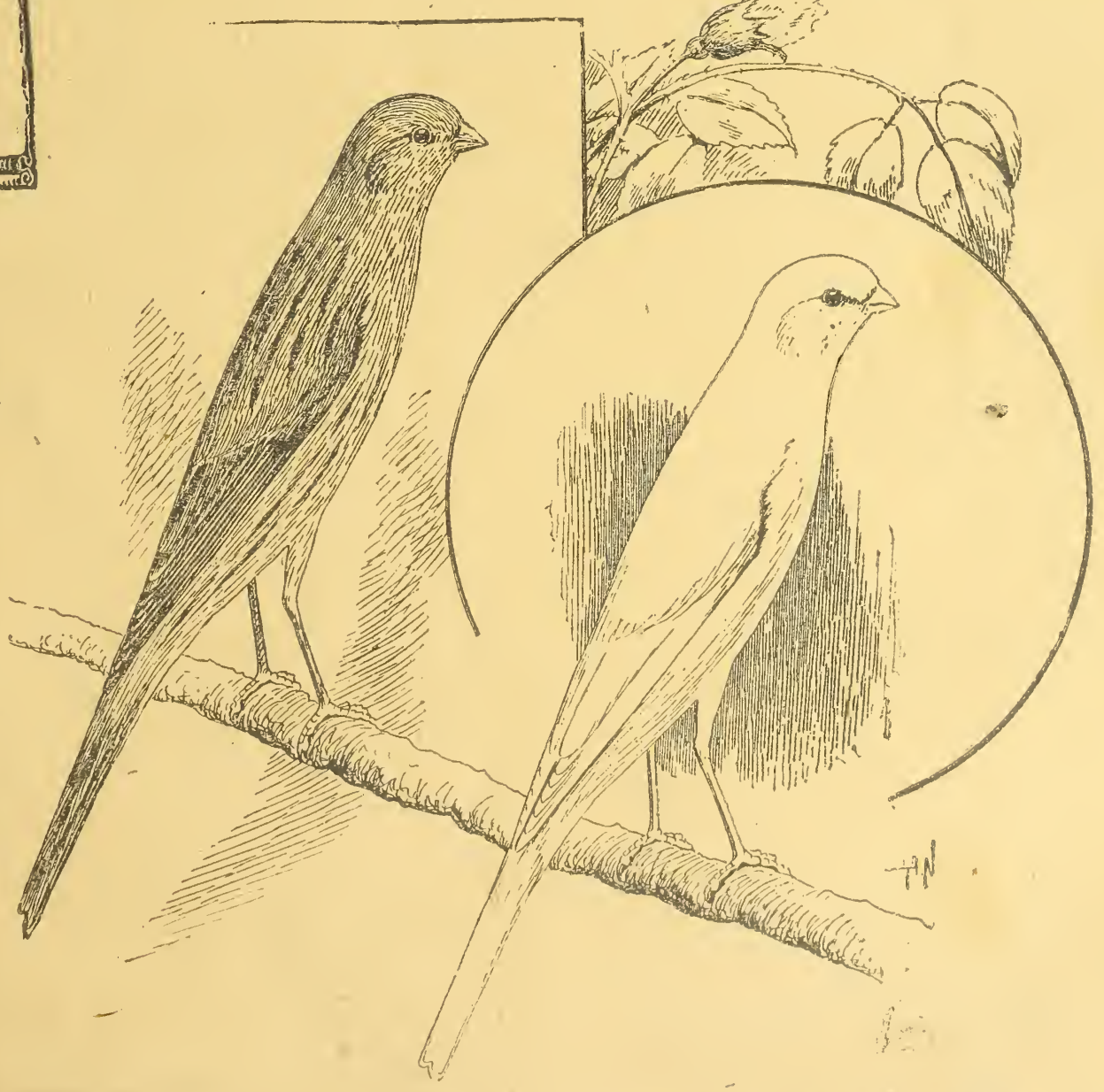

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RULES.

1.—PROCEDURE.—The intending purchaser should send to this office the amount of the purchase (our deposit fee included), and at the same time he should communicate with the seller, stating what it is he requires sent on approval. We acknowledge receipt of the deposit to both parties. In all cases the depositor should give his name and address, and also that of the vendor, and must write same clearly and distinctly.

2.—END OF TRANSACTION.—The deposit is retained by us until we hear from *both* parties that the transaction has been completed. If a sale has been effected, we hand the amount deposited to the seller. If a sale has *not* been effected, we return the amount to the depositor. The transaction must be conducted by the parties themselves. We merely hold the deposit.

3.—AMOUNT OF COMMISSION.—The fee is 6d. for each £1, or fraction of £1, and it must be sent at same time as the deposit.

4.—IMPORTANT POINTS.—The depositor must decide within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the goods whether he will keep or return the same, unless, that is, some other period of approval (of which we must be advised) is agreed upon by both parties. The depositor must at the same time notify us of the fact that he has returned the goods. If the goods are not returned within the said forty-eight hours, we reserve the right to send the deposit to the seller after the expiration of that period. And should the seller fail within three days to notify us of the receipt of his goods back again, the transaction will be treated as ended, and the deposit be returned to the depositor.

5.—A SATISFACTORY PURCHASE.—When a transaction has been completed to the satisfaction of both depositor and seller, both parties must at once return the deposit receipts as a guarantee of its completion. The depositor must at the same time instruct us to pay over the deposit to the seller.

6.—GOODS ALREADY SOLD.—If the goods are sold before our deposit note reaches the seller, or, if for any other reason he declines to do business, he must at once return the deposit note to us. Failing its receipt, we reserve the right to return the deposit to the sender after the expiration of three days.

7.—FRESH TRANSACTION.—In case no sale be effected, a deposit is available for purposes of a fresh transaction, provided another deposit fee be paid.

8.—GOODS IN TRANSIT.—Goods in transit are at the seller's risk, and any damage or loss sustained on the journey must be borne by the seller. But goods not approved of must be properly packed and returned by the same means as were used in sending the same.

9.—PAYMENT OF CARRIAGE.—The payment of carriage must be a matter for arrangement between the vendor and depositor. We do not undertake to settle disputes affecting questions of carriage. But in the absence of other arrangements the purchaser is liable for the carriage of the goods, and if the goods are sent on approval and returned, each party pays the carriage one way.

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OUTDOOR aviaries, bird houses.—Sussex Portable Building Co., 138, Lewes-rd., Brighton.

FLIGHTS or single breeders, size 11 by 22 by 24 inches, 1/6 each to clear.—Broadbent, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

BIRD nests, Bowers unrivalled, leather, lined with Swansdown, 1/6 dozen, post free.—2, St. Patrick-square, Edinburgh.

AVIARY, portable outdoor, new condition, cheap, 70/-; what cash offers?—Carter, 286, Green-st., Forest Gate, London.

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CAGE fronts, Yorkshire show cages, bird baths, seed boxes, all bird room appliances, cheap.—Tarbotton, Maltby-st., Bradford.

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NOTICE.—Handsome drawing-room brass wire cage, glass sides, 2/6, worth 7/-; approval. M'Keand, Cage Manufacturer, Castle-Douglas.

NOTICE, Norwich, Yorkshire, Border and Scotch Fancy show cages, 1/3 each, six for 6/6; 12/- dozen. M'Keand, Cage Manufacturer, Castle-Douglas.

NEST Pans, Egg Drawers, all bird pottery appliances; trade list free; cheapest manufacturer.—Henry Tams, Fountain Works, Longton, Staffs.

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NOTICE. See my new list of aviaries, show cages, wire fronts, appliances, etc., everything one quality, the best. List, stamp.—Hogg, Cage Manufacturer, Middlesbrough.

STRONG reliable cages, wholesale and retail; every wire soldered, and best workmanship guaranteed; sample, 1/4, carriage paid; 12/- dozen.—Smith, Seed Merchant, Alexandria, N.B.

IMPORTANT.—New palace shaped 3 compartment drawing room aviary, 3 ft. by 3 ft. partitions, trays, all complete, highly finished; ornamental, 10/6; carriage paid; best value offered; stamp; list.—Hogg, Maker, Middlesbrough.

LOOK. String netting, 1 in. mesh, for enclosing poultry runs, etc., 50 yards by 1 yard, 2/6; 50 yards by 2 yards, 5/-; 50 yards by 3 yards, 7/6; 50 yards by 4 yards, 10/-; any width and length kept in stock.—Henry Robinson and Co., Net Works, Rye, Sussex.

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LOOK, a triumph double breeding cage is given away free to every sixth buyer of our famous bargain parcel, which contains the following, nursery cage, three glass top seed-hoppers, dozen nest bags, dozen perches and dozen metal redmite trap, 1/6 only; to every buyer of three parcels I will present a show cage; any variety; value 2/-. Now, hurry up; you are sure of a show cage for three parcels and might drop in sixth as well.—Ross, Cage Maker, Forres, N.B.

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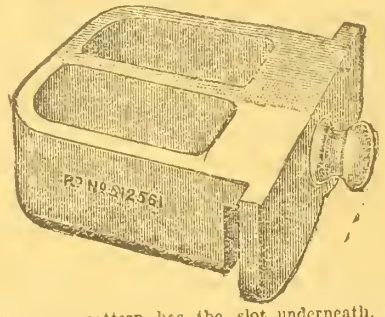

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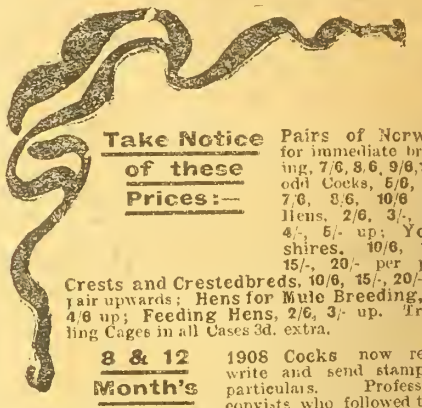

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CLUB REPORTS.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at the club room on May 27th, Mr. R. Todd presiding. The principal business was the making of arrangements for our next open show to be held on November 28th. After considerable discussion both at this and at previous meetings, it was unanimously decided that we do not join the Cage Bird Union, but run the show without their patronage, and thus allow members a free hand to show their birds at any show they think fit to. Rules and classification of schedule were then revised, with the following result: 17 open Canary classes, 12 open Mule and British classes, and 18 members' Canary and British bird classes. Judges elected: Messrs. W. A. Cowgill (all Canary classes), and Jas. Maddison (all Mule and British bird classes). The secretary then gave an outline of an effort to form a Northern Federation of cage bird societies, in order to encourage friendly inter-club competition at each other's open shows. The secretary having visited several of the other societies in the district who had reported favourably on the scheme, it was decided that we join in the endeavour to get it into working order before the coming show season opens, providing other societies in the district also join in time for this season, in order to make it a success. Rules and prizes for competition are to be settled later by a representative committee composed of members from each society joining. It was decided to hold our half-yearly club show on July 11th, when about 12 classes, Canaries and Mules (to be nest feather) and British birds (any age) will be staged. Judging will commence at two o'clock.—E. BRUNSKILL.

GATESHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At the last meeting letters were read from Messrs. Crawhall and Lythgoe, and, after discussion on the addition to the C.B.U. rules, it was carried that the addition be agreed to. A deal of discussion took place over the addition of two novices classes in the British bird section of open show schedules, it being found to be very difficult to put them on. A resolution was carried that we add Novice Linnet and Novice A.O.S. Finch or Bunting. It was agreed to leave the appointment of stewards for first feather show over till next meeting, June 10th. Mr. Shafton Robson has very kindly given 5s. 6d. special for best bird exhibited by a novice, never having previously won a card at F.F. show. Entries for F.F. show will be taken at next meeting, and up to 20th.—THOS. TAYLOR, Hon. Secretary.

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held on May 28th at Station Hotel, Wallsend, Mr. William Ronald in the chair. There was a good muster of members. Mr. Ronald very feelingly referred to the demise of one of our members, Mr. William Richardson, which had occurred since last we met. A vote of condolence and sympathy was passed for the widow and son. A motion was put forward to allow members or friends admission to the nest feather show during judging by paying threepence, but an amendment that we refuse admission to everybody during judging (with the exception of officials) was carried. The schedule for annual show was then gone into, which was soon got over; last year's schedule was repeated, with the exception that we have added a class for unflighted hens in the Norwich section, and a 7s. 6d. selling class in the selling section. It was also carried that the secretary apply for the patronage of several specialist clubs. The meeting then closed.—JAS. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 28th at the Black Horse Hotel, Lowesmoor, Mr. W. Morgan in the chair. Lord Hindlip was elected president, and E. A. Golding, Esq, M.P. for Worcester, vice-president of our society. It was arranged to hold first feather show on Thursday, July 9th, when E. G. Hughes, Esq., has kindly consented to judge four classes for Canaries, and four classes for British birds, all classes being open. As our society is about to affiliate with the C.B.U., and has engaged one of the finest rooms in Worcester, our open show, fixed for November 19th, promises to be one of the best in the Midlands. We have already nine classes guaranteed, also eight specials promised up to the present, and we fully expect to get the whole of our classification guaranteed. To anyone desiring to become a member, I shall be pleased to send all particulars. A hearty vote of thanks to our worthy chairman and friend, W. D. Johnson, Esq. (of Malvern), for valuable hints received, brought another happy evening to a close.—A. E. BISHOP, Hon. Sec.

MACCLESFIELD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Discussion on the Norwich Plainhead.

A pleasant evening was spent in Daybrook-street School on May 28th. After the usual business, Mr. Chas. Oliver (treasurer) opened the discussion agreed on at our last meeting with regard to the Norwich Plainhead. Mr. Oliver said his main point was in regard to running perches, which, to his idea, were an abomination. They would notice, for instance, that some of their birds in particular, when they were on the top perches had a habit of letting their excreta drop time after time directly over the running perch below, with the result that the excreta accumulated. Again, many birds would be found to roost at night time on running perches, some of them perhaps behind the seed box, but most of them more often than not against the water pot. Whether the birds could see more there or not he could not say, but tho point was that there was bound to be a considerable amount of dampness arising from the water. Hence wheezing often arose in one's birds. Another point in connection with running perches was that many a young bird was spoilt because of them. They roosted on them and crouched there in a huddled heap, with their heads under their wings, and their tails doubled under. While such a bird was roosting it was bound to be growing, but it could not grow in the right manner. How, if necessary, could they expect such a bird to have nice wings and good tail carriage—the very things which went to make up smartness in their birds? No matter how good the bird they had bred was, if it had what was commonly called a hinged tail, under the best judges of the day it would be put down. Questions arising out of Mr. Oliver's remarks, and otherwise relating to the breeding and management of Norwich Canaries, were thrown right and left, and members seemed to gain more knowledge by this method than by means of an ordinary lecture. Mr. F. Broadhurst (secretary) proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and Mr. Oliver; this, on being seconded by Mr. W. Lee, and responded to by those gentlemen, brought a most interesting evening to a close.—H. WALLWORTH, Assistant-Secretary.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

Dates inserted free of charge.

[The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.]

June 6.—Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.
June 6.—Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.
June 13.—Great Horton O.S.
June 13.—Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.F.S.
June 17.—Torbay O.S. (Paignton).
June 18.—Stockport B.F.A.
June 20.—Burnley and Dist. C.B.S.
June 20.—Wakefield O.S.
June 20.—West Bromwich and Wolverhampton Societies (combined).
June 20.—Tong and Dist. C.B.S.
June 20.—Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.
June 20.—Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.
June 20.—Southport C.B.S.
June 20.—Harrogate C.B.S.
June 25.—Metropolitan C.B.A.
June 27, London and Counties O.A.
June 27.—Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.
June 27.—Pendleton and Salford.
June 27.—Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.
June 27.—Otley and Dist. O.S.
June 27.—Rotherham C.B.S.
June 27.—Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.
July 1.—Battersea and Dist. C.B.A.
July 4.—West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.
July 4.—Admiral Duncan O.S.
July 4.—Admiral Duncan (Nottingham) O.S.
July 9.—Worcester and Dist. C.B.S.
July 11.—Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S.
July 11.—Middleton O.S.
July 11.—Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.
July 11.—Exeter.
July 11.—Preston O.S.
July 11.—Altrincham C.B.S.
July 11.—Macclesfield and Dist. C.B.S.
July 15.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.
July 18.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
July 18.—Perth and Dist. C.B.S.
July 18.—Harrogate C.B.S.
July 25.—Crook Original C.B.S.
July 25.—Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.

THE SHOWS.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

The first of this season's Nest Feather Shows was held at Boro. Arms, Plymouth, on May 27. Competition was for Members' Nest Feather Challenge Cups, which are held for the ensuing year by member making most points in each section, viz.:—Yorkshire, Norwich, Crest and Crestbred, A.O.V. of Canary, Mule, and British and Foreign birds, at the three nest feather shows held in May, June, and July of each year. Close on 100 birds were staged, the Norwich Canaries taking the lead with 26 entries in two classes. Crest and Crest-bred and Yorkshire Canaries were less than last year, but the British were well in advance. Mr. R. B. Tope acted as judge and his awards were well received.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Harries; 2, and 3, Olver; 4, Dyer; all birds good in style and shape; the 2nd prize bird being preferred by some. BUFF: 1, Olver, good win; 2, and 3, Dyer, very promising; 4, Harries. NOR. YELL.:1, Spillman, grand substance, an easy win; 2, Snell, real topper, but it seemed to be the general opinion that it was a Buff; 3, Ruse, good size; 4, Garland. BUFF: 1, 3, Yates, winner of good shape; 3, stout, well-coloured exhibit; 2, Spillman, saddle marked, will be heard of again; 4, Snell. CREST: 1, 2, Richards, fine size, winner excels in shape of crest; 3, Haskell; 4, Ryder. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Ryder, very promising; 2, some preferred to win; 3, Richards; 4, Parsons. CINNAMON: 1, 2, Pope; winner, good yellow. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Large, Goldfinch, in splendid trim; 2, Harries, another good Goldy; 3, 4, Wills. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 4, Fridhon, Linnets, former noted winner in Devonshire; 2, Wills, good coloured bird; 3, Snell, nice Twite. A.O.S. SEED-EATER: 1, 2, 3, 4, Snell, good team, Chaffinch leading, followed by Yellow Bunting. INSECTIV. BRIT.: 1, Snell, nice Wheatear; 2, Pridhon, grand Swallow. FOR.: 1, Snell, fine Scarlet Tanager; 2, Rose, nice Siberian Gildfinch.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful meeting and table show for British birds were held at headquarters on May 28th, Mr. H. P. Staig in the chair. Mr. Joe Robinson officiated as judge, and placed the birds to the satisfaction of all. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, and spl best bird in show, Rennison, Bullfinch, nice cap and good colour, well staged; 2, 3, Thain, 2nd Goldfinch, nice bars and buttons; 3rd Goldfinch; vhc, c, Forster; hc, Straughan. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, vhc, Rennison, 1st Bramble, good colour and markings; 2, Staig, Bramble, little larger than winner, but fails in colour. LINNET, GREY: 1, Rennison, good nutty colour, easy win; 2, Baxter, shade smaller; 3, Staig, field-moulted. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Rennison, Redpoll, nice bib and size, wins; 2, Thain, Redpoll, smaller, this being the only fault; 3, Baxter, nice bib, fine size. Most points throughout show were as follows: R. F. Rennison, 39; W. Thain, 16; and Baxter and Staig tie for 3rd place, 10 each. Members are requested to attend next meeting.—R. F. RENNISON, Sec.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

At our monthly meeting and table show, held on May 20th, Mr. McKenzie occupied the chair. Mr Sheppard judged, and gave every satisfaction. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Maddison; 3, Irving. LINNET: 1, 2, Maddison; 3, Taylor. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Slack; 2, Maddison; 3, Taylor. Mr. McKenzie gave a nice framed picture for best bird, which was won by Mr. Maddison. Mr. G. Taylor also gave ½-stone Spanish seed for second best, which prize was won by Mr. Slack. While judging was going on the business of the club was done. It was decided to have two more classes for the show at our next meeting on June 17th—one for Goldfinch or Bullfinch, and one for Chaffinch or Bramblefinch. Mr. Slack will judge. We also enrolled three new members, this bringing the membership up to about 50. We hope there are more to follow. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Sheppard for judging, and to Mr. McKenzie for presiding over the meeting, brought a most enjoyable occasion to a close.—J. R. SLACK, Hon. Secretary.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

The first table show of young birds of the present season was held at Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger-street, Newcastle, on May 27th. Though early in the season, eleven birds turned up in the two classes, and some excellent quality was on view. Mr. Ellwood's winning clear looked like making a very good bird, while Mr. Eaton's wing-marked, winner in class 2, gives promise of making into a good bird, especially if it should turn out a hen. There was a good attendance of members and friends; we were specially pleased to see our old friend Mr. Thompson present from South Shields, and we hope that at our next show he will have some birds old enough to bring up. He has promised to guarantee a novice Yorkshire class at Shields Show. I have also heard from our president, Mr. Cuthbertson, that he will guarantee a novice class, so that novices should buck up and get some good birds, as this makes six classes for novices competition at northern shows. The following new members were admitted, previous to show: Messrs. J. E. Atkinson (Low Fell) and S. Eaton (Gosforth). Mr. J. Shepherd judged, and gave every satisfaction. CLEARS: 1, 2, Ellwood; 3, hc, Davison; vhc, Eaton; c, Harrison. TICKED, ETC.: 1, 3, Eaton; 2, Ellwood. Members please note next date, June 17th, when we join with the Northern British B. and M.C., the two dates coinciding. Mr. Crawhall will judge. Mr. Shepherd has promised to judge our first feather show in August.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contests for quality singing held at King's Head, Shannon-street. On May 30th 28 birds sang. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Biss. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Clarke. Timekeeper, Mr. A. Nicholson. On May 31st 40 birds sang in heats. 1st, Biss; 2nd, Summers; 3rd, Crowther; 4th, Hardcastle. Judges, Messrs. Cooper and Crane. Timekeeper, Mr. B. Mawson.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON.

Linnet Singing Contest held at the Alexandra Inn, Scotland Road, 1 and 5, Fairhurst; 2, Stathern; 3, Houghton; and 4, Boydell. Judges, Messrs. T. Crawford and W. Wilcock. A grand open contest will be held on June 13, for time singing, commence 2.30.—J. W. Mather, sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest, held at the Crown Inn, North Street, on May 23rd, when 16 birds faced the judge, Mr. Perry. Result: 1, Firth; 2, Lambert; 3, Oxberry; 4, Watson; Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper. On May 30 14 birds competed. Result: 1, Lee; 2, Grainger; 3, Watson; 4, Firth. Judge, Mr. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. Smith, sec.

Usual weekly contest, held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, on May 30, when 20 birds faced the judge. Mr. Paver, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Result: 1, Chaplin; 2, Harrison; 3, Allan; 4, Key; 5, Shoddy Foster. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert.—W. Empson.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contests held at Prince Albert Inn. On May 30th 20 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and A. Jennings. Result: 1st, Simmons; 2nd, Sellers; 3rd, Wood. On May 31st 29 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. Allen and Jackson. Result: 1st, Lorriman; 2nd, Bryan; 3rd, Sissons; and 4th, Atkinson.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

PENTONVILLE.

Usual contests took place during the week at the Bee Hive, Cynthia Street, Pentonville Road. Linnet and Chaffinch Handicaps, winners: Hughes, Meacock, Body, and Scott. Linnet Handicap, June 2, 1 o'clock sharp; Chaffinches, 8.30.—F. Westmore, Timekeeper.

SHEFFIELD.

Usual weekly contest held at Don Inn, Dunlop Street, Carbrook, when 21 birds competed. The bird that took first prize was bought from Mr. Clark, of Leeds. Winners:—1, Williamson, 75; 2, Baker, 69; 3, Robinson, 65.—Brown, sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

The "Dray Cart" Linnet Club held Members' first monthly contest at Club Headquarters, Dray Cart Inn, Frances Street, on May 30, when 30 birds competed. 1st (brass kettle), and 3rd (briar pipe), Hills; 2nd (gold-centred medal), Richardson. Judges Messrs. T. Chambers and R. Walker, assisted by Mr. G. Hills. Timekeepers, Messrs. T. Wilkinson, and A. Dixon. Any fancier within the 4-miles radius wishing to become a member is cordially invited to do so.—A. Dixon, sec.

WIGAN.

The Wigan L.C. held their first open singing match on May 30th, when 45 birds competed for 10 valuable prizes. Some good birds came from Preston, Wigan, Blackburn, Leigh, Warrington, and Westhoughton. Judges for quality were Messrs. Jump, Jones, and Topping; and the judges for time, Messrs. O'Neil and Evans. Timekeeper, Mr. Bibby. Prize winners for quality: 1st, Heaps; 2nd, Barnes; 3rd and 4th, Rostron; 5th, Bentley. For time: 1st and 4th, Jones; 2nd, Evans; 3rd, Green; 5th, Wardle.—A. PARKER, Sec.

The Whitethroat's Nest.

A favourite sight for the flimsy home of the Greater Whitethroat is among the nettles and rank herbage by the side of the hedgerow, often within a few feet of the footpath; and so cunningly is it hidden, that unless the parent birds are detected going to or from the nest, they generally manage to rear the brood. While incubating, the hen bird slips off so quietly that one may be pardoned for thinking a field mouse had rustled the tall grass.

The Home of the Wren.

Few birds build such neat little homes as the Wren, and few use so many different materials in their construction. This season the following have come under observation. One under an old lodge composed entirely of grass and straw; another in the ivy of green moss; a third of dry grass stems in an old hay stack; and a fourth of dead leaves built against the trunk of a large beach tree. The colour and materials of which each was composed blended closely with the surroundings.

Concerning Cuckoos.

Cuckoos are widely distributed, and those of Southern Africa have the same propensity for occasionally depositing eggs closely resembling in colour the eggs of the birds they intend to be foster parents to their young, as the Cuckoos of this country have, and it is equally uncertain if one bird is able to deposit eggs varying in colour, or if all her eggs are uniform. It has also been proved that the bird must first deposit the egg upon the ground, for in many cases the egg has been found in a nesting hole much too small for the Cuckoo to enter.

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FANCIERS FESTIVITIES.

Swansea and District C.B.S. Supper and Concert.

A grand supper and concert took place on May 28th at the Market Restaurant, Oxford Street. About 50 sat at the table and were well looked after by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Curran. Supper commenced at about 8.30, and was so unmistakably a success that a repetition was proposed at the first convenient opportunity. Letters of regret at being absent were received from Mr. J. B. Evans (Sketty), and Mr. R. W. Jones (Gersemon). Supper over, all adjourned to the concert room, where a most enjoyable musical evening was spent. Mr. J. H. Ford (chairman) opened the programme with an appropriate speech, afterwards calling upon Mr. Griff. Charles for a song. Mr. Charles obliged with "The Old Soldier" in a very creditable manner, as he did on two other occasions—a song in the Somerset brogue and "The Beautiful Picture." Mr. Larry Warner, the well-known Swansea coon singer, next obliged with "Put Your Troubles on the Shelf," "Oysters," and lastly a very comic impersonation of "Navaho," entitled, "Starve Her, Joe." At this stage Mr. Phil. Jenkins made a speech, and remarked on the efficient services of both secretaries, Messrs. Alf. and Thos. Hitchings. He presented each with a handsome gold watch-chain seal. The Bros. Hitchings suitably responded. Mr. W. Hammacott then obliged with a well-sung "He didn't have a Look at them at all," and again with "In the Smoke" and "The Old Bull and Bush." The programme having been completed, Mr. Rd. Mugford was elected a member. A vote of thanks was afterwards accorded Mr. and Mrs. Curran and another to the entertainers. Mr. Willie Thomas very ably accompanied, and Messrs. Donnell and Saunders' gramophone selections were much appreciated. The evening closed with the singing of "God Save the King," and was a great success, reflecting credit on all members of the society.—ALF. HITCHINGS, sec.

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D. B.—D. Brown	H. N.—H. Norman
G.B.—G. Browning	J. N.—J. North
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Members and Friends of the Grimsby and District O.S. at the Annual Outing.

OUTINGS.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

The first ramble took place on May 17th. The party, numbering 21, left Grimsby by brake for Croxby Pond (the beautiful grounds of Lord Yarborough, who had kindly given the necessary permission). The weather was all that could be desired, and a very enjoyable day was spent. After a pleasant drive lasting nearly two hours, the destination was reached, when the party proceeded to investigate the woods and ponds, to ascertain what progress the wild birds were making with their breeding operations. The tree-climbing party were much in evidence, some very high trees being examined, with good results; bark was knocked off both the trees, and the climbers. Various kinds of nests and eggs were discovered, including a "Coot's" containing eggs, which nest was photographed by Mr. Kilvington, but no young birds were discovered, with the one exception of a Wild Duck, in a nest, and this, curiously enough, in a fork of a tree seven feet from the ground—a most unlikely place. It had met an untimely end. Tea was prepared and served by Mrs. Moore, and full justice was done to it, the whole party playing the part of the "stowaways." After tea we were photographed. We arrived home at about 9 p.m., all expressing a desire to have another ramble at an early date.—MOORE and CROWSTON, Hon. Secs.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

On May 30th a ramble took place to Kingsweston and district. The party, numbering 14, were taken through the woods of Mr. P. Napier Miles (by kind permission of Ivor Forestier-Walker, Esq.), our guide being Mr. Taylor, head gardener. Needless to say, there was plenty of material for ornithologists to work upon. Nests of the following birds were found, viz., Jenny Wren, Whitethroat, Sedge Warbler, Greenfinch, Thrush, Blackbird, and Wood Pigeon. Great interest was evinced throughout, and when the woods were left we were taken through the gardens and greenhouses, where some fine fruit was on show. I repeat "on show," as the grapes, at any rate, were sour. After leaving the gardens, hockey was indulged in, one of the members showing in fine form. A thunderstorm soon made the members look for shelter, and a dash was made for Mr. Saunders' hotel at Lawrence Weston. Here a meat tea was provided, and justice having been done to same, songs were rendered by Messrs. Clark, Howard, Martin, Cooper, Saunders, and others. In a neat speech Mr. Trubody moved a vote of thanks to those responsible for the day's enjoyment, and the secretary supported same. Mr. C. E. Brown suitably replied, as also did Mr. Taylor. Unfortunately, the rain did not cease, and this necessitated a brisk walk for two miles, Bristol being reached just after 10 o'clock. Excepting for the rain a most enjoyable time was spent.—W. H. MANLEY, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION.

A ramble, arranged during the past week by several of our members as a preliminary to the official outing, took place on May 30th, and was participated in by a good number of members. We left Sunderland by the 1.5 train, amidst a terrific rainstorm. On reaching our destination, Hexham, about 32 miles from home, we were much gratified to find the weather all that could be desired. The usual bird nesting operations soon began. Under the guidance of Messrs. W. F. Swan and J. Riseborough, we proceeded to the Swallowship Woods. The first lane we entered was bordered on one side by a well-wooded dene, and here we were greeted by a perfect melody of song. Several Thrushes and Blackbirds were to be seen, perched on trees, giving full rein to their vocal powers. Further up the lane, we noticed one of the finest cock Chaffinches it has ever been our lot to see. Its beauty made several of our British bird men look with longing eyes upon him, one fancier remarking that here was the "Cock o' the North." Entering another lane we proceeded to search for nests, and soon found one containing a Thrush sitting on four eggs. About ten yards away we found a Blackbird's nest containing five eggs, and, proceeding up the lane, many more were found, principally those of Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Hedge Accentors, most of them containing eggs. No doubt these were the second clutches of the season. Continuing, we came upon a Cole Tit's nest, which one of our party accidentally pulled in two owing to a slip down the bank at the foot of the hedge. The nest contained five young ones nearly ready to leave it, and, replacing the nest in the best manner possible (a difficult thing with these), we returned the young ones, the old birds during the whole time creating a creditable amount of noise considering their size. A few yards further on another Cole Tit's nest was found, also containing young, but this one was not interfered with. We very soon found innumerable other nests of Blackbirds, Thrushes, Chaffinches, and Greenfinches, a Robin's, and several Hedge Accentors' homes. Just before reaching the Woods, we saw a very fine specimen of the Missel Thrush, perched on a tree, and not far away a Whitethroat was seen on a telegraph wire. We entered the Woods, where, of course, nests are not so plentiful as in the more open places, but what was lacking in nests was amply made up for in the way of insects, and one of our members, Mr. Allison Elliot, who is a keen naturalist as well as a British bird fancier, entertained the party with some very interesting accounts of the habits, etc., of some of these insects. We also came upon a fine colony of ants. We then made back for the town, but in another direction, and bird nesting was resumed. Numerous nests of different species of birds were found. Arriving at the town we proceeded to satisfy the inner man. After this we again sallied forth into the town, our intention being to call upon that well-known British bird fancier, Mr. Welch, of Hexham. As the evening was getting on, however, we decided to postpone our visit. Sauntering through the town we inspected Hexham Abbey, and other places of interest, and then made our way to the riverside, taking the road towards Corbridge, the beautiful scenery of the upper reaches of the Tyne being very much admired. En route, several of the younger members of our party could not resist the temptation of searching the bushes and hedges, and many more nests were found before we finally retraced our steps to the town, and from thence to the station, and thus home, after having spent one of the most enjoyable days we have ever had. The outing was voted on all hands a huge success, which promises well for our official ramble. —W. REID, Joint Secretary.

PRESTON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The first ramble took place on May 24th. Taking train from Preston at 9.50 the party, numbering 15, journeyed to Longridge, justly celebrated for its stone quarries. Having passed through the quaint little town, the field roads were taken to Thornby, where an exciting hunt after a weazel and its family enlivened the walk! Here a pair of Mallards and numerous Snipe were flushed, but no nests were found. As might be expected the nests of the Thrush and Ouzel were most abundant in the districts covered by the ramble, there being 23 of the former and 19 of the latter—some with eggs and many with young. The next most abundant species was the Greenfinch. Others included the hen Meadow Pipit, Willow Warbler, Hedge Sparrow, Missel Thrush, Robin, Pied Wagtail, Moorhen, Green Woodpecker, Wren, Chaffinch, Dipper, Sandpiper, Starling, and House Sparrow. Many birds whose nests were not found were both seen and heard, the most notable being the Nuthatch, which species in this part of the country is very scarce. Others were the Whinchat, Wood Warbler, Chiffchaff, Blue, Coal, Marsh and Great Tits, Tree-creeper, Yellow and Grey Wagtails, Spotted Flycatcher, Swallow, Martin, Sand Martin, Swift, Linnet, Lesser Redpoll, Bullfinch, Reed and Yellow Buntings, Magpie, Rook, Jays, Skylarks, Kingfisher, Cuckoo, Ringdove, Pheasant and Partridge, Red Grouse, Landrail, Lapwing, Curlew, and a Black-headed Gull—a pretty fair list for one day's ramble. Leaving Thornby we went by field-paths to Chipping, where a halt was called for lunch. Greatly refreshed, the ramblers again took to the field, where the necessary arrangements having been made, the secretary took a photograph of the party. Then the ascent of Parlick Pike was commenced. Though not very high, it occasioned a rather stiff climb, and particularly in rainy weather, as on this occasion. Fred. Issott's remarks were certainly picturesque, whatever else they were! After resting a short time on the summit, the descent was made to Bailey Hey, where we had some refreshments. Then the beautiful valley of the Rim Brook was reached, and the stream which winds its way through wood and field, always delightful, was followed down to the station. On the way a small party which had become detached from the rest had the good fortune to catch sight of a fine pair of red deer; these are seldom seen in this neighbourhood. The latter part of the walk was shorn of a deal of its interest by the rain, and by our having to hurry in order to catch the train. Preston was reached at 8.30, the ramblers all agreeing that although the walk was a rather long one—over 20 miles—it had been most enjoyable and interesting.—W. HY. HEATHCOTE, Secretary.

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The Art of Cage-making.

By A. W. CURTIS.

(*Continued from page 439*).

Before starting to make a cage it will be necessary for readers to make sure of getting a suitable wood with which to make their cages. Fanciers in London will have no difficulty in getting almost any kind of wood cut into boards of various thicknesses and planed up ready for use. Residents in country districts are not so fortunate, and in consequence are obliged to send away for their material; fanciers having to do this, will not find it so difficult nowadays, as they may, by looking through the advertisement columns of CAGE BIRDS, find a number of firms willing to supply almost everything requisite for making cages.

What Kind of Wood to Use.

The kind of wood I use and recommend as most suitable for cages is that known as yellow pine. It is nice and soft, and therefore easy to plane, and if good quality stuff, is pretty free from large knots and shakes, and does not warp so much as yellow deal.

Another suitable wood is that known as American white-wood. This can be had in the rough state, i.e., as left by the saw, and also ready prepared. It can be had of any thickness and of all widths, and is very handy for cage backs, as it can be procured wide enough to make jointing-up unnecessary—this being at all times preferable, either for large or small cages.

Yet another wood, known in the trade as three-ply, makes good backs for cages. This is made by glueing together three layers of wood, each about 1-16th. in. in thickness. The grain of the centre layer runs at right angles, or across the two outer layers, the whole making a board about 3-16ths in. thick. This manufactured article is very strong, considering the substance, and makes excellent cage backs seeing that it does away with the necessity for jointing.

Making a Box-cage.

I would advise the novice just starting to make cages to try his hand first on a small box-cage, such as the one shown in Fig. 37. This will be found a very handy-sized cage for a single bird, such as a Canary, Linnet, Goldfinch, etc., and will be found large enough to moult Canaries in. As figured on sketch, readers will note that the inside measurements are given as: Height, 12 ins.; length, 13 ins.; and depth, from back to front, 8¾ ins. A 12 in. by 9 in. removable wire front will suit a cage made to the sizes given.

It will require for the top and bottom two pieces of board, 14⅛ ins. long by 9ins. wide by ⅜ in. thick. For the ends, two pieces of board 12 ins. long by 8¾ ins. wide by ⅜ in. thick. For the sand tray or drawer-board, one piece of board 12¾ ins. long by 8¾ ins. (full) wide by ⅜ in. thick; also one piece (for the front of sand tray) 13 ins. long by ¾ in. wide by ⅜ in. thick. In addition to these, have enough ½ in. by ⅜ in. to go round on the top of sand tray. For the front rail get one piece 13 ins. long by 1⅜ ins. wide by ⅜ in. thick.

Readers will note that I have given 12¾ ins. for length of sand tray; this is for the purpose of allowing ⅛ of an inch liberty at each end of tray so that it can be more easily withdrawn. The piece on the front of tray, if made 13 ins. long and allowed to run past each end ⅛ of an inch, will keep the tray an equal distance from each end, and at the same time fill up the full length of the opening at front of the cage.

For the back, the cage-box will require a piece of board 14⅛ ins. long by 12⅝ ins. wide, by ⅜ in. thick. I would advise readers not to put a rail under front edge of the cage top as it is impossible to see what's going on behind it during the warm weather when the mites are about.

Some Minor but Important Details.

I favour the sand tray (or, as some call it, the drawer-board) for sanitary reasons, as from experience I know it is more convenient to be able to remove the board when it is soiled and wash it, than to wash out the bottom of the cage, especially during the breeding season, when one is unable to remove the birds from their cages even for a short time, for fear of upsetting them.

Readers may think I have advised the use of rather thick wood, viz., ⅜ in., but they must bear in mind that when ordering ⅜ in. prepared boards, it will not be more than 5-16ths, and if bought in the rough state it will require to be planed up on both sides, and by the time this has been done, the board will not be more than 5-16ths of an inch thick.

The rod intended for a cage the length of one described, will require to be 14⅛ ins. long. Put a mark across it ¼ in. from each end; then from each of those two marks measure 5-16ths of an inch (this being the thickness of cage ends), and square across as before.

The shorter rod should be 12 ins. in length, to be the height of cage ends. This should have a mark squared across it ¾ of an inch from one end only; then measure 1¾ ins. from the first mark and square across. To the ¾ in. mark will be the height of sand-tray front; and from the ¾ in. to the 1¾ ins. is the height of the front rail.

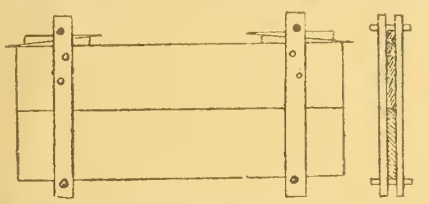

Fig. 38.—Cage back clamped up.
Fig. 39.—End view of cage back in clamps.

When setting out a rod it is best to use the point of a penknife to mark with, as knife marks will not get rubbed off. In the case of those not accustomed to using a rule, it would be an advantage for them to have also a rod for the width of cage back, and one for the length of sand-tray. The former rod will have to be 12⅝ ins. long—this being the height of cage over all. The sand-tray rod should be 12¾ ins. long.

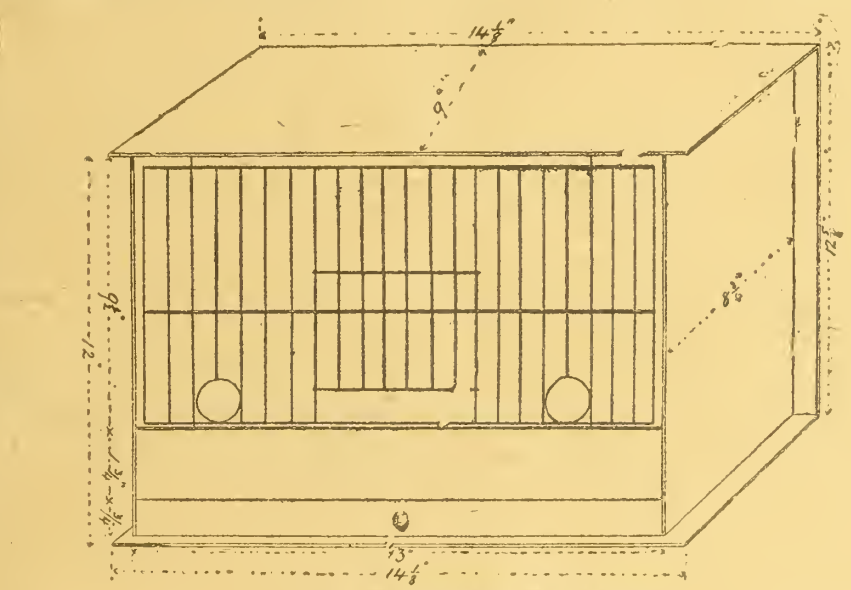

Fig. 37. Box Cage for Single Bird.

By Fig. 37 readers will observe that I have allowed the top and bottom to be wide enough to project ¼ of an inch in front of the ends; the top and bottom also run beyond ends ¼ of an inch. The back, too, is intended to run past the ends ¼ of an inch, this being a much stronger way than that of putting the back inside the ends and the top and bottom, as the nails or screws are not so near the ends of boards, and not, therefore, so likely to split the wood as when the top and bottom finish flush with the ends. The back of the box-cage should be screwed or nailed (screwed in preference) on the outside and not fitted inside, as I have heard it advised. The former is much the easier way, especially for the novice; it is also much the quicker and stronger way.

If backs are let in and your material is not properly seasoned, i.e., dry, you will not have long to wait before a shrinkage occurs in the width of your stuff, which means a space between the underside of top and the top edge of the cage back. This, of course, means fine breeding quarters for red mite—a very unwelcome guest for any fancier to have to entertain. Again, a back screwed or nailed on the outside cannot cast or warp so much, as none of the screws or nails would in that case have been put in endways of the grain.

The Value and Use of Rods.

Before cutting up a board into short lengths, it is always best to cut off first two rods, one to the length of top, bottom, and back of cage, and the other to the height of ends. Almost any waste pieces of stuff will answer the purpose, such as a ripping off the edge of a board.

Now if a little care is exercised in the setting out of rods referred to, it will be the means of saving a lot of time, and probably of preventing a waste of material. For instance, when marking out your boards ready for cutting off, the rods can be used instead of measuring off every length with the rule.

Cutting the Component Parts of the Cage.

To make the cage to figured dimensions one will require an 8-ft. length of 9 ins. by ⅜ in. board; but I would advise getting a 10-ft. or 12-ft. length, as the raw recruit may have the misfortune to spoil one or two pieces when first attempting the making of a cage.

Having procured your board, mark one end of it by putting a square mark across it about 1 in. from the end, and cut off the 1-in. piece. Then lay on your longest rod, keeping it flush with end just squared. Make a pencil-mark at the other end of rod and use your square when making mark across. Slide your square along ⅛ of an inch and then make another mark. The ⅛ of an inch between the two lines is to allow for the saw-cut and shooting. Now move your rod along until the end is level with last mark made, and then mark at the other end of the rod, allowing ⅛ of an inch as before.

You will then require to cut off your pieces the length of the longest rods, one being for the top, one for the bottom, and two with which to make the back and rails.

Next lay on your short rod and mark off two pieces for the ends. Then cut off a piece to the length of sand-tray rod. If your stuff is not already prepared, the next thing is to plane it up on both sides, and shoot the edges and ends of top and bottom.

To allow the front edges of the top and bottom to overhang the ends, it will be necessary to reduce the ends to 8¾ ins. wide. To do this, first run a gauge line ¼ of an inch on the flat, and rip off to gauge line; shoot the edge just sawn, and your end is ready. You will now want to rip a board down for the cage back. As your board is only 9 ins. wide (and for your cage-back you require 12⅝ ins., you will want a piece of board 3⅝ ins. wide to joint on to the 9-in. board. It will be as well to rip this piece off 3¾ ins.; this will give you an ⅛ of an inch to play with, when shooting the joint, etc.

Making Cage-backs.

Fig. 27 shows position of plane when shooting an edge ready for jointing. The two pieces to form a back will have to be glued together. To make a good job of this, it is best when jointing up backs for long cages to have two pairs of clamps (see Fig. 38). These can be easily made out of four pieces of ⅜ in. by 1½ ins., and if made about 24 ins. long, will take any cage-back up to 20 ins. wide. All that is required is to bore with the ⅝-in. centre bit holes to suit the widths of your cage-backs, allowing about 1 in. liberty for folding wedges. Plane up a piece of wood about 14 ins. long, to make four pieces 3½ ins. long to fit your ⅝-in. holes. Cut two pairs of wedges as shown, and you will not have much difficulty in holding your cage-back together while the glue is drying. For the back of a small cage, such as the one we are on now, one of the clamps will be sufficient to hold it together. Fig. 39 shows a cage-back wedged in clamps.

(*To be continued*).

At Dawn of Day.

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I had sixteen letters in reply to my last advertisement, writes Mr. J. Greatrex (Rugby), thanks to your valuable paper.

A Robin's nest is reported to have been built in a hole in the wall of a saw-mill at Wigton, close to where the machinery is in motion.

We are asked by Mr. F. H. Chafer, sec. of the Doncaster show, to call attention to the fact that the last day for receiving entries is Wednesday next, June 10th.

The best guide in the world for amateurs is CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. Quinn (Donnybrook). A breeder for six years, I have never missed a copy. Bird-keeping is a grand hobby.

Kindly note that I have changed my address from 97, Ripponden Road, to 9, Greenacres Road, Oldham, writes Mr. A. Ackroyd, of Messrs. Ackroyd and Wild, Cage Bird Supply Stores.

The judges elected for our open show to be held on November 6th and 7th, writes Mr. J. W. Marsden, hon. sec. of the Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S., are Messrs. A. Wellings, J. Walsh, and T. W. Walton.

On Whit Monday the members of the Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S. will, Mr. G. Atkinson, the sec., informs us, meet at Wear's Cafe, at 1 o'clock, for a ramble on Col. Chaloner's estate, when friends will be welcomed.

The members of the Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S. will travel by the 2.25 p.m. train, writes Mr. F. Howes, the hon. sec., to Albrighton (Great Western Railway), on June 8th, for their country ramble, when I hope a good muster will turn up.

The committee of the Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Simon, the hon. sec., have changed the date of the society's open show from November 24th to January 5th, owing to the fact that the Cardiff show is to be held on November 25th and 26th.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to the Whitsuntide Holidays, the office of "Cage Birds" will be closed from Saturday to Monday next, inclusive.

Will Advertisers and Correspondents generally kindly note that all matter intended for next week's issue should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday, June 9th.

We are holding two first feather shows this year, writes Mr. Geo. Hy. Barnwell, secretary of the Harrogate C.B.S.—one on June 20th, when the judge will be Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford), and the other on July 18th, when Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton), will judge.

We hear from Mr. C. Irvine, secretary of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.S., that a ramble to Eglinton Policies is to take place on Saturday, June 6th, when members of the society will meet at Newton station at 2 o'clock. Friends and fanciers are invited.

The members of the cage bird section of the Walthamstow Fanciers' Association are cordially invited to join a combined outing on Saturday next, June 6th, to Epping Forest, writes Mr. Albert B. Forse, the hon. sec. Full particulars are given in this issue by the sec. of the Leyton C.B.A.

We recently heard of a valuable Canary being killed by a stray cat getting through a ventilator of a bird-room during the night. Every one should see that all openings into bird-rooms are made too small for these pests to find an entrance, or protected in some effective manner.

I am pleased to say I have now nearly recovered after a long illness, arising from an operation on account of appendicitis, writes Mr. J. C. Hayes, hon. sec. of the Rotherham C.B.S. I was under for sixteen weeks. I can now, therefore, attend to all correspondence in connection with the society.

Through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. P. Morris (Ryde, Isle of Wight). I sold from March to April £63 worth of birds. This speaks volumes for your paper as an advertising medium. I have in my possession a white Starling which was caught near Ryde, where another was caught last year.

We have decided to hold our annual open show, writes Mr. J. C. Hayes, hon. sec. of the Rotherham C.B.S., on November 20th and 21st, the gentlemen elected to judge at same being Messrs. W. Vardy and W. H. Shackleton. The show will be held under Cage Bird Union rules. Our Nest Feather show will be held in the St. George's Hall, on June 27th, when our old friend, Mr. Webster, will judge.

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Mr. T. Pope, hon. sec. Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth), writes: We have accepted with regret Mr. G. E. Weston's resignation of the post of judge at our annual show (owing to inability to leave London in mid-week), and have now engaged Mr. H. Norman for the Hybird, British and Foreign Bird sections.

We are not members of the Cage Bird Union and are going to run our society without their "advantages," writes Mr. E. Brunskill, hon. sec. of the Darlington C.B.S. Had they not passed the resolution re the granting of licenses, of course we should have probably applied for a license as in previous years. Our judges are: for Canaries, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford), and for Mules and British birds, Mr. Jas. Maddison (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For the fifteenth year in succession, a pair of Tom-tits have built a nest in a letter-box at Uttoxeter Workhouse. The birds take no notice of the letters dropped into their nesting-place, but their domestic operations are prevented from interruption as much as possible by orders from the master. The male bird hops into the box through the slit provided for letters to take food to his companion, who, it is stated, is sitting on 14 eggs.

OBITUARY.

Mr. M. H. ROBINSON (Bradford).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. F. Western, sec. of the Manningham C.B.A., that I have to announce the death of one of our oldest members, Mr. M. H. Robinson, of 43, Mortimer Street, Four Lane Ends, Bradford, who passed away on May 30th. He met with an accident about five months since while following his employment, and four weeks ago his leg had to be amputated, and it is this which has been the cause of his death. He was one of the founders of our society, and it was only four years ago that he resigned the secretaryship. He was well respected by all with whom he came into contact. He always had a pleasant word for everybody, and in him we have lost one of the best of our workers. I write on behalf of the members, all of whom have expressed their deepest sympathy with the deceased man's family in this their bereavement. He leaves a wife and two children.

Mr. T. MURGATROYD (Manningham).

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. T. Murgatroyd, of Manningham, partner in the firm of Messrs. Murgatroyd and Son, the well-known exhibitors of Yorkshire Canaries, which took place on May 27th, under circumstances of a most distressing character. The deceased, who had reached 50 years of age, was well-liked in Yorkshire circles, and his many fancier friends will be grieved to know that he met an untimely end by his own hand. Messrs. Murgatroyd and Son have shown for years with considerable success, at the last Crystal Palace show their noted unevenly-marked standing first in a very strong class. At the inquest the widow of the deceased stated that her husband sent her on an errand, and on returning she found him lying senseless on the floor, bleeding profusely from a gash in the throat. He had been troubled and low-spirited for some time because he was unable to succeed in his business. Asked by the coroner if her husband had any other trouble, the witness stated that the landlord would not let them open on Sunday, which was their best day for business. A verdict was returned to the effect that the deceased committed suicide while in an unsound state of mind.

The Jarrow and Hebburn and Dis. C.B.F.S. will hold their first annual Nest Feather show on June 13th, in the Alexandra Hotel, High Street, Jarrow, writes Mr. J. T. Carrick, the hon. sec., in a room kindly lent by Mr. D. O'Brien, who also gives a good cash special. Judging will commence at 4 o'clock; judge, Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle). Will members please send in bumping entries to me by Friday evening, June 12th?

I was pleased to see my Hybrid, Redpoll-Bullfinch, depicted on front page of CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. C. J. Ward (Uttoxeter). I consider it exactly like him; it could not have been better even if the bird had been photographed. Great credit is due to your artist, Mr. Norman, whom I heartily thank. I have sold my Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrid, "Eclipse," to that well-known exhibitor, Mr. C. T. Maxwell, at a good figure.

The members of the Leyton and Dis. C.B.A. are organising an outing to Epping Forest on Saturday, June 6th, under the guidance of Mr. J. S. Clarke. The fanciers of the North London and Walthamstow societies are joining us, and any fanciers who would also like to join us will be most heartily welcomed. Trains leave Liverpool Street at 1.11 p.m., Leyton 1.31 p.m., and Leytonstone 1.35, arriving at Loughton at 1.53 p.m. Any fancier missing any of these trains can "pick up" the party at Connaught Waters at about 2.30. Tea will be provided at the Owl at 6.30 o'clock.—B. F. FORSE, hon. sec.

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Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

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A bulky and splendidly-illustrated catalogue of cages, aviaries, appliances, etc., has just been issued by Mr. J. Walsh, of Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn, and fanciers desirous of keeping up-to-date in their bird-room fittings, etc., should at once send a postcard for a copy, which will be forwarded post free. Its contents will be found very instructive, and in addition to cages and the like, Mr. Walsh supplies every kind of seeds and bird-foods at the lowest prices consistent with high quality.

Will secretarics of societies catering for all branches of the Fancy kindly note, writes Mr. A. Watson, sec. of the Civil Service F.A., that I shall shortly be calling my committee together to make arrangements for holding our annual show in conjunction with one or more societies. Any society willing to join hands should let me know at once, when their names will be placed before the committee. Threo societies have fully discussed the matter. My address is, 116, Maurice Avenue, Noel Park, Wood Green, N.

The Nest Feather show of the Wallsend and Mid. Tyne C.B.A., writes Mr. Jas. Johnston, the hon. sec., will be held at Station Hotel, Wallsend, on June 6th. There are 13 classes for Canaries, 1 for Hybrids and light Mules, and 1 for dark Mules. We shall be pleased to have a good muster of fanciers. Mr. Jas. Sheppard will officiate as judge. There will also be a table show of British birds, respecting which schedules have been sent out to all members; if any have been overlooked will they kindly apply to me for one? Any member who is unable to pay his subscription according to rule, but who would like to enter a few birds at the Nest Feather show, should communicate with me, when matters will be put right.

A Reader of CAGE BIRDS, I have been considerably helped both in breeding Canaries and making cages, writes Mr. F. Whiting (Bungay). I have used some of the "Illustrated Ideas" with great advantage.

"Cage Birds" Charts.

Number nine of CAGE BIRDS CHARTS is now in course of preparation. We anticipate it will prove one of the best of this interesting series, and fanciers should not on any account miss it.

The Essay Competition.

A very large number of voting papers has reached us in connection with the deciding of the destination of the chief prize in our recent essay competition. These will be carefully scrutinised, and the result announced at the earliest possible moment—we hope in our next issue.

Federation of London Societies.

A meeting of delegates, writes Mr. J. W. Rennie, will be held at the "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, at 7.30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 16th. Representatives of all societies are invited, which representation, it should be understood, does not in any way pledge the societies to federate.

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Will all secretaries of societies desirous of having the patronage of the Northern British Bird M. and F.B.C. please make application before July 15th, when all patronages will be given out to those fixtures which meet with the approval of the club's members.—J. R. SLACK, hon. sec., 115, Stanhope Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1908 SEASON.

Harrogate C.B.S.

The breeding operations round here are, generally speaking, very good, some fanciers having from 30 to 60 young birds on the sticks, others having from 12 upwards. I have visited a few of our local bird-rooms and have seen several promising young birds. I wish all fanciers the best of luck, and trust this season may be a far better season than last, both for quantity and quality.—GEO. HY. BARNWELL, hon. sec. Harrogate C.B.S.

I am doing well with young birds this season. I have at present 44 on the sticks and 29 in nest, and this notwithstanding the changeableness of the weather.—P. MORRIS (Ryde).

Secretaries and Fanciers are invited to send their experiences.

In the Cuckoo's Favour.

Daily we hear the call of the Cuckoo and occasionally we get a glimpse of the big Hawk-like bird hurrying across the meadow, or through the elms. However much we may dislike his parasitic habits and feel aggrieved at his greedy offspring for ousting the tiny Warblers from their rightful home, we cannot but admire one point about him: he is a greedy destroyer of insect life, of big, ugly caterpillars, and nasty creeping things, that it almost makes one shudder to look at.

The Lust to Kill.

The other day a Lesser Grebe was delighting a crowd by the Dee Mills by its diving powers, when, according to the "Chester Chronicle," two or three hooligans in a boat armed with staves and stones arrived, and chivied it up and down for an hour endeavouring to kill it. A Larger Grebe, too, was diving in the river by the Boughton Fords when a man came along with a double-barrelled gun and fired two shots at it, and slew it with the second.

Foreign Bird Lovers, Note!

Lovers of foreign birds, and especially those interested in the Budgerigar and Cockateel and their breeding, should send a sixpenny postal order at once for a copy of our latest handbook, which gives the fullest details of how to keep, feed, breed, tame, and teach to talk. It is written by Mr. C. P. Arthur, one of our oldest and best-known breeders of those two species, and has two full-page illustrations. In this handbook the beginner will discover all the information he can possibly desire to possess, while the "old hand" will find it contains many "tips" not to be found in any other book on the subject. Send a postal order for sixpence to the Manager, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

The Song of the Blackcap.

Tall hedgerows where the wild clematis and roses ramble, or by the edge of some cool copse, are the favourite resorts of the Blackcaps, and one may hear his song some time before detecting the singer. It is a mellow warble, rather loud, and somewhat disjointed, described by many to be equal to that of the Nightingale. This is high praise, and, I fear, rather too flattering, although a good one in full throat is certainly a charming songster. Old Gilbert White thought highly of the Blackcap, and mentions the bird's vocal powers more than once. In one letter he remarks: The note of the former (Blackcap) has such a wild sweetness that it always brings to my mind those lines in a song in "As You Like It":

"And tune his merry note
Unto the wild bird's throat."

Feeding the Hungry Brood.

The bright sunshine and warm rains have brought forth a plentiful crop of buttercups and daisies among the tall grass. The mother birds with a view to safety take the young broods out in the meadows to feed and teach them to find food for themselves, breaking a worm up in front of them, and by example encouraging them to help themselves. The clumsy young ones keep close to the parents, constantly clamouring for food. Although insect life is plentiful just now, the old birds must have a weary time of it; a summer's day is a long one, and there can be no rest when a healthy brood has to be attended to. And in many cases the duty is carried on by the male bird alone, while his partner is incubating the second clutch. These little family gatherings are plentiful everywhere just now.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Atterciffe and Dist.—May 11, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Table Show for Novices.—W Richinson.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—June 11, Central Conservative Club, 8. Judges for Young Show, and C.B.U. business. Balance sheet. — J. W Philpott.

Ayr and Dist. C.B.S.—June 6, Ramble to Eglinton Policies. Meet at Newton Station at 2 p.m. Fanciers and friends invited.—C. Irvine.

Bradford East O.S. — June 9, members and friends meet at Farrar's, in Town Hall Square, for Ramble to Harden, 1 o'cl. Also cricket match.—H. Hill.

Bramley and Dist. O.S.—June 6, Headquarters. F.F. Show, in Carnival Committee Room, Upper Town Street. Judge, Mr. W. Mann. Birds to be staged by 2 o'clock prompt.—E. Craven.

Bury and Dist. C.B.S.—June 9, Textile Hall, Bury, 7. Very important business, including secretary's resignation, and appointment of a successor.—F. E. Holden.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 6, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for Ramble. June 13. Time and place of meeting later. Friends and fanciers invited.—F. Rhodes.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—June 9, Burton Hotel, 8. Inter-Club. Show. Business important.—J. C. Heaton.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—June 17, Headquarters, 8.30. Show business; judge and date of show.—J. J. Mullett.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—June 6, Royal Hotel, 7.30. Delegate's report of Y.U. Meeting. General business.—W. Charlesworth.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—June 6, Fountain Inn, 8. Members' Shows, and other important business.—W. Ashworth.

Exeter and Dist. C.B.S.—June 6, Market Hall, 3. F.F. Show; birds to be at the Hall by 3 o'clock. Large entries are desired for the points prizes.—R. H. Folley.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—June 10, Lockhart's, High Street, 7.30. Election of stewards for F.F. Show. Receiving entries, and arranging other important business.—T. Taylor.

Guisborough and Dist. "Priory" C.B.S.—Whit-Monday, Wear's Cafe, 1 p.m., for Ramble on Col. Chaloner's Estate. Ordinary meeting same evening to elect judges for Open Show.—G. Atkinson.

Halifax O.S.—June 6, Griffin Hotel, 8. Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) will lecture on Colour Breeding and Feeding. Friends invited.—J. F. Thackray.

Houghton-le-Spring and Dist. — June 6, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. F.F. Show arrangements.—E. Fenwick.

Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.—June 6, Room 5, Royal Hotel, Hamilton, 7.30. Election of judges, and classification for Annual Open and Annual (Open) Young Bird Shows. Distribution of Spratt's samples. Intending members welcomed.—A. Cant.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.—June 8, St. George's School, 8. Arrangement for Table Shows, etc.—T. Allsop.

Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.F.S.—June 10, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond Street, 7.30. Business important; first Feather Show. Subscriptions due.—J. T. Carrick.

Liverpool B.B.A.—June 11, Oldham Hall, 8. Discussion on British Birds, to be opened by Mr. J. Bretherton. Fanciers invited.—A. Thompton.

Leeds Roller C.C.—June 6, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Mr. C. Lowes will give a paper on The Roller Canary. Fanciers invited.—T. Carter.

Loanhead and Dist. C.B.S.—June 13, Masonic Hall, Loanhead, 7.30. Nomination of judges, Hall for Show, consider estimates for staging, arrange section for cup.—W. B. Smart.

Middleton O.S.—June 8, Old Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Drawing up classes for Young Bird Show.—H. Thomas.

Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—June 6, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Confirm Rules and choose date for F.F. Show.—R. H. Turner.

Morpeth and Dist. C.B.S.—June 12, Voses Rooms, 7.30. General business.—E. Cowling.

Manningham C.B.A.—June 6, Mowbray Arms, 7.45. Arrangements for Cricket Match and other important business.—F. Western.

Pelton and Dist. C.B.S.—June 6, Fleece Inn, 7. Half-yearly meeting, and other important business. Fanciers invited.—L. Hall.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—June 11, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Arrangements for F.F. Show. Discussion on C.B.U. Notices.—A Hitchings.

Stoke Newington F.A.—June 9. Headquarters, 8. Election new members and other general business.—G. Dowden.

S.W. London C.B.S.—June 11, Plough Hotel, 8.30. General business and open discussion on any topic of interest for the benefit of members and fanciers.—W. Lilley.

South London Col. and F.A. — June 11, Royal George, Tanners Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E. 8.30. Young Stock Cage Bird Show. Judge, Mr. J. Dobson. Exhibits to be staged by 7.15. Fanciers invited.—G. A. Jefferys.

Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A. — Half-yearly meeting, June 8, Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow. Election of judges, etc.—T. Smith.

Shettleston and Dist. C.B.S.—June 13, Houston's Tea Rooms, Main Street, Shettleston, 6. Business, show arrangements, etc.—W. Devlyn.

Stratford and E. London.—June 11, Headquarters, 8. General business. Secretary requests Cage Bird members to attend; important business.—G. May.

Wath and Dist. C.B.S.—June 8, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30. General business.—H. A Watson.

West of Scotland.—Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Arrangements for F. F. Show, etc.—G. Smart. (No date given.—ED.)

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—June 6, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Cricket match and ramble, to be arranged, and other important business.—E. W. Johnson.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—June 6, Blue Bell Hotel, Members' Show. Judge, Mr. J. Broadley.—E. Broadley.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Bird which Does Not Sing.

Cornish P.C.—Your letter does not give enough particulars for me to tell what may be the cause of the bird's not singing for the last three months. I can only reply in a general way. Get your friend to treat the bird as follows, and if this does not soon bring it in song again, write again in a month and give more details as to how it has been treated. First see that its cage is quite free from red-mites, and the bird not exposed to any chills or draughts. Feed on a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and twice a week give a few grains of hemp, and twice a week on different days a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake. Give a spray of green-food daily, and allow it to bathe every day if it likes. Keep cage floor clean, and strewn with a nice gritty sand from which the bird can pick particles for use in the gizzard. In drinking water give every second day for a week as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, ten drops of glycerine, and twenty of whiskey, shaken well together. After first week give alternately first day twelve drops of chemical food, next day five drops of tincture of steel, and pure water on the third day. Repeat over again in this order for a fortnight.

About Eggs.

F.J.C.—1 No, fortunately egg-eating hens are not very common among Canaries. I do not think there is any cure for it, though some fanciers appear to think that if a china egg is put in the nest of these hens they will tire of making fruitless attempts to break it, and leave the good eggs alone thenceforth from sheer disgust. Others again believe in blowing out the contents of an egg, refilling with a creamy mixture of nauseous substances, sealing the hole, and give it to the hen to investigate. By far the best plan is to fix up a nest box in which the egg rolls out of sight and reach as soon as it is laid, and then giving them to a more trusty foster parent to hatch and rear. About a week is the limit of time Canaries' eggs should be kept before being set. If it can be avoided they should not be kept longer than four days. Keep them in a small box buried in bran or seal in a cool—not cold—place, and turn the box over night and morning.

Breeding-Cages and Aviary.

"A Reader."—The extra door is. I presume, to facilitate inspection of the nest, so whether it is placed in corner of wire front or to open in the end of cage is immaterial so long as the object is gained. But, personally, I think one door is quite enough in any single breeding cage. The less a nest is inspected and interfered with the better, as a rule, and all that it is really necessary to do can be done quite easily by means of the usual door. There is one objection to the door in the end of the cage; if you have a number of cages placed side by side in tiers you cannot get at the door without disturbing cage. Forty-five to fifty degrees is quite warm enough during winter months. In early spring, if you are going to mate up the birds the temperature should be increased to sixty, and maintained very near that day and night. The best means of heating aviary would be by hot-water pipes with the boiler and furnace outside room, so that no fumes of combustion could escape into room. Failing this an oil stove would be the most convenient for you, but the risk is great, and I would, myself, rather take the risk of keeping the birds without heat at all. There are special stoves and kinds of apparatus sold for warming bird-rooms, but they all require a local source of heat. The portable hot-water coil, for example, requires a gas jet to heat it. The situation of aviary is altogether most unsuitable; it would be almost courting failure. Lime-washing the walls would be the best way of cleansing them, and fumigation would be most advisable. For other particulars on cleaning read up "Novices' Notebook" page at beginning of last February. Treat hen the same as advised in second part of reply to "Raddite."

Laying Shell-less Eggs.

R.S.V.P.—Your hen Canary is probably in an over-fed condition, which would account for her dallying about with nest-building so long as well as her laying the soft egg. Give them two days in three for a week as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, limiting the diet meanwhile to plain Canary seed and plenty of green-food. Then begin to give half a teaspoonful each of hemp and of inga every second day, and a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with six drops of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled over with gold of pleasure seed, three times a week. Give these on different days, and alternate them so that a different item is given every day. Also add a fourth part of rape to the staple seed diet, and give three leaves of dandelion daily. After the first week give in the water four drops of tincture of steel every third day, and on each of the remaining days, for a fortnight, twelve drops of chemical food.

The Sorrows of a Fancier.

"Raddite."—Canary breeding has its sorrows and trials as well as its joys; but do not be disheartened. 1. Your best course when the hen ceased feeding, the young being a week old, was to have looked around for another hen or two with small broods about the same age, and distributed these deserted youngsters amongst them to be reared. This would have done away with the necessity of hand-feeding. Ordinary egg-food made into moist paste will rear young quite well. Two or three times each day, when about to feed them, mix a little finely minced green-stuff into the quantity of food you are going to give them at that "feed." Be very careful that the food is quite sweet always. Feed them every hour at least from dawn to dusk. As long as they continue healthy they will "gape" quite freely for food as long as they require feeding. They should be able to feed themselves when about a month old. 2. You will not, I fear, do much good with the hen that builds but does not lay. Feed on a staple diet of two parts Canary to one part rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of hemp, and every day a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, adding to this one day a pinch of inga and the next a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water give four drops of tincture of steel every second day for a week.

Appearances are Deceptive.

H.L.B.—I feel quite convinced red mites are at the root of the bird's trouble. Perhaps you have made the mistake of examining the bird's body for signs of insects, whereas the red-mite is distinctly a nocturnal creature, and harbours in any convenient crack, or joint, about the cage, or the wall on which the cage hangs, and only comes out of its shelter to prey upon the bird at night. Examine the cage, carefully probing any small crevice with a pin on to a sheet of white paper, and you will doubtless "unearth" something. If you find any white powdery substance adhering to the sides of any crack in the cage you may safely conclude that mites are close by. The remedy is to thoroughly overhaul and disinfect the cage. Your feeding is not quite correct. Give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape as a staple, once a week a pinch of inga, and half a teaspoonful of hemp. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake. Stop giving bread and milk. In drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash every second day for a week. The following week give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. A leaf of dandelion, or sprig of groundsel or chickweed should be given daily.

A Stiff Claw.

Cruikshank.—The prospects of curing your bird's stiff hind claw are rather remote, I think. The hot and cold bathing process is useless in your case. Hold it in fairly warm water for a minute or two, then gently rub in with the tips of the thumb and forefinger a little warm olive oil. Repeat every second or third day for a short time. Give rather small perches, of a round shape—just a little thicker than an ordinary lead pencil. If the bird finds much difficulty in "sticking on" when roosting at night, you may remove one each night and substitute another about twice the thickness and a little flattened on top, removing this again each morning and put in the thin one. Keep it with these perches until it has acquired a firm grip with the hind claw. It will be necessary to remove only one perch each night if you move that one on which the bird usually roosts.

Forty Winks and a Nod.

F.T.P.—Many birds take a short nod about midday when nothing is wrong with them, but no self-respecting Canary should cease singing and "go right off" as yours does. As you give no idea as to how the bird is fed. I can scarcely hazard a guess as to what is wrong with him. He may be going into an early moult, in which case a few tail or wing feathers should have been dropped by the time this appears. If so, you need only keep him quite free from chills and draughts; give a little egg-food or crushed sponge cake two or three times a week, a pinch of maw seed every second day, and twelve drops of chemical food in the water twice a week. If there are no signs of moulting, give first, for two or three days, in the water twenty drops of whiskey, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash well shaken together. After that give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twelve drops of chemical food. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and twice a week give a small teaspoonful of egg-food or crushed sponge cake, once a week a pinch of hemp seed, and a spray of green-food daily. Add five drops of sherry each time to its egg-food until better. Examine cage carefully for red-mites, which may have something to do with bird's condition. See reply to "H.L.B." on this subject

Great Expectations.

W.M.—With apologies to the shades of Charles Dickens, I should add to this title. Alas! I fear your expectations regarding the future possession of some Canary Budgerigar Mules will be less fruitful than were those of the immortal Pip. Whew! mon; it's a rare novelty. But, seriously, it is rather uncommon for a Budgerigar to pay such attentions to Canaries and similar birds, and I would go farther and say I should consider it was a most risky alliance. Do not be surprised if you find your Canaries with broken limbs one of these days, or find the young Canaries, if any are hatched, thrown out of the nest. I say young Canaries advisedly, because the possibility of Mules is utterly hopeless, and if any young are hatched you may be sure the cock Canary had been paying attention to both hens without your knowledge.

Growth on Beak.

J. Leland-Robertson.—The growth you describe is almost certain to be a small tumour, though it would be a little too dogmatic to assert positively that it was so without seeing it. You might try just touching it with a camel-hair pencil dipped in tincture of iodine three or four times (at intervals) a week. Do not daub on any appreciable quantity—only just dab the moist brush on the spot a time or two If the growth increases in size to any extent, a veterinary surgeon would easily remove it if the bird is worth the operation, but I would not advise you to attempt any interference yourself in this line.

Crest in a Bad Way.

E.S., Baltimore.—The bird was undoubtedly exposed to a chill or draught to bring on its illness, which is an attack of acute inflammation. Am afraid reply may be too late, but, if not, place the bird in an equably warm, quiet place, perfectly free from draughts. Do not give the bath at present. Feed on a diet of plain Canary seed only, with a little of the food you mention daily in addition, making the latter crumbly moist, and mixing with it five drops of sherry. A small piece of bread and milk, or a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, would make a good substitute for the food named. Give a small spray of chickweed, or a tender young top of groundsel daily. In the drinking water for a few days give thirty drops of brandy, ten of glycerine, and five each of sweet spirits of nitre and oxymel of squills each day. Shake well together. When the breathing is relieved drop this medicine and give instead twenty drops of brandy, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus. Shake the vessel vigorously to well mix in the oil. Give this daily for a few days, then on alternate days, and gradually drop it altogether when the bird is quite recovered. Do not let it help to rear the forthcoming brood.

Appears Egg-bound.

Zam-buk.—Although you say the vent is swollen as though the bird was egg-bound, I have no hesitation in saying: don't treat it for the complaint. When a hen is really egg-bound it does not appear in good health, but very much the reverse. It would, in fact, very soon die if not relieved, and presents very evident signs of its misery. The swelling is either an accumulation of fat, or waste matter, due to constipation. The latter is the more probable cause. In either case adopt following: Mix together a small quantity of equal parts of syrup of buckthorn and glycerine, and give the bird one drop direct into the beak every second morning for a week, and each day between dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea in its drinking water. At end of week give it four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in its water every third day for another week. If the bird is not quite recovered by that time repeat course. Whilst it is under this treatment feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape, and give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry in it twice a week. Give a spray of green-food daily, but no hemp seed. A single drop of lukewarm salad-oil dropped on the vent from the point of a knitting needle twice a week will also help to relieve it. Hold the bird in the hand a few moments whilst the oil is absorbed.

Brevities.

Not an Anti-eggite (M. Reil'y).—Your hen is evidently a disciple of the egg-feeding clan. See reply to "F.J.C." As your other hen is not addicted to this wretched habit, you cannot do better than try to get them going to nest at the same time and adopt the special form of nest-box mentioned, giving the eggs of the egg-eater to the other hen to hatch and rear. You might have seen a type of nest-box for egg-eating hen in CAGE BIRDS' "Illustrated Ideas" last week. This would help you to understand what is required, and to improvise a suitable contrivance.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Sexing Greenfinches, etc.

A.E.—You should find it a very simple matter to sex adult Greenfinches at this time of the year. The cock is quite a gorgeous coloured bird, compared with his mate, during the breeding season, for while she is, broadly speaking, mouse-coloured, with yellowish-green shading here and there, and very little yellow in the wing-flights, he is a rich grassy-green all over, with very conspicuous yellow edging to the flight and tail feathers. Some real good jonque cock Greenfinches might almost be said to be greenish-orange in colour, so rich and bright are they when in nuptial dress. Another certain sign of sex now is the song; a steady, well-caged, good conditioned cock Greenie ought to be singing hard. A cage 36 by 23 by 17 inches is only large enough for one breeding pair of British birds, or for one hybrid couple. If you turn any more into it, you will meet with certain failure.

Concerning the Management of Softbills.

Teaser.—1. I doubt if any treatment could have saved the hand-reared Nightingale which was sent you by rail, but which got delayed en route. I do not understand your other troubles. I have "Softbills" of all kinds in my bird-room, from Wrens, Chiffchaffs, and Wood Warblers, to Woodpeckers and Magpies, and including delicate Foreigners like Sugar-birds and Tanagers, yet I am not in the least bothered with constipation amongst the stock. Probably you make your food too "stodgy"—use too little vegetable ingredient. I never fail to add grated raw carrot, mashed potato, or finely-minced green-food to mine (one or the other, the first-named being the favourite). It is a mistake, too, to give too much meat meal and heavy biscuit to the very delicate species. In their case I add a good heaven of dried crumbled sponge cake (home-made) and best ants' eggs to the ordinary stock mixture, with a dash of Plasmon powder, or a liberal "helping" of minced hard-boiled egg, or flaked yolk of egg. An occasional dose of mild saline medicine is recognised as a good thing to give Softbills, and this is what your own birds want. Dissolve a teaspoonful of sulphate of soda in a pint of drinking water. 2. Briefly put, gentles are bred by exposing meat to the attentions of the meat-fly. After it is "blown," the eggs soon hatch and turn into gentles. Put a piece of raw meat (or a dead bird) in a sunny spot out of doors (out of the reach of cats, etc.), and you will soon see the result—maybe smell it, too. 3. Wasp cake is termed "cured" after it has been exposed to gentle heat (in an oven, for instance) until the "grubs" have been killed. In my opinion the less "curing" it receives, the better. To keep for any length of time, it requires "curing" thoroughly; then, before giving the grubs to the birds I soak them in hot, sweetened water. 4. I think "black clock," or "house beetles" or "black beetles" (whichever you choose to call them) a very fine food for Softbills—the very small ones for small birds, and so on. 5. Earwigs could be "cured" like houseflies, by corking them in a bottle and baking them.

A Mixed Trio.

Miss C. D. F.—1. I do not think it is a cold your young Blackbird has got, but a touch of indigestion. You should certainly give moistened insectivorous mixture in addition to the grubs, worms, etc., and well stir amongst it a salt-spoonful of powdered cuttlefish, or a good pinch of gritty sand. Also put some finely-chopped green-food (or grated carrot or mashed cold boiled potato) amongst it. 2. Crests often turn out poor feeders, and many breeders of the variety keep a few reliable foster-mothers in their rooms. Two young Linnets ought not to be too many for any good feeding hen which has but two babies of her own. The majority of hens take no notice of "changelings," but many cases have been known where the latter have been thrown out of the nest, or left alone to starve. 3. If you mean that you have located and identified over 60 nests in one day's outing, I should say it is an excellent performance. If, however, by the word "got" you mean that you have taken over 60 nests in one day I certainly think (if you will pardon my plain speaking) it is not a performance one should feel proud of.

In the Sun.

Skylark.—It is detrimental to any bird, whether Skylark, Thrush, and the like, or Canary, to have the rays of the summer sun beating full upon its cage. It is astounding how thoughtless some owners of birds are in this matter. I have seen birds in such situations sitting with their beaks open, positively gasping for breath, yet their owners, maybe kindness itself to them in all other respects, let this sort of thing (unthinkingly, I trust) go on. In the winter, the early spring, and the late autumn, a sun bath is one of the finest things a bird can be given, but during sultry summer the shady wall is the one to choose as an abiding place for cages. That this is really the "flaming June" of the poets I am reminded as I sit writing these answers, sweating profusely, and with a bucket of iced water at hand. The feelings of any bird prisoned in a cage out in the blazing sunshine I can well imagine. Put your bird on the shaded wall, and he will sing all day, instead of, as now, only after the sun has got off his cage. Sunstroke and fits are likely to carry off birds of any kind which are subjected to the direct rays of the summer sun for a lengthy period.

Young Lark Ailing.

B. Clare.—Pity you did not refer to my query columns for the past two or three weeks, as the hand-rearing of young birds (Larks included) has been very fully dealt with. In issue for May 16th and May 23rd the feeding of Skylarks, and troubles incidental to their hand-rearing, were dealt with at great length. And, of course, I cannot occupy space by repeating the same information practically weekly. Your trouble results from wrong feeding. It is not possible for bread-crumbs and crushed hemp-seed to prove adequate substitutes for the insect food provided for the young birds by their parents when in a state of nature. These things are practically bound to rear weaklings, susceptible to attacks of cramp and other ailments. Even good dog biscuits (or puppy cakes) moistened with hot water would be far better, especially if a hard-boiled egg were finely minced up and mixed with every half-breakfastcupful of it. If your birds are still alive, change them on to the above, or some good insectivorous food advertised in our columns, mixed with hard-boiled egg and made moist (if you are still feeding by hand) with new milk. For details of feeding when adult, see issue of May 23rd. There is no need to put them out of doors until they are well feeding themselves. You will have to cage them separately then, or they will most likely fight—young birds of most species get quarrelsome and pugnacious.

Hand-rearing Chaffinches.

Weekly Reader.—You must have missed the issue for May 23rd, in which the information you now ask for was given. Here you are again, however. I don't believe in taking the youngsters from their parents at too early an age; let them show their feathers nicely before you remove them. The food to be used is the usual kind—that is, egg and biscuit. Crush two Osborne biscuits, and well mix with them the yolk and half the white of a hard-boiled egg, using a fork to do this with, one with thin prongs. When feeding take the required quantity of this mixture, and make it the consistency of thin paste (or of cream) with new milk. See that it is always sweet and free from the slightest taint of sourness. It must be made fresh at least once daily. Often I put in a good pinch of Plasmon powder, which I am never without in my bird-room. A few small cut-up pieces of mealworm may be dipped in milk and popped into their mouths pretty frequently; likewise any house flies you can capture should also be fed to them. As the youngsters grow, add a little soaked and just sprouting summer rape to the stock food. Steep the rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before mixing it with the soft food. Gradually increase the quantity of this rape in the food. When they begin to pick up for themselves, wean them on to soaked rape, maw, light'y cracked Canary and hemp seeds, hulled and broken up sunflower seed kernels, seeding chickweed, shepherd's-purse, and groundsel tops. I have had them pick up ants' eggs with relish (especially live ants' eggs); in fact, I often mix some amongst the food I hand-feed with. You should look up recent back numbers; also see another reply this week.

Hand-rearing Blackbirds.

Willie.—It really is astonishing how few readers seem to carry out the editorial request to look over back numbers ere sending in questions. The hand-rearing of Thrushes, etc., has been very fully dealt with in our issues of the last few weeks, and to which you should refer. Here, however, is the information in brief:—Take the young when about ten to twelve days old—nest and all, if possible—and keep them cosy, say inside a wicker basket and on a bed of hay. At night throw a piece of flannel over the basket; keep it on during the day if cold. Feed every hour at first; about every two hours later on. For food, crush two Osborne biscuits

and beat the yolk and half the white of a hard-boiled egg up in a teacup with a fork. Then mix the biscuit with the egg, and beat up very finely, and make it of a rather sloppy consistency with new milk when you are feeding it to the youngsters. It is a good plan to add a dessertspoonful of best quality ants' eggs, free from bits of rubbish. Always be perfectly sure it is fresh and sweet; it should be prepared fresh twice daily, if possible, during very sultry weather. A small flat piece of wood, with a suitably-shaped blunt end can be used to feed with; or a large blunted toothpick. As the youngsters get older, cut small mealworms in halves, dip them in milk, and pop them into their mouths; also any flies, smooth caterpillars, small grubs, etc., you can capture. Likewise add a little finely minced lettuce, or grated raw carrot. It is quite a simple task to hand-rear Thrushes. The chief thing is to feed very often, and to give only a very little at a time. Keep the nestlings and their surroundings scrupulously clean, or they will not thrive. Occasionally mix a little small but gritty (not dusty) sand with the food, or a little powdered cuttlefish. See another reply re the Chaffinches. Your seed samples I incautiously left lying about my desk at the office, and the mice ate them up. Could you post two more?

No Mules Yet.

P. A. D.—Your feeding is certainly not correct according to my own ideas on the subject. To be fed on "pure canary," even on alternate days, is enough to sour the disposition, I should think, of the nicest Goldfinch that ever lived. I quite think your method of feeding is, in fact, the cause of your non-success. Still, you have time yet to breed your longed-for Mules. The couple should have a teaspoonful of egg-bread every day; freshly made; if the Goldie eats any it will not hurt him. The seed mixture should be: Canary two parts, teazle and hemp, one part each, summer rape half a part. In addition, make up these two mixtures, (1) niger two parts, maw one part, (2) thistle, dandelion and sesame seeds in equal parts. Give a heaping teaspoonful of these on alternate days (No. 1 one day, 2 the next). Then you must go out and gather plenty of seeding dandelion heads, and the young leaves (you can give flowering heads and washed root, too, if you like), also seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse and groundsel. These wild seeding plants (dandelion in particular) are simply invaluable for bringing all Finches into proper breeding condition, and the hen Canaries as well. When you separate the Goldie from the hen (when she commences to sit) let him have the usual Finch stock mixture again. The hen should then have plain canary seed only in the hopper but give her a tiny pinch of maw and summer rape now and again, just to "cheer her up"; mine get a sprig of seeding shepherd's purse or chickweed, too, occasionally. When the young hatch, I give my hens egg and bisenit, with canary, summer rape and crushed hemp seeds in plenty, and a little maw, and soaked (just sprouting) rape for variety. When three or four days old, I give the hen a feed of the seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed, and as the youngsters progress I increase the latter two items until I am giving them practically *ad libitum*; they are the grandest "green foods" one can possibly give to feeding hens.

Death of Siskin.

F. P. A. Maclean.—It is, of course, only possible to guess at the cause of the death of your bird; only a post-mortem examination could reveal that with any certainty. I should say it suffered from some obstruction in the crop, or passages leading therefrom. "Asthma," or bronchitis, would not terminate in so speedy a demise. If my surmise is correct, then treatment was hardly likely to avail anything. I never give potato raw to my birds, so can say nothing about it from personal experience. I know that it is excellent for them when cooked, however. I do not see how it could possibly be "poison" to small birds, when given raw, as you say the "big fancier" told you it was. Perhaps some reader of these answers can tell us whether they have ever given raw potato to small seed-eaters, and with what result. Lump sugar is not directly harmful, but is quite unnecessary, and not beneficial, a piece of cuttlefish being very much the best thing. If you wash the perches and drawboard with scalding soap suds, that will be quite sufficient, I am sure, to render the cage quite safe for use with another bird.

The Red-backed Shrike.

P. B.—Yes; the Red-backed Shrike (or Butcher bird), can certainly be caged. I am not quite sure, from the wording of your query, whether or no you want information on hand-feeding a young bird. If so, I may refer you to the reply to "Willie" this week, as egg and biscuit is correct for this, though as the bird grows big a little of a really good insectivorous food should be mixed in. The Shrikes may be said to be purely insectivorous; that is to say, they do not eat seed. The Red-back should have a very large box-pattern cage. See the perches are of suitable size, and a nail should project through one, at back of cage, on which it will impale its food and tear it to pieces. Sand, containing plenty of coarse grit should certainly be supplied; though this is better given in a large tin placed inside the cage, as I think peat-moss litter (teased out a bit, if necessary) is the most suitable covering for the floor of its house-cage. Still, a very thick layer of sand is excellent. For food they require a good insectivorous mixture—game meal (without grit) or "Melox" would answer admirably as the basis—moistened with grated raw carrot, or mashed cold boiled potato, or finely minced green food, etc. The proportions would be, game meal, four parts; meat meal, dried flies, and ground silkworm pupae, one part each; and as good a sprinkling of ants' eggs as you can afford to put in. The latter, of course, are a more or less expensive item. Finely scraped or minced raw lean beef or mutton should be regularly given, especially during the moult, also hard-boiled egg. Live ants' eggs are relished, likewise cockroaches ("black beetles"), mealworms, and most other insects (including bees), mice, and tiny birds. One of the best and safest animal foods you can give is rabbits' flesh, either cooked or raw. Young Sparrows and young mice are esteemed great delicacies, and you must remember that without food of this nature your bird will not thrive for long. The raw meat I find it is best to soak in cold water before offering, to wash out the blood, which is the thing which upsets birds, and brings on fits, etc.

Young Birds Dying Off.

X.Y.Z.—Your method of feeding certainly does not seem such as would be likely to kill off the young birds. It reads fairly good, in fact, though you would be well advised to give seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse instead of the green-foods you are at present using. The latter (both, indeed) generally has a lot of minute insect life about it, which is greatly relished by all birds, and materially helps in rearing the young. I imagine your illfortune arises out of the interference of other birds, a common trouble in an outdoor aviary with a mixed lot of inmates. Have you never noticed signs of this? A cock Yellowhammer, for instance, can make itself a terrible pest; I notice you have one in the place. Leave a dish of a good insectivorous food in the place.

Seeds for Goldfinches.

No. 2.—Whoever told you that maw seed is bad for Goldfinches is a crank (to put it mildly), and you should ignore his statement. If one took notice of the fads of such people, I can assure you there would soon be nothing left on which to feed the birds. I have used the seed freely myself for years, and few keep a greater number of Goldfinches. This is the seed mixture I am using at present for my own birds: teazle and hemp six parts each, Canary four parts, safflower and linseed one part each, summer rape and charlock a half-part each. In addition, I have two other mixtures, of which I give half a teaspoonful daily—one, one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) niger two parts, maw one part; (2) thistle two parts, dandelion, sesame, and gold of pleasure one part each. All are mixed by measure. I also, of course, give the various wild seeds beloved by the Goldie.

Brevities.

Birds with Light Plumage (B.A.T.).—You are a lucky individual if you have bred one wing-marked and two clear Goldfinch Mules in the same nest. Do I think they are of any value, you ask? I should just think they are, if really Mules. But are you sure you have not made some mistake? Is it not possible for the hen to have had the eggs fertilised by a cock Canary? Further particulars would interest me, if you care to send them.

Linnet "Fierce" (Molesey).—I should say the "fierceness" of the Linnet is due to the hen Canary not being in breeding trim, and so annoying him by declining to respond to his advances. If you keep the wire partition between them until the hen shows signs of desiring to build, I think you may then withdraw it to find things run smoothly. If not, then you must try another of your Linnets.

Thrushes Not Singing (W.B.).—You cannot, of course, expect the Thrush to sing when has only just finished moulting; he will take a few weeks to recover. Why the other does not sing is more or less of a mystery. You do not give the name of the food you are using, but I should feel inclined to try a change. You should get a supply of "black beetles," and give a few daily; gentles you ought also to be able to obtain. Change the medicine you are giving, to 10 drops of tincture of gentian, in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, daily for 10 to 14 days.

Wild Seed (Hardbill).—My friend Mr. Boaler, of that well-known firm of seedsmen, Messrs. Carter and Company, is good enough to tell me that the chief seed in the mixture you send is corn marigold, while it also contains a good quantity of spurry.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Parrot?

J.M.—It is one of the species usually classed as Alexandrines; which, I am unable to say from the details you supply. The treatment for these and the Ring-neck group is similar, and is given in this column almost weekly. I have come across quite talented individuals, and, again, others whose articulation was very faulty, and it was difficult to interpret their utterance. However, I should say that if you keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also teach it by the constant repetition of words and short phrases, it should ultimately, at any rate, speak a few words. To show to what an extent individual talent exists with Parrots, I may say I am intimately acquainted with three individuals of the same species, all equally tame, and in the hands of those who equally take pains with them—one is quite a talented talker, the other two utter not a word!

Amazon and General Mixture.

M.F.—I do not think you need trouble much about the bird's dietary at present. So long as the bread is plain, stale household, given dry, it will not hurt for a time to subsist on this; and the very fact of its having changed over from the maize should be sufficient indication that it will vary it again later. Keep a tin of the seed mixture continually in its cage, and apart from this let it have what bread it requires. I never yet came across the Parrot that could for long resist a shelled walnut. Do not give it unwholesome slops, table scraps, or anything of that sort for variety's sake. The seed mixture should consist of Canary seed, maize, wheat, dari, hemp, oats, and sunflower seeds in about equal parts. If you watch this column for a few weeks you will soon get an idea of correct diet treatment; it appears in full nearly every week. As regards talking, individual specimens vary considerably, but most Amazons make fair talkers, and if you follow the directions given in reply to "J.M." in this issue, your bird should soon improve in this respect.

Shama with Swelling.

F.L.C.—Am of opinion the swelling is a tumour, and that your bird is not suffering from ophthalmia. If so, the swelling must be lightly touched with tincture of iodide (use a camel-hair brush, and well cleanse for each occasion); care must be taken that the tincture does not enter the eye. If it should prove to be ophthalmia, then you must bathe the affected part with a solution of rose water and zinc (procure this from your chemist). In either instance, it will be necessary to handle the bird, however distressed it may be; there is no other way, and I advise your treating with the iodide for, say, 10 days, and note the result. If this should be practically nil, then after a couple of days try the zinc solution. The Shama is such a confiding bird that I'm rather surprised at its being so excessively distressed when handled, though I know even the tamest of birds which will eat from the hand do not care to be handled much. A bird I have had in my possession for several years, if it were not for London cats, would follow me round the garden like a dog. A mealworm will fetch it from anywhere, and with this bird, at any rate, it is a case of "familiarity breeding contempt." Shall be glad to hear of the bird's progress.

Prolific Seed-eaters.

W.S.—You have given me a "teaser." Even Canaries mostly require some kind of soft food to help them out; and, again, there are but few species of Foreigners that breed with the regularity of Canaries and Budgerigars under the same conditions. Zebra Finches and Cutthroats would be fairly reliable breeders, and fulfil all your conditions at remunerative prices. White Java Sparrows, once you get them to start, are fairly prolific, and the young should command from 7s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. a pair, according to purity of colour. Bengalese also are free breeders (one pair only in each cage), and the young should fetch from 6s. to 7s. 6d. a pair. Gouldian Finches would quite fill your hill, except as to quick and prolific breeding; in this respect they are very erratic. They have great beauty, and require only seed, green food, etc.; but the difficulty is to get them to start breeding. Longtailed Grassfinches are very pleasing birds, with the one reserve as in the case of Gouldian Finches; the same applies to Ruficauda Finches and many others. The only birds I should put down as quick and ready breeders are Zebra Finches (young worth 4s. 6d. or 5s. a pair), Cutthroats (young worth 4s. 6d. a pair), and White Javas, as above. Waxbills would meet your case, but they seldom breed in captivity, even in aviaries. The above is general experience, but I am of the opinion that if Foreigners were tested more in roomy cages, results would not be altogether disappointing. Regret I cannot be more definite.

Parrot with Sore Mouth.

F.A.—Glad to note there is an improvement. Give the bird a rest for a week, and then instead of the potassium of glycerine, use honey and borax in the same manner. You can get this in small boxes, ready mixed, from most chemists. If it picks out all the hemp, and does not touch the remainder of the mixture, do not give any more the next day, but simply sift from it any husks, etc. Make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food; this will be a tonic, and will have a slightly constipating effect. Once a week till the bird is in a better general condition give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia as per directions already given. It is very tiresome and trying getting a bird into condition again that has been mistreated for any lengthened period; however, two or three weeks should produce a marked improvement in your bird's condition.

Brevities.

What Bird? ("Curious").—In further reply re bird brought from Southern Russia, I cannot make your description fit anything but a Brambling in winter plumage, or possibly a female of the same species. Regret I am compelled to be so indefinite in my reply, but birds, even well-known ones, are often very difficult to identify from written descriptions.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Yellow Budgerigar (Miss Rowney).—Inflammation of liver and lungs, ending with apoplexy.

Young Canary (H. Harris).—Inflammation of liver and bowels through being fed on soft foods (probably containing animal fat), instead of being weaned on to seed at six weeks of age.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

A Pomeranian Purchase (Ladnek).—We are very much obliged to you for bringing this matter to our notice.

From "Ould Oireland" (C. Quinn).—We thank you for your kind remarks concerning ourselves. Such praise were enough to bring the blush to our modest cheeks.

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No Answer (Grimston).—We cannot see that any good purpose would be served by the publication of your letter, for we are ourselves always impressing on readers the advisability of adopting the deposit system when dealing with strangers. If you will conform to Rule 8 we shall be pleased to do what we can for you.

Essay Competition (H. C. Brooks).—1. Pleased to know you agree with the decision in your section. You take a somewhat technical view of the word, we think; you must not, too, overlook the fact that we were in the hands of the judges. 2. The last sentence partly answers this query. If you feel sufficiently interested to pen a letter touching upon the doubtful (in your opinion) points, we shall be most pleased to print it. Friendly discussion is always welcome.

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PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR NEW TREDEGAR & DISTRICT.

SIR,—I am trying to form a cage bird society for New Tredegar and District, and am calling a meeting at the "Crown and Sceptre" Hotel, New Tredegar, on Wednesday, June 10, at 7.30 p.m. All interested in the hobby are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

R. G. DAVID, Sec. pro. tem.

A POINT CONCERNING MULE-BREEDING.

SIR,—In reply to "E. Milne"; if he will kindly refer to my essay he will find that that I did not state "that there is no use taking a nest of Canaries from a hen before introducing the Finch, when that hen is young and healthy." What I did write was this: "Some breeders take a nest of Canaries off each hen before putting her up for Muling, although this is not necessary if the hen is young and healthy." By which I meant that if a fancier was desirous of breeding Mules for the first round, he could do so, and naturally he would stand a better chance of success if he used a healthy young hen.

J. W. DICKSON.

THRUSHES AND THE CASTING OF "SHIN BONES."

SIR,—A workmate of mine has a Thrush whose legs have become twice as large as they ought to be, and when he asked my opinion I showed him some correspondence on the same subject which appeared in your valuable paper, notably Dec. 1st, 1906. He said his was a similar case to that recorded in that issue. So I went and saw it, and if British birds in confinement do cast their shin bones this is an undoubted example, for there are perfect legs formed behind the old shin bones which are gradually coming away at bottom of legs. Whether he will eventually cast them alright or not will be seen later; at any rate, I will let you know the result. The Thrush at present is in perfect health and singing as if there were nothing the matter with it. But it has a job to grasp the perch: he cannot stand up as he should, but crouches on it instead. If any fancier would like to see this bird he can do so by calling at No. 16, Parrett Buildings, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, where Mr. Merrick would be very pleased to show it to him.

J. H. PHILLIPS.

THE NIGHTINGALE AS A CAGE PET.

SIR,—The Nightingale is considered by all authorities to be the best of our songsters, and during the latter part of April and the beginning of May its song can be heard in most copses, hedgerows and garden and pleasure grounds in this district (Hunts) during the evenings. It is very rarely that two are heard close together, as the males, who arrive some 10 or 14 days before the females, generally come back to the same spot to breed in, that they occupied the previous year, and many a battle is no doubt fought between the old and young to see which has to leave the place. Whether they ever kill one another in battle I am not able to say, but many a time I have seen them chasing one another about. This bird has always been a great favourite of mine as a cage bird, but of late years I have not kept one. I am, however, still in hopes of having another good 'gale or two if health will permit of my looking after them. These birds I have had just after their arrival; I have also had some hand-reared ones and some that have been caught during August. The first one I had was caught in a greenhouse on its arrival to our shores; the weather had been cold and it flew in there to get under shelter. Before I had had the bird three days it commenced to sing. I fed chiefly on cockroaches and crickets, yolk of egg, and some flies and spiders until I could get it on the soft food. I believe I kept this bird for 8 years or so, before it died in a fit. The best way is to get a nest and hand-rear them, and when they can do for themselves put them singly in good-sized cages. There are generally a good many nests found about here, but as a rule they fall an easy prey to the boys who are nesting. This is especially the case with those nearest the town; several nests I knew last season were taken in this way and the eggs were wilfully destroyed, the boys throwing them at one another for mischief's sake. After the first month or so the boys soon get tired of nesting, and then most of the birds get a chance for their second broods. The nest of the 'gale is not a very elegant affair, and consists of twigs, roots, leaves, fibres and grasses; some birds use a little hair for the lining. The eggs are generally five in number and are well known to most boys by the dark colour—a kind of nut-brown of a greenish tinge. The Nightingale's natural food consists of moths, flies, beetles, spiders, small green caterpillars and larvæ. Although it eats fruit it is not so fond of it as either the Blackcap or the Whitethroat. After you have hand-reared young 'gales they can be kept on any good kind of soft food with plenty of fresh egg, minced fine and mixed with it, varying it with plenty of live food, such as moths, spiders, flies, butterflies, beetles and mealworms. I am greatly in favour of the young (taken from the first nest) being hand-reared; they generally make the best singers and manage to get through their moult quicker. One I had soon learnt some of the Canaries' notes which it used to bring out with its own. Every season I used to put this bird into a box cage hung upon a high garden wall so that it might hear the wild 'gales singing; this would, I knew, bring it into full song at once. I have also seen one of the wild ones go to the cage and try and fight the bird through the wires. The cage was hung not twenty yards from where my bird was hatched. If done well, and provided they can get (during the summer in particular) plenty of live food, they will live in cages for years. My birds were all particularly fond of cockroaches given alive. They would go for them at once and seemed to relish them very much. The hand-rearing of these birds is the same as in the case of most insectivorous ones, but I think they are the easiest of the lot, as their mouths are larger and the youngsters take the food better. I gave plenty of boiled egg, both yolk and white, being a great believer in it, and I found it gave them most stamina when under artificial treatment. I also gave plenty of green flies and ants' cocoons with a small quantity of ground dog biscuit, made into a nice paste so that it would easily slip down their throats. They should be fed every two hours when being hand-reared. As the hens are not of much use, after I was able to sex them I always gave them their liberty, for it is a great pity to keep these birds if one does not want them; in fact, no insectivorous hens are worth keeping, and for humanity's sake it is best to give them their freedom. I hope, Sir, these few remarks may be the means of saving many a caged 'gale's life both in infancy and when fully moulted.

A LOVER OF THE BIRD.

THE POINT OF VIEW.

SIR,—Mr. Jeffrey's experiences with Nightingales would doubtless be very instructive to many, but personally I should be glad if he will kindly leave a few to breed in the open, if possible, this season, so that we, further north, may have a chance of hearing them sing in their season at some future period. I am convinced that if Mr. Jeffrey (and others) will not be altogether selfish in such matters, by attempting to capture *all* of them, they, the birds, may yet extend their habitat and "turn up" in the woods and groves here waiting for them year by year, and where we shall allow them to breed undisturbed as much as possible. I hope if ever they *do* get as far!

Bootle. J. WADSWORTH.

DANDELION AND YOUNG BIRDS.

SIR,—Do wild birds feed their young on dandelion? is a question which appears in a contribution on the merits or otherwise of dandelion by Mr. Clegg. I know for a fact that the first brood of young of wild seed-eaters such as Greenfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Chaffinches, Twites, etc., are reared almost entirely on the seeding heads of dandelion. Of course, there are not any dandelion heads for the second broods of seedeaters, as the plant only blooms in the spring; but there is an abundance of green fly, small caterpillars, and seeding heads of dozens of other varieties of wild plants. But for the first broods dandelion heads are almost the sole food for feeding young with. Wild birds don't eat the leaves of dandelion in a wild state (at least, not to any exent), while they have the choice of both leaves and seeding heads; but, then, neither will Canaries which have been used to having the heads. Very few Canaries that are kept in cages will touch dandelion heads, unless they have been "educated" up to it when young; but, in an outdoor aviary, they will reject anything and everything in favour of dandelion heads, not excepting egg-food, and will feed their young almost entirely on them if kept supplied two or three times a day. There seems to be a difference of opinion with regard to the effects of dandelion on young Canaries; if the right sort of dandelion is used—i.e., nice young leaves grown in the open field (not in the shade or under trees, which is generally "rank," or "lush," as Mr. St. John has it), no harm will come from the use of it. I have often wondered if the fanciers who dont like dandelion, and who decry its value most, are those who live in large towns. If it is so, it is perhaps a question of "sour grapes." No one can prove it for certain that dandelion, if the right sort was used, ever harmed or killed young Canaries. I think they must look to something else for the cause.

TEMPUS OMNIA REVELAT.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND CLASHING OF SHOWS.

SIR,—Your correspondent's letter signed "One Who Knows" really amused me. Just fancy; one who knows, yet afraid of being known; he also says I surprised him. Well, it's not the first time he has been surprised. Now, Sir, he says that at our general meeting we wanted to withdraw from the C.B.U. when, as a matter of fact, there was nothing mentioned about it. It was at our matched pair show that it was brought up, when someone suggested that we should obtain a license, as it would be cheaper; but we were informed that we could not be sure of getting one if we left it till then, as the C.B.U. would not grant one if we clashed with another show. Now, knowing that, under present conditions, it would be of no use our holding a show unless under the C.B.U. rules, I proposed that we become affiliated to the C.B.U., as without them no affiliated member would be allowed to show. Perhaps this know-all person will inform us what is the good of belonging to the C.B.U., as no one else seems to be able to do so; also why he failed to explain to us the good of it at our last meeting when it was under discussion? Now, Weston-super-Mare and our own show are not the only ones that clash. If he looks in the "show dates fixed" column of CAGE BIRDS, your correspondent will find that there are one or two more in the same fix.

T. KEEGAN.

SIR,—As Weston-super-Mare show has been brought into such prominence in this matter I think it only right I should give you a true version of the affair. In fixing our show date we took great care not to clash with any show near us, and seeing a small note in CAGE BIRDS to the effect that the Bristol C.B.S.'s date was fixed for (if I remember rightly) the same date as Torbay, we fixed up 22nd October. I then registered the date with the C.B.U., and shortly after signed the penning tender. Judge of my surprise on seeing in a later issue that the Bristol date was 22nd and 23rd October. I immediately wrote the C.B.U. secretary pointing out that as our date was fixed first we were entitled to stick to it. The reply was that he would make arrangements for Bristol to alter their date and after a great deal of correspondence on the matter, I attended a meeting of the Bristol Society and they decided not to alter their date. (Now, would it not have been better, so far as Torbay were concerned if Bristol had been allowed their original dates, as Bristol is quite 60 miles from Torbay, whereas Weston is only 20 miles?) Now, from what took place at that meeting it appeared to me nothing had been done except to engage the hall. Surely, this being a small item, the dates could have been then easily altered. The judges were not even selected, nor were any definite arrangements made with any specialist club, whereas poor W.-S.-M. had engaged their judge, signed their penning tender, and had all their printing well in hand. Still, we are only a small show, and may still thrive through it all, notwithstanding a £10 deficit last year. It is the genuine, small amateur that keeps the small shows going, and not the deck-sweepers. "One Who Knows'" letter was fine, and has weighed the matter up in the proper spirit. He evidently knows something of the inner working of the Bristol Society. After all, this confusion was caused through an oversight on the part of the secretary of the C.B.U., and it seems a pity that two shows will suffer for it. I trust Bristol and Weston may both have good shows.

GEO. W. READ,
Sec. of the Weston-super-Mare F.S.

SIR,—I notice the letters on the above subject are continuing week by week. What have the C.B.U. to say on the matter? Have they no answer to the charges of incompetency levelled against them? They evidently think it the best policy to sit tight and say "nowt." But let us give them time. Perhaps in a month or two, when the show season is about to commence, when the clubs that have affiliated have all sent their fees, they will descend from their lofty perch and favour us mere mortals with an insight into their business ways. Only last week I heard of the treatment meted out by the C.B.U. to a society in the Midlands, and also the reply of the society. The secretary of the said society sent its affiliation fee to the C.B.U. in February specifying a certain date for their show. The Union secretary replied stating he could not accept that date, as he did not know what date Nottingham would want. The society's reply (rightly so I consider) was to the effect that as they had sent their affiliation fee first they were entitled to that date and would have it, Cage Bird Union or no Cage Bird Union, and Nottingham notwithstanding. First come first served, and no favouritism, is evidently not the motto of the C.B.U. If the committee have found it a "white elephant," why not resign and re-construct the whole thing on sound business lines, managed by men with brains? I believe there are a few such men in our Fancy. If a guiding body is necessary (and I really believe it to be a very useful adjunct to the Fancy in cases of dispute, fraud, etc.), let it be looked after by men who know what they are doing. Brother fanciers, why do you allow the C.B.U. to humbug you in the manner they are doing? I say show where you like and when you like, and let the best man win.

C. P. SMITH.

[A Paragraph of the above letter has been deleted. It has always been our policy to allow correspondents the utmost latitude in expressing their views, but to indulge in cheap sneers at individuals is surely quite unnecessary and uncalled for.—EDITOR.]

SOME BREEDING EXPERIENCES.

SIR,—I started to pair up my birds at the end of March and had them all paired up by the end of the first week in April—i.e., 7 pairs of Yorkshires, 6 pairs of Norwich, and one pair of Borders. The Borders and a Cinnamon-ticked Yorkie went to nest first and gave me 5 full eggs in each nest, and each hatched five; but the snow came, and the Borders threw out their young, and I only saved one Yorkie by transferring it to a common hen. I had two nests of clear eggs and have had 28 young from the first round, and all the hens are sitting or nesting again. The Yorkshires started nesting much later than the Norwich, and nearly all have had full eggs and reared all except one, which I lost—which proves that it is wiser not to be in too great a hurry to pair them up. I have had none of the hens sick or eggbound, which I attribute to keeping the stock hens during the winter in large flight cages and feeding on plain seed, with apple and carrot on alternate days and a little niger seed twice a week; and last but not least, a liberal use of the bath. The show birds I keep in separate cages. I give them a little egg-food after their return from the show. I have turned all my foreign birds including my King Bird of Paradise, out into an aviary, and they look grand. I cover them up at night. I always look forward to Friday for *the* paper, CAGE BIRDS, and I find it most interesting and instructive.

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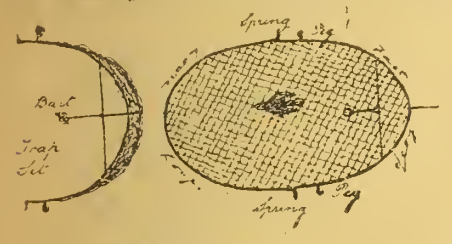
ENCOURAGEMENT FOR NOVICES.

SIR,—With a view to helping novices a bit I have written the following. I started last year to breed Canaries, but only bred three, together with four Goldfinch Mules out of eight hens and five cocks. Not becoming downhearted, I made another start this year. I had been reading CAGE BIRDS every week and had got some very good advice from it. I started with six hens and five cocks, which I paired up on March 26, and up to the present I have had hatched 19 young from first round and have reared nineteen young, all of which are now on the sticks and doing well. From the next round I had three young ones and four clear eggs; and four hens are sitting now on 17 eggs, all due to hatch next week. I feed the hens on egg-food made up of home-made bread, with egg and maw seed mixed. I put it in a pot at the bottom of the cage, with plenty of hemp and gold of pleasure seeds. I give them plenty of fresh dandelion, dandelion heads, and groundsel when they are feeding the young. I wish CAGE BIRDS all the success it deserves. NOVICE.

BIRD CATCHING.

SIR,—In reply to "Timmie" I should like to inform him that by "wire traps" is meant that the frames are of wire, except the netting with which it is covered. Ordinary thread netting is used. The great advantage of these traps is that they fold up into so small a compass; and no matter what happens to them they never get broken, and if they get bent they can easily be straightened again. If left set in fields they are liable to get trodden on by horses and cattle, but if they



A Spring Net Trap.

are it will not break them. In shape the nets are oval—i.e., like a long O. The front half turns back on the back half when set. They are stapled to trees or fastened to the ground by two pegs. They are driven with two springs—one each side. They should be made of nine or ten gauge wire when meant for catching Hawfinches in. Hawfinches should be baited with an open pod of green peas, Blackbirds with fruit or worms, Goldfinches with thistle heads, Bullfinches with privet berries or spray dock seed, Linnets and Greenfinches with spray of ketlock or turnip or mustard seed, Bramblefinches with beech-nuts and Nightingales with mealworms pinned on the cork.

CONSTANT READER.

STRAY NOTES ON HYBRID BREEDING.

SIR,—Since my last notes I have not much to record except disasters. The first nest seems to have been between a cock Goldfinch (caught early in the Autumn, but I believe not cage moulted) paired to a large Norwich hen. This pair went on well. The Canary made a good nest and laid five eggs, and after sitting upon them for nearly the full time, then gave up the ghost. This pair, I might say, was put up by quite a novice, after reading CAGE BIRDS, and the eggs were tested and found to be fertile. This was very hard lines for a young beginner. Another hen I know has had two nests of eggs which have been clear. I advised the owner to put some Linnet's eggs under her and let her bring the young up. This plan has often brought success at the next nest. There are plenty of Linnets' and Greenfinches' eggs to be got, hard sat on, and by using them hard sat on the hen does not have so long to sit. In years gone by I have found this scheme to answer well. The young brought up by the Canary, too, are valuable for another year's breeding. I am myself this year hand-raising Linnets, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, and Redstarts, and have been very successful with them so far. Others are doing the same. Greenfinches are now "catching on" about here, fanciers having just found out what good singers they make, especially if they can be brought up where there are any Canaries, so they can pick up some of their song. One young fancier's great favourite is the cock Redpoll, and he is using two or three this year, birds he has caught in a trap cage. I have one up with a hen Bully (both fresh caught this season). They are quite friendly, but have as yet given no sign of building. His pair (the Redpoll and hen Bully) both fresh caught this spring, are quite busy carrying building materials about. He has put in a Greenfinch's nest, which they seem to have taken to, so they may go on alright. From another pair a cock Greenfinch and hen Canary he now has some eggs. At first, although quite friendly, the Greenfinch would destroy the nest as fast as the Canary made it. He at last, under my suggestion, put in a Greenfinch's nest, which the Greenfinch apparently thought was alright and left alone. A simple thing like that often helps. Then the Canary sat for several days on no eggs. He fully expected she had some. Again, under my advice, he put two Greenfinch's eggs under her, and in three or four days she started to lay. The Greenfinch feeds her well, and is nearly always sitting in the nest beside her. The Redpoll-Bullie pair, of another friend, have been very amusing. The Redpoll has taken a great fancy to the Bullie and follows her about everywhere she goes. He has put in several nests for them, in boxes, but they generally get pulled to pieces during the first day they are in, the cock Redpoll being the culprit. At last she started to build on the cage bottom, in one corner. I advised him to put in a small flower pot half filled with sawdust and a Greenfinch's or Linnet's nest on the top of it. This he has done. The Bullie took to it at once and is continually on and off the nest. My idea of the sawdust was that if she laid and the nest was pulled to pieces, the eggs might be saved to put under Canaries. At any rate, he intends to take the eggs away, and put under Canaries, so as to make sure. Another pair, Greenfinch-Bullie, after several attempts and carrying materials about, but not building in the nest boxes or pans, has taken to a Greenfinch's nest, which he put in with two clear Greenfinch's eggs, so as to give her a start. I often find this a good plan (to place a nest with eggs in) to bring them on and half start them. One or the other will go continually and look in the nest, and make quite a fuss over them. Another pair he is trying is cock Yellowhammer and hen Canary. The Yellowhammer is quite a nice steady bird. They have made no sign yet. The Yellowhammer cross he intends next year to try in several ways, and so do I if I am successful in my hand-raising. Another pair I know of, cock Bullie and hen Chaffinch, have made no sign. The cock Bullie is a poor breeder in a cage, and this cross will take some getting. But I don't see why it should not come off. One wants an outdoor aviary for such crosses, particularly the Chaffinch and Bramblefinch cross.

T. H. KINCH.

A PUBLIC AVIARY FOR OLDHAM.

The Opening Ceremony.

SIR,—Just over twelve months ago one of the members of the Oldham and Dis. C.B.S. suggested at one of their meetings that it would be an instructive addition to the Alexandra Park if they could persuade the corporation to erect an aviary. Consequently, Messrs. Sharples, Ackroyd, and Winn were appointed to meet Messrs. Matthews, Stubbs, Taylor, and Cottam of the Oldham Natural History Society. At the joint meeting it was agreed that Messrs. Ackroyd and Stubbs seek an interview with the Parks Committee, which was granted, and they were successful in their pleadings.

The aviary has been built amidst a cluster of trees and presents a fine appearance. One drawback is that it is raised rather too high, thus giving less protection from the cold winds. The cost is approximately put down at £350. The structure is divided into six parts for the various species of birds, and is 35 feet in diameter.

Tuesday, May 26th, was the day appointed for the opening, and although the greater part of the day was spoiled by a heavy downpour of rain, "Old Sol" made his appearance, adding much to the enjoyment of the occasion. Councillor Ashworth presided, and after giving an account of the summer attractions, said the matter of the aviary had been before the committee for some time, and they felt that the attraction would be a great one. Mrs. Councillor C. E. Lees, who presented all the birds, said: "I open this aviary in the hope that the birds will be of great interest to the young of the town." Some people, she said, thought it was cruel to keep birds in captivity, and it was, of course, much nicer to see the birds flying about at liberty. But birds were capable of great affection towards human beings, being able to distinguish between one person and another, and knowing their owners from strangers. They had their likes and dislikes and showed them. She hoped they would be able to make those birds happy. They would be protected from hunger, although there were a large number of wild birds which died during a hard winter from hunger. She hoped they would live long, but as a rule the life of a bird was not very long. She urged the children present not to rob the eggs of the nests in the neighbourhood. She hoped it would be possible for some lessons to be given to them on birds and their habits, so that at Wakes week when they went into the country for their holidays they would be able to recognise some of them.

The following is the complete list of birds at present in stock and their sections:—

North Section: Mandarin, Carolina, Teal, Ruddy-shell, and Shield Ducks (in pairs); Shoveller, Purple Gallinules, and Sea Gulls (pairs); Australian Crested, Ring, Java (white), and Zebra Doves (pairs); Jay, Silver Pheasant (pair); and Peacocks (pair).

West Section: Bramblefinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, and Goldfinches; Red Poll, Green and Brown Linnets; Yellowhammers, Skylark, and Snow Bunting.

North-East Section: Lemon Crested and Rose Breasted Cockatoo, Red Rump, Moustache, Ring-neck, and Quaker Parrakeets; Rock and Pennent Parrots.

South Section: Budgerigars Green and Yellow; Red Bill, Grenadier, Half Mark, Madagascar, Napoleon, and Orange Weavers; Java Sparrows, grey and white; Cockatiels, and Californian Quails.

South-East Section: Saffron Finch; Cow Bird; Canary; Pekin Robin; Whydah; and Lady Amhurst's Pheasant.

South-West Section: Avadavats (green and red); Bengalese; Nuns (black-headed and tricolour); Combassou; Cutthroat Finch; Silver Bill; Zebra Finch; Wax Bills (St. Helena and Grey); Spice Bird; and Golden Pheasant.

The park superintendant, Mr. Barlow, had everything in ship-shape style, and his men kept the huge crowd in good order.—A. ACKROYD.

CORRECTION.

It having come to our knowledge that a great number of fanciers have an idea that

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SIR,—I notice in your columns, a Mr. T. B. Gray is enquiring respecting Wilson's seed-crushing machine. I have one in use that I should be pleased to show him if in my locality (Northampton), and which cost me five years ago 8s. 6d., or thereabouts (can't recollect the exact figure). At that time it was advertised in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, but since that season I have not seen the same advertisement. I can best describe it as a miniature mangle, as it works on the same principle, except for the grooved rollers which are fixed sideways and by means of screws can be adjusted to take any sized seed, so that you can either crack the husk to enable the youngsters to get at the kernel, or smash it. It is made principally of cast iron and can't get out of order, and is indeed a valuable adjunct to the bird-room. Hoping this description will be sufficient for your correspondent, and wishing CAGE BIRDS continued success. A REGULAR READER.

[We have examined our file, and find that in 1904 "Wilson's Patent Seed-crusher" was advertised by Mr. J. W. Wilson, 21, Albion Street, Earby, via Colne, Lancs.—EDITOR.]

BIRD-SLAYER WANTED AT REDCAR.

SIR,—I saw the enclosed paragraph in the "North Star" recently, and send it in the hope that you will reproduce it. The writer says:—In the garden of a well-known Redcar gentleman's residence, near the station, a Thrush built its nest just recently, and succeeded in bringing off five young birds. Several people knew of this nest, which the owner greatly prized, on account of it's being in his garden, and near the roadway. This last week-end some miscreant climbed along the wall and put a heavy stone in the nest, causing the death of the five young birds. The parent bird's grief was pitiful to see. Now, had anyone stolen the eggs, or even taken the birds away for rearing purposes, when they had grown older, their offence might have been looked over, but to wilfully kill these innocent, useful little songsters in this cruel, wanton manner is nothing short of a crime, and one that deserves to be punished with the old middle ages form of punishment. A touch of the rack would meet the case! Let the offender be dealt with by the local authorities, if he can be caught, and that will cure him. The owner states that the stone could not have found its way into the nest accidentally.

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE Great Horton Good Intent O.S. had a real treat on Saturday evening last, the lecture by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (of Halifax) being of great interest throughout, and it was listened to very intently by the good company assembled. Mr. Clarkson's eldest son has had a few years in the pharmaceutical business, and therefore the lecturer has a good chance of obtaining information and assistance. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. Chubb, seconded by Mr. Geo. Newell, and carried by all present, bringing to a close a very enjoyable evening.

BRADFORD City O.S. have a ramble on Saturday, June 13th, and intend taking train to Apperley Bridge Station and visiting the Esholt Hall Estate, afterwards wending towards Rawdon to tea, then round Rawdon Billing for home. All friends and fanciers will be welcome. These rambles are all the rage just now, and a pleasanter and more enjoyable way of spending a Saturday afternoon it would be hard to find.

IT is with regret that I mention the death of one of our keenest and best fanciers, Mr. T. Murgatroyd, better known as "Timmy," who has left this world under very distressing circumstances, and I am sure the family has the sympathy of his innumerable friends in the Fancy.

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*A Domesticated Bullfinch.

Last year my father bought what was said to be a cock Bullfinch, but it turned out to be a hen. Quite recently he said I had better let her have her freedom, as the buds were plentiful. I did so one evening and felt sorry for it afterwards. But the next day when I came home from school I was pleased to find her back again in her cage. Since that time I have been in the habit of letting her out every day; she always returns in the evening.—Sent by J. Beeney (aged 12 years), 28, Belgrade Road, Hampton.

*A Parrot Frightens Thieves.

A gentleman living in Blackburn is the owner of a very clever Parrot. One evening the gentleman left his house secure, but on his return found the doors open. Those who had entered (would-be thieves) were evidently frightened away by the Parrot, which has a habit of greeting people with the cry, "Hello," uttered in a deep gruff voice, and following it up by a shrill whistle, and the remark: "There's the bobby coming."—Sent by A. Spink (aged 13 years), 29, Beechwood Road, West Hartlepool.

*A Thoughtful Little Chaffinch.

A friend of my father's found a Chaffinch which in the summer he hung out in the garden. It would call to the other birds with his merry "Pink, pink." One day in the winter the back-door was left open, and when the owner of the bird went in he saw a lot of other little birds in the kitchen picking up the seeds which the Chaffinch was throwing out to them from the cage.—Sent by James Allsopp (aged 9 years), 110, Molyneux Road, Kensington, Liverpool.

A Talented Starling.

We have a hand-reared Starling. He whistles "Half a pint of mild and bitter," and then says: "Mary, please be quick." He can say, "You are a pretty boy, ain't you," "Give us a kiss," "Come on, Dick," "Dear old boy," and he now whistles the first two lines of "God save the King." It was the advice on how to feed him that we had from CAGE BIRDS which saved his life when a baby.—F. CLAREE (age 10), 26, Coventry Street, Brighton.

The Treatment of Young Canaries.

By CLEM F. SAVAGE.

A Paper read before the members and friends of the Rugby and District C.B.S. on May 19.

Whoever embarks upon bird-keeping as a hobby will find scope for the exercise of patience, resourcefulness, and even ingenuity. There will be enemies to fight, obstacles to surmount, difficulties to circumvent. No matter how favourably situated may be the breeding-room, how robust the stock, how unremitting the attention or how unflagging the enthusiasm of the fancier, it must not be assumed that everything will go along as merrily as the proverbial marriage bells. Parent birds *will* give trouble; young birds *will* sometimes die (and often the most promising, or those we regard as such, are included in the number), but the mortality can often be kept within reasonable bounds, if only the right thing is done at the right time.

Three Causes of Annoyance.

To begin with, let me name and briefly touch upon, three causes of annoyance in the rearing of birds: 1, cold weather; 2, red mite; 3, refractory hens. This is by no means a full catalogue, but if in being "fore-warned" we can also be "fore armed" against even these, we shall have gained some ground

Probably the majority of us are ready to commence operations by the end of March or in the early days of April. What we hope for is a prolonged spell of nice, warm, sunny weather; but that, unfortunately, is precisely what we seldom get—at least, on this breezy tableland known by the name of Rugby. Not infrequently the wind veers to the north or the east at this season of the year; and, like the mother-in-law in the story, we discover it has "come to stay." Our birds are fit, nay, eager; we have completed our spring cleaning—all things are ready! What shall we do?

The Book says: "He that observeth the wind shall not sow, and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." (Ecclesiastes xi. 4); and the fancier who keeps his birds apart until the weather is ideal for his purpose will probably have to wait a very long time. The elements during the month of May are frequently very treachcrous—now hot, now cold; whilst some of us are old enough to recollect sharp snaps, accompanied by snow, even in June.

Circumventing the Weather.

The wise man will take advantage of a bright day or two in April, or possibly a little earlier; and having judiciously paired his birds up will take some measures to guard against the chilly nights that must inevitably be experienced later on. Different men have different methods. My own plan, which I have found adequate, has been to hang a fairly thick curtain each evening when the temperature threatens to be low over the front of all my breeding cages. Formerly, I used large sheets of brown paper, which answered the purpose equally well, but in time got torn and ragged ,and were less convenient to handle than the curtain referred to.

This means, of course, that I must rise earlier in the morning than I might otherwise do, to remove the covering and attend to the birds, particularly if there happened to be young in the nest; but I am fully persuaded that by adopting this method, the Canaries are kept cosy and wake to resume their parental duties with greater zest than if they were left unprotected in an unheated room.

Of course, when the weather gets warmer the need for such measures disappears; but there is this to be said in favour of the fancier visiting his bird-room quite early in the morning—he will go with a quantity of freshly-prepared and thoroughly-sweet egg-food in all probability; and thus the young have the benefit of a wholesome breakfast, which may not always be the case if the meal has been prepared and placed in the cages the night previously.

War against the Red Mite.

Everlasting warfare must be waged against that mischievous little beast, the Red Mite, if success is to be attained in Canary-rearing and happy is the man who has learnt the secret of wholesale extermination. More young birds die through the ravages of Red Mite than the average fancier dreams of

One of my first wrinkles was given by a man who has since relinquished the hobby, but who at one time ran a fairly large stock of Canaries, chiefly Yorkshires. We were looking round his bird room one day, and he spoke after this fashion: "Last year I lost a great many young birds in the nest, and I have come to the conclusion that their deaths were due to the Red Mite. This season, when I set the hens, I well dusted the nest with insect powder, and have repeated the dusting a day or so before the eggs were due to hatch out, the outcome being that I have had much better luck."

This experience was related at a time when I was first beginning to get a few stock birds together, with the object of founding a stud, and I have never omitted to take advantage of the hint given. In fact, I go beyond the suggestion of my friend, and occasionally powder the young as well, though not after they open their eyes.

Already this season my second box of insect powder is in use, and probably in an advanced stage of exhaustion. Even where there are no visible traces of Red Mite, it surely is wise to act upon the principle that the potentialities of the pest may be present, lurking in ambush, and that unless care is exercised, they may with the advent of summer, develop into a formidable foe, able to "bring forth its pests in number," to indulge in a merciless night attack upon defenceless fledglings, and rendering matters so uncomfortable for the hen Canary that she forsakes her nest with its promising brood.

Even Young Birds may be Victims.

Even when young birds are safely on the sticks they may still suffer and die if the Red Mite is allowed to gain the ascendency. An acquaintance told me that one day he was paying one of those fraternal visits that some of us delight to indulge in, when the fancier on whom he had called complained of the difficulty he experienced in keeping Canaries alive when they reached the age of six or eight weeks. Many birds drop out of existence, as we know, when they approach, or are passing through the trying ordeal of the first moult.

"Are you troubled with Red Mite?" asked the visitor.—"No, I think not," was the reply.

But, as a matter of fact, the little enemy was there unto the third and fourth generation, and had to be dislodged by a liberal application of turpentine, which rendered the hiding-places unfit for habitation.

The mixture I use for dressing perch-ends, crevices, etc., is that recommended by Mr. Claude St. John in CAGE BIRDS—a pint of methylated spirits, in which has been dissolved an ounce of camphor.

Before leaving this subject, a word may be said for our industrious friend, the spider, to whom some people seem disposed to leave entirely the problem of how to get rid of the Red Mite; but whilst not recommending that course, I certainly do think we may regard the spider as an ally, and in doing our best to make the inside of the cages untenable for Red Mite, we need offer no serious objection to the spider hunting for and devouring as many as she can catch on the outside or in the immediate vicinity.

Perhaps She Will; Perhaps She Won't.

Who amongst us does not know something of the hen that is perverse, refusing to feed her young, or doing so only for a short period of time? What are we to do to make up for her deficiencies? It will be found a help to have a number of nests of eggs due to hatch out simultaneously, if this can be arranged; as then it is a fairly easy matter to transfer young from bad feeders to foster parents whose treatment is more considerate. Last season I had a chick from an egg laid by one hen, hatched out by a second, and reared by a third! This would not have been possible unless there had been several hens due to "come off" the nest about the same time.

A bath, in which a pinch of common table salt has been placed, is recommended as having a good tonic effect upon a "sweating" hen.

Frequently the cock plays a very useful part in the feeding of the young, and will assist the hen, or should she become neglectful, complete the task in her stead. Pairs of reliable feeders, kept solely for that purpose, are not to be despised, and no doubt every year many birds are reared by hand.

The Important Question of Diet.

No paper, professing to deal with the treatment of young Canaries, could be regarded as adequate without some reference to the all-important question of diet.

Egg-food is what my young Canaries are cradled upon, and I must confess to a decided bias in favour of crumbled home-made or Hovis bread, rathered than powdered biscuit, as a suitable substance with which to blend the shreaded volk of a hard-boiled egg. It is not my practice now to include the white of the egg, which, if it has any virtues, cannot be regarded as easily digestible, and I like the bread to be two or three days old.

Other points worthy of mention are: (1) To see that there is always a liberal supply of hemp seed in the breeding cage (I use a separate vessel for this), some hens consuming a great deal when feeding their young. (2) The grit should be frequently renewed, as it is evidently much in demand, not only for the formation of egg shells, but as an aid to digestion.

Green Meat.

A bird fancier who will not experiment can hardly be regarded as belonging to the "top hat link," as railway men would say. It is very valuable, and even necessary at times, to listen to advice from others, but, after all, nothing equals first-hand experience; and I have been wondering whether any amongst us have discarded the employment of green-meat entirely as food for young birds.

Some there are who use it plentifully, and apparently without evil results; but experts are agreed, I think, that there is an element of danger in providing young birds with quantities of green-stuff after they leave their parents and until they have emerged successfully from their first moult.

If it is risky to supply such food to vigorous Canaries of six or eight weeks old, does it not occur to you to be equally hazardous to use it when the birds are in an earlier (and consequently weaker stage of development? Does the fact that the salad has for a moment or two reposed in an older bird's crop make such a tremendous difference to its feeding value?

The temptation to provide green-meat to a slackening feeder is great, and who amongst us could resist it, if we believed that thereby a nest would be saved? But for my own part, I am this season using less green-food than formerly, and commencing some days later, and the results to date have justified the caution.

A Word for Milk Sop.

Now I will conclude with just a word in favour of milk sop as an aid to bridging over the period between the time the young leave the parental care and are able to crack hard, dry seed. This is generally an anxious time, and scrupulous cleanliness must be observed, lest in foraging on the cage floor the birds should pick up something harmful. But I have found the young take to sweet bread and milk kindly and thrive upon it, with a supplementary diet of crushed seed, the water being either withdrawn or made so distasteful (by the addition, say, of a few drops of a bitter tonic such as gentian), that they will not harm themselves by drinking large quanites of it.

An interesting discussion followed the reading of the paper.

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HINTS ON THE BREEDING OF MULES AND HYBRIDS.

By THOMAS SMITH.

For smart, interesting breeding no branch of the Fancy can surpass "Hybrids." It is not every pair that is productive, but in lots of cases failure is because the birds are not properly treated.

The Need for Roomy Cages.

The average fancier seems to overlook the fact that British birds in their wild state enjoy immense space, and that it will not do for them to be confined in the small cages they are put into. If young are to be got, in a state of confinement British birds require to be put in large, roomy cages, so as to afford the inmates every opportunity of jumping and flying about; and there must be at least three perches—one high up,and the other two on a lower level.

This is particularly needed in the case of that favourite in Hybrid breeding—the Siberian Bullfinch hen. In good health she is very fond of jumping from perch to perch, and to be maintained in such health ample exercise of this kind is necessary.

One of the following makes a very suitable mate for her: A grassy-green, yellow, cock Canary, large, and of the Norwich type; a Siberian Goldfinch; a Redpoll; a rich-coloured, yellow Greenfinch.

When the Breeding Season Arrives.

Having selected a pair, they should be kept together for some months before the breeding season comes round. If they are in a place where artificial heat is in use, they may start breeding in March or April, but as a rule British birds in confinement do not commence to breed till the latter end of May.

When once the Bullfinch hen makes a start she lays cluteh after clutch, and keeps quite a number of foster mothers testing her eggs. The Canary of recent years has bred with the Bullfinch, a number having been successfully reared.

The Goldfinch-Bullfinch has been somewhat restricted during the last two years, but there is every prospect of its becoming a popular one this coming season, many fine pairs having been put up.

A Chance for Breeders.

The *rara avis* is the Redpoll-Bullfinch cross. It seems as if this most interesting cross had been abandoned; it is almost unknown to-day. It therefore affords a fine opportunity for breeders to persevere with the Redpoll, and produce a Hybrid that will be appreciated by exhibitors. A really good cross of this kind would at the present time command a very handsome price.

Goldfinch-Bullfinch crosses are not over-abundant, and there is scope here for the breeder. For this cross I strongly recommend a large, brilliant, Siberian cock Goldfinch and a large, Siberian Bullfinch hen. A breeder with a pair of this sort stands a chance of obtaining something after the stamp of the famous Edinburgh-bred Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid, which was a great success on the show bench, attracting much admiring attention from visitors.

Nests for the Bullfinch Crosses.

The Greenfinch and the Siberian Bullfinch are the favourite pair, and had Siberian Bullfinches been more freely imported, this class would be greatly in evidence in aviaries all over the country. As it is, there are many pairs, and the competition will very likely be keen.

When they begin to nest the bottom of the cage should be covered with moss or fine grass. Some Bullfinch hens lay in the cup; but others drop their eggs from the perch, and unless the bottom is covered with something soft, breakages are sure to ensue. In any case the breeder should be early in the bird-room to remove the egg before it gets broken.

No time should be lost in setting the eggs when the complement is complete; if they are allowed to lie over for a time they are apt to become addled.

The young Hybrid is a strong, vigorous bird, and is easily reared under a good feeding pair. A couple of Hybrids in three succeeding nests is a fitting reward for the labour involved.

Breeding for Light Mules.

In my opinion the best way to breed for light Mules is to mate a large Yorkshire type of Canary—one that has been bred clear for several generations—with a hen Goldfinch, or better still with a piebald hen Goldfinch. With the latter there should be every chance of securing a light Mule.

We all know how valuable a large, light Mule is. It is hardy and "holds out" for many years. The Canary-Goldfinch Mule is a cage bird, let it be dark or light, and will always be in demand. As a songster it is valuable, and there is seldom any difficulty in disposing of it.

Some Other Fine Mules.

The Redpoll-Goldfinch is a cross which should have more attention devoted to it. Traits of both parents are most powerfully delineated. The Mule is clean and tidy and full of life. For a drawing room he is admirably suited. The Redpoll is often found there, but he is not nearly so attractive as the Redpoll-Goldfinch.

The Redpoll-Greenfinch is also worth cultivating. The Greenfinch hen takes to the nest readily, and the Hybrid from them is greatly to be prized.

The Goldfinch-Siskin is a lovely Hybrid. Having an even blend of the colours of the two parents, it attains charming plumage in its second year.

The Siskin-Canary, the Greenfinch-Canary, and the Redpoll-Canary are all nice Mules, and are full of interest.

The Hybrid and Mule-breeder will have to be astir early if he wishes to make the most of his opportunities.

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The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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Sunflower Seed.

Except as an item in mixtures of seeds and corn for Parrots and Parrakeets, sunflower, as it is called, is of little importance for seed-eaters. Many kinds of the Parrot tribe are exceptionally fond of it, and with their powerful beaks are quite able to negotiate it when it comes to cracking its shell to get at the kernal.

Although very oily and nutritious it does not appear to have such harmful effects when consumed liberally as is usually the case with rich and oily seeds. The chief objection to using it freely is that the birds are apt to reject all other seeds in favour of the sunflower, and this invariably occasions great waste, even if it does not affect the health adversely.

It might also be used for the larger Finches, either British or foreign, and for birds of the Tit family. But for the bulk of British Finches, Canaries, and birds of about their size, the seed is too large for them to crack. Otherwise they are all very partial to the kernel.

If it were deprived of its husk, and the kernel chopped into fragments, it might be used more freely than it is, particularly in large aviaries, and outdoor structures. Its size is really a greater detriment to its use for small birds than the strength of the ligaments of the husks. The latter would certainly not be beyond the power of any ordinary Finch or Canary, were it not that the seed is too large for the birds to get a fair grip of it, hence their inability to crack it.

Such birds as the Nuthatch, the Tit, and a few others, which have the habit of placing the seed down and hammering the husk open by repeated blows of the beak, can in spite of their small size quite easily deal with sunflower seed. The Tits in particular are exceptionally fond of it, as are also many of the soft-billed birds which have the habit of opening it in the same manner as the Tit and Nuthatch.

Gold of Pleasure.

This is a small ochcrous brown seed produced by a flowering plant which is often grown in old-fashioned cottage gardens. Of late years it has been stocked by most large dealers in bird seeds. It is of an oily nature. It has a very stimulating effect upon Canaries, and is exceptionally useful for helping to bring them into good breeding condition when they are a little backward in spring.

The bland oil it possesses doubtless gives it cleansing and mildly aperient qualities. But it must not be used liberally. Its proper use is to give a very small quantity occasionally.

For bringing Canaries into condition, for example, it is sufficient to give about a saltspoonful to each bird every second day, and alternate it with a similar quantity of inga, or niger and hemp. As an occasional pick-me-up it will also be found useful.

Its use for British Finches is similar to the above, except that it may be used as a very small proportion of the regular stock mixture for these birds, especially where they are kept in large aviaries where they get plenty of exercise. Linnets, Redpolls, and birds of this class are particularly partial to it.

Shepherd's Purse.

The seed of this plant is not very unlike that of gold of pleasure, but is somewhat smaller. It is very easy to harvest, and is easily freed from the husks in which it grows. Most of the British Finches will relish it as a change, but again it may be regarded as the special favourite of the Linnet tribe.

The cleaned seed may be useful enough as a change during the winter and spring months. Some fanciers are not much in favour of it, as they do not think the birds seem to care much for it. In its half-ripened state, however, if the sprays of seed are gathered and given as green food, the birds are extremely fond of it—Canaries as well as Britishers. This is the form in which most fanciers prefer to make free use of it.

When the birds are in very large flights, or flying loose in rooms or aviaries, the whole plant should be torn up by the roots and thrown in without shaking every scrap of soil from the roots. The reason for this is that shepherd's purse is the food-plant of numerous insects, both above and below the ground, and a plant torn up in this way frequently teems with tiny larvæ and minute insects about the foliage, and very small maggots about the roots. All this is most excellent food for practically all commonly-kept birds, even Canaries being exceptionally fond of hunting it out and devouring it.

Soft-billed birds, both British and foreign species, revel in hunting out these small living things, and it will be exceedingly few that escape their prying eyes. The only objection to giving plants in this way to birds kept in ordinary-sized cages is that the cramped space is sometimes the cause of their soiling their plumage with it.

Maw Seed.

This is undoubtedly one of the most valuable seeds the fancier is provided with. The maw seed of commerce is a very small kidney-shaped seed of a bluish-grey colour. It is obtained from the white poppy, from which the opium of commerce is also obtained. The latter drug, however, is got from the milky juice which exudes from the fleshy capsule in which the seed is retained when its surface is scratched, and is entirely absent from the seeds. Possibly other closely allied varieties of the poppy may yield a portion of the maw seed of commerce, but that obtained from our wild poppies is of quite a different colour, being very dark brown.

Whether the seed of our wild poppies could safely be used in place of maw for Canaries and similar closely-confined birds, the writer would not venture to say, although some have been known to use it in small quantities without any apparent difference in effect from the blue-grey seed.

For British birds, especially those kept in good-sized aviaries, some would not hesitate to use it freely. If its effect was invariably the same as the blue-grey variety, there is probably no other seed which could be gathered at first hand from its native wilds with greater ease than that of poppies.

A good sample of maw, in addition to being of a distinct blue-grey hue, should be so full of oil that if a single grain is smashed between the thumb nails a small patch of free oil is pressed out.

Its chief use is for helping birds to cast their feathers during the moulting season. But if it is used too freely over a lengthened period, it will throw the birds into a state of continual moulting, and bring about a rotten condition of the plumage. It is mixed in egg food both during the moulting season and when the birds are feeding young, chiefly as a kind of condiment to tempt the birds to eat the soft food more freely, which they will do for the sake of getting the maw, of which they are particularly fond. In the breeding season it is also believed to assist the young in growing their first plumage. However these facts may lie, it is not everybody who approves of the plan in either case, preferring rather to keep the soft food as simple and pure as possible, and to give all seeds, whatever kind it may be, separately.

A Word of Caution.

Although maw is so very small in the grain, it will be found, if one watches the birds, that every seed is carefully "shelled" and the husk rejected by the birds just the same as they do with Canary or any of the larger seeds. Now, when it is mixed with the soft food the birds must of necessity be compelled to swallow a certain proportion of the seed whole, husks and all together. This may not affect old birds injuriously, but the case may be very different when given to very young birds in this way; and in any case fanciers may take it that the birds know best what is good for them in this way, and should, therefore, not force them to systematically swallow things in the way of food which they know the birds would totally reject if they had any choice in the matter.

Another use for maw at any season is to correct any undue looseness in the bowels. A small teaspoonful may be given daily for a few days with this object in view with great advantage. Still, when maw is not just at hand this same effect can be achieved quite as well by giving a teaspoonful of hemp daily for a few days.

During the moulting season half a teaspoonful of maw may be given to each bird daily until they have ceased dropping feathers and will very materially assist and expedite the progress of the moult. This use for it applies equally well to British Finches, and indeed to the great majority of all cage birds, both soft and hard-billed. For Larks especially it is most valuable in helping to bring them through a good moult.

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ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

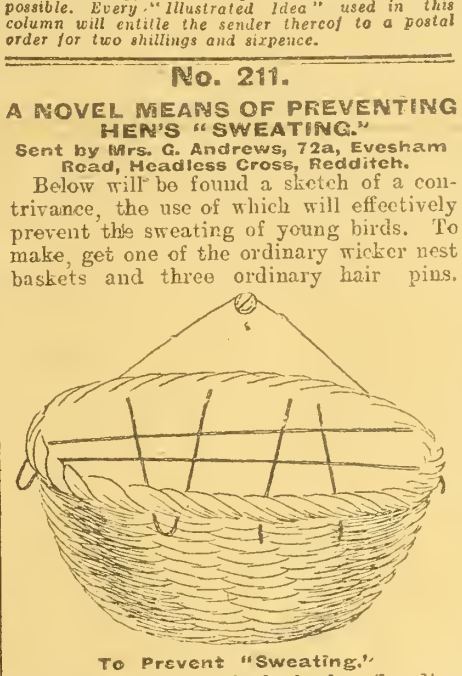
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 211.

A NOVEL MEANS OF PREVENTING HEN'S "SWEATING."

Sent by Mrs. G. Andrews, 72a, Evesham Road, Headless Cross, Redditch.

Below will be found a sketch of a contrivance, the use of which will effectively prevent the sweating of young birds. To make, get one of the ordinary wicker nest baskets and three ordinary hair pins.



To Prevent "Sweating."

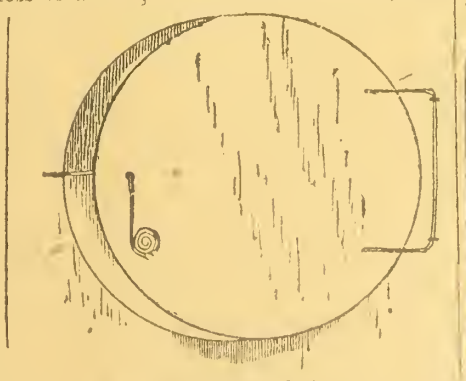
Lace the pins through the basket (bending the ends down to prevent them getting displaced), two across one section and one crossing the other two, as shewn in sketch. The parent bird thus sits on the wire without sweating the young. I lost my first nest of young through the sweating of the hen, and this led me to devise what I have above described in order to prevent further losses. I have now a nest of strong young in a basket with the wire attached, and I find the means a very successful one.—Mrs. G. Andrews.

No. 212.

HOW TO MAKE A CAGE-DOOR LATCH.

Sent by David T. Shedden, Arundel Place, OrbistonStreet, Motherwell.

I think the sketch below will be found to speak for itself. To forget to fasten the door of a cage sometimes means the loss of a bird, or a number of birds, out



A Useful Door Catch.

of the window. Bore a hole in the door and bend the heaviest bit of wire you can get into the shape indicated. Twist the wire into a little knob at the bottom, so that the weight will keep the inside bit of wire on the horizontal. You will then have to lift the knob to shut the door when it falls down with its own weight.—David T. Shedden.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

A Song of Songs.

Nightingale song surpasses all other in melodious richness, but its infinite variety is one of its chief charms. The listener never has the slightest idea what to expect next. It may be a low sweet whistle, so clear and rich that no instrument could imitate it—a perfect rippling water bubble—or, it may be a liquid double note, so beautiful to listen to, but yet so difficult to describe. Every bird-lover should make an effort to hear the King of Songsters. He should listen to a good one and study each passage carefully before coming to any rash conclusions that the song has been over-rated. The fact that he warbles at night when the woods are still and rivals are fast asleep lends an additional charm to the melody, but you may hear him in the day time, when the air is full of music, when the Thrush, Blackbird, and Robin sing their loudest, and the fluttering Skylark trills overhead. The richness of his notes surpasses them all, and you listen as intently and as much enraptured as you did by the copse after sundown, when no other sound was heard, save the uneasy wailing of the Peewits on the uplands.

Tame Partridges.

Although the Partridge is much shyer than the Pheasant, it occasionally becomes exceedingly tame without any special care being taken with it. Instances are numerous of one or two of a covey coming regularly to feed with the poultry at the farmhouse, and a case is on record of one entering a house and enjoying the warmth of the fire.

Increase of Kites.

It is only by the care and activity of the the Kites' Protection Committee that these one-time common birds have been saved from total extinction. From Wales, some nine nests have been reported, and with ordinary luck these should be nearly doubled next year. The great enemy to guard against is as usual the egg collector, who would not be satisfied with one clutch but would have the whole nine if he was able to get them, regardless of the loss of the species. In the time of Henry VIII. London swarmed with Kites, attracted by the offal thrown into the streets, upon which they fed.

Across the Footpath.

In the spring and summer we cannot resist the temptation of turning out of the dusty road into the footpath. In the winter we keep more to the high-road, for the bye-ways are dirty and bad for pedestrians, but now they afford good walking, and the green hedge-rows with a sight of the sweet-scented "May," tempt us to take to the path. Some movement in the hawthorn, where a tiny bird has flicked the leaves before dropping into the thick undergrowth, reminds us that we shall here find Finch and Warbler, for all small birds dearly love a tangled hedge-row. A Linnet alights on a spray jutting over the path, exposing his ruddy breast, while piping a sweet little song. There is still a movement in the tall grass, conveying to us the knowledge that something living is to be seen if we wait. Leaning against a convenient post we watch the spot, and presently a small brown bird, with quiet, graceful manner is seen for a second and is as quickly hidden from our view. It is one of the Warblers, but we need not wait; we may probably identify him the next time he is seen. Or we may stay an hour and get nothing but fleeting glances. Further up the lane we see birds in the footpath and others constantly flitting about. The hedge-rows are full of life and are gay with flowers and budding sprays. Presently the June roses will have to be moved before we can peep into the flimsy home of the Lesser Whitethroat, or that of the more robust Greenfinch.

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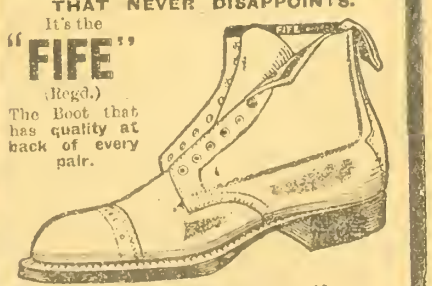

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LEEDS.

Usual contest for quality singing held on June 6th at King's Head, Shannon-street, when 26 birds sang. 1st and 2nd shared between Stead and Biss; 3rd, Hardcastle. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and J. Clarke; timekeeper, Mr. A. Nicholson. Also on June 7th, when 30 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Hmeson and Cooper. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd and 3rd, Wigfield. Timekeeper, Mr. T. Crane.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

Linnet "Derby" at Leeds (18th annual contest) held on Whit Monday at King's Head, Shannon-street, when 30 members entered for quality singing with the following result:—1st and 9th, Tillotson (£1 and 7s.); 2nd and 8th, Biss (15s. and 7s.); 3rd, Wigfield (13s.); 4th, Hardcastle (11s.); 5th, Clegg (10s.); 6th, Topping (9s.); 7th, Galley (8s.). Each of the successful competitors, in addition to the money prize, received a copper kettle. Judges, Messrs. C. Cooper and W. Fisher. Timekeeper, Mr. A. Nicholson.—T. CRANE, Sec.

YORK.

The 31st annual Linnet singing contest was held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, on Whit Monday, when 24 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Paver, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. Result: 1st, Evans; 2nd, Key; 3rd, Laverick; 4th, Allan; 5th, Moore; 6th, Lightfoot. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Whitehead. Usual weekly contest held June 6th, when 24 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Paver. Result: 1st, Firth; 2nd, Key; 3rd, Chaplin; 4th, Whitehead; 5th, Lambert. Timekeeper, Mr. T. Limbert.—WM. EMPSON.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

Dates inserted free of charge.

[The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.]

June 13.—Great Horton O.S.
June 13.—Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.F.S.
June 13.—North London C.B.A.
June 17.—Torbay O.S. (Paignton).
June 18.—Stockport B.F.A.
June 20.—Burnley and Dist. C.B.S.
June 20.—Wakefield O.S.
June 20.—West Bromwich and Wolverhampton Societies (combined).
June 20.—Tong and Dist. C.B.S.
June 20.—Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.
June 20.—Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.
June 20.—Southport C.B.S.
June 20.—Harrogate C.B.S.
June 20.—Tong and Dist. C.B.S.
June 25.—Metropolitan C.B.A.
June 26 and 27.—Hazel Grove and Dist. C.B.S.
June 27, London and Counties O.A.
June 27.—Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.
June 27.—Pendleton and Salford.
June 27.—Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.
June 27.—Otley and Dist. O.S.
June 27.—Rotherham C.B.S.
June 27.—Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.
June 27.—East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.
July 1.—Battersea and Dist. C.B.A.
July 4.—Guiseley, Yeadon and Dist. C.B.S.
July 4.—Sunderland C.B.A.
July 4.—West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.
July 4.—Admiral Duncan O.S.
July 4.—Garston B.B.A.
July 4.—Admiral Duncan (Nottingham) O.S.
July 9.—Worcester and Dist. C.B.S.
July 11.—Leeds C.B.S.
July 11.—Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S.
July 11.—Middleton O.S.
July 11.—Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.
July 11.—Exeter.
July 11.—Preston O.S.
July 11.—Altrincham C.B.S.
July 11.—Macclesfield and Dist. C.B.S.
July 11.—Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.
July 11.—Walthamstow F.A.
July 11.—Highgate, Hampstead and Dist. C.B.S.
July 11.—Leek and Dist. C.B.S.
July 15.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.
July 18.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
July 18.—Porth and Dist. C.B.S.
July 18.—Harrogate C.B.S.
July 18—Tong and Dist. C.B.S.
July 25.—Crook Original C.B.S.
July 25.—Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.
July 25.—East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.
Aug. 15.—Tong and Dist. C.B.S.
Aug. 22.—East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

East Kent (Open to Kent, Surrey, and Sussex).—July 15th and 16th.—Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 11 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Scll. 1, and 2 local members' class. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entry fee, 1/9. Entries close June 26th to AVIS and THOMPSON, 66, Gilford-road, Deal.

Wild Plants for Cage Birds.

Weeds and Seeds of the Field and Wayside described

By R. MORSE.
With Footnotes, etc., by G. E. Weston.

(*Continued from page 213.*)

Grasses.

Grass is so exceedingly abundant that a description seems almost superfluous. It may, however, surprise some to hear that there are no less than about 3,600 different kinds. In size, too, they differ greatly, some species attaining very large proportions, such as the bamboo (which is a kind of grass). Bamboos have been known to reach a height of over 100 ft., but it is with the smaller English species I am going to deal.

One has only to go into a meadow or along a wayside when some common species of grass are seeding, to become aware of the fact that our wild, feathered friends make very great use of grass-seed as a part of their diet. Do not we also eat grass-seed? Is not the "staff of life" prepared from a member of this self-same grass family? To be sure it is. Let us then do our best to supply our cage-birds with a diet which they will greatly appreciate.

Canary Grass (*Phalaris canariensis*).

This grass is cultivated to a great extent in central and southern Europe, and the seeds are gathered and sold as Canary seed. Although probably not a wild plant in this country, it may often be found growing as an "escape," and in some districts considerable quantities could easily be gathered. The writer knows a quiet, little out-of-the-way town in Essex, where boys go out and gather this grass seed which is sometimes used in vases as an ornament.

It is an upright plant, from two to three feet high, and its rather plentiful leaves are of a pretty blue-grey colour, known to botanists as glaucous leaves. The heads are somewhat egg-shaped, and are about an inch long on an average, but are sometimes much smaller. On the other hand, they are occasionally found as much as an inch and a half in length.

Rye Grass. Canary Grass.

They are made up of flat, pale-yellow scales, each of which has a broad, green line down each side. It is an annual plant (i.e., it dies down yearly), and is to be found in bloom from June till August. The seeds soon ripen, and are then, of course, ready to gather for storage.

Wall Barley (*Hordeum murinum*).

This is likewise a well-known and very common grass, and somewhat resembles the ordinary barley of the farmer. It grows from one to two feet high, and is a rather coarse grass. The leaves are not very large, and are narrow and rough. The spike is almost cylindrical, instead of being flattened, as in the cultivated barley, and reaches a length of about two or three inches. These spikes are green, and have large numbers of long, rough awns. Children love to pluck them and tuck them up their sleeves, while they walk along swinging their arms and singing the rhyme:

"Adam and Eve
Crawl up my sleeve."

This the spikes actually do, on account of their formation, as may be proved by trial.

Wild Oat (*Avena fatua*).

This is of frequent occurrence in cornfields, and is generally well known. It grows to a height of about three feet, and has smooth stems, except at the points where the leaves are given off (called the "nodes"), which are hairy.

The heads are about eight or ten inches long and spreading. The spikelets each have three flowers, and are about one inch long. It is in bloom during June and July, and is an annual.

Quaking Grass. Wall Barley.

Quaking Grass, Totter Grass, or Ladies' Hair (*Briza media*).

I should think there is hardly a single child in the country districts who has not gathered handfuls of this grass for home decoration. It is, indeed, very pretty, and somewhat resembles the well-known Maidenhair fern. It usually grows to a height of about one foot, and the little egg-shaped spikelets are prettily variegated with green and purple, and each contains about five or six tiny flowers.

It is wonderfully common on dry pastures and downs, where it may be found blooming during the summer months. It is a perennial.

Sheep's Fescue (*Festuca ovina*).

This is one of the commonest grasses growing on dry and elevated pastures. It has a glaucous hue, somewhat similar to that of Canary grass described above. It is densely tufted, and varies in height from three inches to two feet, the slender stems being four-angled and rough below the flowering heads.

The leaves nearly all spring directly up from the base of the plant, and in shape are almost cylindrical. The flowers, which appear in June and July, are of a purplish colour, and the flowering panicles reach a length of about three inches. It is a perennial plant, and is very variable in size and character.

There is another species of Fescue known as Tall Fescue, which is common in wet places and by river banks. It sometimes reaches a height of six feet, hence its name.

Rye Grass or Way Bent (*Solium perenne*).

This is so common in waste places and by roadsides that it is known by almost every one. Even children know this grass, and never tire of playing "Tinker, Tailor, etc.," with it, as they carefully pull off one spikelet after another. The stem is usually about a foot or eighteen inches high, and the spike of flowers may be about six inches, or rather more, in length.

The small spikelets are some distance apart, and the stem makes a bend between each pair of them. It is a very hardy, perennial grass and blooms during early summer.

The Italian rye grass, a much larger species, is very well known in a cultivated state, and is a most valuable fodder-grass.

(*To be continued.*)

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THE SHOWS.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

A meeting was held at the Hall of Science, Grimsby, on June 2nd, when there was a nest feather show and table show for British birds. Mr. George Harland, of Hull, judged. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. C. B. Hankey for kindly granting the society permission to visit Croxby Ponds recently, which proved so enjoyable, and also to Mr. Harland for his services as judge. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Moore, sen.; 3, Robinson. BUFFS: 1, 2, Moore, sen.; 3, res., vhc, Robinson. NOVICE YELL.: 1, Moore, jun.; 2, 3, Cartwright; vhc, res., Cotterill. BUFFS: 1, Metcalf; 2, 3, Moore, jun.; res., vhc, Crowston; hc, c, Cartwright. BRIT.: 1, 2, Crowston; 3, res., vhc, c, Saddler.—MOORE and CROWSTON, Secs

LEEDS C.B.S.

A very successful meeting and a first nest feather show were held at headquarters, on June 6, when a large number of fanciers and friends were present. Mr. Chambers occupied the chair. Mr. King officiated as judge, while the business of the meeting was in progress, and his awards were well received. Fifty birds were staged in 5 classes. Norwich turned up well, 23 being entered in the Buff class. Some good birds were on view, and with a successful moult these should be heard of again. Competition was keen amongst novice fanciers. Mr. Woof gave a clock to the novice gaining most points at this show, and it was won by H. Smith with 19 points, he being closely followed by Mr. Tose with 17 points. Mr. Farrar won both specials in the Yorkshire classes with two grand birds of good quality; Mr. Tose special in Norwich yellows with a bird of good type and quality; and Mr. Stead Special for Norwich Buff with a topper of a youngster. The business was the drawing up of the schedule for young bird show, on July 11, when both cups and medals will be competed for, 24 classes comprising the schedule. We also enrolled four new members. Will fanciers please note that we have arranged to go to Monk Fryston for our annual excursion on June 20; all who intend going will please send their names to me not later than June 14, for tickets of admission to view the private grounds and aviaries.—Adults 1d., and children half-price.

YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Farrar; 2 and 4, Smith; 3, vhc, Fowler; hc, Tales. BUFF (11): 1, Farrar; 2 and 3, Smith; 4, Fowler; vhc, c, Lockwood; hc, Hallett. NOR. YELL. (11): 1, 2, 4, Tose; 3, Wain; vhc, Chambers; hc, Stead; c, Medley. BUFF (23): 1, Stead; 2, c, Ireland; 3, Triffitt; 4, Wain; vhc, Woof; hc, Lloyd. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Medley.

A. WILKINS, hon. sec.

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Show of young birds held at Station Hotel, Wallsend, on June 6th. There was a rather indifferent turn-out of birds, as our members appear to have made a bad start this year. It was jokingly remarked, however, by some of the more unfortunate, that the successful exhibitors at this venture will have to have their spikes sharpened for the annual show. Border fancies beaded the list with fifteen entries in three classes; they were admired by everyone, and not a few of them will be heard of later on. Next came the Norwich with eleven entries in three classes. There were two particularly good birds in this section—the property of Mr. McGinn. One of them, a buff-marked bird, was voted by all as the best bird in the show, and right well did he deserve the honour, as he is a gem; with a good moult he is sure to bring a lot more honours to his proud owner. The Yorkshires scarcely came up to expectations, only averaging three per class. The winning yellow of this section is a beauty, and ran the buff-marked Norwich of Mr. McGinn's a close race for highest honours. The hottest competition was in the A.V. class, the judge having some difficulty in getting himself suited; the winner was a Gold Lizard belonging to Mr. John Hyslop. He is a "good 'un" and no mistake, and "Jack is his master." But it was a very close race with it and Mr. John McQuillen's yellow self green Border, which was admired by all, and voted the best little Border in the show. We also had a table show of British birds—a nice little collection, eighteen in all. A pleasing feature of it was that Mr. Wm. Richardson has taken his father's place in our club (his father having died but a few weeks ago), and won two of the four classes. Mr. J. Shephard (Newcastle) judged, everyone being satisfied with his awards.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, McGinn; 2, Ronald; 3, Hopkinson; vhc, hc, Richardson. BUFF: 1, McGinn; 2, Ronald; 3, Richardson. MARKED: 1, McGinn; 2, Hopkinson; 3, Laws. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Allison; 2, Heddon. BUFF: 1, 2, Heddon. MARKED: 1, 2, 3, Allison; vhc, hc, Heddon. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL.: 1, Hopkinson; 2, Heddon; 3, McQuillen; vhc, Appleby. BUFF: 1, Johnston; 2, Appleby; 3, Ronald; vhc, hc, McQuillen. MARKED: 1, Appleby; 2, Ronald; 3, Heddon; vhc, c, Johnston; hc, McGinn. CREST: Cancelled. CREST-BRED: 1, Laws. CINN.: Cancelled. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, vhc, Hyslop; 2, McQuillen; 3, Heddon. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Richardson, Goldfinch; 2, vhc, Appleby, Bullfinches; 3, McQuillen, Bullfinch. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Johnston, Siskin; 2, McQuillen, Redpoll; 3, Appleby, Bramblefinch. LINNETS: 1, Richardson; 2, Hyslop; 3, Haikney; vhc, Appleby; hc, McQuillen; c, Greenwell. GREENFINCH: 1, Heddon; 2, Haikney; 3, Greenwell; vhc, Appleby. SOFTBILL: 1, Appleby. Mr. Allison won the members' challenge cup for most points gained with three nominated birds.—JAS. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.

Photo by [*Mr. G. H. Moorman.*

Members and Friends at the Annual Ramble of the Altrincham C.B.S.

HARPENDEN.

This enjoyable fixture came off as usual on Whit Monday, in Rothamsted Park, but cage birds were not so numerous as last year, neither was the quality so high-class. The most noticeable exhibits were Mr. Andrews' string of Mules, Mr. Timœus' Scarlet Tanager, and Mr. Harris's Goldfinch. The birds were nicely staged, and their wants well attended to by the stewards, Messrs. Willmott, Willis, Lawrence, Anderson, Woollat, and Wilkinson, whilst Mr. J. B. Townend, the energetic secretary, looked well after the general arrangements. Mr. C. E. Silk had been announced to judge, but he was not present, and the committee asked Mr. House to take his place.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, res., Wiggins, very pretty 3-pointed bird, level in colour, sound in feather; 3, Litchfield, clear, nice shape, not so tight. BUFF (2): 2, Wilmot, big bird of good type, nice colour; absent, 608, Priestley. MULES (4): 1, 2, 3, Andrews, 1st, Canary-Chaffinch, very handsome bird, showing distinct evidence of the two parents, very tight in feather, and a rare good shower; 2, large, well-coloured Goldfinch-Bullfinch; 3, very large yellow Siskin, well marked, and in rare feather. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Harris, large, clean cut, bright blaze, grand body, colour and feather; 2, 3, res., Andrews, capital team, good in colour and shape, nice heads, hardly so large in blaze; vhc, Smith; hc, Wilmot. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, Leeson, large, well spangled, rich coloured Bramble; 2, Bloomfield and Rose, rich coloured, nicely marked Chaffinch; 3, Andrews, nice coloured, close feathered Bullie; res., Wilmot. A.O.V. BRIT. (2): 2, Bloomfield and Rose, nicely marked, well feathered Snow Bunting, absent, 626, Saunders. FOREIGN (3): 1, Timœus, handsome, Scarlet Tanager, beautiful colour, and in rare feather; 2, 3, Cooper, rich coloured large King Lory; 3rd, pair of red-vented Blue Bonnet Parrakeets.

ABERDARE.

This show was held on June 9th and 10th in the Market Hall. Owing doubtless to the fact that the executive did not hold the show under the rules and licence of the C.B.U. the entries did not come up as they might have done. This debarred the great majority of Welsh exhibitors. The exhibits were nicely staged, and amongst them were some really good exhibits. They received the best of attention from a good committee of willing and enthusiastic fanciers. Mr. D. L. Eynon makes a capital secretary, having everything in first-rate order. He was most courteous and obliging to all, and had a good assistant in Mr. David Evans. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

NOR. YELL. (3): 3, hc, Eynon, nice colour and feather, good shape, well cut away behind; hc, Hobbs. BUFF (4): 2, vhc, James, grizzled on head, magnificent shape, deep, nicely rounded chest, rich under-colour, and well mealed; 3, hc, Eynon. UNFLI. (3): 3, vbc, Eynon, buff, marked, wings and left eye, nice colour and quality, close fitting jacket, in good form; hc, Hughes. YORKS. YELL. (6): 2, 3, Morris, grand colour and full of quality, well up on leg, stylish, fit for hot company; 3rd, fine length and position, just beaten in leg and quality; vhc, c, Bishop; hc, Griffiths. BUFF (5): 2, 3, Morris, marked head, cheeks, shoulder, and thighs, grand position, feather and stand; 3rd, clear, nice length, good quality, rich colour, fine back; vhc, hc, Bishop; c, Griffiths. BORD. FCY. YELL. (1): 3, Hammacott, very smart exhibit, beautiful feather, shape, and carriage. BUFF (2): 3, Hammacott, nice feather and shape, good action, neat wings and tail; vhc, Prosser. SCOT. FCY. (2): 2, vhc, Andrews, yellow leading, nice head and neck, gets into position quickly. A.O.V. CAN.: One entry; this a Scotch Fancy, and consequently wrong classed. NOVICE A.V. CAN. (5): 2, 3, Eynon, buff Nor., mkd. eyes, nice shape, colour, and quality, unfli.; 3rd, clear, topper for shape, nice colour, bare patch at back of head put it back; vhc, Harris; hc, Williams; c, Smith. SELL., 12/6 (4): 2, Eynon; 3, vhc, hc, Jenkins. MULE OR HYB. (6): 2, 3, Thomas, G., grand dark Jonque Goldfinch Canary, beautiful, rich blaze, grand form; 3rd, buff, another gem; vhc, hc, W. Thomas; c, Jenkins. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (7): 2, G. Thomas, good blaze, grand feather and tanning, very steady, takes special for best Britisher; 3, Prosser, good blaze, lovely buttons, well barred; vhc, Rodrick; hc, Woodall; c, Evans. BULLFINCH, ETC. (2): 3, hc, Rodrick, rich-coloured breast, good cap and back, very steady; vhc, Brooks. LINNET (5): 3, T. Thomas, nice shape, splendid feather, nicely pencilled; vhc, G. Thomas. SISKIN, ETC. (1): 2, Castree, Mealy Redpoll, nice bib, good shape. A.O.S. (2): 3, vhc, Castree, Blackbird, good bill and eye cere, nicely-shaped body. FOR. (4): 2, spl, Milsom, grand pair of Blue Mountain Lorries, in grand colour; 3, hc, Thorne, Scarlet Tanager, nice colour and feather, good size; vhc, Richards, H. NOVICE A.S. (3): 3, T. Richards; vhc, Brooks; hc, Williams.

OUTINGS.

ALTRINCHAM C.B.S.

Representatives from the Manchester Northern Counties, North Manchester, Pendleton and Salford, and the Sale Open Societies availed themselves of the invitation to join this society in their annual ramble, which took place on May 30, to Castle Mills, one of the Cheshire beauty spots. A start was made at about 3 o'clock from Hale Station, by the way of some beautiful gardens, thence along country lanes, until we arrived on the banks of the River Bollin. The whole country-side looked at its very best. Bird life was very plentiful, the first "find" being a young Thrush. The Thrushes seem to be very numerous in this part of Cheshire. Amongst the birds we heard and saw were Cuckoos, Missel Thrushes, Linnets, Greenfinches, Blackbirds, Pied Wagtails, Flycatchers, Whitethroats, Corncrake, Wrens, Yellowhammers, Robins, Blue Tits, Song Thrushes, Blackcaps, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Bramblefinches, Skylarks, Kestrels, Magpies, Swallows, and Hedge Accentors. We also saw the Bat. On our arrival at the Bollin House Farm, tea was provided and justice was done to the "soft feed"—egg food included. After tea a start was made for Mabberley Station, which was reached at 9.9 p.m., everybody enjoying the outing, and expressing a wish to go again. The party numbered about 40. Amongst those present we noticed Messrs. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, sec. of the Manchester and Northern Counties' Society, and of the Cage Bird Union; J. Raynes, sec. of the Norwich Plainhead Club; J. Davey, sec. of the North Manchester Society, and J. Irlam, assistant sec. of the Sale Open Society; also Messrs. S. Cook, Brierley, C. C. Blackshaw, F. Wardleworth, J. Critchley, W. Wilkinson, A. Taylor, C. Clark, Pollard, H. Whitney, and many other well-known fanciers.—TOM HARRISON, hon. sec.

KILMARNOCK O.C.B.S.

On May 29 a large turnout of members of Kilmarnock Cage Bird Society met in Billfield Tavern to show their respect and esteem for one of their members, Mr. Jas. Wyllie, who sailed on June 5th for Long Island, U.S.A. Mr. Wm. Guthrie, President of the Club, occupied the chair, and in a few well-chosen remarks wished Mr. Wyllie, on behalf of the Cage Bird Fanciers of Kilmarnock, every success in his new undertaking. He then called on Mr. Jas. Johnston to make the presentation. Mr. Johnston referred to Mr. Wyllie's long connection with the club, both as a member and as an official. He had been a member for upwards of fifteen years, and had held the post of secretary (during the time Mr. Johnston was president), for five years. When Mr. Wyllie took over the secretaryship there was a membership of thirty, and it said much for Mr. Wyllie's popularity and hard work that it had now increased to the high total of seventy; he also referred to the flourishing condition of the club's funds, which he also put down to Mr. Wyllie's credit. He then presented Mr. Wyllie with a purse of sovereigns, also a pipe and tobacco pouch, from the fanciers of Kilmarnock, and proposed his health and success in his new undertaking, which was done most heartily by the company rising and singing "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow." Mr. Wyllie made a very feeling reply. The Kilmarnock O.C.B.S. took this opportunity of presenting the handsome silver cup, presented by Mr. J. King, L.D.S., for the best young bird at their show (bred by exhibitor), which was won by one of their members, Mr. John Noble, by a young Crest. Mr. Watson, the late secretary of the Society, made the presentation, and on handing the cup to Mr. Noble, expressed the pleasure it gave him, also to the members, that it had been won for the first time by one of their number. He also referred to the success of their late show, and he was sure it would become one of the best in Scotland. Mr. Noble, in replying, gave some good advice to the novices present, and told them always to have an aim in view, for in that way lay success on the show bench, no matter what variety of Canary one took up with. A very pleasant evening was thereafter spent, songs being ably rendered by Messrs. C. Noble, A. Bowie, J. Noble, J. Johnston, J. Dunsmuir, C. Smith, R. McCallum, and the guest of the evening, Mr. Wyllie.—JAMES MURDOCK, Hon. sec. of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.

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The Colour-feeding of Canaries.

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A Lecture recently delivered before the Members and Friends of the Kilmarnock C.B.F.C.

Mr. James Hutchinson's lecture was closely followed by a good audience, Mr. Jas. Johnstone presiding. The lecturer said:

As you are all well aware the question of colour-feeding is a difficult one to discuss among some sections of the Fancy, as it is quite a common thing to hear people (who are not in favour of colour-feeding) say, "It is cruel to make birds take such stuff." My own opinion is that if colour-feed is made with good fresh eggs and biscuits properly mixed (as I shall endeavour to show you), I cannot see wherein it can do healthy birds any harm. Of course, if a bird is not healthy, then I would advise you not to colour-feed it. If it is suffering from any internal disease, such as liver complaint, the colour-feed would act on the bird's liver much as salt acts on a cut finger; but if there be no cut on the finger the salt will not nip it. Neither will colour-feed do any harm to a sound bird.

Colour-feeding Described.

Now, to come to the point; what is colour-feed? It is simply an agent to assist nature to display her glory in the birds to the fullest extent, in the same way as a gardener uses soot, ammonia, and various other fertilizers, to bring out the beauty and colour of the flowers he is growing; not a man in this room to-night would think of telling a gardener who was using these fertilizers that he was simply killing his plants.

Colour-feeding is interesting and honest. It is interesting as a process in the same way in which a bud of a flower is interesting, as day after day it unfolds its petals until it bursts into a blaze of beautiful colour. It is honest because in these days its sale is accompanied by fullest instructions, so that even the modest novice need not despair in colour-feeding his birds if he follows out these instructions. It is not the same now as when it was first introduced. Information could not then be got for love or money.

In fact, for exhibition purposes it is the same in birds as in flowers where colour is wanted, and the man who does not use fertilizers for his flowers or colour-feed for his birds has to take a back seat as regards prizes.

Now let us consider colour-feed and how to procure it. A great many recipes appear in the different Fancy papers, but I think the novice would be well advised to buy his colour-feed from a reliable agent, as he would then have a feed ready for mixing. I have always been in the habit of getting mine from Sandiford's, and I consider it as good as any in the market.

When to Start Colour-feeding.

The question is now, when should we start colour-feeding? Some make a practice of colour-feeding young birds from the nest, but this I have never done. Of course, in this district we have very few First Feather shows to encourage us to colour-feed from the nest, so I consider it a waste of time, as I do not see the use of colouring a bird twice in one season. If you colour a bird from the nest it will cast all except its tail and flight feathers, and you will have to colour-feed it over again.

One thing you must be careful to watch and that is to have the colour-feed ready, so that if a young bird gets plucked after leaving the nest by the parents or by any other bird flying about in the breeding-cage with it, you can give it a small quantity of colour-feed, with a view to colouring the new feathers that will come. Otherwise, if you don't use colour-feed when the young bird is plucked, if it is a good specimen and you intend it for exhibition, you will have to pluck all these feathers out again, which is very dangerous, besides being very trying to the bird's system. I am speaking from experience; I had one that had to be plucked after it was finished, but it never reached the exhibition table, as it sang, "Sweet repose." Now, I always try to have a little colour-feed at hand to mix with egg-food, so that if I notice a young bird being plucked I can give it some; when the new feathers come they are then coloured.

Some fanciers hold that young birds do not begin to moult till they are from ten to twelve weeks old, but if you don't start to colour-feed until then, in a good many cases they will have started moulting before that, though you may not have noticed it; and when the birds are finished they will be patchy in colour, caused by some of the feathers being moulted before you gave the colour-feed. My advice to the young fancier that has not had much experience in colour-feeding is to start when the young are from six to eight weeks old.

Put one teaspoonful of colour-feed to one egg and gradually increase it to the full strength by the time the birds are twelve weeks old, when the colour will have got right into the system.

Whether they are early or late moulters, all old birds intended to be colour-fed should be put on to their colour-feed about the first or second week in July, or as soon as they are past breeding. Birds intended for colour-feeding should have stopped breeding about the beginning of July, so as to get the colour well into their system before they begin to moult.

What to Give.

Along with the colour-feed I give my birds a regular supply of linseed, as it helps to put a gloss on the feathers. Another very good thing I give my birds about twice a week (for the same purpose) is a piece of boiled carrot, which I put between the wires. I also give them in their water a piece of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea every second day; this acts as a tonic on the bird's system and fixes the colour as well.

As regards taking away Canary seed from a bird while colour-feeding, you must use your own judgment. If you see a bird is not eating its colour-feed, it is advisable to take the seed away for a couple of hours each day; but if the birds are brought gradually on to the colour-feed (that is given a little at a time) increased gradually to its full strength, there should be no difficulty in getting them to take it. If it is well made and given fresh at least twice a day, you will get them to eat more than if you filled up their dish for a whole day's allowance. As you know, Canaries as a rule are very inquisitive; they always want to pick at everything new you put in their dish.

Another thing I would like to mention is in regard to birds which are going to be late in starting the moult. A very good thing (and not an expensive one, either) is a little sulphur (about ¼ teaspoonful) mixed with one egg and biscuit once a week; but be sure you don't give them the bath for two days after you have given them the sulphur, as this acts on the bird's system, opening its pores. The use of sulphur enables it to get through the moult quicker, and the quicker a bird does this the better.

All birds that are being colour-fed require a little shading from the sun's light. The sun will draw a certain amount of colour out of the birds unless they are shaded. It depends greatly on the position of your bird-room as to which would be the best way for you to shade it. A very good plan is to get a piece of muslin and hang it in front of your cages in the form of curtains, so that you can draw them aside to get your hand into their cages. The curtains will also protect the birds from draughts and dust, keeping them both clean and comfortable. Birds that are moulting should be disturbed as little as possible.

How to Mix Colour-feed.

I will now proceed to give you an idea as to how I mix my colour-feed. In the first place I would advise all who have not got an egg-mill to get one before the breeding season begins, as one of these affords a great saving of time in mixing either egg or colour-feed.

We will assume that the birds are all on the full strength of colour-feed. In the first place I put the egg and one butter-short biscuit through the mill; then I soak one half a slice of stale bread to each egg. I let the water-tap run on it for a little while, and with the hand squeeze the water out of it. Then I proceed to mix it with the egg and biscuit and put in the colour-feed—four teaspoonfuls of cool feed and one of hot natal. Mix all well together before putting through the mill again. Then I put it all through the mill twice, and add four teaspoonfuls of fine castor sugar. Let this stand over night, because then the sugar draws out the colour more than when it is newly made. Now you have the colour-feed ready for the birds, and the main thing is to try and give it always the same strength and moisture, for if you make it too sloppy the birds will not eat it at all.

I hope my remarks will be of some service to the young fancier for the coming breeding season.

The chairman said he felt confident all present had benefited by Mr. James Hutchinson's paper. After several questions, which the lecturer answered in a fancier-like manner, a very hearty vote of thanks, to which Mr. Hutchinson suitably replied, brought the meeting to a close.—R. McCAW, secretary.

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FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The monthly meeting was held on June 4th in the Oddfellows' Hall. There was a good rally of members. The books are now closed to old members, who have failed to pay the remaining part of dues, but new members can be enrolled until July 18th. The membership is 67.—W. CHUBB, Sec.

LEWISHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A good number of members and friends met at headquarters, Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham, to hear Mr. Crisp on the rearing and feeding of young Canaries. Mr. Crisp handled his subject most ably, and dealt with the numerous questions which were put to him in a very satisfactory manner.—H. THOS. LUCAS, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

On June 4th members and friends met at headquarters to hear Mr. J. W. Norris lecture on the Roller Canary. M. H. E. Tringham occupied the chair. Mr. Norris was greeted with much applause. In commencing he said that as he had recently lectured to a similar society on the Roller, he proposed on this occasion to divide his lecture into two parts, the first dealing with the Roller, and the second on the condition and the feeding of Canaries. He treated the subject of the Roller in a very able manner. The second part of his lecture came as a great treat and surprise to all, Mr. Norris dealing with his subject in a very interesting and scientific manner, demonstrating same by two hen Canaries he had brought with him. Mr. H. E. Tringham at this point in the proceedings, having to leave, Mr. E. S. Lugg was elected in his place as chairman. Mr. Norris was asked many questions, which he answered very ably, interesting his audience by preparing some egg-food in the manner adopted in Germany. He used a very ingenious little instrument, with which to shred the egg, the food being ready for birds in a few minutes. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Norris was carried unanimously, Mr. Norris suitably replying.—W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

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GARSTON B.B.A.

At the usual monthly meeting held on June 3rd, Mr. A. Mather, of Widnes, gave a very instructive and interesting lecture on the "Rearing and Feeding of young Birds." The lecturer emphasised the fact that it was absolutely essential for the fancier to pay strict and regular attention to his stock if he wanted a successful breeding season. Many useful hints were given which will no doubt prove beneficial to the members of the society if followed up. Mr. Mather spoke for about an hour. Mr. Crawley, the chairman, then invited discussion, and, needless to say, the opportunity was taken advantage of. Many difficult problems were solved, and it was only at the call of time that we brought a very pleasant and successful meeting to a conclusion.—A. WILKINSON, Hon. Sec.

Budgerigars as Cage Pets.

By S. W. BROOKE.

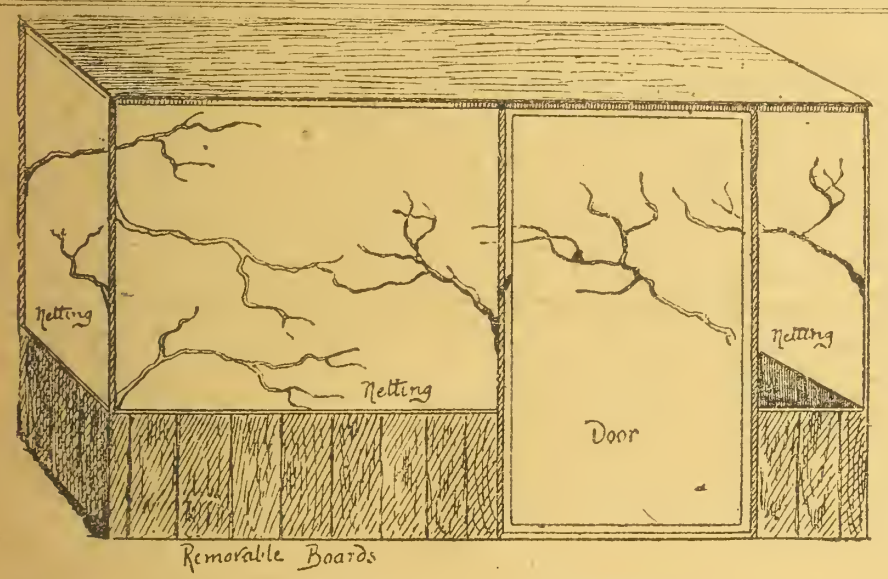
There is at the present day a tendency among beginners in the Fancy to omit all but the many breeds of Canaries. Many a one starts with a pet Canary and advances to a pair, and so commences breeding operations. But sooner or later a real lover of birds will not be contented with Canaries, but will develop a liking or a desire for a pair of one or other of the largely-imported foreign birds.

There are so many kinds of these birds that one is often doubtful which is the most interesting, and at the same time most inexpensive and cleanly of them, and which the most conveniently kept. Of course, nearly every one will differ over these points; but for those who prefer seed-eating birds, the well-known and so extensively-imported Budgerigars cannot be surpassed.

Where and How to Keep Them.

There are two varieties of these pretty and very interesting little pets—the Yellow, which is the most expensive, costing about 10s. a pair, and the Green, which costs about 5s. 6d. a pair.

The Budgerigar is a healthy and hardy bird and is very little trouble to keep in captivity; no one, not even the veriest tyro, should experience any difficulty in keeping these birds. They are most suitable for an aviary, if this can be arranged for, but will do admirably in a large, roomy cage kept indoors. It is wiser for everyone having the convenience to erect an aviary to suit his or her own taste.



Mr. Brooke's Indoor Aviary for Budgerigars.

Much depends on the position and room, and the amount of sunshine afforded.

Frequently examples of aviary construction appear in CAGE BIRDS, and styles are constantly recommended therein by Mr. W. T. Page, so that none who are unable to decide for themselves should be at a loss for knowing how to set about the keeping of Budgerigars.

In purchasing a pair or more of these birds it is better to secure a pair from a fancier who breeds his own, than start with a freshly-imported pair. It is also as well to try a pair from another fancier, so as not to have related birds.

What to Give Them.

Once healthy birds are procured no difficulty should be experienced in keeping them in good health. Canary and white millet seeds form their staple diet, spray millet seed and green grass in ear, which latter they relish so much, not being omitted. Oats in the ear are also picked over by them, and white oats are recommended for parent birds when they are feeding young ones. All available egg shells should be saved; they should be baked very hard, crushed with a rolling-pin or other suitable article, and mixed with the sand for the cage bottom, if so be the Budgerigars are kept in cages. They are very fond of this, and it prevents egg-binding. A Budgerigar is one of the cleanest birds kept in captivity. The cage, however, should be cleaned frequently—every day, if possible, or at least every other day. Failure to do this is accountable for so many birdy complaints and diseases.

Make them comfortable, and if you talk to them when feeding them (give a little seed at a time), you will find that that is the best way to tame them. They are very wild or shy at first, but with patience on the part of the one who feeds them will soon become steady. If possible, obtain a dead limb or branch from an apple tree to put in your aviary (or cage, if sufficiently large); it gives a natural appearance to the birds' home. The wood, too, is very hard, and the birds like to bite at it; it is good for their beaks. Again, a supply of cuttle fish should never be omitted from the cage or aviary.

A Doctor Seldom Wanted.

It is very rarely that these birds fall ill, but if they do, and one is seen to be mopey, or probably in the habit of shelling the seeds and not eating them, make the drinking water just slightly coloured with the best brandy obtainable, and soak a stale crust in cold water and offer when squeezed dry. Little water is consumed, but a drinking vessel should always be kept in their home. They will not bathe in water, but they delight in having a damp tuft of grass.

"Budgie" Described.

It seems hardly worth while to describe the colour and markings of these popular foreigners, but should any one not acquainted with their plumage, desire to keep a pair, a description is as follows: Length, from 7 to 8 inches; beak, Parrot shape; underparts, bright grass green; the back to the crown of the head, greenish black, each feather being edged with grass green; flight feathers, olive green on the outer edges, the third up to the eighth or ninth, having a white bar halfway, which is not visible on the closed wing. The forehead and throat are a beautiful bright yellow, with a patch of turquoise on each cheek, and a black spot on it. The tail has two long dark-blue feathers in it. The Budgerigar is a native of Australia and feeds chiefly on the grasses grown in that country.

It is quite an easy matter to distinguish the sexes by the cere at the base of the upper mandible, that of the male, after it is four months old, being generally of indigo blue; in the female it is generally brown or flesh-colour. Once seen, the bird is easily recognisable.

Tame but Pugnacious.

Cokernut husks should be hung up for the sleeping accommodation of the birds, and these will be found to be essential for breeding purposes. They can be procured from advertisers in CAGE BIRDS. The most arduous task, if the Budgerigars are kept in a cage, is the taming of them. Of course, if they are in an aviary, it does not matter, but every one keeping them in a cage should be very patient and gentle at first. It is possible, but not always probable, they will become very tame; but don't attempt to keep other birds with them in a cage, because disaster is bound to result. They are most pugnacious birds, and will soon put an end to Canaries, English birds, or small foreigners.

How to Build an Aviary.

The sketch gives a rough idea of a small aviary or large cage where I keep a pair. This structure answers very well. The drawing will probably be of some assistance to any one who intends making a small aviary and who does not wish to spend a large amount of money on it. The aviary can be completed by the outlay of ten shillings.

First of all decide on the size you propose to make it, when the right length of wood can be bought without there being any waste. Match-boarding is the cheapest to buy and answers the purpose quite well. A few lengths of thick battens are required for the frame and door.

The latter is the most difficult to make, but any carpenter will be glad to do it, and the rest is easily done. The netting, too, gives very little trouble to fix. When all this is done, get a pound tin of black and light-blue varnish paint, or enamel, and give the aviary two coatings, when it will have a nice appearance. It will, moreover, wash. Don't forget to decide on the size and work out carefully the amount of material required before starting; a lot of bother and expense will thus be saved.

I cannot show exactly how I have fixed the branch in my aviary, but go to a friend's orchard, if possible, and select the branch that suits, pruning it accordingly.

In our latest handbook, "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (just published, price sixpence post free from this office), will be found very full details of the fascinating and profitable pursuit of Budgerigar breeding.

FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

Dalkeith and District C.B.S.

A grand smoking concert was held in the Ship Inn on June 4th. About thirty members and friends met to give the late secretary, Mr. Thomas Briggs, a hearty send-off before he sailed for America on the 6th of June. Mr. Smart, president, occupied the chair. The chairman spoke of the splendid work done by Mr. Briggs and wished him every success in his new home. Then the chairman presented Mr. Briggs with a Gladstone bag and the best wishes of the members and friends. Mr. Briggs replied, and thanked the members and friends for the handsome bag. He said he was very sorry that he was about to leave them, and wished them every success with their new secretary, Mr. Ewing. Songs were sung by Messrs. A. Jardine, W. King, S. Briggs, G. Harper, Thorburn, and Steele, and a very enjoyable evening was closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."—JOHN EWING, sec.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

A Canary's Adventure.

Quite recently a Canary escaped from its cage and flew out of the house. Eventually, it was pounced upon by the family cat, which, however, treated the bird very gently and brought it home, placing it beneath the empty cage. The Canary was found to be apparently none the worse for it's adventure, and was, of course, soon restored to its old quarters.—Sent by Florence Leybourne (age 12), 49, Penton Street, Farnworth Street, West Derby Road, Liverpool.

**A Unique Home for Sparrows.

Just outside the North British Railway station, in Edinburgh, there are three signal-posts opposite each other. Near the top of each signal there is an open ornamental ball, made of iron; and in each of those balls there is a Sparrow's nest; the insides of the balls are lined with hay and feathers, etc. There is a hole in each like that in a Wren's nest, just large enough to let the birds get in. I have often seen the birds flying out whenever the signals go up or down.—Sent by W. Inglis (age 16), 6, St. Mary's Place, Edinburgh.

"Polly's a Beauty."

My auntie has a Parakeet which came from India. It is a very sensible one, and says among other things, "Twig the bobby," "Here he comes," "Block his hat," "There will be a row in the house," "No ale to-day, Frank," "What a pity!" and "Polly's a beauty." It also calls the cat and whistles to the dog.—Sent by Lily Bemrose (age 13), 65, Egypt Road, New Basford, Nottingham.

*A Yellowhammer's Faithfulness.

We have a very old Yellow-hammer, one which has won quite a number of prizes. It is very tame and will fly to the wires of the aviary, where it and a number of other birds are kept, and place its beak in my grandma's mouth. Recently it flew out while she was feeding it and got out into the garden. But, strange to say, it never attempted to fly away, but walked back into the shop where the aviary is.—Sent by Harry Lynham (aged 9 years), 70, Buccleuch Street, Kettering.

CLUB REPORTS.

MURTON F. AND F.S.

A special monthly meeting was held at Head quarters on June 6, when Mr. Terry presided over a good attendance. It was decided to have our first open show on November 28. Classes will be provided for Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cavies. Half-yearly meeting will be held on July 4, when the secretary will present a statement of accounts.—J. VARDY, secretary.

TONG AND DIS. C.B.S.

At our meeting on June 2 (Mr. T. Ogden, President, in the chair), it was decided that the chairman and secretary attend headquarters, Holme Lane Hotel, on June 19, from 7.30 p.m. on 9 p.m., to receive entries for First Feather Show to be held on June 20. Entries, however, will be received up to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Members are earnestly invited to assist in making this, our first show, a success. Mr. T. Ogden then called upon Mr. L. Ogden to give us a Washing Exhibition, which he did in a very masterly manner, explaining how to handle the birds. We are to have some more exhibitions later by other experts. Mr. J. Hodgson (Bradford), will judge first show. We have now 35 members, three joining at this meeting. We shall be pleased to hear from others desirous of joining.—J. SMITH, sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting, held on June 6. There was a good attendance, and the chairman, Mr. J. Farrar presided. The question of the election of the other judge for our open show (Nov. 20 and 21) was then gone into, and the secretaries were instructed to make arrangements for the appointment of a capable judge, in conjunction with Mr. J. H. Roe, already elected. It was moved and carried that we add another class for foreign birds at our open show, in order to meet the requirements of the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C. The remainder of the business was soon got through, after which the usual discussion took place, and many questions relating to the management of birds during the breeding season were asked by the younger fanciers, all of which were satisfactorily answered by the older fanciers present.—REID and MADDISON, secs.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

At the monthly meeting, held June 3rd, the classification for Nest Feather Show was considered, and it was decided that instead of the two classes for Scotch Fancies as last year, we have the old bird classes for British, and Mule or Hybrid. Messrs. A. Jones and W. H. Uzzell were elected members and two other gentlemen were nominated. Mr. Uzzell kindly promised a special prize of a cash-box value 12/6 for best bird in the Nest Feather Show. The secretary read a letter received from the secretary of the C.B.U., and the members present were in favour of the proposed additions to the rules of the Union. Upon the proposition of Mr. Dawes, it was agreed to hold a "Question Night" on the first available date. The usual monthly meeting will not be held on July 1, but a special meeting will be held the following Wednesday (July 8), to receive entries for Nest Feather Show.—J. H. de MAILLET, hon. sec.

BRADFORD (East) O.S.

The Diagram Competition, which was decided at the last meeting of our Society, proved quite an attraction, the room being well filled with fanciers, and no fewer than 20 of the members competed for the painting given by Mr. F. Gelder. The diagrams had passed through the hands of Mr. R. Halliday, a gentleman who has done his utmost for the welfare of our Society, and is always willing to give us a helping hand. After he had criticised their respective faults, he enclosed his awards in a sealed envelope, and this was not opened until each competitor had finished his effort. The most remarkable thing about the competition was its close finish, only a few points separating the whole of the competitors. Mr. W. Greenwood won the prize, his criticisms coming pretty near Mr. Halliday's. Two points only separated Messrs. Cowgill and Metcalf, who tied for 2nd place. The competition was a decided success, and it infused plenty of enthusiasm into the members. Mr. Hill then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Gelder for his kindness in arranging the competition, and for the prize he had so generously given. This was seconded by Mr. Priestley, and supported by Messrs. Cowgill and Warner. The vote was carried. Mr. Gelder suitably responded. One new member was elected to membership, this bringing the total to 67.—H. HILL, secretary.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At the last monthly meeting, held in the Spencer Hall, a large number of members and friends were present, including several ladies. A lecture was given by our worthy chairman, Mr. Geo. Gardner, entitled "The Norwich Plainhead." Mr. Ward, vice-chairman, occupied the chair. Mr. Gardner gave us some very useful and instructive hints on the Norwich. He explained that type must come first, and that we must not blame the judge if one bird which possesses colour takes a back seat—behind the bird with true Norwich type. The lecturer then explained the proper angle at which the bird must stand across the perch; the tail and wings should be properly carried, and on no account must a hinge-tailed bird be used to breed with. Colour must be bred for and pairs properly mated, that is, either the cock bird or the hen should have green blood in it to produce birds of good colour, so that when the beautiful buff birds were placed before the judge, the lovely mealon its back at once attracted his eye, and the exhibitor gained his reward. Mr. Gardner further explained the use of double-buffing, and also the proper and most useful hens for a fancier to use. Many other things were referred to by the lecturer. The meeting was thrown open for questions, many of which were put, and ably answered. Vote of thanks to the lecturer and chairman were carried with acclamation. Seven new members were elected. The schedule of the Young Stock Show (July 11) was passed and special prizes, of which there are a goodly number, were allotted. We hope all friends will rally round us on this occasion. The next lecture (on June 26) will be given by Mr. F. Easterling on "Colour Feeding." Fanciers are invited to come and hear the secrets Mr. Easterling has to give.—W. REYNOLDS, hon. sec.

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TWITTERINGS.

We hear that the Long Eaton show, which was to have been held on June 9 and 10, has been postponed until Saturday, June 13.

Mr. C. A. House will judge at our Young Stock and British Bird Show, to be held on July 11th, writes Mr. Albert B. Forse, hon. sec. Walthamstow F.A.

Kindly mention that my address in future will be 4, Langton Street, Preston, writes Mr. F. H. Dent, the well-known breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads.

Messrs. H. W. Battye and C. Houlton have been elected to judge at our next All England show on December 5th, writes Mr. Tom Harrison, hon. sec. of the Altrincham C.B.S.

We have, near Camborne, writes Mr. F. Collins (Hon. Sec. Camborne and County F.A.) a hen Blackbird sitting on nine eggs. I will let you know later how she gets on with this huge clutch.

Lovers of insectivorous birds should note that Mr. S. A. Sandy, well known as a British bird keeper, is to lecture on these species on Monday evening next, before the City and Suburban A.C.B.

We will hold our annual show of cage birds on Saturday, November 21st, writes Mr. James Thomson, junr., sec. of the Ayr O.S., when popular judges will officiate. This is the old and original show.

The Guiseley, Yeadon and Dis. C.B.S. have decided to hold their First Feather show on July 4th, in the Liberal Club Rooms, Guiseley, writes Mr. W. S. Thompson, sec. Mr. Dean (Great Horton), will judge.

I have been appointed sec. of the Dalkeith and Dis. C.B.S. in place of Mr. Briggs who, with Mr. John Muir, another member, sailed for America on June 6th, writes Mr. John Ewing, 51, Westfield Park, Dalkeith.

The Tong and Dis. C.B.S. has issued a fine list of members' first and second feather shows which have been arranged for the 1908 season, with well-known fanciers as judges. Good points' specials are being offered.

For their young bird show, to be held July 11th, the Highgate, Hampstead and Dis. C.B.S. has issued an ambitious schedule, comprising no fewer than 56 classes (including British and Foreign). The judge is Mr. G. Gardner.

I am pleased to be able to state, writes Mr. R. H. Turner, sec. of the Morley and Dis. C.B.S., that Mr. A. E. Hutton, member of Parliament for the Morley division, has consented to stand as hon. president of our society.

The Great Horton O.S. will hold their members' show on Saturday, June 13th, at 5 p.m., writes Mr. J. Holroyd, the hon. sec., and not at 8 p.m. as stated in the schedule. Their monthly meeting will be held on the same date at 8 p.m.

All arrangements for our First Feather show are now completed, write Messrs. Reid and Maddison, secs. of the Sunderland C.B.A., and the show will be held on July 4th, in St. Peter's Hall, Green Street, the judge being Mr. Miller.

The Hazel Grove and Dis. C.B.S. have removed from the White Hart Inn to the Grapes Hotel, writes Mr. T. Walters, the hon. sec., where we are holding our First Feather show on June 26th and 27th. Mr. W. Booth, of Hyde, will officiate as judge.

We are holding our nest feather show on July 4th, writes Mr. A. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. of the Garston Bird Breeders' Association. Mr. Mather, of Widnes, will judge. We are also holding our old show on November 14th, when Mr. W. Mundell, of Bradford, will judge.

I was very pleased indeed to see our clear-yellow Yorks. Canary depicted on the front page of your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Bailey (of Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, Bradford). We have already eight grand youngsters from him, and two hens gone to nest again.

The Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S. has arranged an excellent classification for its young bird show, to be held on June 20th, in the "Ye old Five Wands Inn," Bensham Road, when we note the admission will be free. Mr. Boyle (York), judges.

Our next lecture is on June 18th, writes Mr. H. Lambert Brown, hon. sec. of the London and Provincial O.S., when Mr. R. L. Crisp will lecture on "Inbreeding and Selection." As this will prove both profitable and interesting, all friends and fanciers will be most cordially welcomed.

The Metropolitan Cage Bird Association holds its Young Bird show on June 25, with Mr. G. E. Weston as judge. The hon. secretary Mr. A. J. Head (13, Atherton Street, Battersea Park Road, S.W.) will be pleased to receive applications from fanciers desirous of becoming members.

The following have been elected members of the Dulwich O.S., write Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, the hon. secs.: Messrs. A. Lovegrove (Henley-on-Thames), W. Whiteman (Fulham), J. Elliot-Brook, H. G. Scott, D. H. Brown (Peckham), Mrs. Mazzoni, P. G. L. Kail, D. Nelson, A. Watson, W. Elson, and J. Rutherford (Dulwich).

I have been reluctantly compelled to resign the secretaryship of the Hartlepools C.B.S. owing to pressure of business, writes Mr. Ernest Woodhead. The future piloting of the society's affairs will be in the capable hands of Messrs. Williams and Easby, to whom all correspondence should be addressed at 30, Lister Street, West Hartlepool.

The prize essays which appeared in CAGE BIRDS were so interesting to me, being a lover of all birds, writes Mr. C. Hancock (Bath), that I thought if I gave my vote to one gentleman it would be unfair to the others. So I decided not to send in any vote. I have ten birds altogether, British, Mules and Canaries, and they are all singing splendidly.

We hear from Mr. J. Ferguson, the sec. of the Troon and Loans P.P. and C.B.S., that a show will be held in the Unionist Hall, Troon, on August 29th, when there will be the following classes: eight for Canaries, five for British birds, three for foreign, two for Mules and Hybrids, one for gift, and one selling. There will be a number of special prizes offered.

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The schedule of the North London C.B.A.'s members' young stock show, to be held on June 13th, comprises 45 classes, including 11 each in the champion and amateur sections, and 23 in the novice section. All varieties of Canaries and Mules are provided for in the above-mentioned sections, while in addition to these ten classes are provided for British and foreign birds.

The Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. book of rules and programme for 1908 is very tastefully got up, and contains a really excellent list of instructive lectures, washing exhibitions, and the like. Mr. W. Hodson (206, Crystal Palace Road, S.E.), the hon. sec., who sends it to us, will be glad to hear from fanciers in the district who would like to become members.

On receiving my copy of CAGE BIRDS for June 6th, I was very pleased to see on the frontispiece a picture of my yellow green cock Canary, which won 2nd prize and special for best second in green section, at the Scottish National Show. I may say that he won at Warrington, Leeds, Derby, Bradford, (Yorks), St. Helen's, and our own show, and the young birds I bred from him did very well on the show bench, too. Accept my best thanks for the trouble you have taken, and kindly thank your artist, Mr. Norman, for the pleasant surprise.—J. W. VERNON (Altrincham).

Mr. D. Seth-Smith, the well-known aviculturist, who undertook a journey to Australia on behalf of the London Zoological Society, has just returned to England with a magnificent collection of birds and animals, comprising very many exceptionally rare and valuable species. They have been landed in excellent condition, and the success of the "trip" must be extremely gratifying to the Zoological Society, and to Mr. Smith himself, who is to be congratulated on so ably carrying out his mission. The birds, etc., brought home will soon be on view to the general public at the Zoo.

Mr. J. Ryder, of Plymouth, sends us excellent photographs of his two winning Crests, concerning which he writes: They have splendid crests and feather like hens, while they do not need the least preparation for the show bench, being always spick and span; in fact, they have not been washed for the season, and have not been out of the money once. The nearly green Crest cock is coming two years old, and was bred from double crests—sire, clear body dark; dam, green Crest. He has won this season 1st and special at Hayle, Falmouth, Penzance, etc., and 1st CAGE BIRDS' coupon special at Hayle. The even wing-marked cock is also coming 2 years old. Sire, clear body green Crest; dam, green Crest bred. He has won this season 1st and special at Plymouth, 2nd Hayle, and 2nd CAGE BIRDS coupon special, 2nd Falmouth, etc.

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Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** W.A.C. & A.G.D.
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*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
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Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
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Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.S., P.R., J.T.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
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Dec. 19.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
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Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.**
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(For Key to Judges' Initials see Page 550.)

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Redruth. — June 17th. R. E. Climas, Tolgus Mount, Redruth.
Burnley.—June 17th. G. Watson, 6, Kirkgate.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1908 SEASON.

A Rutherglen fancier has 30 young Canaries doing A1, and Glasgow fanciers cannot complain. One of them has 28, 23 of which are on the perch; another has 15, and several have a dozen. A big percentage of them are Scotch Fancy Canaries.—A Breeder (Glasgow).

Guiseley, Yeadon and District C.B.S.

The luck of our members seems to vary. Some are doing very well, but others are doing equally bad. When asked the cause of the ill-luck, the majority say they cannot get the hens to feed. I myself have the same complaint to make, but I attribute it to my removing in the course of the breeding season.—W. S. Thompson, sec. of the Guiseley, Yeadon and Dis. C.B.S.

Sunderland C.B.A.

At the close of our last meeting a count was taken of the number of young birds bred up to date by members present. The result was an average of 18 per member—not at all bad, considering the terrible weather we experienced at the commencement of the season. Fuller details of the breeding operations will be given as soon as they are to hand.—Reid and Maddison, secs. of the Sunderland C.B.A.

Bermondsey and District F.A.

Our members are this season in a fair way of recovery from the disasters of last year. We ourselves have 23 young Norwich Canaries on the sticks from 7 pairs (1st round), and there are some promising youngsters among them. We have also made a good start from 9 pairs in the 2nd round; all are doing well. Mr. J. Thomas has more quality than quantity in his number, and has a few promising young Norwich which are doing well. Mr. Derby is having better luck from the 2nd round than from the 1st, and has a few fine young Norwich, some in the nests and some on the sticks. Mr. Moore is, he tells us, doing badly with his Norwich Canaries. Messrs. Jessup and Ashwood have a few which are also doing well. Mr. Roney has several promising young Yorkshires, which we think will do well at the Bermondsey and Wandsworth locals. There are few others who have to report very slow progress in breeding operations.—Lupton and Jornan, hon. secs. Bermondsey and Dis. F.A.

Secretaries and Fanciers are invited to send their experiences.

Scottish British Bird and M.C.

Will secretaries of shows desirous of securing the patronage of the above club kindly note my address, writes Mr. A. W. Watson, sec., 8, Commercial Street, Leith. I shall be pleased to give all information to any intending new member.

The Wild Birds' Chief Enemy.

Around London and large provincial towns, the greatest enemy to wild birds is undoubtedly the domestic cat. If it were not for these destroying night-prowlers many of our warblers would nest in the shrubberies of the larger gardens, and the dwellers in these districts would be enchanted with the delightful melody of the Nightingale instead of the unearthly yells of grimalkin.

Hawk's Fight with a Weasel.

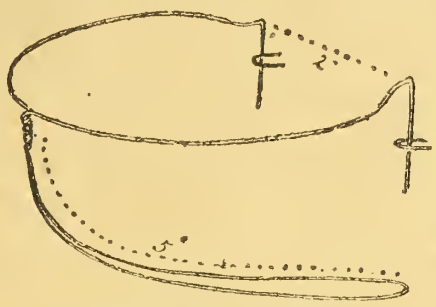
Several persons, according to an Irish contemporary, observed a large weasel running along the ditch. Suddenly a Hawk swooped down with lightning velocity, seized the weasel in its claws and ascended again. For fully half an hour a desperate struggle took place in the air between the weasel and the Hawk, and drops of blood were observed to fall from the deadly enemies. The weasel was noticed to make a furious charge on the Hawk, and both combatants fell heavily to the ground convenient to where the spectators stood. On reaching the ground the weasel scampered off to its hiding place, bespattered with blood. On examination the Hawk was found to be dead, its head being almost severed from its body, while its claws were covered with the flesh and blood of the weasel.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 213.
A NOVEL NEST-PAN HOLDER.
Sent by J. Sparkes, 32, Piers Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The nest-pan holder here sketched I find a great improvement on those usually sold with pans. It is very firm and admits of no spring, and as pairing usually takes place on the side of the nest, one result of this is more fertile eggs. To make this

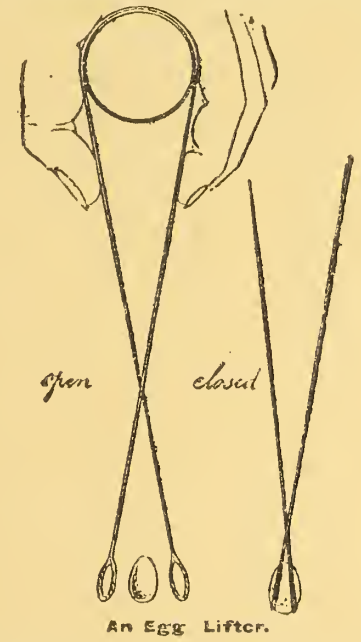


Novel Nest-pan Holder.

holder, take a piece of strong wire, 31 inches long. Bend it rather sharp in the centre, then put four twists in it leaving the end (as seen in sketch) 5 inches long. Then bend the wire into a circle of 4 inches diameter, allowing a space of 2 inches at the back, where bend sharp for half an inch, then bend sharp down and cut off to suitable length. Drive two small staples into back of cage, 2 inches apart, to slip holder into, which look much neater than the usual hook. —J. Sparkes.

No. 214.
A WIRE EGG-LIFTER.
Sent by M. Harley, 165, Trafalgar Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs.

I enclose rough sketch of a wire egg-lifter, which anyone can make. There is nothing particularly novel about it, but I don't remember having seen one in your



An Egg Lifter.

columns. It is made out of ordinary cage wire, coiled once round at the top, to form spring. I might say that you can easily regulate spring, so that it will lift the egg without any danger of breaking it. Wrap the bottom loops thickly with wool. I find this lifter very useful, as anyone having heavy work finds handling eggs rather a delicate job. The lifter will take them out of the nest, etc., quite easily, without breaking them. They can be made any length to suit. I hope this will be useful to some reader or other.—M. Harley.

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Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S.—June 20, F.S.A. Rooms, 7. Table Show of Norwich. Judge, Mr. W. Foxall. Fanciers and friends invited; admission free.—H. Foden.

Altrincham C.B.S.—June 16, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Question night opened by Mr. J. Critchly.—E. Head.

Bingley and Dist. O.S.—June 13, Members' F.F. Show; birds to be staged at 2. Judge, Mr. R. Garnett (Windhill).—A. Livesey.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—June 16, Temperance Hall, 8. Seeds and their Food Values, also Young Show business; fanciers invited.—J. Richardson.

British Roller C.C.—June 16, King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street, Without, E.C., 8. Lecture by Mr. C. Roehl; Roller fanciers invited. J. W. Norris.

Bradford (East) O.S. — June 13, Park Chapel Schools. Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley). Birds to be staged by 2.30.—H. Hill.

Bolton and Dist. O.S.—June 16, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 8. Receiving entries F.F. Show, June 20, and other business.—J. Stringer.

Burnley and Dist. C.B.S.—June 16, the Club, 7.30. General business.—G. Watson.

Coventry O.S.—June 17, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. F.F. Show, etc.—G. Peters.

City of Wakefield O.S.—June 13, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. Final arrangements for F.F. Show.—Parker and Atkinson.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 13, Ramble to Esholt and Rawdon. Meet at Midland Station, 2.30 prompt, or Apperley Station, 3 o'clock. Fanciers and friends invited.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—June 15, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15 p.m. Lecture upon "Insectivorous Birds," by Mr. S. A. Sandy. All bird-lovers cordially invited.—V. Wynn.

Cardiff and Dist. C.B.S.—June 18, Marrell's Restaurant, Queen Street, 8. General business, Young Bird Show, etc.—H. S. Negus.

Dulwich O.S. — June 18, Young Bird Show, "Herne," Forest Hill Road, S.E. Birds to be staged by 7 p.m. Admission free; visitors invited.—Rogers and Mazzoni.

East Bowling and Dist. F.F.A.—June 15, Barley Mow, 7. Classification for July Show: colour food question, and first portion of contributions now due.—J. E. Hudson.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—June 15, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30. Staging of birds for Young Show, and other business.—G. Waddington.

Glasgow and Western Counties Club.—Monthly meeting and show of Mules, Brit. and For. Birds, Good Templar's Hall, 122, Ingram Street, June 20. Date and other business relative to F.F. Show; Table Show, 6 classes. Selection of judges for usual Club Show (Dec. 5).—J. R. Adams.

Glossop, Hadfield and Dist.—37, Freetown, June 14, 8. Show Fixtures, etc.—F. Greig.

Halifax O.S.—June 13, Griffin Hotel, 8. Young Show, and purchase of colour food.—J. F. Thackray.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—June 13, Bird-in-Hand, 7.—J. Simon.

Leek and Dist. C.B.S.—June 18, Headquarters 7.30. Nest Feather Show and room for a new show.—R. Hall.

London and Provincial O.S.—June 18, The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, E. Lecture by Mr. R. L. Crisp. Subject, "Selection and Inbreeding, more particularly as applying to Yorkshires. Fanciers welcome.—H. Lambert Brown.

London and Counties O.A.—June 16, "The Goat and Compasses, Euston Road, N.W., 8.30 p.m. Young Bird Show business, and lecture by Mr. Harry Bell on "Country Life." Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—R. J. Pretty.

Larkhall C.B.C.—June 20, Miners' Hall, 7. Business important.—G. Kirk.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—June 16, White Swan Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. E. Noakes, Management of Young Birds after leaving Nest. Fanciers cordially invited.—C. Draper.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—June 13 Railway Hotel, 2. Members' Show. Judge, Mr. W. Wharton. — J. Pownall.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—June 12, Railway Hotel, Nest Feather Show.—R. H. Davies.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—June 15, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. F.F. Show business.—E. H. Jones.

Motherwell Norwich Club.—Y.M.I., June 13, 8. General; last day for new members.—J. Muir.

North London C.B.A.—June 17, Public Library, Stoke Newington, 8. Payment of prize money, Y.S. Show and Cage-making Demonstration, by Mr. A. B. Forse; all welcome.—R. P. Harper.

North Manchester C.B.S.—June 16, Headquarters, 8. Entries taken for F.F. Show.—J. Davey.

Northern Yorks. C.C. — June 17, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7. Second Table Show, Young Birds, Class 1, Clears; Class 2, Ticked, etc.; judge, T. C. Crawhall.—T. C. Crawhall.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—June 18, Holy Trinity Schools, 8. Federation Report, etc. Lecture on Yorkshires and Colour-Feeding, by Mr. F. Easterling.—W. Pawley.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—June 17, Temperance Club, 8. Receiving entries for Young Bird Show, and allotment of specials, etc.—S. M. Clayton.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S. — June 13, Ball's Head Hotel, 3. F.F. Show, all birds to be staged by 3 o'clock. Judge Mr. W. Speak. 1st Feather also on July 18.—A. E. Morton.

Sunderland C.B.A. — June 20, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Distribution of schedules for F. F. Show, and other important business.—Reid and Maddison.

St. James-the-Less F.A.—June 15.—F. E. Adams. (No time or place stated.—Ed.)

Tunbridge Wells and Dist. F.A.—June 17, Societies' Hall, 8. Members' Bird Singing Competition. Entry fee, 6d.—H. G. Whibley.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.—June 16, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8.—F. Howes.

Witney and Dist. C.B.S.—June 12, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. J. Hartley (Great Horton).—E. W. Johnson.

A Human Sparrow Hawk.

In Michigan there dwells a man who gets a comfortable living by destroying Sparrows, for which the authorities pay a bounty.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

How Many Broods?

Y.Z.—It is a vexed question as to how many broods a hen should be allowed in each season. It all depends so much upon the health and vigour of the birds, the readiness to breed, and the time at which they are first mated up. One has also to consider the question of unfertile clutches, and how long the hen is in getting each brood on their own. But as a general rule two, or at most three, broods are quite sufficient in one year, and will usually prove more profitable than four or more broods one year, and perhaps not two average-sized broods in the aggregate in the next two years. If, say, a hen is mated up first week in April, goes to nest at once, and has a clutch of clear eggs, or if she only hatched one which was transferred to another parent, she may be allowed two more broods if she desires them. But if she brings a full brood and rears it, by the time she has nested and reared a second brood the season will be getting rather advanced, and the hen would be much better by resting until the moult than by being taxed with a third brood.

To Begin Feeding Young.

Tim.—You may begin to give the first broods of young a pinch of tasteless colour food in the egg-food about twice a week when they are eight weeks old; the later broods should begin to have a little in this way when six weeks old, as they will begin to moult at an earlier age than the early hatched youngsters. But there is no necessity to begin giving the food systematically until the moult is approaching. All you want is to get the blood charged with colour when the feathers are beginning to drop out, which will generally be somewhere towards the end of August. The middle of August is a good time to begin giving a little casually as a precaution. This, of course, is excepting precociously early birds, which must be looked for and treated separately.

Broken Beaks.

Geo. Bleach.—I was very glad to hear how the case of the young birds' broken beaks terminated, and thank you for remembering to send along a report, but I would have been well satisfied with a verbal description at this season. When the parcel reached me it required some moral courage to abstract the letter—to properly examine the body of the bird was out of the question. But from what I could see I am still of opinion that the bird might have fed itself when it got a little older. Many healthy birds do not feed themselves very easily at a month old. It is beyond my powers to say positively how the damage was done, but I should suspect one of the parents was the culprit. The cock is the most likely perpetrator of this sort of mischief.

Nesting Again Too Early.

W. Cottey.—Am afraid there is something radically wrong with your system. I do not think you could have met with the advice to give a three-weeks-old nestling that was "queer" a drop of glycerine in the beak and apply two drops of sweet oil to the vent in CAGE BIRDS. This sort of treatment of itself was enough to turn any such tender nestling 'queerer" than ever. I do not much care for rape seedlings as a green-food during breeding season. Lettuce, chickweed, groundsel, watercress, are all much better, given in small quantities. Lettuce you could grow in boxes or pots as easily as rape. The latter is more suitable for winter months. Feed as follows for the rest of the season, interfering with the birds as little as possible. Staple diet in seed-boxes, a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape—nothing else whilst hens are sitting, save a scrap of green-food now and then, and half a teaspoonful of egg-food once a week. When young are due, give a small quantity of chopped pure yolk; next day mix a third part of bread crumb or sponge cake in it; on the third day add another third part of crumbs and give a tiny scrap of green feed. Then give egg-food in small quantities fresh at least twice a day; ditto green-food; and when the young are a week or eight days old begin to give hemp seed—in small quantities at first, gradually increasing it for about a week, but not giving unlimited quantities until the young are at least a fortnight old, as this would only help to bring hen into breeding condition too quickly. Keep egg-food perfectly fresh, and make with one part mixed yolk of egg, and twice the bulk of bread crumb (or crushed sponge cake, or powdered plain biscuits), well mixed together. Allow baths after young are three or four days old. Keep cages scrupulously clean. The Canary seed is a very fair sample, but contains a large proportion of extraneous seeds. The hemp is poor, containing a large proportion of damaged and musty grains. The rape is not fit for caged birds. It seems to be nearly all so-called wild mustard.

Very Unbusinesslike.

O. S. Pratt.—You do not say whether the cock bird is in song or not, and the way your hen is dallying about and playing at nesting may be due either to his being out of condition and not inciting her to get on with the job, or to the other bird being a hen. If the former, the cock bird must be brought into a strong and more vigorous condition, or, better still, as the season is getting on, remove him altogether and introduce a lusty cock that is anxious for mating. If neither of these surmises is correct you can only have patience and hope for something to turn up. Give a little egg-food every day, and sprinkle it one day with a little inga, and the next with a little gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water give five drops of tincture of steel every second day for a week.

Gone Into Moult.

Lilo.—Am afraid you will not get any result this season from the hen. Perhaps the bird is being kept in a much different temperature to what she was accustomed to before she came into your possession, and this would account for the moult. A sudden chill, as from a cold draught, might also cause a few feathers to be shed. If only a few small feathers are shed give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake every day with drops of sherry mixed in it, and in the drinking water give twelve drops of chemical food every second day, and on the alternate days four drops of tincture of steel. Continue for a fortnight, if necessary, until the feathers are no longer shed. But if the moult is general, which would begin by the long wing and tail feathers dropping first, you had better put the hen aside for next year. It will be useless trying to breed with her in that condition.

Owing to the Whitsuntide holidays, many queries have necessarily had to wait an answer until our next issue.—Editor.

A Question of Feeding.

A.W.H.—When the hen commences to lay begin to drop off the extra items you have been giving to feed up with until by the time she has been sitting a day or two you are giving a diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape in seed hoppers. This is practically all that is required, but once a week give half a teaspoonful of egg-food, and two or three times a tiny scrap of green-food if the hen is a close sitter and the weather is warm. This last depends a good deal on the character of the hen. If addicted to stopping long off the eggs when green-food is given, do not give any, especially during cool weather, and at all times give only just a wee scrap. When eggs are due to hatch give half a teaspoonful of pure yolk chopped finely. This will suffice for the first day. Next day mix about a third part of the bulk of bread crumbs or powdered biscuits with it; give rather less, and a fresh supply in the afternoon. On third day add another third part of bread or biscuit, and begin to increase quantity as may seem necessary, but always giving fresh at least twice a day. Also begin to give a little green-food on the third or fourth day, and when the young are a week or eight days old begin to give a little hemp seed separately. If a large brood is being reared, soaked rape may also be given, separately, when the young are about a fortnight old. Be careful the latter does not turn sour, which it does very quickly in hot, sultry weather.

Brevities.

Turning the Tables (E.A.E.).—Are you quite sure the bird you suppose to be a cock is not really a hen? The fact that it started to build the nest and now sits nearly all day is, I fear, a very strong proof that there is a mistake about its sex. Your feeding is not quite correct, and you should not be giving sherry to birds without some specific object in view. Treat as advised to "O. S. Pratt," and for fuller details concerning breeding and feeding, see reply to "W. Cottey."

When to Stop Breeding (Jasper).—Any time from the middle of July onwards is the time to stop Canaries breeding. Although there may be plenty of time for a pair of birds just finishing off a brood about the middle of July to begin nesting again and rear another brood before moulting, if that pair has been mated up early and already had three nests it is the wisest plan to separate them and let them rest during the interval before moulting. If they have had only one or two nests, and appear anxious to begin again at once, they may be allowed another nest. With such exceptions the pairs should be broken up after the middle of July.

Green Food for Young (A Beginner).—Certainly give a little green food to young after they are doing for themselves, but do not overdo it. For about a fortnight green food may be withheld with advantage, as at this period the young merely bruise and chew the green, the beak not being sufficiently grown to cut it. This bruised and mashed greenstuff soon becomes stale and begins to decompose. After the first fortnight or so, however, green food may be given in limited quantities, choosing, for preference, that which is of a drying nature — chickweed, plantain stalks, shepherd's purse, etc.

Marking Young (Dee-side).—The open marking rings which can be taken off and replaced when desired, need not be put on until young are ready to be placed in flight with others. Up to this time the cage numbers and labels are quite sufficient to identify the birds, if only ordinary care is taken to avoid mixing them when handling the nursery cages. When putting rings on be careful the particulars and numbers of rings are entered in stock register at same time.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Hand-Rearing Tits and Wrens, &c

W. N. J.—Really, these hand-rearing questions get just a little tiring. I have given the information over and over again, during the last two months. Only last week (June 6) I told a correspondent how to hand rear Chaffinches, Linnets, and the like, yet you ask me the same thing. In one of the May issues, too, I dealt fully with the feeding of small insectivorous birds; see another reply this week on this point. To answer helpfully all the questions you put, would take up more than a column. You should study the articles recently published from the pens of practical fanciers. Also you should be content with a less ambitious start in bird-keeping. Wrens tax the skill of the most expert and experienced fanciers to maintain in health in captivity, and some of the Tits are equally delicate, ticklish customers. Hand-rear a few Finches, and large softbills (the Thrush, for instance), and when you have gained experience then tackle the small insectivorous species. Aphides (greenfly, or blight), small garden insects, flies, smooth caterpillars, and the like, are the best possible foods for small softbills, such as Wrens, either when mature or being hand-fed. One item of very great value you have omitted, and that is the live ants' eggs. These are to be bought during the season from certain advertisers in our columns, and I consider them *par excellence* for feeding or rearing purposes. Unfortunately they are not a "cheap" food; in fact, these species of birds cannot be kept cheaply. When hand-rearing Wrens and the like, the best food at first is pure yolk of hard-boiled egg (moistened with new milk when being fed to them), varied with live ants' eggs (similarly moistened), dropped into the mouths with fine forceps or tweezers. As the youngsters grow, add a little crumbled home-made sponge-cake to the egg (up to equal parts) and a salt-spoonful of Plasmon powder.

A Non-Starter.

Geordie Wall. — Yours is not the only hen Canary, I guess, which has not yet made a start. It is difficult to account for some being so early, others so late, as many things may tend to bring this about. Probably you will one day find her feverishly at work putting the home together in record time. In the meantime, let her have a few tit-bits in the seed line(maw, ruger, hemp, gold of pleasure, etc.) daily, and a little egg-bread. In her drinking water (use a glass or pot vessel only), to every two tablespoonfuls well mix twelve to eighteen drops of tincture of steel, beginning with the small dose and gradually increasing it. Of course, there are such things as barren (or non-breeding hens), but I trust you have not got hold of one of this kidney. Some young hens, too, are utter failures at their first attempt, but make first-rate breeders the second year. I had one glaring case of the latter kind myself, the hen being a Lancashire Plainhead. You did quite right to get shut of the egg-eating hen. By-the-way, it might help matters if you separated the Linnet and hen Canary by means of a wired slide.

Lost Linnet Mules.

E. Pearcey.—I expect there was some truth in what your friend told you, viz., that you had taken the hen entirely away at too early a date. Because young Mules are picking up for themselves (and once they start they seem to be continually pecking around the cage and the food vessels), it must not be too hastily assumed that they are safe to remove entirely from their mothers. In such cases, they are undoubtedly picking up part of their food, yet they still require an occasional "packing" from their "ma" to fill them out to the comfortable stage beneath the waistcoat. If they do not get this, then they are likely to "go back," as fanciers term it, and die. One thing is absolutely certain: So long as a young bird "cries" to be fed at sight of its mother, it should on no account be taken right away from her, and thrown on its own resources. As I have often said: A bird on the perch is worth two in the next round of eggs. Therefore take care of those you have got so far towards maturity. When first commencing to feed themselves, let the diet be on the lines advised "Peter Hendry," this week.

Feeding Young Mules.

Peter Hendry.—You are doing capitally. To get nine Goldfinch and four Linnet-Canary Mules hatch in the same week from your three hens is excellent. Thanks for your complimentary remarks respecting the advice I give. Pleased to help any reader I possibly can. As regards your feeding query, remember that when the Mules commence to feed themselves it is a very mistaken policy to leave off soft food as "soon as possible." The egg should be gradually left out of their diet when they are three weeks old or so, but certainly not the soft food. Give sweet biscuit, or home-made sponge-cake, soaked in new milk, and with a good pinch of Plasmon powder mixed amongst it, freely each day. Some give bread with milk, but I prefer something sweet. Give it freshly made twice or thrice a day, for it must never be sour or tainted. Condensed milk is no doubt the best to use. In addition offer canary and maw seeds, soaked summer rape, and lightly cracked hemp. A few crushed sunflower seeds should also be thrown in daily, increasing the quantity as the birds get older, and gradually dropping the hemp; at this stage also gradually discontinue the milk sop, and soaked seed, giving occasional feeds only. A few groats occasionally are relished, and a little coarse oatmeal; but the above "menu" is full enough for all practical purposes. Let them right through have plenty of quite ripe seeding green-foods. Some fanciers, I know, will not give young birds green stuff after they have taken them away from their parents. But this I consider a huge mistake. I don't believe, mind you, in stuffing them with lettuce, watercress, and the like. What they want, and what is extremely beneficial to them, and conducive to their successful rearing, is a free supply of "seeding green foods," if I may use the term, meaning the seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, grass, groundsel, plantain, and the like, especially the two first-named. But don't gather it off dusty roadsides; and strip off all large, coarse leaves.

Rearing and Feeding Redstarts.

A. T. B.—Glad to know you find CAGE BIRDS a great help to you. If you refer to my columns during the last four or five weeks you will find many answers dealing fully with hand-feeding. In issue of May 9, too, I dealt at length with the feeding of small insectivorous birds like the Redstart. Here is the latter information once again, however. Briefly put, my own methods of keeping Wagtails, Nightingales, Warblers, Redstarts, Chats and similar small insectivorous birds are as follows: As a stock food powdered Osborne biscuit, four parts; best ants' eggs and dried flies, two parts each; powdered silkworm pupæ, one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently, and adding a little water (but only a few spots) if necessary. Personally, I use one hard-boiled egg, minced fine, among the stock food of about each dozen to eighteen birds, and about three tablespoonfuls of crumbled home-made sponge-cake, with some vegetable ingredient. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, greenfly, live ants' eggs etc.), one can possibly obtain; mealworms given regularly are indispensable. To the above stock mixture I occasionally add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, and, more occasionally still (practically only in the winter), a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too; give a little, finely chopped, and mixed, of course, with the above biscuit food, or just laid on top of it. In place of Osborne biscuits, for economy's sake, the "broken biscuits" (sweet) obtainable very cheaply from most grocers may be used. Excellent ready-made foods, too, may be bought through our columns.—See also reply to "W. N. J."

Bullfinch-Canary Couple.

Anxious.—I have quite recently given the feeding for Bullfinch-Canary (or Canary-Bullfinch) couples. Here you are again, however: Give as a stock food: Canary and teazle three parts of each, charlock, summer rape and hemp one part of each, linseed half-a-part. Vary this with daily feeds of (1) sunflower and safflower seeds; (2) niger and maw seeds mixed in equal parts; (3) a good wild seed mixture; (4) a good maker's packet Finch mixture, not giving them all at once, of course. Thistle, teazle, and hardheads, if you have them, may be given, while dandelion, shepherd's purse, chickweed, and groundsel (especially flowering and seedy) should be given freely. A dietary such as this will suit all Hybrid couples, especially those with a Bullie hen as one of the partners. The Canary hen should have a little egg-food daily (most Bullie hens like it, too). I don't care about unsweetened biscuits (such as lunch) for making egg-food. Try home-made sponge-cake, or sweet biscuit, and I'll warrant the hen will eat it. A few drops of sherry wine on it would do her good. You can do no harm by parting them for a few days, but might, indeed, do good. Let them remain in sight of each other. Do you not know that experience points to it being a very difficult matter to successfully mate the cock Bullie with a hen of another species?

Hand-rearing a Magpie.

F. A. P.—A very long answer dealing with the rearing and treatment of Magpies was given by me in issue of May 2. Here is the information in brief. Use scalded and mashed up puppy biscuits (of best quality) with which you mix hard-boiled finely-minced egg in the proportion of three parts biscuit to one of egg. You can give the youngsters mealworms, by all means, and smallish garden worms, cut into suitable pieces, should also certainly be supplied. Occasionally you can scrape a small piece of lean mutton or beef (or mince it up very finely) and give amongst the food; or a little tender cooked meat can be given. Personally, however, I fight shy of meat as much as possible, for I am certain it upsets the stomach of most birds (sets up diarrhœa), especially when much is used raw. I prefer boiled or stewed or raw rabbit flesh to all other, when obtainable. Mix a good big pinch of fine grit amongst the food now and again, or about half a teaspoonful of powdered cuttlefish bone. You can give the birds a drink of plain water after each meal, if you like, and you can please yourself about adding ants' eggs to the stock food.

A "Linnet Turned White."

Reader of "C.B."—Your letter hardly gives me sufficient information. You should have stated exactly how white the Linnet is, for on this depends its value. A pied Linnet (with a mixture of white and brown feathers) may be worth from 7/6 to perhaps 30/-; but the latter figure only if it is very light indeed. A Linnet with just a few light feathers is of no particular value (such are quite common), and one which may be described as "half-and-half" is not worth a great deal. To stand a good chance on the show bench in a class of rare-feathered birds, a Linnet must be entirely white (when it is of considerable value) or very near it. Just an average pied specimen stands no chance in good competition. As regards the class for it, I could not tell without seeing the Stockton schedule. And if there is no special class provided, then it depends on the judge. In other words, many judges will not accept rare-feathered birds in competition with ordinary plumaged specimens, but some let them take their chance. Under the N.B.B. and M. Club, they are only allowed to compete in classes specially provided for Albino, etc., birds.

Brevities.

Smell of Paint, etc. (Novice).—If the smell of paint is very strong in a room it most certainly is harmful to birds. A good stock mixture for Linnets now is: Canary and teazle three parts each, summer rape and charlock one part each, linseed half a part. The usual tit-bits in addition. For the ailing bird, stir half a teaspoonful of dandelion juice (from the chemist) in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily, for three or four days.

Starling Ailing (Alec).—Get an ounce of sulphate of soda from a chemist, and dissolve as much as will just cover a shilling in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give this fresh daily for two days; then two more doses on alternate days. Use glass or pot vessel only. Probably the food is not nutritious enough; add some fine crissel and some crushed dog biscuit. Moisten with hot water, and give when cold. Starlings also want plenty of ripe fruit, and a good supply of live food (blackbeetles, for one thing are cheap and very excellent.) See reply to "F.W.B.," issue May 16th.

Sexing Nightingales (Anxious).—Sexing Nightingales is a very difficult prob'em for novices, as cock and hen are practically exactly alike in plumage, though on comparison the cock is generally seen to be lighter (more silvery coloured) on

the throat. The cock, however, is, as a rule, appreciably the bigger bird, with a bolder look and carriage, and a longer, flatter head when viewed in profile—not very helpful points for a beginner. At this time of the year, however, all recently-caught birds can be accurately sexed by their vents, in the same way as Canaries when in breeding condition (this applies to other species besides 'Gales).

Swelled Joints (W.E.P.).—Take the perches out of the young hybrid's cage, and bed it on peat-moss litter, or coarse-cut pine sawdust, or cocoanut fibre (from the florists). Steep the legs twice daily in strong whiskey and water; made just comfortably warm. Afterwards dry gently, and anoint the legs gently, using finger and thumb, with a little Zambuk, or Elliman's, or other good make of embrocation. Give the bird soft-food daily in each teaspoonful of which has been well mixed five or six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Weakness is the cause, I should say.

Food for Skylark (X.Y.Z.).—In our issue of May 23rd a long answer appears in this column giving the correct treatment for a Skylark. If you cannot turn this up, drop me a postcard, and I will repeat the information then given.

Goldie Off Song (Troubled).—Try your Goldie with dandelion juice, as recommended "Novice" this week. If this does not put him right, write me again. Opposition ought only to make him sing the louder, if in health.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Birds for Exhibition.

"H.O."—I fear for the sum you name your choice is rather limited, and that you must confine yourself to the class for common Waxbills, etc. Even with British birds and Canaries you would not have much chance in getting good and uncommon stock for the show bench for that amount, unless you are adept at getting the birds into condition. However, the following have all been in the money at recent London shows: Diamond Sparrows, Queen Whydahs, Gouldian Finches, White Java Sparrows, Zebra and St. Helena Waxbills, and Blue-breasted Waxbills. But you have a sporting chance with almost any species, providing it is well staged and in the very finest condition—that is, steady and tight and silken in plumage. For the smaller exhibitions, where you get two classes, viz., large and small, you must get something showy and in very fine condition. For the small class, say a Tanager or Sugar Bird, for insectivorous, a Diamond and any of those named above for the seed-eaters. For the large class, a showy and uncommon Parrakeet or Lorikeet would stand best chance—say a King, a Red-collar, or Blue Mountain Lorikeet. But I fancy any of these three latter would more than swallow the amount you wish to spend. All those named for London shows would be probable breeders in a roomy box cage with the end containing nest-box partially screened—size of cage 2½ by 1 by 1½ feet high. If you wish to buy ordinary birds, and get them into condition yourself, a start should be made at once, and I should advise seeing the birds, if possible, and getting those in fair plumage and as fit as possible, even at a little higher figure than ordinary rates.

Queen Parrakeet.

M.C.—Keep her nostrils clear by dabbing them with glyco-thymoline; use a camel-hair brush, well cleanse it, and use a fresh portion of the solution for each occasion. I should advise fomenting or bathing the region of the eye with a warm decoction of camomile flowers, dabbing the plumage as dry as possible with a soft cloth afterwards. While it must have fresh air, this bird must be kept as warm as possible till things improve with it. Its bowels must be kept moving freely, but its voidings should not be watery loose; also the chemical food must be kept up as already directed. The diet is very suitable, and a little boiled maize under the circumstances quite right if it will eat it. As the bird appears to have a sore mouth, get from your chemist a small box of honey and borax and anoint the mouth with this twice a day. A camel-hair brush is as good as anything to use for the purpose. Hope to soon hear of an improvement.

Amazon Unwell.

"Shoi M—".—Give one or two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, and put bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food—for directions as to quantities, etc., see other replies. Diet as under: Seed mixture as staple, two parts each Canary and oats and one part each wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds, well mix, and keep a supply continuously in the cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. When it is a little better you can give it with safety such as ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, green-food (lettuce, etc.); keep a piece of cuttlefish, grit, and water continually in the cage. While the bird is weak, give a little boiled maize every other day, or even daily if it cares for it, but it must be made fresh each day, as it soon turns sour and the food vessel kept strictly clean, and care exercised that no stale pieces collect in corners of cage tray.

Amazon Out of Condition.

A.H.M.—Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk sops, or any kind of animal food whatever. Give two or three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, and put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food—for quantity, etc., see replies to other correspondents. Diet: Seed mixture—two parts each Canary and oats, and one part each wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds; well mix and always keep a supply in cage. While out of condition it would be the better for a little boiled maize, dropping about eight or ten drops of the chemical food over same. Note: boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, the food vessel should be scalded out daily, and care exercised not to leave any stale bits about. The following items are perfectly wholesome for an Amazon, and give ample range to vary its diet: ripe fruit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), green-food (lettuce, green peas, etc., as in season), plain biscuit, little boiled potato (dry), and there should be a continuous supply of cuttlefish and grit in its cage. The bird, which is a Blue-fronted Amazon, is very much out of condition, and its plumage will become normal as it recovers strength.

Naming a Parrot.

H.E.P.—(1) It is the Rose-breasted or Roseate Cockatoo, and is a native of Australia. It is a noisy species, and has not much merit as a talking species in this country, but it has capacity for speech, as in its native country it is highly spoken of in this respect. (2) Most Parrots are noisy at meal-times; they want to share in the good things going. Table scraps are not good for them. The difficulty is easily got over by having a little of something wholesome they are fond of to hand, and a little given from time to time keeps them quiet. The covering is quite legitimate, and should lessen the evil in time. Parrots are mostly intelligent, and recognise it as a punishment. I consider they are better covered up at night, but the major portion of the top of cage should be left uncovered for ventilation. Possibly it is moulting; the renewal of a bird's plumage is always a great strain upon its system, and if in low condition at the time it took place, it would feel the strain more, and decidedly show signs of weakness and illness. (3) Diet: Canary and oats two parts of each, and one part each wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a supply continuously in the cage. Also give plain biscuit, dry crust household bread, nuts, ripe fruit, and green-food. Regular supplies of cuttlefish, grit and water must also be kept up. (4, 5, and 6) Possibly the paper is responsible for some of the mischief, and the beer mixture has, I fear, exaggerated it, but I hope much harm has not been done. Get from your chemist a bottle each of Dinneford's Magnesia and Parrish's Chemical Food. Give three or four doses (one teaspoonful in the drinking water) of the magnesia, with a two or three days' interval between each. When not giving the magnesia, and also for the next month at least, make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with the chemical food.

King Parrakeet Weak on Legs.

Waterton.—I should give this bird several doses (one teaspoonful in the drinking water) of Dinneford's Magnesia, with two or three days between each, so long as its voidings do not become watery-loose; also in between well colour drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue for some time. I should well examine bird's claws, and if any of them are in-grown, I should largely attribute the trouble to that. In such case they must be cut at any risk. Also till there is an improvement I should keep its perch low down, so that its tail only just misses cage bottom. Also, if you can handle the bird without distressing it, I should advise rubbing in a little Elliman's Embrocation. If in the cutting of the nails, any part of the foot should be made to bleed, lightly touching the wound with Friar's Balsam will check this. Prevent the bird pecking at it for a few minutes, as the Balsam stings a little when first applied; but this soon passes away. Examine the bird's breast-bone, and if this appears very sharp through the skin, it is probable the bird is in a debilitated condition, and you had better make its diet as nourishing as possible.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary Hen (F. Turner).—Septic inflammation of liver and lungs—*i.e.*, "blood poisoning." Yes, it is an infectious condition.

Crested Canary (Ajax).—Septicæmia or blood poisoning. I assume this bird has not been in a healthy condition for some considerable time, so that its value, which you inquire about, must have been nil, although it possessed that desirable quality and quantity of feather which should have made it worth a pound or two.

Budgerigar (Budgey).—Chronic liver disease. This bird and all others having blue nostril-cores are cocks.

Roller Canary (J. Jones).—Inflammation of lungs, liver, and bowels, I fear of a septic character. Wash all sand trays or cage floors with boric acid solution, one teaspoonful to a pint of hot water.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Photograph (T. Harrison).—We are much obliged to you for sending us this excellent photograph.

Paper (H. T. Lucas).—Thanks for your kindness. We will try to utilise this paper in an early issue.

By Post (Yorkie).—We are much obliged to you for the suggestion, but we do not see our way to depart from the present custom. For replies by post the fee is only sixpence in cases of illness.

Dead Parrot (A. A. Dunbar).—We are making enquiries into this matter. Possibly it has been inadvertently overlooked.

Address (E. S. Lugg).—Letter has been duly addressed and forwarded.

The result of our recent VOTING COMPETITION will be announced next week.

POPLAR AND DIS. C.B.S.

At the last meeting held on May 28, we were honoured with a lecture, entitled "General Culture of Cage Birds," by Mr. J. Robson. He dealt at great length with the different varieties of Canaries, and impressed upon us the importance of selection in breeding as the royal road to success. He went fully into the best methods to adopt in Hybrid breeding, and the class of bird to select for the purposes. He also gave some very instructive hints to those who keep British Birds for exhibition, on the methods of feeding same. At the close many questions were asked, which were answered by Mr. Robson. A hearty vote of thanks to him ended a very interesting evening. Two new members were proposed, and 30 signed the Attendance Book. Will members please turn up in full force at next meeting on 25th June, to hear Mr. Allan Silver lecture on British Birds. — H. W. COOK, hon. sec.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

ANOTHER CANARY-BULLFINCH HYBRID BRED.

SIR,—Perhaps this might interest some of your many readers. On the 24th of May I had a Canary-Bullie hatched. I gave it to a Canary to rear, but it only lived three days. I have a cock Bully feeding a hen Chaffinch, but as yet there are no signs of building.

F. MASCALL.

A NEW SOCIETY FOR STAMFORD AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A cage bird association has been formed at Stamford, in Lincolnshire, and the first open show has been fixed for December 10 next. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) has been elected as judge. We shall be glad to receive any hints that members of the Fancy may care to give us. I have been elected secretary and my address is 39, Broad-street, Stamford. A. W. LUDLOW.

BIRD CATCHING.

SIR,—Will you kindly publish this letter in CAGE BIRDS, which I wish every success and think a most excellent paper? I would like to ask "Constant Reader" to kindly give more particulars concerning the wire and net spring traps spoken of last week. It is hard to understand how he sets them, to one who has never seen them. Could he also say how they are to be made? Still, it is the correct setting, I feel sure, which is the most important. I am sure we are all thankful to him for the hints and good advice he has already given us. WELSHMAN.

AN ARGUMENT ABOUT TEAZLE SEED.

SIR,—I have had an argument here (Limerick) with a friend over teazle seed. My friend says it is got from the Scotch thistle, and that this is cultivated. I hold that it is not obtained from any of the thistle plants, and that it is obtained from a different plant altogether. I have an old teazle head, and I have also read all the articles which appeared in CAGE BIRDS dealing with wild plants and seeds (I have the number in which the two thistle heads which are generally used are depicted) and I cannot convince myself that teazle is cultivated thistle. Can any reader give an explicit answer through your columns? E. BUTLER.

[Mr. Butler is quite correct. The Scotch Thistle (a thistle which produces a very large "head") is an entirely different plant to the Teazle; they belong to different Natural Orders, in fact. The seed of the Teazle is quite unlike that of the Scotch Thistle, the former being ribbed and rough, the latter smooth and even on the surface.—EDITOR.]

DANDELION & YOUNG BIRDS.

SIR,—"Tempus Omnia Revelat," in writing on this subject, says he has "often wondered if the fanciers who don't like dandelion, and who decry its value most, are those who live in large towns," and further says it is perhaps a case of "sour grapes." Although I did not intend writing again on the subject, as these remarks appear to refer to my former letter, I feel I should relieve the writer's anxiety and prevent a misunderstanding by informing him that so far as I am concerned I never yet had the—shall I say?—misfortune to live in a town of any kind, neither large nor small, for a single week in my life. There is probably not a single day throughout the year but one could gather a barrow-load of dandelion within a radius of twenty yards from my house door. Therefore "Tempus Omnia Revelat" must see that in my case, at least, his remark about "sour grapes" falls exceedingly flat. I cannot imagine any self-respecting person writing down and decrying an article of food simply because they have not had the opportunity of using it themselves, and it is hardly a fancier-like spirit in your correspondent to suggest such a thing.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

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IS THE HOOPOE A BRITISH BIRD?

SIR,—I note in CAGE BIRDS that some correspondence is going on about whether the Hoopoe is a British Bird. I beg to enclose you a list of British birds which I have had by me for many years, and which I came across to-day. When looking over for something else in it, I find that the Hoopoe is mentioned. Should you like to reprint this list (en bloc), it may prove of advantage to some of the British bird fanciers.

W. L. LANGLEY.

We are unable to find room for the whole of Mr. Langley's list taken from his old work, but print that part of most interest to readers. —EDITOR.

aThe Nutcracker. (Nucifraga caryocatactes. Briss.)
The Chough. (Pyrrhocorax graculus. Tem.)
aThe Bohemian Chatterer. (Bombycivora garrula. Tem.)
aThe Roller. (Coracias garrula. Lin.)
aThe golden Oriole. (Oriolus Galbula. Lin.)
The Starling. (Sturnus vulgaris. Lin.)
aThe red-winged Starling. (Sturnus predatorius. Wils.)
aThe rose-coloured Pastor. (Pastor roseus. Tem.)
aThe great grey Shrike. (Lanius excubitor. Lin.)
The Woodchat Shrike. (Lanius rufus. Briss.)
The red-backed Shrike. (Lanius collurio. Briss.)
The spotted Flycatcher. (Muscicapa grisola. Lin.)
The pied Flycatcher. (Muscicapa luctuosa. Tem.)
The Missle-thrush. (Turdus viscivorus . Lin.)
The Fieldfare. (Turdus pilaris. Lin.)
White's Thrush. (Turdus Withei. Gould.)
The song Thrush. (Turdus musicus. Lin.)
The Red-wing. (Turdus iliacus. Lin.)
The Ring-ousel. (Turdus torquatus. Lin.)
The Blackbird. (Turdus merula. Lin.)
aThe gold-vented Thrush. (Turdus chrysorrhœus. Tem.)
aThe Rock-thrush. (Turdus saxatilis. Lath.)
The Dipper. (Cinclus aquaticus. Bechst.)
The Grasshopper-warbler. (Sylvia locustella. Lath.)
The Sedge-warbler. (Sylvia phragmitis. Bechst.)
The Reed-warbler. (Sylvia arundinacea. Lath.)
Savi's Warbler. (Sylvia luscinoides. Savi.)
The Nightingale. (Sylvia luscinia. Lath.)
The Black-cap Warbler. (Sylvia atricapilla. Lath.)
The garden Warbler. (Sylvia hortensis. Bechst.)
The common White-throat. (Sylvia cinerea. Lath.)
The lesser White-throat. (Sylvia curruca. Lath.)
The Dartford Warbler. (Sylvia provincialis. Gmel.)
The Robin red-breast. (Sylvia rubecula. Lath.)
aThe blue-throated Warbler. (Sylvia succica. Lath.)
The Black Redstart. (Sylvia tithys. Scop.)
The Redstart. (Sylvia phœnicurus. Lath.)
The Wood-warbler. (Sylvia sibilatrix. Bechst.)
The Willow-warbler. (Sylvia trochilus. Lath.)
The Chiff Chaff. (Sylvia rufa. Lath.)
The golden-crested Regulus. (Regulus cristatus Tem.)
The fire-crested Regulus. (Regulus ignicapillus Brehm.)
aThe Dalmatian Regulus. (Regulus modestus. Gould.)
The common Wren (Troglodytes vulgaris. Tem.)
The Wheatear. (Saxicola œnanthe. Bechst.)
The Whinchat. (Saxicola rubetra. Bechst.)
The Stonechat. (Saxicola rubicola. Bechst.)
aThe Alpine Accentor. (Accentor alpinus. Bechst.)
The Hedge-accentor. (Accentor modularis. Cuv.)
The pied Wagtail. (Motacilla Yarellii. Bonap.)
aThe white Wagtail. (Motacilla alba. Lin.)
The grey Wagtail. (Motacilla boarula. Lin.)
The grey-headed Wagtail. (Motacilla flava. Lin.)
Ray's Wagtail. (Motacilla flavcola. Gould.)
aRichard's Pipit. (Anthus Ricardi. Vieill.)
The Rock-pipit (Anthus aquaticus Bechst.)
The Meadow-pipit. (Anthus pratensis. Bechst.)
The Tree-pipit. (Anthus arboreus. Bechst.)
The Shore-lark. (Alauda alpestris. Lin.)
The Sky lark (Alauda arvensis. Lin.)
The crested Lark. (Alauda cristata. Lin.)
The Wood-lark. (Alauda arborea. Lin.)
aThe short-toed Lark. (Alauda brachydactyla. Tem.)
The great Tit. (Parus major. Lin.)
The Coal Tit. (Parus ater. Lin.)
The blue Tit. (Parus cœruleus. Lin.)
The crested Tit. Parus cristatus. Lin.)
The marsh Tit. (Parus palustris. Lin.)
The long-tailed Tit. (Parus caudatus. Lin.)
The bearded Tit. (Parus biarmicus. Lin.)
The yellow Bunting. (Emberiza citrinella. Lin.)
The common Bunting. (Emberiza miliaria. Lin.)
The black-headed Bunting. (Emberiza schœniculus Lin.)
The Ortolan Bunting. (Emberiza hortulana. Lin.)
The Cirl Bunting. (Emberiza cirlus. Lin.)
aThe snow Bunting. (Emberiza nivalis. Lin.)
aThe Lapland Bunting. (Emberiza calcarata. Tem.)
The Parrot Crossbill. (Loxia pytiopsittacus. Bechst.)
The common Crossbill. (Loxia curvirostra. Lin.)
aThe white-winged Crossbill. (Loxia leucoptera Gmel.)
The Bullfinch. (Pyrrhula vulgaris. Briss.)
The pine Grosbeak. (Pyrrhula enucleator. Tem.)
The Hawfinch. (Fringilla coccothraustes. Tem.)
The Greenfinch. (Fringilla chloris. Tem.)
The House-sparrow. (Fringilla domestica Lin.)
The Tree-sparrow. (Fringilla montana. Lin.)
The Chaffinch. (Fringilla cœlebs. Lin.)
aThe Brambling. (Fringilla montifringilla. Lin.)
The Linnet. (Fringilla cannabina. Lin.)
The Mountain-linnet. (Fringilla montium. Gmel.)
The Siskin. (Fringilla spinus. Lin.)
The common Redpole. (Fringilla linaria. Lin.)
The Goldfinch. (Fringilla carduelis. Lin.)
The mealy Redpole. (Fringilla borealis. Lin.)
The common Cuckoo. (Cuculus canorus. Lin.)
aThe great spotted Cuckoo. (Cuculus glandarius. Lin.)
aThe American Cuckoo. (Cuculus cinereosus. Buff.)
The black Woodpecker. (Picus martius. Lin.)
The green Woodpecker. (Picus viridis. Lin.)
The great spotted Woodpecker. (Picus major. Lin.)
The lesser spotted Woodpecker. (Picus minor. Lin.)
The Wryneck. (Yunx torquilla. Lin.)
The Nuthatch. (Sitta Europæa. Lin.)
The common Creeper. (Certhia familiaris Lin.)
The Hoopoe. (Upupa epops. Lin.)
aThe Bee-eater. (Merops apiaster. Lin.)
The Kingfisher. (Alcedo ispida. Lin.)
The Swallow. (Hirundo rustica. Lin.)
The Martin (Hirundo urbica. Lin.)
The Sand-martin. (Hirundo riparia Lin.)
aThe purple Martin. (Hirundo purpurea. Wils.)
aThe Alpine Swift. (Cypselus alpinus. Tem.)
The common Swift. (Cypselus murarius. Tem.)

a An occasional visitor.

PROPOSED CAGE BIRD SHOW FOR HALTON.

SIR,—At a committee meeting held at Halton, under the presidency of the Rev. S. Proudfoot eleven classes were arranged for the proposed cage bird show to be held at Halton. Members' subscription was fixed at 2s. 6d. and the judge suggested was Mr. W. Mundell, who has since consented. The show will be held at Halton on November 7th.

W. SAUL, Hon. Sec., Rectory Cottage, Halton, Lancs.

IS IT A RECORD?

SIR,—I have a common hen Canary (green) which has just laid a nest of seven eggs, all of which were laid consecutively. She commenced on Friday, the 29th May, and finished on Thursday, the 4th June. I should be pleased to know if there is anything special in this—I mean, is it a record lay, or does it occur often? I shall watch coming numbers with interest for the replies of readers. I must say that in CAGE BIRDS I have found a great deal of most useful information.

SON OF THE ROCK.

PROGRESS OF THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY.

SIR,—The Scotch Fancy Canary is in increasing demand this season, and it looks as if the £100 purchase at Paisley New Year show has created fresh interest in the breed. I have myself heard of fanciers arranging to sell out of other kinds to get a start with the Scotch Fancy. A right good pair is worth a dozen pair of Norwich or Border Fancy, in my opinion, and I expect to hear of yet more new Scotch Fancy breeders entering the fold. They take no more to feed than common Canaries, and the difference in selling price more than repays the initial outlay.

AULD REEKIE.

A STRANGE NESTING PLACE.

SIR,—On my visiting the Hindley Field Colliery, near Wigan, to-day in pursuit of my business my attention was called to a Starling's nest containing three young ones. It was situated underneath the iron plating on which the coal is landed when it is wound up out of the pit (commonly called in Lancashire the pit brow). The plating is about ¼th of an inch thick, and over it about 1,000 small wagons containing from 5 to 7 cwts. of coal each are run every day and quite a large number of men, women, and boys are working all day long. Then there is the noise of the winding, the working of the hoist and screen and the continuous vibration of the pit brow. And to make the matter more strange the plate is cracked right over the nest. I have read of many a strange nesting place in your interesting paper but I think if your readers could only see this they would be inclined to say that it is one of the most remarkable. I was pleased to learn that the management had given strict orders that the nest was not to be disturbed. W. RIDGE.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND CLASHING OF SHOWS.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in answer to Mr T. Keegan. The first part of his letter I do not take any notice of, but the part where he says: "It was not at the general meeting we wanted to withdraw from the C.B.U., but at the matched pair show." Now, T. K., if you read my letter again you will see I did not say "we wanted," which means the society (yourself included), I said "it was proposed," which is a different thing altogether. As to the mistake re meeting, I am sorry if I was misinformed. I apologise and beg to say: "The matched pair show," which soon puts this little matter right. What I wanted to point out was the selfishness of T. Keegan. He wants to abolish the C.B.U., but does not want his society to start first! If as you say, Mr. Keegan, the C.B.U. is of no use, why belong to it? Why does not your society be the pioneer and sever its connection? Do you want someone else to do your dirty work?—as in your last letter you confessed you proposed that your society should become affiliated to the C.B.U. Then Mr. Keegan says: "Perhaps this know-all person will inform us what is the use of the C.B.U.?" Well, this beats cock-fighting. It is evident you don't know what you are talking about. Why did you propose that your society should affiliate, if the C.B.U. is of no use? But there, I may just as well tell him, as he is practically a novice in the fancy, and does not know the working of societies. In the first place your society, T. K., has benefited through the C.B.U., inasmuch as two societies in this district were refused licenses on the same date as yours had its last open show. The benefit your society derived can easily be seen by looking at the catalogue; a good many prizes went to the towns to which the licenses were not granted. Now suppose there had been no C.B.U. your society would have been bound to have suffered, with two more shows in the same district on the same day. Again, had you been an old fancier, you would have known that dishonourable practices were carried on more in the past than at the present time. Fanciers borrowed and lent birds, and if they were found out they were merely disqualified, and perhaps stopped from showing at the particular show where the disqualification took place. But they were allowed to show at other shows. Now the C.B.U. puts a stop to this. If a fancier gets disqualified he is not allowed to show at any fixture held under C.B.U. rules. Therefore fanciers are more particular knowing that they cannot show if found out. Here is another thing the C.B.U. are responsible for. There was always dissatisfaction as to what constituted a novice, and the C.B.U. has made this clear, and all novices are on the same footing. You must remember, T. Keegan, that the world was not made in a day, and that the railway companies are vast monopolies, from whom it takes, shall we say, the whole house of Parliament to get a hearing! I have no doubt that if the C.B.U., in conjunction with other bodies of fanciers, keeps pegging away at them, we shall have cheaper rates sooner or later. Again, are you aware, Mr. Keegan, that we have other cage bird unions in England? There is the Yorkshire Union, doing good work in Yorkshire, and the Welsh Cage Bird Club in Wales, doing good work there. Why can't we also have a union? Mr. Keegan says that if I look in the "Show Dates Fixed" column, I will find Weston-super-Mare and our show are not the only ones that clash. Well, I have looked, and can't find two other societies in the district clashing. In conclusion, it proves that T. Keegan has no knowledge of the working of the C.B.U., and probably only wrote for the purpose of seeing his name in print. Not wishing to have a free advertisement myself (I will pay in the prepaid columns when I do, and get my money's worth), I again sign myself— ONE WHO KNOWS.

SIR,—With reference to the Cage Bird Union, may I be permitted to give my opinion? I think it time it was wiped out, as instead of furthering the interests of fanciers and societies, it must keep them back, for the fancier who keeps a few exhibition birds will not be dictated to as to where he shall show them, and consequently he will not join a society that is affiliated. I think if you could attach a voting paper in your valuable CAGE BIRDS the only persons to vote for it would be the officials who demand our money, for which we get no benefit or consideration. I for one would be grateful to be rid of the hindrance to my hobby. MARTIN COOK.

[We regret that we are unable to fall in with our correspondent's suggestion.—EDITOR.]

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WHERE DOES THE DANDELION SEED GROW?

SIR,—Can any of the numerous readers of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, answer for me the following question: Does dandelion grow on the same stem as the yellow flower or does the seed grow on a separate stem altogether? Any information will greatly oblige. ROCHDALE.

THE BREEDING OF HYBRIDS.

SIR,—Will your readers let us know what headway they are making with Hybrid breeding? This is a department full of special interest, and I am sure you will gladly give publicity to the results of Hybrid breeders, as you do to those of Canary breeders. I have myself Bullfinches building nests, and will advise you later how I succeed.

YOUNG HYBRID BREEDER.

WHAT IS "QUALITY" LINNET SONG?

SIR,—I should like to occupy a little space in your valuable paper with a view to getting a better understanding as to quality and quantity singing in Linnet singing contests. I had occasion to be at Mill Stone Hotel, Wigan, the other Saturday, where there was a contest, and for the life of me I cannot fathom it out how one man could enter what he calls a quality bird. This same bird has not sung more than three seconds of a run (which many men would call "pitching") yet has obtained the prize for it. Now, if this is what is called quality singing, I think it is time we came to some understanding through the columns of this paper. I think that a quality bird is one that sings the natural song, and not one that has to be taught with a German Roller, which I contend is anti-natural and far from being quality. I hope this will meet with some fanciers' fair consideration so that we can get in that position which will be fair to all, and one that we can all understand.

A CONSTANT READER.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE GREENFINCH.

SIR,—"The Threepenny Green-bird" may be considered a singular name to apply to an exhibition bird, and those who admire the Greenfinch may perchance somewhat resent the application; but it is not more singular than truthful. Many of the most successful Greenfinches on the show benches to-day have cost no more than threepence at first hand. Some cost even less than that. It is about the cheapest bird on the market, and none are estimated at a lower value. Save, perhaps, the Chaffinch and the Linnet, there is no other bird so widely known and so frequently kept, particularly in the poorest portions of crowded cities, as the common "Green-bird," or as it is often called the "Green Linnet"; but it should be more correctly styled, the Greenfinch. The Greenfinch is perhaps even better known in city slums than is the common Sparrow on the country housetop, for in many cases so poor are the folk and so undesirable their surroundings that even the Sparrow will not dwell there. So real, however, in the breasts of the very poorest of residents in the worst of slums is that touch of sympathy and gentle kindness, that the Green-bird" is looked upon in thousands of instances as a friend, and is often the recipient of a great deal more love and care than the slum-dwellers bestow upon their fellow men and women. The best places upon the wall of a grimy room, and the spots where chance gleams of sunshine are to be found are reserved for the "Green-bird." True, slum ideas of sanitation are somewhat primitive, and the needs of the bird, as regards sufficient cage room are not and cannot be liberally considered; but there is a strangely-tender kindness shown to these little, feathered pets that is touching in the extreme. Father has his "Green-bird," and it is often the case that the one half hour which he has is devoted to the cleaning-out and feeding of the little, feathered prisoner. The cripple child often has its "Green-bird"—a veritable companion of solitude; a Canary is beyond the reach of pocket. The seamstress has her "Green-bird" to hop and twitter sympathy the while, when she wears away her eyesight at needle and shuttle. One and all love the "Green-bird"—the little, sombre-feathered bird that was purchased, may be, for a penny or, at the most, threepence in the "Row," when its owner went for a holiday there; or was carried home in triumph as a present for a sick child. It is exceedingly improbable that the late Dr. Bradburn, kindliest of men, ever looked on this side of the question when he declared—"The Greenfinch is another plain-looking bird that I consider not worth keeping, especially when one considers what a common bird it is." Many thousands of Greenfinches are now kept in captivity, and are well cared for and well fed. The Greenfinch is essentially a poor man's bird, because it can be purchased so cheaply. But it is something else; it is an apt illustration of the extremes. Prices of exhibition Greenfinches, more often than not, are ruled by conditions and circumstances. Buying and selling are two different things, and wealth is given to either by reason of the need or otherwise of the bird bought or sold. While the Greenfinch is often sold in bird shops at 2d. and 3d., good specimens, from the point of view of exhibition birds, are worth anything from £1 to £10. Although the Greenfinch is looked upon as a common, cheap bird by many, it has some unrivalled qualities of colour and beauty of plumage when these are studied closely. The strangely beautiful tints of green that bedeck its feathers are captivating when their excellence is fully perceived. The exquisitely soft, close, wax-like fit of the feathers is remarkably striking to a close observer. Their feathering fits them as closely as that of a Java Sparrow. The Greenfinch is a hardy bird, which can be hand-reared from the nest, if taken at a suitable age, say, when about ten or twelve days old. But there has come over the Fancy a somewhat new and better way. It has been found that the birds hatched and reared in captivity often do better than those reared in the field and caught and tamed. We have heard an "old hand" amongst British birds declare that "he knows that egg-food etc., supplied while the Canary is rearing young Greenfinches builds up the youngsters to a much larger size than the wild ones attain to." Be that as it may, aviary or cage-reared Finches are certainly tamer than those that are caught. When youngsters are hand-reared and can pick up they can be fed on crushed hemp seed for a while and then given Canary, rape, and a limited quantity of hemp. They are also very fond of sunflower seeds, and there are many wild seeds they love such as plantain, shepherd's purse, etc. The Greenfinch is fond of ripe fruit and will take half-ripe seed buds. Some authorities declare that the young are fed on insects, but this, others say is a mistake. If anyone desires to carry out the process of hand-rearing it can be done by soaking some rape seed and mixing it with hard-boiled egg. It is best to get the young to crack their own seeds as soon as possible. This can be induced by giving them soaked seeds whole, gradually substituting unsoaked seeds. Greenfinches need sharp grit and plenty of it, and are particularly fond of a bath. Some men colour-feed the Greenfinch for show, but we fancy there is a growing feeling that the beauty of colour of the bird is spoilt by this process, and there is an inclination to support the retention of the natural as opposed to the artificial colour. With this idea few will quarrel. The Greenfinch is a poor songster, but a gentle, tame, good companion and pet. G. G.

THE LITTLE OWL.

SIR,—This year there has been a large number of nests of the Little Owl found in the Ramsey district. In some of the first nests in April only two eggs were found and in others four eggs. A large number of eggs have been taken by the nesting boys. When only two in the nest, they would jump to the conclusion that they were pigeons, but when there were four, they knew they were, as they call them, "Cat Owls." Some nests that I have heard of had two young in, about a week old, and two more eggs. It appears that in some of the nests the birds keep on laying during the time they are sitting, for in one nest were found four young of different ages and two fresh eggs. One old bird was caught on the nest, but by good luck I managed to get it from the boy, and I sent it away to a Naturalist who has done much to preserve these grand birds, to turn out in his park. Had I not have seen the boy, the bird would probably have been killed in some way, as the "Act" is not taken much notice of here. I am afraid that very few of the first nests have escaped destruction from the boys, for during the first part of the nesting season, they are very keen indeed on nests of any kind. But the craze is now getting over and most of the birds will get a good chance. I have just heard of nearly a dozen nests (both eggs and young) of the Little Owl which have been found, but they are not close to the town, rather too far away for the boys to seek, and I hope they will escape the fate of those I have mentioned. I have not as yet heard of so many nests this year as last, neither have I hear of so many young being taken. Still, there is yet plenty of time, as it was quite the end of July when I saw 17 young and the old one in a little basket last year, taken in one night, by one man. That same man has now taken scores of these most interesting birds (hundreds would be nearer the mark), but they do come to a "good end," for they are brought up by one who is a naturalist, and who sends to some dealer who supplies gentlemen with them to turn out on their estates. It is only during the last four or five years that they have become so numerous in this district: but I have my fears that they are now going down again, so many have been taken. I have done all I can to get them better preserved.

T. H. KINCH.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Among the British Birds of North Hants.

By J. S. CLARKE.

A Lecture before the City and Suburban A.C.B. on April 13th.

(*Continued from page* 418.)

Whilst we are in climbing humour, we will take a look at the Jackdaw's nest in a tree not far off; the sticks protruding from a hole in the trunk, some 30ft. up proclaim its whereabouts. This nest contains eggs of the same number we found in the Rook's, bluish white in colour, with dark spots. You will find these birds and nests fairly plentiful, but as we have a lot of ground to cover, we must not stop to examine duplicates where they are at all out of our reach. There are hundreds of acres of the park that are free to the public, but it is the reserved portion, known as the spring woods, which attracts us most. They are of wide extent, surrounded by ditch and wall in part, the remainder by high oak fences, wide grassy avenues, lined on either side with box rhododendrons and other evergreens; the remainder is full of beech, elm, oak, chestnut, pine, and fir trees, many of them of great height and thickness, a dense undergrowth of hazel bramble, and holly bush, besides the myriads of primroses, violets, bluebells, and anemonies, which complete the picture.

Wood Pigeons and Turtle Doves are here in number, and we speedily examine the nests and eggs of each, two in number, and pure white, showing plainly through the frail platform of sticks that does duty as a nest. A wild Pheasant (I use the term wild, to distinguish betwixt that and those that are bred like barndoor fowls, under a hen), rises up with a startling whirr, leaving exposed eight or nine olive brown eggs, lying on the bare ground. In one of the holly bushes we next find what I consider the prettiest nest I have ever seen,—a Long-Tailed Tit's, oval in shape, covered with sparkling lichens, thickly lined with feathers, and the eggs, eight or ten in number, white, pink-spotted, a description that applies to the other two varieties of Tits I have met with.

Some Nests Disclosed.

The Greater, also the Lesser Whitethroat, are not at all uncommon, and we have probably laid bare the nest of the former that was hidden by a bed of nettles in forcing our way through the undergrowth. The nest is a thin fragile construction of dry grass stalks, and the eggs are of a mottled, dirty, pale green colour. The latter we find higher up in a bramble, a smaller egg, white, with dark and light brown spots. Farther on, skilfully fastened underneath the bough of a spruce fir, we find a Golden-Crested Wren's nest, with four or five tiny eggs, creamy white, with dark yellow clouding at the larger end.

Emerging on the far side of the spring woods, we make our way out of the park, on through the village of Winslade, Herriard Park, another large estate lying on our left, to Herriard Common, in one corner of which I found several years in succession quite a colony of Bullfinches, and we shall, in all probability, have found several of their nests on this occasion in the thorn bushes, with which the common is covered. A rough-looking nest composed of sticks, roots, and moss, the eggs four or five in number, of a pale blue tint, spotted and streaked dark red. In a hole in a beech some distance up, just on the edge of the common, I found on one occasion, two young Barn Owls, and an egg, that I concluded, at the time, was unfertile—but I have learned since, as probably many here are aware, that these birds lay their eggs in instalments, consequently, it is not an uncommon occurrence to find eggs and young in the same nest. The young birds on that occasion we took, and a friend of mine reared them; he also found a place for the egg in his cabinet.

From here, across the fields, and through a combination of copses and woodland, in which we shall have found several Magpies' nests; in fact, we could not well miss seeing them. Getting a view of their eggs is a different matter, as after a stiff climb, you will get some nasty scratches from the thorny sticks, of which the dome of the nest is composed. Thereabouts I have often found their nests in a thick thorn bush, and on one occasion lodged on the side of a chalk pit; usually with five or six eggs, and frequently seven, pale, bluish-white in colour, freely spotted with grey greenish-brown of varying shades.

Nests of the Kestrel and Sparrow Hawk.

We now come to Hurst Copse and Parr Copse. In these two woods or copses, I have found more Crows, Kestrels and Sparrow-Hawks than in all other districts put together, and I am compelled to add, have taken a great many more than I ought to have done. Of course, I have read that the Sparrow and Kestral Hawk frequently build in deserted Crow's nests, but when we found Hawk's eggs we took it for granted it was a Hawk's nest. However, we got convinced at last (I say we, as my inseparable companions on these expeditions were the two sons of a neighbouring farmer, a schoolmaster of mine, and a village lad, who used to join us at Herriard, I may say the finest climber I ever saw); it happened in this way. On one occasion I had climbed up to a Crow's nest, situate in the fork of a tree some distance up, and found it contained but one egg only. "Take it," those at the bottom of the tree shouted, "she (meaning the Crow) won't mind." This was done. On our next journey, on reaching the same tree, we each wanted the other to climb up, and see if the Crow had provided any more spoil for us, in the way of eggs. To cut the story short, the village lad swarmed up, and on reaching the nest, shouted "two, Kestrels," which were duly confiscated. After that, whenever we robbed a Crow of her eggs, which was on every occasion we found one, the tree was noted, and climbed on our subsequent visits, and a great many Kestrel's and Sparrow Hawk's eggs came to our share in this way. Very handsome eggs they are, the former all red, with dispersed markings, the latter ash colour, with irregular red blotches.

I omitted to mention that the Crow's eggs are of a greenish colour, mottled light brown. I may say that our usual method of getting these eggs safely to the ground was for one of those at the foot of the tree to take off his jacket and spread it out inside uppermost, the others assisting to hold in position; the climber then laying along a convenient branch, dropped the egg safely into the coat below. I have seen this done a great many times, often from a good height, and I never knew an egg to break that was caught in this fashion.

I may mention, too, that the village lad I speak of is to-day one of the most skilful poachers in this district, and what he does not know of fur and feather and woodcraft is not knowledge. And let me make a confession; I have known many poachers most of them hard working men, and in regular employment, who under different circumstances would probably be eminent naturalists, and perchance have the honour of reading a paper before the members of the City and Suburban A.C.B. Be that as it may, whether they poach for sport, and it is exciting sport (by one who knows), or to supplement their incomes, they know the risk of capture—and the penalty.

At and Around Basing Castle.

The other and shorter route, on which we shall find the remainder of the birds and nests I have mentioned, is along the canal bank to old Basing. In, or close to, the swamp on our left, we shall find the nest of the wild duck. These eggs I need not describe. Coot, with stone-coloured eggs, with small dark brown spots; Moorhen, with eggs of richer colour, and spots of redder brown. The little Grebe or Dabchick: the nest is a mass of dead, wet rushes, the eggs, intended to be white, are invariably stained and dirty; this bird covers up its eggs, and we used to get a long stick and uncover them, not wishing to labour for nothing.

We will have a look round the ruins of Basing Castle. Part of the outer wall and the old Pigeon house and gateway remain standing. I have a photograph with me, showing the gateway. Passing under this gateway into the park, the ruins of the old castle are immediately in front of us. It was built by Sir William Paulet, first Marquis of Winchester, and during the Civil War it was invested by Sir William Waller, one of Cromwell's generals. With 7,000 men at his command, he made several attempts to storm the castle, but was repulsed on each occasion by the gallant Royalists within. Cromwell himself at last directed the attack, and after a furious bombardment, the garrison capitulated on the 14th of October, 1643, having killed upwards of 2,000 Roundheads during the siege, the castle was looted and set on fire, and nothing remains except the subterranean vaults, in addition to the items previously mentioned.

The visitor to this old-world spot at the present time would find it difficult to associate it with the stirring scenes it witnessed during the Civil War. Speaking for myself, or rather letting Goldsmith speak for me:—

"How often have I paused on every charm;
The sheltered cot, the cultivated farm,
The never failing brook, the busy mill,
The decent church that topped the neighbouring hill."

This accurately describes the village of old Basing in the year of grace 1908. The moat that surrounded the old castle, now without water, and thickly overgrown with thorn bush, will appeal most strongly to birdy men, and here we shall find the nests of Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Goldfinches, Robins, Great Tits, Yellow Hammers, or to be more precise, Yellow Buntings.

In the "Sandy Cuckoo."

Leaving the castle grounds, and regaining the canal bank, we reach a part called the Sandy Cuckoos. Here on several occasions, I have dug out the nest of a Kingfisher, each time with four or five eggs, of such clear transparent white that the yolk within tinted the eggs a delicate pink. Crossing one of the wooden swing bridges into the meadow at Mapledurwell, I can show you the bushes where I have found the nests of the Redbacked Shrike, also that of the Hawfinch, with every probability of finding them on this expedition.

You can easily tell if a Shrike or Butcherbird is about, by the cockchafers and caterpillars you will find impaled on the thorns near its nest. It builds a large nest for its size, and the eggs vary considerably. Sometimes the spots of the eggs are strongly pronounced, and on other occasions quite pale, blue and red, on a cream ground, the spots forming a circle round the larger end.

I have felt in writing this paper the subject is well-night inexhaustible. I have consequently dilated on one nest only of each variety. If I had gone into the different positions and places it is possible to meet the nest of the same bird. I should not have finished to-night. Whilst our jaunts this evening have been wholly imaginary, I want you to clearly understand they exist in reality, and although I have admitted taking the eggs on a great many occasions, of recent years I have studiously avoided doing so. I consider nothing more wanton than the destruction of the beautiful homes of our British birds as practised by the average boy—the nest thrown into a ditch, and the eggs threaded and hung in an outhouse—or, worse still, to take part in the brutal and degrading game of "hop egg."

I have a bone to pick with the gamekeeper. Owls and Hawks he shoots at sight, if within range; their nests, and that of the Jay, he puts a charge of shot through, perchance killing the hen on the nest, or scattering at least the eggs and nestlings. Then there is the idiot, with a gun, who shoots our rare specimens. What is wanted in our country schools is to follow the example of our London council schools, and make the birds a study, and so inculcate a love for them, that would prevent a deal of the destruction that goes on every year. Evil is wrought from want of thought quite as much as from want of heart.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

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The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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Plantain Seed.

This is the ripe seed procured from the so-called rats' tails or plantain stalks which are given to the birds in the half-ripe stage. It is a small, dark-brown seed, not more than half the size of maw seed. It is exceptionally easy to gather a supply of it first hand, and, doubtless, many British birds, and birds flying loose in large aviaries, would relish it as a change. Many fanciers, however, have not found caged birds very partial to the ripe seed either on the stalk or free.

Dock Seed.

There are several varieties of Docks which are known to every one in the rank, leafing stage of its growth. It is a very common weed on any waste space. Towards autumn it will be found bearing tall, bushy heads of seed, which is one of the especial dainties of the Bullfinch. A small spray of it placed in a trap cage makes a most irresistible bait for him, and no seed will tempt him to commence feeding quicker when caught than this.

It is not so attractive to all birds, but many of the British seed-eaters are very fond of it, and as the trusses can be very easily gathered when ripe and carefully stored away to be given as required in small sprays, during the winter and spring months, it forms a very useful addition to the larder of the keeper of British birds.

Sorrels.

As with the docks, there are several species of sorrels which are equally common and well-known as weeds growing on waste places, and also in hay meadows, or rather, in meadows where the grass is allowed to mature and be mown for hay.

The common sorrel is the weed in question. In the Midlands, the younger generation know the plant well enough and call it by such names as "green sauce" or "green sorrel," and search out the plants in spring and pluck and eat the tender young leaves, which have a refreshing and not unpleasant flavour, being both sweet and slightly acid. Towards autumn the flower spikes are thrown up about two feet high and develop into large trusses of seed in deep-red sheaths.

When freed from the sheath, the seed is of a shiny-black colour, about as large as white-millet, but in shape like a grain of buckwheat, or, to use what may be a better-known example, triangular shaped, like a beech-nut.

This is another especial favourite of the Bullfinch, and as it is also extremely easy to gather, the keeper of these birds would do well to get in a good stock of dock and sorrel seeds for winter and spring use. Most of the thick-billed Finches will also doubtless relish a supply, as may also the Goldfinch, Siskin, and Linnet, but as I have not tried it much with these birds, this may be regarded as a mere suggestion.

But one may spare himself the trouble of offering it to Canaries, as the experience of most has invariably been the same, viz., that they utterly reject and ignore it, either when given in the spray, or when freed from the husk and given as loose seed. The writer has never yet known a Canary to touch it.

Lettuce.

The seed of this easily grown salading is not of much account to the bird-keeper. An old French writer on birds and their food described its virtues as cooling, and says it was used in his days for Canaries to cleanse and purge them. According to this authority, the freshest seed only should be used. Considering the virtue here claimed for it, it might be reasonably expected to be serviceable for occasional use during the summer months, to cool the blood and keep the birds from getting fagged out. It would suffice to give a pinch to each bird—such as Canaries and similar seed-eaters—now and again. My experience, however, is that few, if any birds are in any way partial to it, and the kernel of the seed seems rather too filmy and trifling to possess any great virtue.

As a green food, the virtue of lettuce must be infinitely greater than in the seed. The young, crisp, tender and succulent leaves of the plant are enjoyed by nearly all birds, both hard and soft billed, and are very cooling and refreshing in hot weather. Canaries are particularly fond of them and a bad or lazy feeder will often be converted and made a very tolerable parent by a small crisp lettuce leaf given her daily.

Oats.

Although this grain can scarcely be called a bird seed, as we generally understand the term, it is certainly a most useful item in the bird-keeper's larder. It is useful both as an extra item for occasional use in a small way for seed-eating birds generally, and as a regular portion of the diet of small Parrots and Parrakeets, whilst they are breeding and feeding young.

The grain is too well-known to need even the briefest description, but as there exists a very material difference in the size and substance of the grain it will be advisable to say that whenever oats are advised as a food for small birds, only the short plump-grained variety should be used. These are more economical and better in every way. They have a finer husk, and a much larger amount of edible kernel in proportion to their size, than the other kind, which has a grain at least twice the size, but of which the husk forms the greatest bulk. The birds also prefer the small stout grain, and can mill them much more easily than the larger kind.

Colour is immaterial, so far as nutritive value is concerned. As to whether the birds have any choice in the matter, is an open question, for although one can get the black oats just as easily as the white ones, many fanciers always use the latter—probably it may be admitted because of a mere whimsical fancy.

The uses are of a varied character and in a few cases must be handled with care. To give Canaries first place they are most valuable for building up the framework of bone and muscle of the larger breeds; but they require some care in their use, or the effect upon the alimentary tract will be rather harmful.

One of the very first concomitants of the use with any freedom whatever should be a large space in which the birds can get plenty of vigorous wing exercise—either a good sized aviary, outdoors for choice, or a very large flight cage. In addition to this a few grains of linseed should be given with them, and an increased supply of succulent green stuff, such as watercress or lettuce.

All these remarks will apply equally as well to oats in other forms, whether given as oatmeal in the soft food or as kibbled, chopped or rolled oats, or as coarsely ground oatmeal. Given the necessary conditions just named, a few oats thrown into the flights of any of the larger breeds, either young or old, once or twice a week, will be a valuable change.

Among British birds the Buntings are especially fond of them, and in many cases will almost entirely subsist upon them, and they are often the only grain these birds will eat for some time after being captured. The larger British Finches from the Greenfinch upwards are also partial to them, but these should have them only on special occasions as already pointed out. And even then, many prefer giving them the whole grains as obtained instead of any broken or crushed substitute. The smaller Finches eat them only when other seeds, which they like better, run short.

For foreign birds they are most useful to add to the diet of the small Parrakeets, such as Budgerigars, when they are taxed with the care of feeding large and hungry broods. Foreign Buntings are also fond of them in the regular diet. The larger Finches or Grosbeaks, amongst which may be included the Cardinals, and the Nonpareils, are all benefited by a supply, whilst they may always form a larger or smaller proportion in the staple mixture for foreign Pigeons and Doves.

The small foreign birds are so far similar to our own in their dislikes that they rarely, if ever, in the experience of most, touch oats so long as millet and Canary are available.

Any Other Variety.

As far as the great majority of bird-keepers are concerned other varieties of what may be termed agricultural, cereal grains are of little interest. Their chief use lies in forming a portion of the mixtures generally used as staple diet for Doves, Pigeons, and Parrots.

Where big stocks of birds of various sizes and kinds are kept together in large aviaries a handful of wheat, barley, buckwheat, or dari, may be scattered about occasionally as a variety and to keep the birds occupied in hunting after it. If they do not trouble to look for it, it will almost always sprout and begin to grow in a few days, and is then a great delicacy and treat for almost all kinds of birds. The most useful of all this class for caged birds are the sprouts of barley, which may be obtained in quantity and free from the the grain from maltsters, who dispose of it as "malt dust," or "malt culms." In the Midlands it is known by the former term, but the latter is a general term for it in some counties. A little of this thrown into the flights during the moulting season is a most useful and nourishing food and stimulant.

Grass Seeds.

The seeds of grasses are undoubtedly the most popular dainties with foreign seed-eaters. These extremely frugal creatures are by no means easy to cater for, if one wants to be always varying the diet and giving titbits. The fact that such continual variants are not really of any moment, or even necessary, weighs nothing with some kindly-disposed bird-keepers, and they are never so happy themselves as when they can give their pets some little variety every day.

With most of the foreign seed-eaters their only chance lies in giving the seeds of grasses, which in many cases are the birds' natural food. These seeds may be obtained at almost any gardeners' or farmers' seedsman, but probably few bird-seed dealers stock it. It should be bought in mixture—a mixture of any or every sort.

The aviarist who lives near to a farm, or has access to a friendly farmer, should never fail to procure the sweepings from the lofts and granary after the hay has been used up and the grain threshed. This will form an excellent item to throw into the aviaries or flights by handfuls now and again, and will keep the birds busily occupied picking it over for hours at a time.

Wild Seed Mixture.

Of late years this has been offered quite freely for sale, but the market must be rather limited. It appears to consist of the seeds of the weeds and flowers generally found growing wild anywhere in the country.

The seeds of a very large proportion of the mixture are of a very minute size, somewhat similar to the seeds of the plantains and shepherd's purse, and an expert botanist would think, not twice, but many times before attempting to name it. Because of the smallness of its size, many fanciers do not consider it of much, if of any, importance, and would certainly not run the risk of using it if they possessed well-kept gardens to which the waste from cages or aviaries was likely to find its way.

The risk of importing into the garden a bewildering variety of weeds which are difficult to eradicate once they get a footing, is too great for the lover of a well-kept garden to entertain.

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Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

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When the eggs are not removed, the first egg will hatch out two or three days before the last, giving the first hatched bird a start over the others, to its own advantage, and the disadvantage of the later hatched members of the nest. A day's difference in the hatching is bound to result in a strong young bird, and the remainder weaklings; the first hatched bird, of course, gets the best share of the food, and as a result, the younger ones are found dead for lack of food, or through being crushed by the older birds.

Broken Clutches of Eggs.

Some hens, particularly in cold weather, lay, say, a couple of eggs, and commence to hatch. In such a case I have given her the two eggs, marking them with strong ink, and have allowed her to sit. In the course of three or four days, she lays the remainder, thus putting the eggs on the footing of two different lots. The only way to ensure the full consignment of young in a case of this sort, is by splitting up the number of eggs, and giving a portion to another hen. This is advisable, when the hen moves about, till she has laid her full complement. The eggs will keep for 10 days or so if they are turned daily in the brand or sawdust, and are not exposed to the glare of the sun.

A most vexatious experience is that of having birds which eat eggs. It is not always easy to find out whether the cock or the hen is the culprit. If the former, he should be removed each evening, and put back each morning, after the hen has laid, taking him away altogether until the young are hatched. He can be placed beside another hen, and should he prove a good feeder, he can be run in beside his original mate. An excellent plan is to put him in a small cage, adjoining the nest, so that he can see every movement of the hen, and remain on good friendship with her. He can under these circumstances be run in beside the hen and the young.

If it is the hen that devours the eggs, she cannot be controlled so easily, being apt at any moment to turn round and make short work of the egg immediately it is laid. Even such a bad hen should not be discarded. Let her sit on china eggs; the efforts to break them may cure both the cock and the hen, when they discover that they cannot be destroyed. They may prove good feeders, and should be tested before being banished. I have known egg-eaters to be cured by giving them an egg filled with mustard.

Hen Forsaking Eggs.

Should a hen leave the nest, jump about and dress her feathers, and not look to the nest for some time, it is a sure sign that she has forsaken her eggs, and no time should be lost in transferring the eggs to another hen. They should be replaced by dummy eggs, as an inducement to return in case her services may be required for rearing.

Some hens return to eggs after a few hours' rest. In this connection it is advisable to get the hens to lay together, or as near as possible. That may be done where the eggs are clear, by setting off a day or two earlier, or the requisite number of days later, to bring the pairs alongside each other.

There are advantages with this in the rearing, it being possible to shift the young to have the strong in one nest and the weaker in another. The latter should be placed under the best feeders, as they are the most likely to help them to recover leeway. Another benefit is that it saves a solitary young one from being brought up by itself. A single-reared bird is never as strong as those brought up in a nest consisting of three or four, it not being so well fed. The single-reared bird, too, frequently leaves the nest deformed in some way; particularly is this the case with Scotch Fancy or Belgian Canaries. In rearing these graceful creatures there is safety in numbers.

The first nest may be taken as a testing process. If the pair are young birds the owner has to risk them in order to find out what kind of feeders they will be—"good" or "bad."

If two or three pairs are side by side in laying, and two pairs have been tested the previous year, give the high-class Canary's eggs to the tested pairs and give the pair that is in course of being tested common young to bring up. Or better still, if a nest of Goldfinch-Canary Mules are available, let the pair have them. I have known bad feeders to do well after rearing a strong lot of this kind. They are vigorous and give a lazy or indifferent breeder no peace until they are satisfied. That is what is wanted. Some feeders have to be trained, and young Goldfinch-Canary Mules are hard taskmasters.

Is it a Crime?

We hear a great deal about leaving the birds alone the first few days of their existence. With some, it is a crime to disturb the hen. But I say with all confidence, that the average hen is none the worse and the young do not suffer by raising her up to have a look at them. It is wise and desirable to see three times a day how they are progressing.

Do not be alarmed if food is not visible the first day; but afterwards, if all is going well, the right side of the neck will be puffed out with food.

If the body is healthy-looking, and the "down" standing up, there is no need for alarm. I had a large hen which would not feed a young bird when the cock was with her; so I put her aside, with the intention of trying her with a Goldfinch. In the interval she laid again, and being in a fix as regards a nest, I had to fall back upon her. When alone, she hatched and reared a nest of five young birds, and proved the best feeder I ever had. She reared more than any hen aided or unaided that I ever possessed.

If cock and hen are agreed, and both work in the rearing of young, it is preferable to have both. Some hens stop feeding when the young are eight or ten days old, and then it is an advantage, as he generally takes charge and keeps at the feeding, until the young are able to do for themselves.

Certainly hens will not feed with or without the assistance of their mate. If she is a well-bred Scotch Fancy or Belgian, do not discard her, but take what eggs can be got from her, placing them under another hen that can be relied upon. It is possible to raise prize winners from a bad-feeding hen.

This leads me to suggest that every fancier should provide foster parents. Border Fancy Canaries are very suitable, being lively and alert. They are capital sitters and when the young come they do not sit too close and are constant feeders.

For large Scotch Fancy or Belgian Canaries they may be rather light, and for them I recommend weightier foster-parents, such as crosses between Norwich and Scotch Fancy Canaries. Experience confirms my opinion that on this cross taking to the feeding of young, the pair cannot be surpassed.

All dead birds should be removed immediately. Here it is that the practice of occasionally looking in upon the young brood comes in beneficially. A young dead bird in the nest soon creates an offensive smell, affects the hen in cleaning the nest, and ultimately the survivors.

Sweating Hens.

As a rule sweating hens are troublesome. They are close sitters, and ought to be chased off the young at stated intervals, and kept off for a few minutes on each occasion.

This kind of hen should be allowed the use of the bath, and if she should not take to it she should be sprayed moderately, and allowed to bask in the sun, which will encourage her to prune her feathers. Sweating thus can easily be detected by the "down" on the young not standing up. Sweating may be due to derangement in the bird's system, and in such a case may only be temporary. Where sweating is permanent, it renders the hen almost useless as a mother or foster-mother.

(*To be continued.*)

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The Wild Birds' Paradise.

Whenever wild birds are given the opportunity to live and nest quite undisturbed, then we see them in their most interesting form. It does not require a large tract of land for the purpose; any small plot suitably covered with trees, etc., and left wild, will soon be taken possession of by the Thrushes, Finches, and Warblers. Such sanctuaries are unfortunately few and far between. They do exist, but the difficulty to the genuine bird lover is to get the necessary permission to look round; too many intruders would soon take away the character of the place. Such a spot, near a village, is known to the writer. It is situated in the midst of cultivated fields. A few oaks, beeches, and firs grow here and there, with a fair quantity of underwood and furze in the more open parts, and the place is quite undisturbed. The wild birds have taken possession of it, as though it actually belonged to them. The wild character of the place with its low bushes and brambles is just suited to the requirements of the Finches; and Linnets were found in abundance. Some of the nests were beautiful constructions. One especially claimed notice; it was situated upon the spreading branch of a low evergreen, partly covered by the tiny leaves. The exterior was composed of rough, coarse roots and grass stems, with an inner lining of wool and hair, so closely matted together that it appeared almost like a felted nest, and bore a great resemblance to the interior of the home of the Goldfinch. The eggs were pale in colour, with the usual reddish spots. Their pale tint against the almost white interior gave the whole a most charming and delicate appearance. Another nest was equally beautiful, but not so chaste in colouring. The eggs were darker, and the nest was constructed upon coarser lines. The old bird was loth to leave her treasures, and wherever it was possible we kept well away from the sitting birds, disturbing them very little. The Linnets had not advanced further than the incubation of eggs. They are not particularly early breeders, but nests may be found as late as the end of August, when the fields are being cleared of the golden corn. Of our smaller birds, the Hedge-Sparrow commences in good time, and young ones in all stages of growth were plentiful. Following these broods will be others, and yet there are no signs of any increase in the numbers of these shrill songsters. They must either be naturally very short-lived or, in consequence of their so frequently feeding under the hedges and underwood, fall victims to predatory animals. Although we expected to find the Goldfinch nesting here, we were not so fortunate, but then, our ramble was only of a cursory nature. Our object was the locating of the Warblers and the Nightingale in particular. Many of these birds are shy and fond of keeping to the undergrowth; they can only, in many cases, be located by sound, and with us this was impossible, for the place simply swarmed with young Starlings just out of hand; they crowded the branches of the taller trees, jostling and quarrelling among themselves, or else they blundered clumsily about the taller bushes, meanwhile keeping up an incessant, irritating noise. It is quite evident that the Starling is becoming much too numerous. I sincerely hope this horde will not wander my way when the cherries are ripe, or I fear there will be little fruit left to pick.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

An Old Custom.

In days gone by it was the custom for parish vestries to set aside a sum of money for the catching and killing of Sparrows.

Range of the Turtle Dove.

The pretty Turtle Dove, a bird which visits us during the summer, departing again in September, is common throughout the Southern counties of England; but according to a Yorkshire naturalist it appears to be extending its range, and is now frequently seen in that county.

The Chaffinch's Nest.

All our Finches build pretty houses, but for beauty of structure, neatness, and finish, the Chaffinch must be given the premier position. The nest is beautifully felted together with wool, hair, moss, cobwebs, and various other things, and is always tightly woven into position, no matter where it is placed. When in the fork of a thorn bush, the branches are often built into the structure.

Burns and the Skylark.

In the South of England the Skylarks are almost as plentiful as the daisies and buttercups, but away north they are not quite so numerous. In Scotland the bird is often called the Laverock. It was a great favourite with Bobbie Burns, the national poet. He wrote:

"The Laverock shuns the palace gay,
And o'er the cottage sings;
For Nature smiles as sweet, I ween,
To shepherds as to kings."

The Production of Colour in Birds.

In an interesting article by Sir Ray Lancaster, in which he illustrates how colour is produced in reptiles and birds, he says:—The red, orange, and yellow colours of birds' feathers are produced by pigments which are either insoluble or only soluble with great difficulty in fluids of the nature of ether. There is, however, an exception in the case of the African birds called Turacous, or Plantain-eaters. These birds have some large quill-feathers in the wing of a rich crimson colour. This splendid red pigment can be washed out of the feathers by water which is slightly alkaline, and a fine blood-red solution is obtained. Why this curious exception exists we do not know. The extracted colour is found to contain the element copper as one of its chemical components. Plantain-eaters kept in cages have sometimes washed all the colour out of their feathers owing to the water supplied to them for bathing and drinking having become foul and ammoniacal, and thus capable of dissolving the red pigment.

The Trustful Chiff Chaff.

Of all the spring migrants the Chiff Chaff is possibly the least shy, upon first arrival, but as the season advances it becomes much more difficult to get an uninterrupted view of this dainty little warbler.

The House-Sparrow's House.

Some of us are inclined to overlook the ability of the common House Sparrow, considered as an architect and builder. It is quite true the nest is somewhat untidy, but for warmth and comfort few can surpass it. The assorted materials of which the exterior is composed speaks well for the bird's adaptability. Any odd trifle, such as string, rag, ends of hempen rope, etc., are included. Anything, in fact, which comes to hand appears good enough for the outside, but the cup is always warmly and thickly lined with hair, wool, and feathers. The bird builds two distinct types of nests—an open one, tucked away under the eaves, or in any odd corner round a building, and a domed affair placed among the branches of trees; this latter is really a work of art, and if built by a less common bird would be thought highly of. Although such a hardy species, the Sparrow shows how careful he is by building a roof to his house for protection during inclement weather. The structure is bulky and tightly woven together, and lined as snugly and warmly as possible. When examining these nests one has always a difficulty in finding the true opening.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

SHEFFIELD.

Annual club contest held at Don Inn, Carbrook, on June 6th, when 12 birds competed for £5. Result: 1st, Jack, 196; 2nd, Watson, 110; 3rd, Booker, 69; 4th, Scotney, 62. Usual contest held at Don Inn on June 7th, when 21 birds competed. 1st, Williamson, 75; 2nd, Baker, 69; 3rd, Robinson, 65. The Whitsuntide contest held at Don Inn, when some grand singing were heard. Result: 1st, Robinson, 102; 2nd, Dryden, 95; 3rd, Jack, 73. Usual contest on June 14th, when 16 birds competed. Winners: 1st and 3rd, Robinson, 70 and 61; 2nd, Scotney, 65.—A. BROWN, Secretary.

NEWTOWN, (LEEDS.)

The Prince Albert Inn L.A. held their All-England contest for quality singing on Whit Tuesday. Twenty-four birds faced judges, Messrs. Allen and Jackson. Timekeeper, W. Hinesson. Results: 1st, 4th, Crowther; 2nd, 5th, Stead; 3rd, Dobson; 6th, Soloman. Annual contest held on Whit Monday, when 15 members entered birds for quality singing. Judges, Messrs. Hinesson and Jackson. Results: 1st, Soloman (copper kettle and 12s.); 2nd, Allen (teapot and 10s.); 3rd, Sellers (half tea service and 10s.); 4th, Sissons (alarm clock and 10s.); 5th, Chippendale; 6th, Haigh; 7th, Binner; 8th, Lorriman; 9th, Wood; 10th, Hinesson. Also on June 13th, when 15 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Clegg and Towers. Result: 1st, Soloman; 2nd, T. Stead; 3rd, Ridgewell. Also on June 14th, when 26 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Allen and Jackson. Timekeeper, Mr. G. Towers. Result: 1st, Naylor; 2nd, Whitfield; 3rd, Hardcastle; 4th, Stead.—E. WOOD, Sec.

PENTONVILLE.

At the Bee Hive, Cynthia-street, Pentonville-road, handicaps took place each evening during the week. Platt, Dave, Hughes, Beales, and Moore providing the leading birds. C. Baldwin won Linnet Handicap.—F. WESTMORE, timekeeper.

LEEDS.

A Linnet contest held at the King's Head on Whit-Tuesday, June 9th. Result: 1, Wigfield; 2, Stead; 3, Summers and Fisher. Judges, Messrs. Hodgson, Mawson, and Towers. Also on June 13th: 1, Stead; 2, 3, Hardcastle and Stead. Judges, Messrs. Mawson and Summers. Also on June 14th: 1, Hepton; 2, 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Crane and Hinesson.—T. CRANE, Sec.

HULL.

The Hull L.F.A. held their usual singing contest at headquarters, North Bridge Hotel, on Whit-Monday, birds from near and far being entered. Judges, Messrs. Moore and Colliers. First prize, a beautiful marble clock, value 3 guineas, won by Moore; 2, Marshall; 3, Ramsey; 4, Mason; 5, Neaves; 6, Colliers; 7, J. Searfe; 8, Harrison; 9, Pearlove; and 10, Davison. All non-singers received half-sets of tea services, clocks and vases. In the evening the large room was "packed" with Fanciers and friends. The Chairman (Mr. Marshall) presided. That lover of the Linnet, Mr. Sam Saul, sang us "The Ring at London Town," which caused much amusement. "Funny" Mason sang, "I'm a Bricklayer's Labourer." Other songs were sung by friends. Two ladies sang, including "The Fatal Rose," "Love Me, and the World is Mine." All present enjoyed a most pleasant evening.—FRED ALLEN.

DURHAM.

Members of the Edmondsley L.C. held their contest on June 13th, when 16 birds sang with following results: 1st, Puller; 2nd, Boyd; 3rd, Jones. Afterwards part of us journeyed to Durham City to a singing held at Burton Inn, Gilesgate. Sixty birds were entered. 1st and 2nd, McQuarck; 3rd, Puller; 4th, McVoy. Judge, Mr. G. Reed. Bookkeeper, Mr. J. Stout. Timekeeper, Mr. Wm. Fairless.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, on June 6th, when 18 birds competed. Awards: 1st, Firth; 2nd, Grainger; 3rd, Watson; 4th, Horwell. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper. On June 13th, 18 birds competed. Result: 1st, Watson; 2nd, Stothard; 3rd, Palmer; 4th, Metcalfe. Judge, Mr. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper. The second Whitsuntide contest was held, when 20 birds competed. Awards: 1st, Kirby; 2nd, Horwell; 3rd, Moore; 4th, Firth; 5th, Metcalfe. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper. The first club match took place on Whit Monday morning, when 19 members competed. Result: 1st, Watson; 2nd, Wilson; 3rd, Horwell; 4th, Firth; 5th, Buckle; 6th, Mason; 7th, Grainger; 8th, Moore; 9th, Kirby; 10th, Lee; 11th, Clifford; 12th, Lambert; 13th, Stothard; 14th, Oldroyd; 15th, Massheder; 16th, Booth; 17th, Gurden; 18th, Key; 19th, Mangham. After a concert a vote of thanks was accorded to the citizens of York for their kind patronage. Judges, Messrs. Perry, Paver, and Bardy. Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Sec.

Usual contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, on June 13th, when 12 birds entered. Result: 1st, Chaplin; 2nd, Ross; 3rd, Whitehead. Judge, Mr. Paver; timekeeper, Mr. Limbert.—WM. EMPSON.

CLUB REPORTS.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

At the monthly meeting held on June 3rd we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Walsh, of Halifax, tell of his experience of colour-feeding and moulting. His advice was to commence colour-feeding when the birds were about nine weeks old, using a flight of good size, the advantage of this being less work. The young birds, too, ate the food better than when in ordinary cages. The best colour-food possible, he said, must be obtained. Mr. Walsh makes his colour-food in the following manner: He bakes his egg-food into cakes in an ordinary oven, the egg-food consisting of six eggs, one piece of butter or lard about the size of an egg, two spoonfuls of baking powder, a cupful of sugar, and one pound of flour, mixed well together, like ordinary dough, and baked in a slow oven. To mix his colour-food he puts a cupful of egg-food through the egg-mill, slightly damps it, adds a spoonful of maw seed, and finally a quantity of colour-food to suit his own ideas. The most convenient time to draw a young bird's tail (according to Mr. Walsh) is the time when the bird's head and neck become a little patchy. Then put them back into the flight until the tail feathers begin to grow again, afterwards transfering them to the ordinary cages and training them to run into show cages. "The birds thus treated," said Mr. Walsh, "will equal my own birds." With these useful remarks the lecturer concluded his interesting and instructive address. A fairly good muster of members were present, and they expressed their satisfaction by their applause. If our members only adhere to what he said, they will be well rewarded.—SMITH JAGGER, Secretary.

SCOTTISH NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY CLUB.

The voting on the venue of the International Contest has resulted in the Glasgow and West of Scotland's Show, on November 13th and 14th, being selected. Arrangements for the contest will now be gone on with, and as members are already looking forward to the event, a great display of Plainheads, and a keen struggle between the clubs for the honours, are anticipated. I take this opportunity of reminding members that subscriptions are now due, and shall be pleased to hear from all. Breeders of the Norwich Plainhead in Scotland should see that their names are included on the club's membership roll without delay. Particulars may be had from myself.—J. BROWN, Secretary, 97, Petershill-road, Glasgow.

GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

A meeting was held on June 10th, Mr. T. Almond in the chair. Arrangements for F.F. Show were proceeded with, and it was arranged to give attendance on June 18th up to 11 p.m., and June 20th, to 6, and to close of show at 7 p.m. Members from a distance to arrange with secretary. The question of food was discussed, and it was considered most advisable for exhibitors to send or bring their own; then such to be left with written instructions. A letter was read from Mr. Maddison, offering to guarantee a field-moulted Linnet class at open show, and offering a gold-centre medal for most points in the three Linnet classes, namely, Linnet house-moulted, Linnet novice, Linnet field-moulted. These were accepted, and the addition to open show schedule made. After some discussion it was agreed to hold next meeting on August 12th.—THOS. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Usual monthly meeting held in Templar's Hall, Ingram-street, Glasgow, on June 6th, the President, Mr. T. A. Boyd, in the chair. Messrs. Thomas and Young are to have the final arrangements for the bowling match. The Border Fancy Members are requested to note that the classes at the annual show will be same as Border Fancy Club. But the cup and medals will be given for young birds as in the past. The First Feather Show will be held on July 4th at 4 p.m., in Mr. A. Muir's show-room, 176, Saltmarket, Glasgow. There will be medals for most points and best birds in hall, also specials for best third, fourth, and fifth birds, and for most entries. There will be classes for Crests, Plainheads, Borders, and Yorkshires, and a prominent judge has been secured. All intending members should enrol now, to enable them to compete in these classes. All information from GEO. SMART, Sec., Carmyle, Glasgow.

THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

The half-yearly meeting was held in the Grand National Hall on June 8th, Mr. Wright, president, in the chair. It was reported that the following had joined the membership:—Messrs. H. Crawford (Helensburgh), J. Carson (Dalkeith), R. Wright (Greenock), Councillor Hogg (Oakley), A. Porteous, T. Smith (Glasgow), F. Ramsay (Tayport), R. Carmyllie (Broughty Ferry), C. Drysdale, J. Dalgleish (Edinburgh), D. McAdam (Jamestown), J. Kennedy, senior, J. Kennedy, junior, J. Doundly (Paisley), T. Smith (Slamannan), A. Leslie, J. Moyes (Thornton), R. Johnstone (Musselburgh), R. Doug'as (Mossend), J. Sinclair (Edinburgh), R. Willison (Barrow-in-Furness), D. Black (Govan), J. Strathearn (Alloa), J. D. Maxwell (Falkirk), J. Jackson (Kirkmuirhill), J. Burnside (Lesmahagow), W. McArthur (Paisley), W. Lees (Glasgow), J. Cook (Cowdenbeath), T. McVee (Bonnyrigg), L. Jackson, T. Jackson (Kirkmuirhill), R. Fernie (Renfrew), J. Higgins (Hamilton), J. Smith (Govan), J. Chalmers (Kirkmuirhill), W. Urquhart (Paisley), J. McLennan, G. C. S. Hope (Edinburgh), J. T. Millar (Govan), J. Fairley (Coatbridge), W. Gibb (Wishaw), C. Wright (Lesmahagow), W. Allan, J. R. Meekle (Edinburgh), J. F. Renwick (Glasgow), W. Hart, J. Hart (Paisley), W. Beattie (Dundee), A. Hamilton (Bonnybridge), D. Holden (Muirkirk), W. Craig (Govan), H. Smith, A. Hunt, R. McQuillan, E. B. Bullions (Glasgow), W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge), W. Hunter (Wishaw), G. Hamilton, R. C. Muirhead (Barrockburn), A. Russell (Airdrie), W. D. Hogg (Oakley), A. Jardine (Maryhill), T. Ferguson (Glasgow), C. Kirk, D. McNiven (Edinburgh), D. McCallum (Campbeltown), M. Frew (Neilston), H. Mitchell (Newmilns), H. R. Caldwell, D. Caldwell (Ballieston), A. McLachlan (Govan), A. M. Baird (Paisley), J. Main (Coatbridge), G. Fulton (Partick), N. O'Donnell (Paisley), G. Byers (Dumfries), A. Balfour (Motherwell), J. Black (Lanark), J. D. Brown (East Kilbride), W. Hutchison (Slamannan), R. Thorns (Dundee), J. King (Musselburgh), G. Reid (Carluke), J. Craig (Motherwell), J. Park (Govan), W. Gray, J. McLaren (Glasgow), A. McDonald (Paisley), J. McMillom (Edinburgh), R. Blair, W. Neil (Clydebank), J. Fulton (Paisley), A. Kirk (Falkirk), M. Browiss (Dundee), W. Thornton (Edinburgh), J. Pollock (Cambuslang), A. Murdoch (Airdrie), J. Young (Bargeddie), A. Miller (Ruthergien), J. G. Aitkenhead (Glasgow), J. W. Anderson (Maryhill), J. Auld (Bonoss), W. Rodger (Edinburgh), W. Paterson (Lennoxtown), J. Roddie (Motherwell), J. Begg (Leith), J. Bowman (Dunfermline), J. Morrison and W. McCude (Glasgow), J. Smith (Howwood), R. Price (Barrhead), E. G. Wright (Edinburgh), C. Blue, A. McCraig (Glasgow), H. Moore (Barrhead), J. Prentice (Coatbridge), A. Crow (Old Cathcart), J. Murray, A. Livingstone (Paisley), J. Fleming (Glasgow), J. Allison (Paisley), P. Bain [illegible], A. Ferguson (Renfrew), D. McEachron [illegible], R. Menzies (Johnstone), T. McWilliam, L. Connie (Glasgow), A. Christie (Cambusnethalen), M. Smith (Falkirk), W. Niven (Grahamston), J. Graham (Leith), W. B. Cobb (Leeds), J. B. Kerr (Edinburgh), M. Petrie (Leith), A. Lister (Rothesay), J. Moore (Renfrew), C. Berwick (St. Andrews), J. Carlaw (Falkirk), W. Edgar (Dumfries), J. Hannay (Maxwelltown), C. Bell (Maryhill), D. Stenhouse (Sandbank), J. Dearness (Leith), W. Prentice (Yoker), A. Leitch (Neilston), R. Ritchie (Paisley), A. Beghie (Edinburgh), J. Arnott (Alloa), A. Renfrew (Glasgow), T. J. Hall (Belfast), J. Price (Barrhead), J. Glover, T. Beckett, A. Webster, A. Wright (Greenock), D. McDougall (Edinburgh), W. Rennie, James Orr, John Orr, R. Baird, J. A. Stewart, John Muir, G. Banks (Glasgow), J. Gillies (Paisley), D. McArthur (Bowling), J. Ward (Shattleston), C. Lavery and J. Lavery (Lurgan). The judges were nominated and elected, and so soon as their acceptances have been received their names will be announced. It is expected the annual show, on September 19th, will be specially interesting, the enquiries for Scotch Fancy for Canada, and other parts is a new feature. We hope members will be able to supply the demands. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—R. WRIGHT, president; J. HOGG, vice-president; THOMAS SMITH, secretary and treasurer, 56, Minard-road, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

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STONEHOUSE C.B.S.

A meeting was held in the Public Hall on June 13th, Mr. John Whitelaw presiding over a large attendance. It was reported that we could not get the hall for December 19th for our show, so we had to fix our date for December 12th.—J. GOVAN.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

A meeting was held in Buchanan's Hotel, Edinburgh, on May 30th. There was a large gathering of well-known Fanciers, a fine feeling of friendship prevailing throughout the evening. Mr C. R. Drysdale, hon. president, occupied the chair. Members not present will be pleased to hear that it was decided to extend the prize-cards from five to eight, the additions being vhc, hc, and c. The following gentlemen chosen to judge at annual exhibition to be held on September 26th have since very kindly consented to give their services, viz., Messrs. D. Low (Dundee), D. Black (Govan), A. Nisbet (Galston), and T. Braid (Kirkcaldy). We hope entries will be large, thereby giving them some hard work to overtake. The Artillery Hall, Grindley-street, has been secured for show. It is one of the best in the town for such a purpose, being central and near to stations. It will be very convenient for country members who intend being present. The following names are of those who have joined since the publication of our first list:—Messrs. McDougall (Edinburgh), Baird, Hart (Paisley), McLaren (Pollokshields), Duncan (Winchburgh), Miller (Falkirk), Pennycuick, Baxter (Leith), Cowan, Inglis (Kelty), Macdonald, O'Donnell (Paisley), McGregor (Kinross), Morrison (Glasgow), McClure (Mount Florida), Newbigging (Duns), Forrest, Aitchison, Whitelaw (Edinburgh), McEachern (Leith), Cobb (Leeds), Nivan (Falkirk), Menzies (Johnstone), Kennedy, Clark (Cowie), Winters (Edinburgh), Craig (Motherwell), Allan (Leslie), Mathieson, Laird (Edinburgh), Keddie, Brown and Whittett, Ness, Auchterlonie (St. Andrews), Kennedy (Paisley), Bell (Glasgow), Carson (Leith), Capt. A. J. Phillips (Edinburgh), J. Gordon (Macmerry), and Miss Brown (Duns). This makes a grand total of one hundred and seventy-seven members for our first year as an "Open Derby." At the close of the meeting, Mr. E. G. Wright, in a few words, proposed a vote of thanks to the executive for the work they have done on behalf of the Society, which had met with such gratifying success.—J. R. MEIKLE, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

Dates inserted free of charge.

[The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.]

June 20.—Burnley and Dist. C.B.S.
June 20.—Wakefield O.S.
June 20.—Tong and Dist. C.B.S.
June 20.—Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.
June 20.—Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.
June 20.—Southport C.B.S.
June 20.—Harrogate C.B.S.
June 20.—Tong and Dist. C.B.S.
June 25.—Metropolitan C.B.A.
June 26 and 27.—Hazel Grove and Dist. C.B.S.
June 27, London and Counties O.A.
June 27.—Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.
June 27.—Pendleton and Salford.
June 27.—Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.
June 27.—Otley and Dist. O.S.
June 27.—Rotherham C.B.S.
June 27.—Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.
June 27.—East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.
June 27.—Littleborough C.B.S.
July 1.—Battersea and Dist. C.B.A.
July 1.—Chester and Dist. C.B.S.
July 1.—Morecambe C.B.S.
July 1.—Hastings United C.B.S.
July 4.—Guiseley, Yeadon and Dist. C.B.S.
July 4.—Sunderland C.B.A.
July 4.—West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.
July 4.—Admiral Duncan O.S.
July 4.—Garston B.B.A.
July 4.—Admiral Duncan (Nottingham) O.S.
July 4.—Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.
July 4.—City and Suburban A.C.B.
July 4.—Forfar and Dist. C.B.I.S.
July 4.—Bolton Woods C.B.S.
July 4.—West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.
July 4.—West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.
July 4.—Bingley and Dist. O.S.
July 4.—Y.C.C. of Scotland.
July 4.—Wellingboro' and Dist. C.B.S.
July 9.—Worcester and Dist. C.B.S.
July 9.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.
July 11.—Leeds C.B.S.
July 11.—Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S.
July 11.—Middleton O.S.
July 11.—Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.
July 11.—Exeter.
July 11.—Preston O.S.
July 11.—Altrincham C.B.S.
July 11.—Macclesfield and Dist. C.B.S.
July 11.—Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.
July 11.—Walthamstow F.A.
July 11.—Highgate, Hampstead and Dist. C.B.S.
July 11.—Leek and Dist. C.B.S.
July 11.—Newcastle C.B.S.
July 11.—Coventry Godiva C.B.S.
July 11.—Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.
July 15.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.
July 18.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
July 18.—Perth and Dist. C.B.S.
July 18.—Harrogate C.B.S.
July 18.—Tong and Dist. C.B.S.
July 18.—Falkirk and Dist. C.B.S.
July 18.—Morley and Dist. C.B.S.
July 18.—Cockermouth and Dist. F.S.
July 25.—Crook Original C.B.S.
July 25.—Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.
July 25.—East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.
July 25.—Green Canary Association.
July 25.—Tamworth and Dist. C.B.S.
July 29.—Shields C.B.S.
Aug. 1.—Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.
Aug. 1.—Bingley and Dist. O.S.
Aug. 1.—Bolton Woods C.B.S.
Aug. 8.—Bo'ness and Dist. O.A.
Aug. 15.—Tong and Dist. C.B.S.
Aug. 22.—East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A

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THE SHOWS.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

A First Feather Show was held on June 6th at Victoria Hotel, when about 50 birds were staged in eight classes. Mr. T. Mountain judged, and gave great satisfaction. The awards were as follows:—CL. YELLOW: 1, 3, Goodwin; 2, Tate and Day; 4, Boocock; vhc, Dykes; hc, Tidswell; c, Hutton. BUFF: 1, 4, Goodwin; 2, 3, Tidswell; vhc, Martin; hc, Dykes; c, Atkinson. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Goodwin; 4, hc, Dykes; vhc, Martin. BUFF: 1, spl best bird in show, Tideswell; 2, c, Dykes; 3, 4, Goodwin; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Shepherd. CINN. TKD. YELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, Dykes. BUFF: 1, Tate and Day; 2, Goodwin. HEAVILY VGTD: 1, Tideswell; 2, Hutton; 3, Taylor. SELL. (12 6): 1, 2, Skerrow.—E. SHEPHERD, Hon. Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

The first show of Canaries in the 1908 competition for gold medals took place on June 13th, and some very good birds were staged. Mr. W. Wharton (Bradford) judged:

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Casey; 2, Parker; 3, Swaine. BUFF: 1, Parker; 2, Bottomley; 3, Swaine. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Parker; 2, Casey; 3, Coates. BUFF: 1, Padgett; 2, Casey; 3, Coates. CINN. MARKED YELL.: 1, Lambert; 2, Bottomley; 3, Coates. HEAVILY MARKED YELL.: 1, Casey; 2, Hall; 3, Duckworths. NOR.: 1, Firth; 2, Lambert; 3, Green. NOVICE YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Hiles; 2, Denby. BUFF: 1, Danby; 2, Oddy; 3, Marshall. YELL. MARKED YORKS.: 1 and 2, Shoesmith; 3, Hiles. BUFF: 1, Broadbent; 2, Oddy; 3, Taylor. CINN. MARKED YELL.: 1, Oddy; 2, Taylor; 3, Marshall. HEAVILY MARKED: 1, Hiles; 2, 3, Oddy. Special for best bird in show: Casey.—J. POWNALL, Sec.

HALSTEAD F.S.

A members' show was held in the Assembly Room, Halstead, on June 8th. Considering the fact that the society was only formed in November last year, it was a very creditable exhibition. The arrangements for the show were made by the committee, Messrs. Taylor, Stammers, Deeks, H. Sayward, W. Sayward, Meadows, Bartholomew, Laurence, and Wicker, with Mr. W. Monk as hon. secretary, and Mr. W. A. Smith, hon. treasurer. The cage bird judge was Mr. S. Coles (Halstead).

CL. YELL. NOR. (1908).—1, spl, H. Sayward; 2, hc, Wicker; 3, vhc, Laurence. BUFF: 1, H. Sayward; 2, 3, Laurence; vhc, Wicker. TICKED, ETC. (1908): 1, Bartho'omew; 2, 3, vhc, Laurence; hc, H. Sayward. CREST OR C.B. (1908): 1, 2, Stammers; 3, vhc, Bartholomew. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Outhaw; 2, Brown; 3, Laurence; vhc, Chaplin; hc, Sayward. SELL.: 1, Laurence; 2, H. Sayward; 3, Monk; vhc, Tokley; hc, Beckwith. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl for best Brit. in show, Monk; 2, Rayner; 3, H. Sayward; vhc, Monk. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Brown; 2, Rayner; 3, Monk; vhc, H. Sayward.

SOUTH LONDON COL. AND F.A.

A First Feather show (British and Foreign birds included) was held at headquarters on June 11. Mr. J. Dobson judged, and his awards were well received, the show being well attended by Fanciers through Press notice. Mr. F. Bizley (novice) won silver medal for best bird in show, and special for best Crest or crest-bred, with a good variegated Crest, well staged. Messrs. Lee and Kearney won special for best Norwich, with a clear Buff of good type, body and head, well shown. Mr. A. Biss won special for best Yorkshire, with a Yellow Variegated bird of good type. Mr. F. Bizley also won special for best British bird with a well-marked, steady Linnet.

CHAMPION: NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (41): 1, Munday; 2, Males; 3, Harris; absent, Richardson. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Lee and Kearney; 2, Biss; hc, Males; c, Harris. VARG., ETC. (8): 1, Lee and Kearney; 2, 3, Munday; vhc, Harris; hc, Males; c, Biss. YORKS. CL., ETC. (6): 1, spl, hc, c, Biss; 2, vhc, Males. NOVICE: CREST OR C.-B. (4): 1, 2 spls, Bizley; 2, 3, Palmer; vhc, Bidgway. YORKS.: 1, 2, Hallam. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Bizley; 2, Palmer; 3, vhc, hc, White. Points gained for point's cup, 1908: Palmer, 30; Lee and Kearney, 24; Biss, 23; Munday, 19; Males, 19; Bizley, 16; Hallam, 11; White, 10; Harris, 9; and Bidgway, 3.—G. A. JEFFERYS, Hon. Sec.

LOWESTOFT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The second annual show of young Canaries took place at the Fox and Hounds, London-road, on June 13th. There was a good number of exhibits, but the total did not quite reach that of last year. Mr. W. E. Greeves (Wrentham) was the judge; he expressed a good opinion of the exhibits, and added that the cinnamons were the best in the show, and were as good a lot as one would find in any big club for first feather birds. There were also a good lot of specials, including a pound of colour feed for the best 2nd Norwich Plainhead Yellow and ditto Buff, given by Mr. Hart, which were won by Messrs. R. Hatch and R. J. Wigg. Mr. Hatch is only a novice, but gave the champions a warm time, and with a bit of luck in the moulting season he will be heard of again at our autumn show. The specials were won by the following gentlemen: 2s. 6d. for best Plainhead champion, R. J. Wigg; 2s. 6d. for best novice Painhead, R. Hatch; 2s. 6d. for best champion Crest, H. Hart; 2s. 6d. for best novice Crest or crest-bred, J. Lay; 2s. 6d. for best champion cinn., H. Hart; 2s. 6d. for best novice cinn., L. Howard, A. Rickards, W. Lang, jun.

CL. YELL. (7): 1, Mumford; 2, Hart; 3, Cooper; hc, Clarke. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Hatch; 2, hc, Mumford; vhc, Wigg. TICKED YELL. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Hatch; 3, Rackham. BUFF (13): 1, Castleton; 2, Wigg; 3, George; vhc, Rickards; hc, Rackham; c, Clarke. CREST (4): 1, Hart; 2, Rackham; 3, Rickards; c, Mumford. CREST-BRED (4): 1, Lay; 2, Rickards; 3, Wigg. CINN. (10): 1, 3, Hart; 2, vhc, Lang, jun.; hc, Howard; c, Cooper. At the close of the judging Mr. Greeves was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, to which he suitably responded.—W. LANG, JUN., Hon. Sec.

CHOPPINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

We held our second annual First Feather Show on June 13th at Railway Hotel, Choppington, when there was only a moderate entry, as most of our members are having a bad breeding season, on the whole, and lots of them did not get a feather the first round; but we are looking forward to doing better now the weather is a good deal better. There were about 30 birds present, and some very nice ones being amongst them. Mr. Alf. Gray judged to the satisfaction of all present.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Griffiths; 2, 3, vhc, Woollett; hc, Paxton. BUFF: 1, 2, Dixon; 3, vhc, hc, Woollett; c, Paxton. BORDER CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Charlton; 3, hc, Dixon; c, Bevenage. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Charlton; vhc, Dixon; hc, Peel; c, Bevenage. VARIETY: 1, Woollett, Buff Cinn.; 2, Charlton, Yorks. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Atkinson, some gems of the first order in this class; his noted Goldfinch leading; Greenfinch 2nd, Linnet 3rd, Hawfinch vhc.—WM. WOOLLETT, Assist. Secretary.

HAWORTH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The Society held its first Nest Feather Show on June 13, at the White Lion Hotel. The judge was Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods).

CL. YELL.: 1 and 3, Booth; 2 and 3, Urddop. BUFF: 1 and 3, Booth; 2, hc, Urddop; vhc, Howker. TICKED YELL.: 1, hc, c, Urddop; 2, Howker; 3, vhc, Booth. BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, Boode; 2 and 3, Urddop; c, Howker. NOR.: 1, c, Booth; 2 and 3, vhc, hc, Urddop.—H. W. HOWKER, sec.

BELGRAVE AND DISTRICT F. & F.S.

The third half-yearly members' show was held at headquarters, the New Inn, Loughborough-road, on Whit-Tuesday, June 9. There were four classes for birds. Mr. W. Judd placed the cards.

CANARIES, OLD, A.V.: 1, cup, Hurst; 2, Costello; 3, Howgill. UNFLIGHTED, A.V.: 1, 2, Costello; 3, Martin; vhc, Hurst; hc, Coddington. A.V., BRED 1908: 1, 2, Hurst; 3, vhc, Costello; hc, Mallard; c, Smith. BRIT. OR MULE: 1, hc, c, Riley; 2, Coddington; 3, Hurst; vhc, Agar.

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

A members' show was held in the Assembly Rooms on June 13th, when 66 birds were staged in four classes. Mr. R. Garnett (Windhill) placed the cards and gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. (12): 1, 3, Walton; 2, c, Webb; 4, hc, Smith and Son; vhc, Townley. BUFF (20): 1, Booth; 2, 4, vhc, Livesey; 3, Holt; hc, Holmes; c, Dean. TICKED, ETC., YELL. (14): 1, 2, Smith and Son; 3, 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Watson; hc, Livesey; c, Webb. BUFF (20): 1, 3, Smith and Son; 2, Livesey; 4, Holt; vhc, Denby; hc, Hartley; c, Townley.—A. LIVESEY, Hon. Sec.

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The members held a grand First Feather Show of Canaries at Headquarters on June 15, when 76 birds were staged. The competition for the Society's specials was very keen; the following gained most points:—Messrs. T. Slater, 17; Middleton Bros., 16; W. Wright, 16; and W. Birkett, 14. Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax) placed the cards and gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Berry; 2, Slater; 3, Morris and Shackleton. BUFF (12): 1, Slater; 2, Leach and Son; 3, Waller; TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Berry; 2 and 3, Morris and Shackleton. BUFF (5): 1, Slater; 2, Leach and Son; 3, Wright. U. M. YELL. (6): 1, Wright; 2, Smith; 3, Bancroft and Dean. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Middleton Bros., 3, Wright. FOUL MKD. (8): 1, Wright; 2, 3, Middleton Bros. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (3): 1, Wright; 2 and 3, Wilkinson. 12 6 SELL. (12): 1, Slater; 2, Waller; 3, Middleton Bros. YELL. YORK. NOVICE (5): 1, Birkett; 2, Treyner; 3, Procter. BUFF (6): 1, Treyner; 2 and 3, Birkett.—WM. WRIGHT, sec.

HUCKNALL TORKARD C.B.S.

A First Feather Show was held on June 6, at the Coffee Tavern, when there was a very fine turn-out. A good number attended the exhibition, which was voted a success. The secretary, Mr. H. Marshall, is to be congratulated on his able management of the show. Mr. J. Adnitt (South Normanton) judged, and pleased all.

NR. CL. YELL.: 1, Winterbottom, good size, nice type, quality and colour; 2, Mason, fine type and quality; 3, Foster; another of nice type. BUFF: 1, 2, Vardy, two nice birds; 2, very chubby, but beaten in colour; 3, hc, Foster; 3, large, good type, but just beaten in quality; vhc, Draper; c, Twine. YELL MKD 1, Severn, nice clubby bird, not at his best; 2, 3, Brown, both promising; vhc, Twine. BUFF: 1, 3, Vardy, winner bonny bird, marked on back of head; 2, Winterbottom, very nice variegated; vhc, Severn, another variegated; hc, Brown; c, Palmer. A strong class this, not a bad bird amongst them. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, Draper, good bird, fine substance, looks like making up well. BUFF DARK CREST: 1, 2, Mason; 2 very nice crest, good quality, very close together; 3, Twine, close up. BUFF CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Mellors, 1, clear, with grand head feather; 2, variegated; 3, Twine, another good clear; vhc, Marshall, very young, looks like making up well.

JARROW AND HEBBURN AND DISTRICT C.B.F.S.

First annual Young Bird Show was held on June 13, in the Alexandra Hotel, High Street, Jarrow, kindly lent by Mr. D. O'Brien, who also gave a cash special. There was a record entry of birds in 12 classes. A special of a meerschaum and silver cigar-holder and case, given by Mr. R. Hutler, for best Yorkshire in show, was won by Mr. J. T. Carrick, the sec. One stone of best canary seed, given by Mr. Fred Athey, for best Norwich in Show, was won by Mr. Fred Furlong. A silver-mounted briar pipe, given by Mr. J. Richardson (Simonside), for most entries in classes, was won by Mr. J. T. Carrick, with 9 entries. This was a record for a young bird show, 60 birds being staged in a splendid room. Mr. J. Maddison judged. He commented well on the young birds, which reflected credit on a new society like Jarrow. The attendance of visitors was good, and the show on the whole was considered a success by all.

NOR. YELL. TICK. ETC.: 1, and spl, Furlong; 2, hc, Harris; 3, Richardson; vhc, Bowen; c, Carrick. BUFF: 1, spl., 3, vhc, Richardson; 2, hc, Carrick; c, Harris. YORKS. YELL. TICK. ETC.: 1, spl, Carrick; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Hutler. BUFF: 1, spl, vhc, Carrick; 2, 3, hc, O'Hagen; c, Hutler. CRESTS: 1, Donally, C.B.: 1, 2, Donally. BORDER FANCY YELL. TICK ETC.: 1, Bowen. BUFF: 1, Blore. LINNET: 1, spl, Carrick; 2, 3, Picken; vhc, Furlong; No. 2 absent; c, Simmons. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 3, Swales; 2, Dutton; vhc, Furlong. FINCH OR BUNTING: 1, spl, Simmons; 2, Furlong; 3, Nairn; vhc, Blore; hc, c, Dutton. SOFT BILL: 1, spl, 3, Simmons; 2, vhc, Nairn.—J. T. CARRICK, hon. sec.

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BRADFORD (East) O.S.

A grand members' show of Canaries in first feather was held at Park Chapel Schools on June 13th, when 83 birds were staged in 10 classes. Mr. R. Halliday, of Shipley, officiated as judge, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Competition was very keen in several of the classes, many of the winners being pressed very close for premier position. All points won at this show count towards valuable specials put up for competition by the society this year. The winners of most points at this show with four highest birds were Messrs. Stables, White, Cruise, Northrop, Hill, and Blezard.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (22): 1, 3, Stables; 2, c, Briggs; 4, Blezard; vhc, Farrar; hc, Lowes and Whitehead. BUFF (23): 1, Cruise; 2, Northrop; 3, vhc, White; 4, Laycock; hc, Wilson; c, Stables. TICKED YELL (12): 1, Blezard; 2, H. Hill; 3, Cruise; 4, vhc, Farrar; hc, Priestley; c, T. Hill. BUFF (12): 1, H. Hill; 2, Stables; 3, Cruise; 4, vhc, Northrop; hc, Crowther; c, Blezard. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., YELL. (1): 1, Briggs. BUFF (4): 1, Gelder; 2, Briggs; 3, Crowther; 4, Wilson. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Northrop; 2, 4, Gelder; 3, Priestley. BUFF (5): 1, 2, White; 3, Crowther; 4, elder; vhc, Northrop.—H. HILL, Secretary.

EXETER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A splendid exhibition of young birds was held at the Market Hall on June 13. The entry was very gratifying, and the quality good. Mr. D. Browning, the judge, spoke in glowing terms of the quality of the exhibits. Just on 70 young birds were staged, and considering the ill-luck which has attended some of the members, the executive can congratulate themselves on their first feather show for 1908. The chairman, Mr. W. Down, was backed up by an able committee. The hon. secretary, Mr. H. Folley, makes a very capable official, the arrangements being most complete.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Hutchings, good in colour; 2, Parker, more substance, stained beak telling against. BUFF: 1, Parker, good size and colour; 2, Denham, marked on head and wing, nice bird; 3, Martin, clear, good feather and type; 4, Turner. CREST: 1 and 2, Evins Bros., winner wing-marked, with good, even, veiny crest; 2, clear body, dark crest; 3, Miss Finch, not quite the style of 1 and 2; 4, Burrough, larger, younger than winners. CREST-BRED: 1 and 2, Denham, winner large green, with good cushioned head, moulted well; 2, clear buff, quite a baby, large, with good head and feather; 3, Burrough, another clear buff; 4, Evins Bros. YORKS. YELL.: 1 and 2, Stiling, winner possesses good head and eyes, and stands like a soldier; 2nd nice bird, similar; 3 and 4, Churchward, good. BUFF: 1, Elston, good, upstanding bird, very fine in feather; 2, Folley, very neat; 3, Miller; 4, Pomroy, close up. A.O.V.: 1, Denham, silver Lizard 2, Cinnamon Buff, good Nor. type. Goldfinches were a large class. A.O.S.: Brit.: 1, Perkins, Crossbill, in grand fettle, very steady; 2, Chudley, Bramble-finch, nicely shown; 3, Denham, good Bullfinch; 4, Commins, Bullie.

HELSTON.

The Cage Bird Show held in connection with the Royal Cornwall O.S. was held at Helston on June 10 and 11. It provided a great attraction to the many visitors. The exhibits were nicely staged, and were thoroughly well cared for by the fanciers forming the Cage Bird Committee. The quality on the whole, considering the time of year, was first-class, several well-known winners being staged, and again secured winning brackets. Special for best in show went to Mr. Collins for his well-known six-pointed Buff Goldfinch-Canary Mule, shown in the best of form, and much admired. The Yorkshires made two good classes, the winners being typical specimens, and shown in good fettle. The class for seed-eating Britishers was headed by a grand Hawfinch of Messrs. Rowe and Hancock's—a bird possessing plenty of size, good in shape and feather, and well-marked. With a good moult this bird should have a successful career. Mr. W. J. Winn makes a most admirable secretary, being well on top of his work, his thoroughness being only equalled by his affability, tact, and courtesy. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

NOR., CL. YELL. (8): 1, Climas, beautiful shape and nicely feathered, neat wings and tail, good head and chest, level colour, wins well; 2, White, good shape, nice quality; 3, Lawey, grand colour, nice back, bit flat on head; vhc, Rodda; hc, Coad. MKD. (4): 1, Trevena, neck and eye marked, beautiful feathers, full of quality, good shape, short, well-packed flights, and tail, neat head; 2, Cawey, marked wings, neck and eye, nicely shaped; 3, White, grand colour and feather; vhc, Ferrall. CL. BUFF (9): 1, White, well up in quality, full of colour, nice shape, neat wings and tail, put down in best of trim; 2, Trevena, good shape, well-feathered, nice quality, neat wings and tail; 3, Ferrall, nice shape and feather, good back, neat head; vhc, hc, Coad. MARKED (4): 1, White, marked wings and head, rattling shape, plenty of substance, nice feather and quality, short flights and tail; 2, Carbis, thigh ticked, shapely, neat head, wings, and tail; 3, Ferrall, grizzled on head, good shape, and well up in colour; vhc, Collins. YORKS. YELL. (16): 1, Pincombe, good position, well up on leg, nice quality, wings well braced, neat tail, close fitting jacket; 2, c, Chirgwin, nice quality and stand, good length, fine wings; 3, Rodda, beautiful colour, good length of side; vhc, Oakey and Son; hc, Baden. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Thomas, winner ticked on cheek, grand colour and quality, stands well on pair good legs; 2, marked wings, neck, and head, slim-built, nice pipe tail, and narrow shoulders, good position; 3, vhc, Chirgwin, Cinn. marked, stands well, slim-built, nice feather; hc, Ouley and Son. BELGIAN, SCOTCH, OR CINN. (amalgamated) (5): 1, Richards, yellow Scots, nice top, neat head and good drive; 2 and 3, Merlin, Buff Cinn., both good feather and quality, leader best in shape; vhc, White. PAIRS (2): First withheld; 2, Curtis, neat Yorks; 3, Pincombe, good quality Nor. MULES OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Collins, well-known six-pointed Buff Goldfinch-Canary, looking grand; 2, lightly-marked Linnet Canary, good size, shape, and feather; 3, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, nice shape and size, beaten only in feather. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 3, Polkinghorne, grand Siberian, beautiful feather and colour, nice blaze, buttons and tanning, could not be denied; 3, genuine Britisher, nice bars and tanning, good blaze; 2, Webb, grand bars and well-tanned chest, nice back, rich-coloured blaze, very steady; vhc, Allen; hc, Legassick. BULLFINCH (8): 1, 2, Rowe and Hancock, both house-moulted, leader good, wide, dense-coloured cap, grand wing bars, nice shape and feather, very steady; 2, good size and shape, fine cap; 3, Warren, grand colour on breast, good cap and bars; vhc, Burton; hc, Coad. SEED-EATING BRIT. (12): 1, Rowe and Hancock, Hawfinch, a clinker for size, shape, feather, and markings, very steady, well shown; 2, Siskin, good size, shape, and feather, nice bib; 3, Collins, Bramble-finch nice colour feather and pencilling; vhc, Miners. SELL. (£1) (6): 1, Thomas; 2, Ferrall; 3, Lee; vhc, Wills; hc, White. (12s. 6d.) (9): 1, Trevena; 2, Rowe and Hancock; 3, Lee; vhc, Thomas; hc, Wills; c, Ferrall.

WANDSWORTH AND DIST. F.S.

The Society held a very successful Cage Bird Judging Competition on June 11, at the Red Lion Rooms, Wandsworth. Three classes were provided, viz., one each for Yorkshires, Norwich and British Birds. Mr Easterling kindly undertook the task of judging, and gave every satisfaction. The first and second prizes consisted of silver spoons, and in the judging competition the first prize (a silver spoon), was presented by Mr. G. A. Badcuock; and second prize (3 neck-ties), by Mr. Roney. The winners in the three classes were: YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, T. Roney. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Lupton and Jordan. BRIT.: 1, Earl (Goldfinch); 2, Hanan (ditto); 3, Lupton and Jordan.

The winners in the Judging Competition were: First, Mr. Jordan; second divided between Messrs. Pearl and Lupton. We are sadly in need of cage bird members. Fanciers residing in the district and interested in cage birds we shall be pleased to enrol as members.—W. SUMMERS, hon. sec.

LONG EATON F.S.

The specialist society held their annual show of cage birds, etc., on June 13th, at the Tiger Assembly Rooms, Sawley-road. This was the first time cage birds were included, and from all accounts it won't be the last. Cage birds did not come up quite as good as was expected, probably on account of its being Whitsuntide. However, it was a fine show, being very nicely arranged along the centre of a good and well-lighted room. The secretary, Mr. Oldham, and the committee did all in their power to make things comfortable for the exhibits, the exhibitors, and the visitors alike. Mr. J. Bertie (Nottingham) made the awards, which were well received.

A.V. CAN., OLD BIRDS: 1, 2, spl, Mrs. Stocks, former very fine, typical Yellow variegated Norwich, rare substance for a Yellow; 2nd, clear Buff, not quite the type of winner; res, Parkinson, Green crest-bred, good skull and feather, useful bird; vhc, Wigginton, another crest-bred, good substance and feather; hc, Rogers. FIRST FEATHER CAN.: 1, 2, spl, Mr. Wigginton, former nice Crest, looks like a ben, veiny-feathered crest, fine youngster; 2nd, Green Norwich, very nice type; res, Mrs. Dyson, nice four-pointed Yorks., in good condition; vhc, hc, Barron; c, Parkinson. FOR.: 1, W. Smith, pair of splendid Black-headed Nuns, in the pink of condition; 2nd, Ballington, very nice pair of Zebra Finches, in splendid form; res, Caunt, splendid Parrot, in the pink; vhc, J. B. Smith; hc, Parkinson. BRIT.: 1, 2, spl, Caunt, former good Bullie, in grand feather; 2nd, Greenfinch, really good specimen; res, Parkinson, splendid Linnet, in grand feather; vhc, Robinson, Greenfinch; hc, Gentle; c, Rogers.—J. OLDHAM, Sec.

HYSON GREEN (Nottingham) C.B.S

Annual First Feather Show held on June 13th. It was a great success in every way, the exhibits numbering 62, which made a very nice collection; several of the exhibits promise to make it hot for some in the near future. The secretary, Mr. M. Garton, and his hard-working committee, are an fanciers of the right type, so there is little wonder the show was a success. The show as usual was held at the Cricket Players' Inn, where many a good show has been held. The room is a good one for size, light, and comfort, and everything went off all well. Some of the birds staged were not more than a month old. Birds which took back seats should, some thought, have won hands down. The judge was Mr. Tom Oliver.

CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Sharp, 1st nice, typical youngster, very young; 2, Bertie, little older bird, good colour, splendid quality; vhc, Deverill; hc, B. Newman. BUFF: 1, 2, c, Sharp, very young, but typical specimens; 3, vhc, Thompson, 3rd nice and cobby, fine wing and tail carriage; vhc, another nice youngster; hc, Breffit, nice cobby bird. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Sharp, very fine birds; 2, Hill, some thought should have won. BUFF: 1, c, Sharp, typical, and useful bird; 2, vhc, Bertie, pronounced by some to be best bird in show, should take some stopping; 3, Deverill, nice cobby bird, good head and neck; hc, Newman. HEAVILY MKD., ETC.: 1, Hill, Buff, nice type, wings, and tail, good size; 2, Birch, looks like a Yellow hen, rare substance and type; 3, Barns, another good youngster, nice Norwich type; vhc, Sharp, good substance and type. YELL. CREST: Cancelled. BUFF: 1, Holmes; 2, Wolfe; 3, Bensham. YELL. C.-B.: 1, Wolfe, nice body and fair head. BUFF: 1, 2, Wolfe, 1st grand specimen, should make a name for itself and owner; 2, nice substance and feather; 3, Newman, good substance, nice feather of right kind; vhc, hc, Holmes, nice cobby bird. MULE OR HYB. (any age).—1, Garton; 2, Thompson. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Caunt, Goldfinch; 2, 3, Garton, Bramblefinch and Linnet.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY & DIST. O.S.

Members' show held on June 6th at Blue Bell Hotel. Mr. J. Broadley judged.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Garnett; 2, Smith; 3, Broadley and Son; vhc, Cook. BUFF: 1, Broadley and Son; 2, Garnett; 3, Towers; vhc, hc, Walton; c, Hardaker. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Battersby; 2, Smith; 3, Garnett; vhc, Cook. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, c, Hardaker; 3, Battersby; vhc, Towers; hc, Broadley and Son. FOUL MKD.: 1, 2, Towers; 3, Cook. YELL. CINN. MKD.: 1, Cook. SELL. (12/6): 1, Garnett; 2, Smith; 3, Broadley.—E. BROADLEY, Secretary.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIST. O.B.S.

The members held the first of this season's monthly shows at headquarters. We had an excellent entry, 30 birds being staged. Some good youngsters were shown. There were two sections, novice and open. The open are competing for a cup (besides the specials) most points gained counting at end of season. Mr. Speak (Halifax) judged.

SECTION I.—BUFF: 1, Pickles; 2, Fawcett; 3, Tasker. YELL.: 1, Pickles; 2, c, Wild; 3, Fawcett; 4, hc, Sutcliff; vhc, Tasker. SECTION II.—BUFF: 1, Jeffries; 2, 3, Taylor and Haigh; 4, vhc, E. and G. Crossley; hc, Robertshaw; c, H. Crossley. YELL.: 1, 2, Taylor and Haigh; 3, Townsend; 4, Jeffries; vhc, Crossley; hc, Priestley; c, Robertshaw.—A. E. MORTON, Hon. Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

The members' First Feather Show was held on June 13th, when a good number of high-class birds were staged. Mr. Wm. Blakey, a noted breeder of cinnamon marks, awarded the prizes, and gave general satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION.—YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Helliwell; 2, Lister; 3, Waterworth; 4, Midgley; vhc, Mann; hc, c, Young. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Waterworth; 3, Midgley; vhc, hc, Young; c, Mann. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Waterworth; 2, 3, Self; 4, Helliwell; vhc, hc, Young. BUFF: 1, 4, Lister; 2, Self; 3, Young; vhc, Waterworth; hc, Bentley; c, Helliwell. CINN., TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Bentley; 2, Barraclough. BUFF: 1, Bentley; 2, Helliwell; 3, Self; 4, Barraclough; vhc, Lister. NOVICE SECTION.—YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Gibson; 2, Whitaker; 3, 4, hc, Oliver; vhc, Gudgeon. BUFF: 1, Gibson; 2, Lane; 3, Gudgeon; 4, Kitchen; vhc, Whitaker. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, Whitaker; 2, Oliver; 3, Gudgeon. BUFF: 1, 2, Oliver; 3, Gudgeon. Mr. Jowett Waterworth won special for most points in the show, and also for best clear Buff; Mr. H. E. Gibson, for best clear Yellow (an extra good bird); Mr. F. Self, for most points in ticked or unevenly marked Yellow Yorks.; and Mr. A. Lister, for best ticked or unevenly marked Buff Yorks.—J. HOLROYD, Secretary.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

The half-yearly general meeting was held in City Hall Saloon, Glasgow, on June 13th, Mr. A. Jardine (president) presiding. The attendance was not so good as might have been, but the interest and enthusiasm shown were most gratifying. The discussions and deliberations dealt with every point affecting the show and competition to be held in October next. The principal subjects were the classification and election of judges. There has been added to the classification two novice classes in the Scotch Fancy section, four Yorkshire classes, a class for any variety of Canary not already provided for in prize list, an extra selling class (crested cock or hen), and an additional class by splitting class 47. The judges nominated are: For Norwich Plainhead section, Messrs. J. Adams (Dundee), J. Ferguson (Glasgow), W. Muir (Kilmarnock), Booth (Runcorn), Cameron (Kelso), and C. Campbell (Glasgow); for Crest and crest-bred section, Messrs. A. Muir (Glasgow), Noble (Kilmarnock), J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), and Adams (Kilmarnock); for Mules, British and Foreign birds, Messrs. M. Craig (Glasgow), P. Pettigrew (Glasgow), A. Muir (Glasgow), Bald (Bathgate), McQuiston (Ayr), and Livingstone (Bathgate); for Border Fancies, Messrs. Sommerville (Auchinheath), Arnot (Hawick), Bennett (Kelso), Turnbull (Hamilton), Ritchie (Lesmahagow), Hardie (Auchenheath), and McMillan (Dumfries); for Scotch Fancies (Glasgow), Messrs. Dr. Muslin and A. Clark (Rutherglen), J. Knox (Glasgow), J. Smith (Govan), A. M. Caig (Glasgow), J. Y. Millar (Govan), and J. Smith (Glasgow); (Country), Messrs. D. Low (Dundee), G. Hope (Edinburgh), D. Holden (Muirkirk), Hannay (Dumfries), Thornton (Edinburgh), Carlow (Falkirk), Arnott (Lauchie), and Paterson (Edinburgh); for Belgians, Messrs. G. Fulton (Partick), J. McLennan (Edinburgh), and P. McLellan (Glasgow). A motion was tabled for December meeting that voting by proxy be abolished. A vote of thanks to the president for his conduct in the chair closed the meeting.—A. MACDONALD, Sec.

A DAY IN EPPING FOREST.

By J. S. Clarke.

A Record of the Annual Outing of the Leyton and District C.B.A. and members and friends from the North London and Walthamstow Societies.

Possibly owing to the fact that this outing took place on the Saturday preceding Whit Monday, the attendance was not as large as was anticipated, the total muster being 22, including Messrs. B. F. Forse, A. Forse, Shepherd, C. H. Cooper, Dickenson, Williamson, H. J. Fulljames, the brothers Morris, Harper, Burbage, Bell, H. Clarke and others. I must apologise to the other gentlemen whose names for the moment, I cannot recollect.

The birds that may be met with in Epping Forest are as follows: Sparrow Hawk, Kestrel, Barn, Tawny, Long-eared, and Short-eared Owls (the last-mentioned being an autumn and winter visitor), Red-backed Shrike, Rook, (Rookeries at Leyton Flats, Woodford Green and Copped Hall), Jackdaw, Magpie, Jay, Starling, Song Thrush, Blackbird, Redwings, Fieldfare, Missel Thrush, Wryneck, Green, Greater-spotted and Lesser-spotted Woodpeckers, Nuthatch, Tree Creeper, Kingfisher, Cuckoo, Sparrows, Greenfinch, Hawfinch, Bull finch, Chaffinch, Yellow Bunting, Goldfinch, Linnet, Tree Pipit, Common Wren, Robin, Wagtail, Spotted Fly-catcher, Nightingale, Redstart, Hedge Sparrow, Garden Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Blackcap, Greater and Lesser Whitethroats, Chiff Chaff, Willow, Wood and Gold Crested Wrens, Wheatear, Whinchat, Stonechat, Great, Blue, Cole, Marsh, and Long-tailed Tits, Martins, Swallows, Swifts, Nightgar, Woodpigeon, Turtle Dove, Pheasant, Partridge, Lapwing, Landrail, Heron, Woodcock (a winter visitor), Snipe, Coot, Moorhen, Bahchick and Wild Duck.

As previously arranged, I was chosen as guide, and at the request of several present, consented to chronicle the events of the day for CAGE BIRDS. Joining the party at Woodford, we journeyed to Loughton, and on surveying the small dimension of the party, it was decided to wait another train's arrival for possible laggards. As the result, the burly form of a well-known fancier appeared on the scene (a welcome addition). I won't mention his name, he being so late. Following much the same route as we did last year, we passed Paul's nursery, beyond which stretches Strawberry Hill on the right. We at last arrived at the scene of operations, the party splitting up into 3 sections, with a keen pair of eyes at the head of each, and all keeping well within hail.

"Hullo! here she is. What is it?" (all in one breath). On hastening to the spot, the riddle was of easy solution. The nest was high up in a thorn bush, and was composed of sticks, lined roots, and contained 3 youngsters (possibly 48 hours old); flesh, terra-cotta colour, with a profusion of sooty down. It was agreed *nem con* that they were Bullfinches. Note: there were 2 eggs in the nest containing dead young ones. During the afternoon, many other Bullfinches were found, and enquiries could be heard as to how young Bullies fared with Canaries as foster mothers. Thrushes and Blackbirds (with eggs and young) were found on every side; in fact, I might say in every other bush, the hens sitting tight on their treasures. Half-a-dozen of the party inspected them at short range, and it was a feature of interest, notwithstanding their being so common. Owing to the torrential rains that have occurred at intervals of late, many birds had been compelled to forsake their eggs and young, and a nest with but a couple of youngsters and some spoilt eggs, was not an uncommon find. The first of its kind was that of a greater Whitethroat, containing 2 youngsters, fully fledged.

Wending our way in a zig-zag course towards Connaught Waters, and nearing the Epping New Road, for the first time in my experience of the Forest I heard the well-known call of the Yellow Bunting. It was like meeting with an old friend, and opening up the flood gates of memory, it took me out of the present expedition, back many years to similiar expeditions in my boyhood's days, when satiated with spoil and climbing we threw ourselves full length in the shade out of the glare of the noonday sun, and lazily called back to the bird our interpretation of his call—"A little bit of bread and no-o-o o-h-e-e-s-e." From past to present with a jump in order to reply to Mr. Morris who came running through the thorn bushes with the query: Did you not say there were no Yellow Buntings hereabout? I confessed my error, and told him that I had noted its presence for the first time in the locality. That did not finish the subject, for the shout of another member of the party proclaimed another find, and on locating the finder, not a too easy task, and examining his find, it was plainly evident the eggs (2) belonged to a pair of these birds. We found another nest later on containing 3 eggs. A Linnet's nest with damaged eggs, too, we found, and several more with eggs and young. I heard one fancier remark: "If any of you come across a nest of Thrushes just right for hand-rearing." That is all he said—everyone who heard seemed to understand.

Amusing incidents occurred at frequent intervals. One nest, situate right in the top of a thorn bush some 8 or 9 ft. up, brought up an incident that occurred last year on the day of the N.B.B. and M.C. outing. It may be recollected by many that were there, a gentleman was hoisted on the shoulders of two stalwarts in order to reach a nest in just such a position. I am loth to recall a painful incident, but he crashed lengthways through that bush with ruinous results to his epidermis. On the present occasion a wag in the party asked if the same gentleman would again make the attempt? And the hearty greet of laugbter that echoed through the woodland at the inquiry, renewed with even greater heartiness at the victim's emphatic refusal, testified that it was a scene "In strong remembrance set."

Leaving the Epping New Road directly behind us, and turning obliquely on reaching the wood leading to Tong Hills, we quickly reached the lake known as Connaught Water. Another amusing incident hereabout. A man and a maid indulging in love's young dream were desirous of getting to High Beech, and at the same time were walking vigorously towards London. Having nearly reached the Red Path, they had the good fortune to encounter the Leyton fanciers and friends. Upon their own solicitation, H.J.F. kindly but firmly turned them round and sent them with his benediction in the right direction, which, needless to say, at this point was just opposite to the way they were going. One more incident and then back to the birds. Another find—this time a half-grown rabbit. It was quite warm, evidently only just killed by some dog. Quoth the finder: "All right, throw it here; it will do for my ferrets." It was thrown, and caught, very much so. It was warm—hot in fact—it would no doubt have been better if kept in cold storage. No more on this subject.

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CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

THE LANCASHIRE CANARY: SOME EXHIBITION POINTS & FAILINGS.

Notes on the Drawing on page 573.

By S. R. COMPSTON.

As with other breeds of Canaries, there are good, bad, and indifferent Lancashires, and CAGE BIRDS' able artist has here tried to picture the variations we meet with in the Lancashire Canary. Some of the defects he portrays are very common, others more rarely met with. A good Lancashire is a bird to be proud of, and it is surprising how soon the news travels all over the county that, "Mr. So-and-So, has bred a real good one"

A "gradely brid" is built after the manner of the bird depicted in the centre of the chart. Note the grand mould of this bird, both back and front. In front full, gradually tapering away to beyond the root of the tail. The back is rounded also, but not quite as full as the front; still, a fulness that gives to the bird a proper slight curve. The drawing is not a bit larger than many specimens that have been shown.

The bird's legs are long and strong, as they ought to be, and the artist has "caught on" very well to the position of an exhibition Lancashire when standing at "attention" on the perch. He has plenty of daylight under him, and the body well balanced, giving the bird a certain gracefulness, with a look of strength and confidence, and a "care for nothing" manner, without any suggestion of perkiness or "cheek."

There have been many discussions from time to time in the Press about the points of the Lancashire, but all agree that these birds should be as large as possible, long-sided, long in tail, with substance in keeping with the length, and possessing limbs capable of carrying their large bodies as gracefully and as freely as the most lightly-built variety of the Canary can move.

The head of the Coppy has been a bone of contention. This has come about by reason of otherwise good birds having a bad-shaped coppy. A novice in the art of Lancashire breeding gets confused between the shape of the head of a Crested Norwich and the head of a Lancashire Coppy. The top of the Norwich is dome-shaped, while that of the Lancashire is distinctly flat on top. The crest of the Norwich extends full all the way round the head, the coppy of the Lancashire is not full behind.

There are many good specimens, however, which have a coppy extending round to the back of the head, but the feathers lie close to the back of the skull, and consequently, no roughness is visible until the bird is closely examined. Birds of this description are generally well finished in front, and carry a good length of coppy on the sides, which balances the overdose of feather at the back, so that the bird still keeps (to the eye) to the well-known shape of the coppy. A reference to the picture will show you the coppy appearing to finish at the sides of the back skull.

A "split coppy" is not uncommon. This gives a bird a ragged and rather scraggy appearance. Sometimes it is caused by a scantiness of feather (not enough coppy to cover the wide front), but very often there is a damaged quill bending a few feathers over, and so causing the split, or divided front. If on examination a damaged feather is found, it should be pulled out, when possibly the defect in the appearance of the coppy may disappear. If the split is due to scantiness of feather, breeding with better-headed birds is the only remedy.

Some Lancashires show a roughness at the back of the coppy, a defect which makes the bird look very coarse. Too much feather is the cause. Now, Lancashire breeders do not always say what they think. The common saying is that this defect comes from breeding with two Coppies (mating Coppy cock and a Coppy hen). I suspect, however, a Crested Norwich has been used some time or other to get more feather on the head, and the breeder has not bred it out.

In the same circle as the coppy showing a roughness behind, is a head short of coppy feather in front. A very bad type for a show Coppy, this, but if one of this kind is good in other respects, it is likely to prove useful as a breeder, if used as a Plainhead, that is, pairing the bird to a Coppy.

In the top corner is a bird weak in beak; as a rule, no good except as a feeder, or to be kept by someone who wants a pet Canary. The neck is also too thin and long, and the eye looks in the wrong place, set too far forward.

In the left-hand corner, at the bottom of the plate, is shown a type of bird that has led to much wrangling. Note the position of the "good specimen" in the centre, and then the position of this bird. The picture reminds me of a curate that I know. He knocks at a door, or takes his hat off to some one, and then seems to hesitate and wonder if he has done the proper thing. Sometimes I am not quite sure that he is a curate, but rather a school girl in curate's garb! There is no hesitating and "begging your pardon" about the real Lancashire.

The two heads of the Plainheads shown in the bottom right-hand corner, are of a kind that have "taken down" many judges, so one can excuse a novice being mistaken in his opinion sometimes. The head of a Lancashire Plainhead should be long in appearance and flattish on the top, but not narrow, and not pointed in front. The upper picture shows this latter defect. The lower head is all right in front, but too round-looking on the top.

The Plainhead standing near the top of the plate, "too straight in back," lacks type. It is of a kind often shown, however, and many exhibitors have wondered why they have not got further up in the cards with a bird like the one depicted.

Perfect birds, of course, are not very often seen. I have never judged a class of Lancashires yet containing one bird possessing all the points perfect; some excel in one or two places, failing in others; some have just the points in abundance that these latter birds are lacking!

My advice to beginners is, study the chart, fasten the picture of the good bird on your minds, look at the defective specimens portrayed, and if you have some like them, write to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, telling him how you have bred them, and asking him how to avoid breeding that kind, and how to set about breeding good ones. Remember the old saying: "There's nothing lost by asking," and "He that will not be counselled cannot be helped."

Scale of Exhibition Points.

The L. and L. F. A. standard, reprinted from CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

Head.—Coppy	25
Neck.—For fulness and thickness	10
Back.—Round, full, and long	10
Wings.—Meeting at tips	5
Length of Bird	20
Quality of Feather	5
Position.—Upstanding	10
Condition and Cleanliness	10
Colour	5
Total	100

BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

General meeting was held at Textile Hall, Bury, on June 9th. There was a notable increase in the attendance, due, no doubt, to the fact that the late secretary was attending his last meeting in that capacity. The agenda included a review of the arrangements for the forthcoming young birds' show to be held on July 4th. The last day for entering is June 30th. Arrangements are to be made for a ramble to the "Chapel House," Ashworth, on Sunday, June 28th. It is proposed to meet at the Bury Parish Church at 2.30 and proceed to the "Chapel House" for tea. Afterwards the members will continue their outing to Rochdale, and a visit will be paid to the headquarters of the Rochdale Society. The resignation of the secretary, Mr. W. P. Turton, and the appointment of a successor was considered. The resignation was accepted, and Messrs. T. Clarke and F. E. Holden were elected as joint secretaries. The Chairman, Mr. J. R. Greenwood, expressed regret at Mr. Turton's decision. His resignation was the outcome of circumstances which necessitated his removal from the district, he having taken over a business at Bispham, near Blackpool. He was enrolled a member at the inauguration of the society. Since he became secretary, a few years ago, the society had prospered financially and numerically. Other members present spoke of the good work accomplished by the late secretary, and expressed their sincere regret at his departure. Mr. Fallowes, an old member, after giving testimony to Mr. Turton's efforts, said he thought that as a slight recognition of his services the society might make Mr. Turton a life member of the society. This suggestion was readily and unanimously adopted, after which the chairman, on behalf of the society and himself, wished Mr. Turton every success in his new undertaking. In reply, the late secretary expressed his regret at being obliged to put business before pleasure and resign an office which had given him such pleasure. He thanked them heartily for the kind testimonies, and for the honour conferred upon him. He hoped the society would continue to prosper, but, he said, it was necessary the same support be given to the new secretaries in the future as had been afforded him in the past.—F. E. HOLDEN, Joint Secretary.

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[See Full-page Drawing and Explanatory Notes on pages 573 and 565 this week.]

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BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1908 SEASON.

I am finding the breeding results this season quite up to the mark. I have 25 doing for themselves, and have about 40 in the nests, most of these will soon be knocking about.—P. HARRIS (Eckington).

The breeders about Manchester appear to be having very varied fortune, some doing badly with their first round, while some few are going well ahead. Mr. Coulson, of Ardwick, has about forty; Mr. Spence, of Openshaw, thirty-six; and several other fanciers I know have anywhere between twenty and thirty young birds. I have twenty-eight up to date, but no Mules. The weather has been so changeable that we have had nothing but clear eggs from our Muling pairs. Still we live in hopes of having a good nest.—W. DOWNING (Manchester).

Ormskirk and District C.B.S.

Up to date the majority of our members have had a sucessful season with their breeding stock, a good number of very promising youngsters being on the sticks. Reports from the Hybrid fanciers are also very favourable, one breeder of the latter variety having already serious thoughts of the Crystal Palace show. There is, too, every appearance of there being keen competition at the young bird show on July 11.—T. H. TIFFEN, hon. sec. of the Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.

At our meeting held on June 11th, after the business we had a friendly discussion on the results of the breeding season to date. Some of us found the first round very promising, but failed on the second, and others were disappointed on the first and are now rejoicing over the progress made since. Taking the average, the members present had from 37 pairs 3 young per pair, which is not very high for the first and second rounds. Individual members have done very well, one having 35 young birds and 30 eggs incubating. Two or three other members have 5 and 7 young ones per pair.—F. W. HAMER, hon. sec of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.

Bolness and District O.A.

Fanciers in this district are doing fairly well, although every one has had a lot of clear eggs. But they hope for better results from the next round. We ourselves have a few promising Plainheads on the sticks; also five eggs from the Redpoll-Bullfinch, and five from the Greenfinch-Bullfinch, from which we are hoping to get good results. Messrs. M. Geegor and Boyd have lost a lot of Mules, but have still a few on the sticks and some to hatch. Messrs. Grant and Sneddon have been lucky enough to hatch a Goldfinch-Bullfinch, which at the time of writing is four days old and doing well; it ought to be heard of yet, as its parents are both good specimens. They have also some Plainheads and Crests on the sticks. Mr. Alex. Laing has bred a few good Scotch Fancy, also Norwich Canaries. The rest of the fanciers in this district have all a lot to hatch yet.—FINDLAY MCGILLIVRAY, sec. of the Bolness and Dis. O.A.

Barnsley and District C.B.S.

Mr. W. H Lindley, our president, who is going in for both Norwich Plainheads and Crests, has about 70 young ones. Mr. W. Rapson has both Yorkshires and Norwich and twenty young ones. Mr. J. Taylor has 62 young ones, both Yorkshires and Norwich, and is talking about sending some to the next Palace show. Mr. T. Thorpe has had only moderate luck with but twelve up to the present. Mr. W. Smith lost all his first lot, but has 15 doing nicely now Mr. F. Race has 20 young, all doing well, and Mr. G. Morrison (Cudworth), has 5 from four hens; he is busy making some up-to-date cages so that he can start next year in tip-top form. Mr. J. Ainsworth (Gawber), started the season full of hope, but owing to a fire which occurred in the night, next to his house, the smoke came through into his birdroom and upset his little game; but he is not down-hearted. Messrs. Crossland Bros. (Barnsley), are doing very well; it is their first year at breeding Canaries, and from nine hens they had 36 young ones from the first round, and 16 from the first four nests in the 2nd round. They have not yet lost a single young one. I am myself doing fairly well, having 43 young Yorkshires, most of which are on hard seed. Other members I have not seen, but will let you know later how they are doing.—E. CARLISLE, sec.

Secretaries and Fanciers are invited to send their experiences.

OUTINGS.

HASTINGS UNITED C.B.S.

On June 10th about 20 of the members proceeded to the historic town of Battle, to hold a meeting at the George Hotel to induce a few more to become members. Mr. J. Stevens gave his lecture on British birds and seeds, which he illustrated with some very fine paintings of birds and seeds done by himself, he being an artist of no mean merit. Mr. T. G. Coombs presided over a good attendance. During the evening a vote of sympathy was unanimously accorded to the president, Mr. E. E. Clarke, on the loss of his son Hubert, who was lost overboard in the Bay of Biscay on June 3rd A vote of thanks to Mr. Foster for the accommodation afforded brought the meeting to a close, the members returning to Hastings by train.—A. E. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

On Whit Monday, through the kindness of D. W. Meiklejohn, Esq., the members, for the third time, visited Wynyard Park, where they were met by the keepers, and conducted in four groups through the extensive grounds. Many were the delightful objects of natural beauty brought to the notice of the party by the enthusiastic guides. To the students of ornithology especially was the ramble pleasant and profitable. Nests, eggs, and young of the following species were found: Yellow Bunting, Nettle-creeper, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Blackbird, Thrush, Whitethroat, Greenfinch, Hawk, etc. The party afterwards met at the Ship Inn, Wolviston, for tea. After the meeting the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, to which most of the members contributed items of merit, but special mention should be made of the efforts of Mr. E. Pringle. Mr. A. Meynell occupied the chair, and kept the whole party in good humour. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the host (Mr. Hoy), and also to D. W. Meiklejohn, Esq., for his continued kindness and courtesy.—ERNEST WOODHEAD, late Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD (East) O.S.

A good number of members, with their wives and friends, turned up on Whit Tuesday for the ramble to Harden. Taking car to Allerton the party walked from Sandy Lane through the fields to Harden, where a fine cricket match was played between teams picked by Messrs. Peacock and White (vice-presidents. This proved quite an exciting affair, as the teams were pretty evenly balanced, and Mr. Peacock's side only ran out victorious after a hard struggle by about six runs. The party which numbered 66, afterwards adjourned to the Malt Shovel, where the host provided a most substantial tea, to which full justice was done. After tea we wended our way through Harden to Cottingley and Saltaire. The country round about here being at its best just now, this walk was a very pleasant one, and a section of the members went in for finding birds' nests, but there had evidently been someone round before, who had destroyed many of them, much to our disgust, as this is a district which is noted for being the home of many of the rarer species of British birds, the like of which we only occasionally see. Our hobby has one good principle for each of its members, and that is, it gives us far more interest in our walks in the country, and induces us to show a kindly feeling to our feathered friends, who help to make everything in Nature so enjoyable during this time of the year. From Saltaire the party took car to Bradford, and arrived home at about 10.15, the cricket match having made us later than usual.—H. HILL, Secretary.

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TWITTERINGS.

I have removed from Arliss Road to 61, Emu Road, Battersea, writes Mr. J. Best.

The Wellingborough and Dis. C.B.S. will hold their Nest Feather show on July 4th, writes Mr. W. Howe, the hon. sec.

Kindly state that I have been appointed sec. for the cage bird section of the Forfar Association, writes Mr. William Grewar, 5, Bell Place, Forfar.

The young bird show in connection with the Shields C.B.S. has been fixed, writes Mr. W. Duke, the hon. sec., for July 29th, at the Eureka Hotel.

I have removed from 23, Belgrave Road, Wilnecote, writes Mr. G. Spencer, hon. sec. of the Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S., to 4, Aldergate, Tamworth.

Members of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. are requested not to overlook the extraordinary special general meeting summoned for June 22nd, at headquarters.

We are having our Nest Feather show on July 25th, writes Mr. S. Hadwin, sec. of the Green Canary Association. The judge will be Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens).

Worcester open show, fixed for November 19th, writes Mr. A. E. Bishop, hon. sec., will be held under C.B.U. rules. It promises to be one of the finest in the Midlands.

Our First Feather show for members is to be held on Saturday, July 18th, writes Mr. R. H. Turner, sec. of the Morley and Dis. C.B.S. Mr. A. Chew has been asked to judge.

Entries for the table show to be held on June 25th, writes Mr. W. Bird, hon. sec. of the Ealing, Hanwell, and Dis. F.S., must reach me not later than first post on June 25th.

Am delighted with the sale which has followed my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. G. B. Leclair (Leytonstone). I had orders from New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, and other places.

The London and Counties O.A. hold their young bird show on Saturday, June 27th, at "The Goat and Compass," 341, Euston Road, N.W., writes Mr. R. J. Pretty, when the admission will be free.

We are having two First Feather shows, writes Mr. W. Charlesworth, sec. of the Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S. Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton), will judge the one on July 4th, and Mr A. Bottomley (Laisterdyke), that on August 1st.

The Bristol Cage Bird Society, we note, hold their First Feather show at headquarters today, Saturday, June 20th. There are nine classes, with Mr. J. H. Payne, of Gloucester, as judge.

Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) has been appointed to judge all sections of cage birds at our show, to be held on the 4th and 5th December, writes Mr. J. Simon, hon. sec. of the Cockermouth and Dis. F.S.

I have removed from Woodland, Butterknowle R.S.O., to Darlington, writes Mr. P. C. Forster, my present address being 52, Barningham street, Greenbank, Darlington. Will secretaries and brother fanciers please note?

Owing to my having had 63 replies, I find it impossible to reply to all personally who wrote in answer to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. P. Morris (Ryde). Will fanciers who wrote kindly note that the bird is sold?

The young bird show of the South West London C.B.S. will be held at the Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, on Saturday, June 20th, writes Mr. Lilley, hon. sec. He adds that his new address is 5, Mysore Road, Lavender Hill, S.W.

The Battersea C.B.A. is this season again running an open young bird show at the "Duchess of Devonshire," Lavender Road, Clapham Junction. The date fixed upon is July 1st, and the schedule will be found reviewed in this issue.

That well-known fancier in the south-west district of London, Mr. J. Best, took unto himself a wife, we hear, on Sunday, June 14th. Metropolitan bird-lovers will join in extending every good wish for the happiness of himself and bride.

The Blackpool C.B.S. will have a rare "catch" if they "land" Mr. W. P. Turton (late sec. of the Bury society) in their "net," writes "Buryite." He is an ardent fancier, and will shortly be residing at Bespham. Bury's loss—Blackpool's gain.

At the last meeting of the Hastings United C.B.S., we hear from the sec., Mr. A. E. Godden, a vote of condolence to Mr. E. E. Clarke was accorded on the loss of his son, Hubert, who was lost overboard in the Bay of Biscay on June 3rd.

The Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S., writes Mr. W. Grewar, the hon. sec., are holding a member's First Feather show, in the St. Andrew's Hall, on July 4th, when Mr. D. A. Craig will judge. We are giving 12 classes, and hope to have a good turn out.

Fanciers in the metropolis should not overlook the young bird show of the Metropolitan C.B.A. on Thursday, June 25th, in the 'Crown Hotel," Lavender Hill, S.W. There are thirteen classes, judge Mr. G. E. Weston. Members should note that entries close June 22nd.

The Littleborough C.B.S. have decided to hold their Back-End open show on November 28th, writes Mr. H. Smith, the sec. Mr,. R. Barrass (Rochdale), will judge Lancashire and Lizards, and Mr. Mundell the Yorkshires and Norwich. Mr Harrison (Hebden Bridge), will judge our First Feather show on June 27th. Both shows will be held at the Conservative Club, Peel Street.

We have arranged to hold our First Feather show on July 1st, at "The Boot Inn," Eastgate Row, N., writes Mr. A. J. Red, hon. sec. of the Chester and Dis. C.B.S. Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot), will officiate as judge. He will also judge at our old show to be held on December 9th

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S. are holding th ir young stock show on July 11th, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, the hon. sec. We have also secured the services of Mr W. G. Poole (Stratford-on-Avon), as judge. This being our first show of young stock, we hope it will turn out a successful one.

Fanciers should bear in mind the show to be held in the People's Park, Grimsby, on July 9th (under C.B.U. rules). The profits of this fixture all go to deserving charities. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judges the cage birds, and a review of the schedule will be found on another page. The occasion is the Amalgamated Friendly and Trades Societies Charity Gala.

The handbook for 1908 of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A., a most artistic production, and containing a fine programme of events for the present season, reaches us from the hon. sec., Mr. S. H. W. Baker, 11, Foulser Road, Upper Tooting. Fanciers desirous of joining this up-to-date society should communicate with him.

The following are the classes for our First Feather show, to be held on 18th July, in Oddfellows' Hall, at 2.30, writes Mr. Wm. Clubb, sec. of the Falkirk and Dis. C.B.S.:—Plainheads, 2; Crest, 1; Crestbred, 1; Border Fancies, 2; Mules, 1; British birds, 3 (2 hardbills and 1 softbill); and foreign birds, 1. Mr. James Jeans (Camelon), will judge.

Our club is progressing splendidly, writes Mr. Fred Bowman, hon. sec. of the Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland, and has 34 members. We are holding our First Feather show on July 4th, and besides other specials the club is offering a silver medal for best bird. I shall be pleased if Mr. Margall will send me his new address as soon as possible.

The Bo'ness and Dis. F.A. are holding their annual show on November 7th, writes Mr. F. McGillivray, the sec., and the judges are as follows: for Norwich section, Mr. James Winter (Edinburgh); for Scotch Fancies, Mr. Thomas Todd (Partick); Border Fancies, Mr. Alex. Gilchrist (Coldstream); and for British Birds and Mules, Mr. L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh).

Accidents to fanciers have been very common, unfortunately, just recently. Another victim of unkind fate is Mr. R. G. Joliffe, well known in Glasgow birdie circles, and Scotland generally, who, some little time ago, sustained injuries to the right arm and shoulder, which prevented him using his hand. We are pleased to learn, however, that our Scottish friend had a good recovery, and is now practically alright again.

We have received samples of the wild seeds (dandelion, thistle, plantain, and shepherd's purse, both pods and seed) from Mr. Davidson, of 94, Kirkland Street, New City Road, Glasgow. He advertises them in our columns, and to readers in need of the same we can recommend them. All are very good, the thistle seed especially so, it being English thistle of the right kind. British seed-eating birds will relish these wild seeds.

The members of the City of Hull C.B.S. have arranged their annual ramble for July 4th, to Drewton Dale, writes Mr. F. F. Potter, the hon. sec. Will members and friends please note that the train will leave H. and B. railway, Cannon Street, for South Cave, at 1.25 p.m., when we shall at once make our way by road to the Dales. Members and friends are cordially invited. We are hoping this will be the finest outing the society has had.

I regret to announce the death of the wife of Mr. J. W. Cleminson (late secretary of the Preston O.S., now vice-chairman), writes Mr. W. H. Heathcote, sec. of that society, which occurred after a painful and lingering illness on June 11th. Deceased was interred in Preston cemetery on June 15th. I beg to bespeak the sincerest sympathy of all who know Mr. Cleminson, which we tender to him and to his young family in their sad bereavement.

The photograph of the group of birdie men in Epping Forest, which appeared in our last issue, was the work of Mr. Bell. The inscription should have stated that the occasion was the annual ramble of the Leyton and Dis. C.B.S., with members of the North London and Walthamstow societies present by invitation. Judging by the account of the outing which appears in this number from the fluent pen of Mr. J. S. Clarke, a jolly time was spent.

Unsolicited Testimonial.—Mr. J F. Dewar, the well-known judge, writes as follows:—"Dear sir,—Peppers to hand. I have carefully compared them with samples of your last year's, which I considered the best ever sold, and I find this year's fully the equal of anything I ever saw. I feel sure sale will be a record one, and the results will more than sustain the high place your now celebrated Colour Feeds have attained.—Yours faithfully, (signed) J. F. Dewar." All good judges of Peppers will agree with Mr. Dewar that Ramsden's Pure Peppers are the best procurable. Sold free from admixture and fully guaranteed under the Food and Drug Adulteration Act. Beware of Peppers loaded with artificial colour and added oil. These oiled peppers may please the eye, but that's where the pleasure will stop. Buy Ramsden's Peppers and know you have the best—2s. per lb., 5 lbs. 7s. 6d., 22 lbs. 30s. All post or carriage paid.—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London.—ADVT.

I have had 30 replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. J. Banks (Forest Hill), and still they are coming in. I regret I cannot reply to all individually.

We have received from Mr. J. C. Birch, the hon. sec. of Queens Park and Dis. C.B.A., a copy of the last quarterly balance sheet of that society. It still shows an increased balance in hand, and the society is, we hear, anticipating a further augmented balance from the present season.

The 1908 year-book of the Hastings United C.B.S. is a very neat production, and contains an excellent programme of lectures, shows, washing competitions, and the like. Bird lovers in the neighbourhood will be welcomed as members by the hon. sec., Mr. A. E. Godden (Ceylon House, Earl Street).

The City of Bradford O.S. has arranged an excellent list of members' show for the present season, to be held at the "Flying Dutchman" Hotel, Leeds Road. Good specials are given, and leading fanciers will judge. The first fixture is due to-day (June 20th), when Mr. J. S. Clarkson officiates.

The following have been elected judges for our open show on 21st November, writes Mr. James Kerr, hon. sec. of the City and County of Perth O.S.: for Crests and Yorkshires, Mr. C. Campbell; for Plainheads, Mr. A. Roberts; for Scotch Fancies, Messrs. Low and E. G. Wright; British and foreign, Mr. R. V. Raine.

The committee of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. have decided to give four open classes for Canaries—two for Yorkshires and two for Norwich—at their forthcoming young bird show, to be held at the Peckham Public Hall, on July 2nd, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec. of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. The Norwich classes are guaranteed. A splendid list of over 20 specials has been got together, including cup, medals, money prizes, and many useful articles. Schedules are now ready and will be sent on application to me at 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich, S.E.

I have been engaged to judge at the following shows, writes Mr. A. Wellings, of Prescot, and should be glad if you will give this list, because I am having constantly to refuse applications for the dates mentioned:—June 20th, Southport; 27th, Liverpool; July 1st, Chester; 4th, Bootle; 11th, Altrincham; 18th, Warrington; 25th, Penketh; August 1st, Runcorn; November 6th, Blackburn; 7th, Cleator Moore; 13th, Warrington; 14th, North Manchester; 20th, Wigan; 28th, Liverpool: December 9th, Chester; 11th, Pendleton; 18th, Widnes; 25th, Aberdeen; and January 1st, Kendal.

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Provincial Societies—Note.

Will you kindly remind all societies who have not as yet applied for our specials to do so before July 1st, when the committee meet to allot the medals to 20 provincial shows.—H. LAMBERT BROWN, hon. sec. London and Provincial O.S. (64, Manor Park, Lee, London, S.E.)

Southern Yorkshire C.C.

Will the secretaries of societies who intend applying for the patronage of the above club kindly do so at once, as the committee will be alloting same at an early date. Owing to the cup competition, the champion section support will be given to ten shows.—J. W. RENNIE, hon. sec., the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, E

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*Oct. 2 and 3.—**Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
Oct. 3.—**Longton & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 7 and 8.—**Peterboro' C.B.A.** J.R., J.Wk., and W.Ln.
*Oct. 8 and 9.—**Watford & Dis. C.B.S.** C.A.H. and J.F.
*Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood & Dis. C.B.S.** W.V. and W.M.
Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** T.A., H.B.M., A.C., J.P., and P.McQ.
*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.F. & C.B.S.** T.H.
*Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.** A. Ptk. and J.R.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Hayle & Dis. F.A.** G.G., C.T.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** J.H.R., C.H.
Oct. 16 and 17.—**City and Glasgow O.A.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard.** W.V.M.N.
Oct. 17.—**Darlington C. and B. B.F.A.** W.M.
Oct. 17.—**Kelty & Blairadam C.B.A.** D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.
*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth C.B.S.** W.P.B., A.B.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth)** C.A.H., J.R., H.N.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.** J.H.R., and F.My.
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.**
Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.**
*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare.** J.H.P.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C.B.S.** T.H. and H.N.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B., and A.G.D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S** T. McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.** R.B., L.B., and C.A.H.
Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.**
*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
Oct. 28 and 29.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., and W.H.V.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B.
Oct. 29.—**Kirbymoorside (Yorks.)** W.M.
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., F.A.L.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
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Oct. 31.—**Alnwick & Dis. C.B.S.** A.Hy., J.Mn.
*Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.** R.R., W.V., and C.H.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Barnstaple.**
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Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.**
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.
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*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.** A.W.' J.W., and T.W.W.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and E.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** W.M., W.V., and C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S.** A.Rs., and G.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** J.Wr., T.T., A.G. and L.J.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** W.A.C. & A.G.D.
*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H. and A.W.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
*Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.**
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Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** J.R. and G.G.
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*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Hr., W.V. and W.L.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.**
Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
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*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.**
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*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.**
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Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
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*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.** W.E.G., W.V., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester & Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** W.V. and W.H.S.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland.**
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Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).** H.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** J.McL., A. McF., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., W.G.P.
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** W.A.C. and J.Mn
Nov. 28.—**Muirkirk.**
*Nov. 28 and 30. **Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 & 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., A.Wd.
*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** A.G.D. and G.H.M.
Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
Dec. 2 and 3. **City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth & Dis., F.S.,** S.H.
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*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
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Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R., G.E.W., & J.B.E.
Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.**
*Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P.
Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.**
Dec. 31.—**Scottish National C.E.S,** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.**
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.**
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 335.)

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Battersea.—July 1st, "Duchess of Devonshire."—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 6 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Crest 2, and 13 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close June 26th to F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's-road., Fulham.

Grimsby.—July 9th, in the People's Park (Charity Gala, under C.B.U. rules).—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 8 classes: Nor. 2, Sell. 1, Singing 1, Brit. 2, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Entries close July 2nd, to Mr. S. Lee, hon. sec., 335, Hainton-avenue, Grimsby.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

LAST week several societies were holding members' shows, and great has been the interest centred therein, the fact of there being no open first feather shows adding greatly to that interest. These shows will now be continued by one society or another over many weeks to come.

THE Halifax Society's members and friends turned up in large numbers to hear, and join in the discussion on "Colour-breeding and Colour-feeding" at their headquarters on June 6th. It was opened by Mr. Dean, of Great Horton, who took the more important point of colour-breeding for the first part, dealing with the green and cinnamon and their respective properties for the purpose, winding up with a general description of the art of colour-feeding. The discussion proved of very great interest, and elicited much useful information.

ONE of the most important questions asked was in respect to cinnamon-marked Norwich, which birds have seldom any pretensions to colour, the opinion of one fancier being that Cinnamon Norwich contain no green blood, whereas a very large quantity of cinnamon and cinnamon-marked Yorkshires contain a very appreciable quantity of green blood; green, in his opinion, was the sole fount for colour-breeding.

THE Bingley O.S. are making good strides with their society, which now totals over thirty members, and this entitles them to another delegate on the council of the Union.

ANOTHER society which is having life infused into it, is the Barnsley Society. At every meeting they are making one or two new members, and they have arranged for a lecture on colour-feeding by Mr. Cowgill, on July 4th; also for a members' show on July 18th, which they hope will bring more members, and particularly the old fanciers back to the fold.

SHIPLEY O.S. have arranged a splendid day out for to-morrow (Sunday). The train leaves Shipley at 8.40 a.m. for Stecton; then they drive to Addingham, Bolton Woods, Barden Tower, Burnsall, Grassington, and back to Steeton via Skipton. This is through some of the most beautiful country in the north, and given fine weather, the outing will be most enjoyable. Friends and fanciers will be welcome.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

CITY OF BELFAST N.C. AND Y.C.C.

Usual monthly meeting held in Avenue Hall, Garfield-street, on June 6th, the president, Mr. Adams, in the chair. Mr. H. W. Battye's name being highest on the list of nominations for judge, he had been written to, and a reply had been received stating that he would book that date (Nov. 21st). Will Irish show secretaries and show committees please note the date of show and avoid clashing.—A. South, Assistant Secretary.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

RESULT OF THE POLL.

Destination of Chief Prize in our Essay Competition.

Readers of Cage Birds will remember that the judges officiating upon the essays sent in for our recent competition were unable to unanimously agree upon the best essay amongst the selected winners in the four sections—in other words, to award the Four Guinea Painting, which was the chief prize. This problem we decided, rather than call in a referee, to submit for solution to our readers, by means of voting coupons, inserted in the issue containing the concluding instalments of the four leading essays. Well, the die is now cast, and we are this week enabled to announce the gentleman who by popular consent is held to be deserving of the principal prize. We had anticipated a very close fight for the honour, but the result is hardly creditable to our effort in the prophetic line, for the winner wins with something in hand, as our sporting contemporaries phrase it. Careful casting and scrutiny shows the result of the poll to be as follows:—

Mr. J. B. Waterman,
9, Herne Grove,
Dunstan's Road,
East Dulwich,
236 votes.

Mr. J. Jeffrey ..... 128 votes.
Mr. J. W. Dickson ..... 65 votes.
Mr. A. B. Forse ..... 30 votes.

We tender the winner our congratulations, and in due course will tender him something more substantial—the painting, to wit. We have also to express our gratitude to those readers who took the trouble to fill up and send in their coupons, thus helping us in so fair a way out of our difficulty.

FEDERATION OF LONDON SOCIETIES.

The proposal to form a federation of London societies proceeds apace. The third meeting of delegates was held on June 16th, Mr. H. E. Tringham (London and Counties O.A.), presiding. The proposed rules were then thoroughly discussed. The most important question to be considered was one arising out of rule 20, which provided that in the event of any party in a dispute being a member of the Cage Bird Union, he should have the right to appeal to that body. The point at issue was, therefore, whether or not the Federation should recognise the C.B.U. It was stated that no official correspondence had as yet taken place between the Federation and the Union. Mr. Adamthwaite (London and Counties O.A.), asked if the Federation were to be run "on its own," or in subjection to the Union? The Union might (he did not say would) over-rule the Federation, and what then? Mr. R. L. Crisp (City and Suburban A.C.B.), pointed out that when the Federation was first suggested rumour had it that the object was to cut the ground away from under the feet of the C.B.U., and one of the principal reasons for inserting the particular clause in rule 20 was to combat that idea. Mr. E. S. Lugg (Lewisham and Dis. C.B.S.), asked what was the use of the Federation at all if the C.B.U. were to be the final court of appeal? Mr. Tringham stated that upon the attitude of the C.B.U., depended entirely whether or not the Federation would get the support of the London societies. After further discussion, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. A. C. Burn (City and Suburban A. B. C.), to delete words giving rise to the discussion, pending the final completion of the rules and objects of the Federation, when the latter should be submitted to the Union for the consideration of that body.—The last business of the meeting was the election of a secretary (pro tem) in place of Mr. J. W. Rennie, resigned, owing to leaving the Metropolis. This office was finally undertaken by Mr. P. Adamthwaite, who, on consenting to do so, received the warm thanks of the delegates.

A Bird-catcher's Outfit.

Before the Reigate Bench on Saturday, June 13th, Thomas Bateman, a Clerkenwell bird-fancier, was fined £3 for trapping Nightingales. It was stated that his overcoat was lined with pockets, in which he had nineteen bags for birds and thirteen spring traps.

The Manchester Cuckoo.

I think old Longsight residents will be interested to know that the Cuckoo was both seen and heard this afternoon in this now unrural district, writes a correspondent in a Manchester contemporary. My mother, who has been a resident in this neighbourhood for nearly half a century, says she has never known of the Cuckoo being heard nearer town than Burnage Lane (this side of the city). To our great delight, whilst we were in the garden this afternoon we heard the Cuckoo's near note, and imagine our surprise to see two Cuckoos settle in our trees, where they remained about a minute. Then they flew across in the direction of Rusholme.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Annfield Plain and Dist. C.B.S.—June 23, Railway Hotel, 8. Important business. Intending members welcomed.—F. Moore.

Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S.—June 27, P.S.A. Rooms, 7. Table Show of Yorks. Judge, Mr. H. Foden. Fanciers and friends invited. Admission free.—H. Foden.

Bramley and Dist. O.S.—June 20, Carnival Committee Rooms, 7. Lecture on Colour Feeding, by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax). Fanciers will be welcome.—E. Craven.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—June 23, Round House Inn, 8. Receiving entries for F. F. Show, June 27.—F. Mitchell.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S. — June 27, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. General meeting to review classes provided for Nest Feather Show.—E. Carlisle.

Bristol C.B.S.—June 20, at headquarters, Nest Feather Show; birds to be staged by 3.30 p.m. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.—W. H. Manley.

Bradford West C.B.A.— Members' Show, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington. June 20. Birds staged at 2.30. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday; entries received on June 19, and June 20, until 2.30. Sunderland Cup competed for at this show.—H. Clegg.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.—June 23, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. Payment of prize-money, presentation of cups and specials; general business.—W. H. Riley.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—June 23, New Inn Station Street, 8. Committee business.—S. A. Dicken.

City of Wakefield O.S.—June 20, Crown and Anchor, 2. F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. S. Dean (of Horton).—Parker and Atkinson.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 20, Members' Show, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Meeting at 8 o'clock. Ten classes; birds staged 2 o'clock. Judging 2.30 p.m. Mr. J. S. Clarkson judge.—F. Rhodes.

Civil Service F.A. — Next Committee Meeting, June 22, The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, E.C., 8.30. Young Stock and annual show business.—A. Watson.

City of Hull C.B.S.—July 6, Oddfellow Hall, 8. Business important, Open Show, etc.—F. F. Potter.

Carlisle and Dist. C.B.S.—June 23, Viaduct Hotel, 8.15. Correspondence, and revision of schedule for next show.—W. H. Wright.

Darlington C.B.S.—June 24, "Half Moon," 7.30. Table Show, Nest Feather: 2 Yorks., 2 Norwich, 1 A.O.V.—E. Brunskill.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—June 20, Store Hall, Low Westwood, 7.30. Entries close for F.F. Show, and other important business.—Jos. Brown.

Derby C.B.C.—June 27, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 6. Members' Classes.—W. Stevens.

Ealing, Hanwell and Dist. F.S.—June 25, Table Show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—W. Bird.

Green Canary Assoc.—June 28, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Discussion on Rearing Roomy; and other important business.—S. Hadwin.

Highgate, Hampstead and Dist. C.B.S.—June 26, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Lecture on Colour Feeding, by Mr. F. Easterling. Fanciers and friends invited. —W. Reynolds.

Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.—June 23, Central Dining Rooms, Market Place, 7.30. F.F. Show business.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hetton-le-Hole and Dist. C.B.S.—June 20, Crown Inn, 7. Business important.—A. J. Notley.

Huddersfield O.S.—June 20, White Hart Hotel, 2 p.m. F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. C. R. Hampshire.—S. Lodge.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—June 23, White Swan, 8. Lecture: Colour-feeding, by Mr. C. H. Walton; close of entries for Nest Feather Show. —C. Draper.

Leicester C.B.S.—June 24, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, 8.15. Discussion on Annual Outing. Lead off by Mr. C. B. Hurst. Fanciers invited. Annual Outing June 21, train, Great Central to Lutterworth, 9.55.—J. A. Tyler.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—June 20, Bird-in-Hand, 7. Election of secretary for coming show; also of judges. Business urgent.—J. Simon.

Lancashire C.A.—June 27, Peel Street Conservative Club, Littleborough, 7. Patronage for back-end Shows. Design of Club Medals. Important business.—W. Adams.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—June 20, Spinners' Arms, Oldham, 6.30. Show patronage, and important general business.—J. Rukin.

London and Counties O.A.—June 23, "Goat and Compasses," Euston Road, N.W., 8.30. Young Bird Show business, and lecture by Mr. Harry Bell on "Country Life." Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—R. J. Pretty.

Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—June 20, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Paper by Mr. Kinder (Morley).—E. H. Turner.

N.B.B. and M.C.—June 25, Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Otley and Dist. O.S.—June 26, Queen's Head, 8. Receiving entries for F.F. Show, and other business.—W. Dawson.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—June 22, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 8. To receive entries for F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. W. A. Bladon.—W. Jackson.

Preston O.S.—July 6, 119a, Fishergate, 8. Final arrangements for F.F. Show, on July 11.—W. H. Heatwole.

Sale Open O.S.—June 22, Sale Hotel, 8. F.F. Show business, C.B.U., etc.—E. F. Hardcastle.

South-West London C.B.S. — Young Bird Show, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, June 20. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—Lilley.

Shipley O.S.—June 21, Shipley Station, 8.30 a.m. to Steeton, driving from there to Burnsall and Grassington.—H. Dobson.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S. — June 20, Holme Lane Hotel, 3. Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. Hodgson (Bradford). J. Smith.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—June 23, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Nest Feather Show business, etc. —T. Duffield.

Worcester and Dist. C.B.S.—June 25, Black Horse Hotel, Lowesmoor, 8. To arrange all business for our Open F.F. Show, July 9.—A. E. Bishop.

Morecambe C.B.S.—June 24, Wednesday, at Mr. Toole's, 8. Receiving entries for F.F. Show, to be held July 1. Entries close at this meeting.—J. H. Ireland.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Battersea.—June 26th. F. Easterling, 5, St. Marks Road, Fulham Road.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Deformed Hind Claw.

Anxious.—It would have been a great help if you had enclosed a rough sketch, no matter how crude, to show the position of the claw. I am not quite sure that I know what you mean by "growing out crossways." Try small round perches, about the size of an ordinary lead pencil, for a week, and if it then appears to grip the perch a little better, keep it with these perches for a month or two, afterwards gradually increasing them to the proper size. Should there be no apparent improvement after a week, write again and enclose a sketch showing position of claw. All other points being equal, a slight deformity of this kind will certainly put the bird back on the show bench, but if the bird stood out well in front of its competitors, the claw may not alter its position in the prize list. It would all depend upon how the judge regarded these slight deformities.

A Ravenous Invalid.

E Whitehead.—You give extremely little data to form an opinion upon. You should have said, at least, how the bird had been fed prior to your finding it lying prostrate on bottom of cage, whether in a lean or plump condition of body, and what the condition of bowel—relaxed or otherwise. When you found it if it had probably had a fit, and I feel inclined to think it was the outcome of overfeeding. Anyway, try following for a week, and if it is not better then, write again and give above particulars, and also say whether bird is old or young. Give half a tea-spoonful of Canary seed, crushed if necessary, daily, and every second day a half teaspoonful of food you are now giving, with five drops of chemical food on it, and on alternate days give a very small piece of bread dipped in milk, with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it. Give a free supply of chickweed, or young groundsel tops, daily. Keep it supplied with gritty sand, and see the cage is free from red mites. In drinking water give eight drops of syrup of buckthorn on each of the first two days, and for the remainder of the week on alternate days four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid, and five of buckthorn—not both together, but separately on alternate days.

A Fourth Brood.

W.H.—It would certainly be running some risk of spoiling the hen for next season to take a fourth nest from her. Personally, I think two fairly average broods sufficient, and in any case I like to draw the line at three. Still, as your hen has not yet hatched a single chick, through no fault of her own, and seems so strong and vigorous, the risk would be at a minimum, and if you are prepared to take the risk, there is certainly time enough yet for you to get another nest. If you make the attempt, mate her at once with a stout, lusty, singing cock bird that has not been overworked this season. From your description she would certainly make a suitable hen for Mule-breeding, although other things being equal a yellow is preferable to a buff for mating.

Unavailing Treatment.

S.B.—The treatment is certainly not the most suitable, to say the least. A week of freedom from all treatment would perhaps do most good now. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Twice a week give a few grains of hemp, and twice a week on other days a small teaspoonful of egg-food, and for the first-named bird—the one that is not casting feathers—will mix with it three or four drops of cod liver oil emulsion. Give a few sprays of chickweed daily, a regular supply of gritty sand, and see the cages are free from insects. If birds will eat them, give also a couple of mealworms about every other day. This general treatment is for both birds, except that instead of giving egg-food to the bird that is losing feathers, substitute a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake every other day, with five drops of sherry in it. After a week on this diet, begin to give the first bird in drinking water one day twenty drops of whisky, two drops of tincture of gentian, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, next day four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid, and pure water on third day. Continue for a fortnight and then give four drops of tincture of steel twice a week for about another fortnight. For second bird give twelve drops chemical food in the water every second day, and on alternate days four drops tincture of steel. Continue for a fortnight, by which time no further treatment should be needed.

Doubtful Pairs.

Bath Waters.—Am much inclined to doubt genuineness of both pairs. Although you say the yellow cock was in full song I should still doubt his being a cock. Assuming the bird is a cock, you cannot do much more than you have being doing. Instead, however, of giving sponge cake with sherry, give a small teaspoonful of plain egg-food every second day, and in the drinking water as much Epsom salts for two days as will cover a sixpence, and after that four drops of tincture of steel every other day for a week. The "buff cock" I should regard as almost a certain hen. Try him with the same treatment as the above for a week or fortnight. Give both pairs two leaves of dandelion, and a little chickweed every day, but stop dandelion if, and as soon as, the hens go to nest. If the treatment does not soon make an alteration, get someone who understands the matter to look at the birds and tell you what sex they are.

Yorkshire Unwell.

F.J.M.—The bird is probably exposed to chills or draughts, which must be prevented before the bird will get any better. You should also examine its cage carefully for red mites, from which the bird does not seem to be quite free. Having attended to these matters, give, in addition to your staple mixture, a few grains of hemp twice a week, and every second day a small tea-poonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it twice a week. In drinking water give every second day twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, and on alternate days twelve drops of chemical food. Continue for a week, or until the bird's breathing is better. Then discontinue first-named mixture, and give in its place four drops of tincture of steel for another week in alternation with the chemical food. Give a spray of chickweed daily.

Becoming Rare.

Belfast Reader.—Your feeding is not sufficiently generous, which is doubtless the cause of the bird's feathers dropping out, and no others replacing them. Add a fourth part in bulk of summer rape to your staple of plain Canary seed, and give a few grains of hemp twice a week, a pinch of maw seed as often, and three times a week a small tea-poonful of crushed sponge cake, or egg-food. In the latter well mix two drops of cod liver oil emulsion twice a week. Give all these extras on different days so that the bird gets something different each day. Give a little green-food daily. In drinking water give twelve drops of chemical food every second day for two or three weeks. You will probably not see much improvement now until moulting season arrives, but if this treatment is persevered with, the plumage should be reproduced perfectly at the moult. See the cage is not exposed to draughts or infested with red-mite, as either of these will cause loss of plumage in this way.

A Disappointing Pair.

T.W.M.—I think it very probable your birds (or, at least, the hens) were late-hatched. It was not a good plan to get a pair both of which were hatched last year. It is always best, unless you are perfectly sure the birds are early-hatched ones, to mate last season's birds with those over a year old. A 1907 bird should be mated in 1908, with one hatched not later than 1906. You could easily have tested the egg by holding it between your eye and a strong light, and if it appeared transparent throw it out, and removed the nest for a few days, letting them try again. If the egg was dark and opaque it was fertile, and you might have let the hen hatch and rear the young one. If clear, when you removed the nest you could have left the birds together and given a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or egg and biscuit food, every second day, sprinkling it with a few grain of gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days you might have given a pinch of inga, three times a week a teaspoonful of hemp, and every day a spray of green-food; then in the drinking water give twelve drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight. Had you enclosed your address I would have sent a reply at once, as this may be delayed a week on account of the holidays.

Deserted Young.

S.B.—Instead of removing the young right away from the parents when the hen stopped feeding them, you should have put them in a nursery cage and hung them on the front of the breeding cage. As you do not mention anything about the cock I presume you were not keeping him with the hen. But even if you were not, he would probably have begun to feed the young more or less had they been hung on the cage as described when you introduced him to the hen for the next brood. At three weeks old the young would not be able to feed themselves entirely, and they are probably now suffering from lack of proper attention at this time. You should now give them a regular supply of plain Canary seed, and in addition a little egg-food and a small quantity of cracked hemp one day, and the next day a little scalded rape seed and a piece of bread dipped in milk and pressed nearly dry. Continue giving these soft foods for a week or two longer. Do not give a lot of green-food just yet; when you can obtain half-ripe plantain stalks you may safely begin to give these.

Not Hatching Properly.

E. B.—The chief cause of the young not hatching in your case seems to be a lack of vitality in the germ, as the chick does not appear to be very strongly developed. As the hen has already hatched out one brood and sat her full time on two others, I should scarcely not advise you to take another from her this year. But should you do so, give her twelve drops of Chemical Food in the drinking water every second day, until she has laid, and is beginning to sit again. Then on the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth days of incubation offer the hen a bath for a few minutes, and in the evening of each day take out the nest and dip the eggs in a cupful of warm water for a few moments. This should help them to hatch out better.

Moulting and Colouring.

G. P. M.—1. Your bird, which has been deep in moult since the middle of May, will not moult again in the autumn if kept in good health. He should resume his full song about the end of July, and will, therefore, be most useful for teaching the young cocks to sing, as he will probably be in full song right through the time they are moulting. 2. Yes, it is quite possible to colour-feed from the nest, if you have good feeding hens, which feed well on egg food. The result naturally depends wholly upon the idiosyncrasies of the hen, some of which are very whimsical about what they give the young, and it is no use standing to argue with them. When one has a good feeding hen it is best to pander to her whims as regards what she feeds with. If you wish to try to feed from the nest use only pure sweet tasteless pepper, without any added oil, and begin when the young are four or five days old to well mix a quarter of a teaspoonful of the pepper with a tablespoonful of egg food, gradually increasing the quantity of colour to half a teaspoonful to the same amount of egg. Keep your eye on the hen, and if you see she refuses to feed with this coloured egg, give her some more egg without the colour and leave her to her own choice.

Claw Out of Position.

Rustique.—Catch the bird, hold it firmly in the hand with the claw drawn out and held firmly between the tips of the thumb and forefinger. Have a saucer of very warm water, and another of cold water, side by side. Dip the whole foot in the warm water for a few moments and then withdraw it and immediately dip it in the cold. After holding it in the cold a few moments, again transfer it to the warm, and repeat the changes until it has been in the warm and cold water three times each. Be careful to finish in the cold, and keep it immersed for about a minute at the finish. Then dry the foot and gently work in a little olive oil. Give the bird rather small round perches until it secures a firm grip. Repeat the hot and cold bathing twice a week for a little time if necessary.

Preparing for Show, etc.

Paragon.—1. Certainly, in preparing young birds for first Feather Shows you should cage them off separately in order to get them steady and accustomed to the show cage. You may give them a run in the flight for a few days at a time, and the rest of the time keep them in moderately large cages, and as often as circumstances will permit give them a turn in a show cage for an hour or two. You should aim at getting them perfectly steady. With Yorkshires and similar birds of position you should also train them to pose as quickly and perfectly as possible. Remember that at first feather shows, the same as all others, with two birds equally balanced in all typical points, the best trained specimen will win. 2. As regards your friend's bird, which you think is troubled with mites, the cage should be thoroughly overhauled inside and out, and then re-painted or distempered, and varnished. Also allow the bird to bathe frequently. You may anoint the sores on the head with sulphur ointment. You ought to have said how this bird was fed and treated, as red mites are not often the cause of ulcers on the head and neck of a bird.

Young and Old.

Owdhamer.—1. The age of young, when finally removed from their parents, varies a good deal. They should not be taken away altogether until they can crack canary seed fairly well, and are able to feed themselves without difficulty. Somewhere about a month old is the usual age. It is better to leave them with the parents—that is, of course in a nursery cage, hung so that the parents can feed them—a few days too long than remove them a day too soon. 2. The hen that has started to wheeze after laying the first egg has probably been exposed to a draught; or got chilled from bathing too freely, perhaps. See that she is protected from these causes, and give 20 drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus in the water, well shaken together. Give this two days in every three for a week or so.

Hens with Diarrhœa.

F. E. Nutman.—I should strongly advise you, if the second hen you mention as weakening daily die, to have a post mortem on it to ascertain whether the trouble is a non-virulent form of septicæmia, which I rather suspect. Give them as much carbonate of bismuth as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash in the drinking water for a few days. Feed on a diet of plain canary seed, with a small piece of bread and milk each day, and give a few grains of hemp seed twice a week, and once a week substitute a small teaspoonful of scalded rape for the bread and milk. Withhold green food, and give the hen that appears to grow weaker two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on the bread and milk each day. Keep cage scrupulously clean, cover the bottoms with sawdust to absorb the moisture, and burn the sawdust at once when removed. After giving the bismuth for a few days if the diarrhœa is better, begin giving a piece of sulphate of iron every second day, and on the alternate days four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. As soon as the birds begin to get well over the trouble, drop off the bread and milk, and give instead a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake every other day.

Something in the Throat.

M. Russell.—The bird has so-called asthma, and has probably been exposed to draughts. You must see it is now quite protected from all draughts and chills; keep its cage perfectly clean, and examine the joints and crevices about the cage for signs of red-mites. If you find any of the latter, thoroughly disinfect the cage inside and out. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part of summer rape, give a few grains of hemp twice a week, and a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake twice a week. Give a little green-food daily. In the drinking water give every second day for a week, twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together. After this drop out the eucalyptus, and give in its place as much chlorate of potash as will lie on a sixpence, together with the whiskey and glycerine, as before, and give this every second day for another week, and on the alternate days in the second week twelve drops of chemical food.

Birds Separated.

J.W.M.—I do not remember all the details of your former query, the reply to which will doubtless appear in this issue. If the other reply does not give you details for feeding and treatment after this egg proved clear, you should now give the hen half a teaspoonful of egg-food, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every day for a week, twice only during the week a few grains of hemp, and a few sprays of chickweed daily instead of daudelion. For staple food give a mixture of three parts Canary to one of rape. In the drinking water give her twelve drops of chemical food daily for a week. Treat the cock the same, with the exception of adding five drops of sherry to the egg-food every second day instead of cod liver oil, and give four drops of tincture of steel in the water every other day instead of the chemical food.

Sample of Pyrethrum.

J. W. M. — Although I would not positively assert as a fact that the root of which you send a sample is not real pyrethrum, I do not think it is. It looks much more like calumbra root. What you want is the powdered pyrethrum, and as freshly powdered as you can get it, to obtain the best results, and this you should find no difficulty whatever in procuring from any chemist. It would require a pestle and mortar to reduce the root you send to a powder, and when powdered it would not, I think, be anything like the colour of real pyrethrum powder. Try again at a chemist's, and ask for pyrethrum powder. If they do not stock it, then ask for "insect powder," or buy a box of Keating's.

Brevities.

Both Legs Defective (Silliw).—Unless bird is of special value, the best advice would be to destroy it—chloroforming is best. The hind claw is doubtless dislocated, and the defect a congenital one; although a medical man, or one conversant might reduce the trouble, the result is usually anything but satisfactory, and only causes unnecessary suffering to the birds. Should you wish to try any treatment, gently massage the claw and foot with warm olive oil twice a week, and give it a rather small perch, like a lead-pencil.

Egg Food Again (G. A. F.).—As I know practically nothing about the manufacture of egg "in forms," I cannot say whether it would be safe to give to Canaries in place of the usual boiled egg. Why not, if you are conversant with the process of manufacture, write our Editor a brief description for the benefit of one and all. I should particularly wish to know how or by what means the egg was preserved "for several weeks," before passing any opinion as regards its use.

Samples of Rape Seed (T. Parkinson).—No. 1 is a hot, mustardy sample that I would not use under any circumstances. No. 2 is an exceedingly strong-flavoured one, which may, perhaps, be due to newness, in which case it would improve greatly by being kept until next spring, providing you had a proper place to store a quantity. No. 3, although closely resembling the large black winter rape, is quite mild-flavoured. Whether really a sample of genuine rape I do not presume to say, but I should prefer it to either of the other two for immediate use.

Now Moulting (Rustique).—Have no doubt whatever the hen has gone into an early moult, and will be of no further use for breeding this year. Am sorry your first season should prove so disappointing, but do not stop at one discouragement. Next year your turn of luck may come. I do not think the birds having a free run of dandelion is the cause of all your worries, though I should much prefer chickweed, lettuce, or groundsel, in order named.

Advice on Breeding (A. Heron).—For immediate use turn up our issue of June 6th, and see reply to "Carrie Collard," which will be helpful to you. Will reply more fully in next issue.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

In Doubt about Plasmon.

G. Buchanan.—The Plasmon powder I recommend is the widely-advertised "Plasmon." It is a fine creamy-white powder. Sometimes I mix it dry into the food; sometimes (especially for syrup-feeding birds, or for ailing birds), I dissolve it, according to directions on the packet, sweeten it with honey, and give it the birds to drink. The oats, biscuit, arrowroot, cocoa, etc., which you mention contain a percentage of this Plasmon powder, and are manufactured and sold by its proprietors. If you ask any good grocer to supply you with a packet, you will soon see what the powder is like, also soon clear up the points you seem doubtful about.

Yellowhammers Under Canary.

Yellowhammer.—Have never yet tried rearing Yellowhammers under Canary hens, but I know that it can be done, and that without any particular trouble. A good friend of mine successfully got two broods raised in one season on much the same diet as that you outline—egg food, soaked rape, hemp, canary, shepherd's purse and chickweed. He mixed best ants' eggs with the egg food, and his hens ate it all up freely. I have no trouble in getting my own hens to tackle the ants' eggs when well incorporated with their soft food. Have several which eat and relish live ants' eggs, and enjoy mealworms cut in two. I believe it is generally possible to coax them on to these things. When the young leave the nest and commence to "pick up," you will find that canary seed is the only one they will touch at all freely; lightly crack it at first. Until they get well on this, you must give them a mixture of egg-food and some good softbill food containing plenty of ants' eggs, gradually leaving out the egg food. If you can lay hands on live ants' eggs (or know anyone who will gather them for you), they will do fine for them; cut-up mealworms should not be forgotten.

A Young Thrush's Leg.

P. J. B. Your letter is not particularly explicit, and I am somewhat doubtful whether there really is anything wrong with the leg of your young Thrush. Probably the "crossing of the legs" is but a natural accompaniment to its first childish efforts, so to speak, to walk about. Still, by the time you read this reply, you should be able to judge accurately as to whether your suspicion that one of the legs has something the matter with it is correct. I don't quite see how it could be a fracture (or breakage); and, if so, I am afraid you can do nothing except leave it to Nature to bring about a cure. If there seems to be leg weakness of some kind then you should keep the bird on something soft for a time (peat moss litter, or coarse-cut pine sawdust, or even short straw or hay), and for about a fortnight stir into its soft food (a tablespoonful), a small half-teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food, not giving too strong a dose at first. Allow all

the live-food (mealworms, scoured gentles, black-beetles, etc.), you can. Bathing the leg (or legs) daily in strong whiskey and water, made just comfortably warm, might help greatly. You can use the same solution several times, adding a little more spirit, as necessary.

Catching Problems; and Others.

Larkhan.—1 and 2: The public (broadly speaking) can catch birds from August to February inclusive. In some districts, however, certain birds are protected all the year round. These, of course, must never be made captive. Further, the catcher should not venture on private ground without permission, or a prosecution for trespass may follow. As the list of protected birds varies in almost every county, it behoves the catcher to get a copy of the local bye-laws (which can be had from the magistrate's clerk, or town clerk, or local police station), and carefully study the same. Mr. Trower has published a guide to the laws governing bird-catching in different parts of the country; you can get a copy of this from the office of CAGE BIRDS for sevenpence. 3. The male Skylark raises the feathers on top of his head (the crest, or topping, as it is called) very frequently, especially when tame. But I believe it is not denied that the hen Skylark also at times does exactly the same thing. 4: A very young Skylark is always pale (or "dusty looking") in colour. In nest feathers he is very "downy" and "streaky" looking. Old birds vary in colour, though, according to season, and the big Larks which migrate to England from the continent are light coloured. A young Lark is never so stout in the leg as an old one, and is much finer in the nails and spur.

Swelling on Head.

D. R.—If the swelling is soft to the touch, and obviously filled with matter, then you should prick it with a stout needle, or, better still, open it with the sharp point of a penknife blade, or razor, and gently but thoroughly squeeze out the contents. Afterwards swab the place out well with warm water (if possible, just coloured with Condy's Fluid) and anoint it with a little boracic ointment, obtainable cheaply from the chemist. If it is a hard swelling, however, paint it very lightly once daily with tincture of iodine, which may cause it to disappear. Use a small camel-hair brush, and don't let the iodine get on any other part of the bird except the actual swelling. It is very powerful stuff.

Concerning Hen Bullfinches.

W. F. Buzza.—Equal parts of niger and hemp seems rather "thick" for everyday use, and it is safe to say your Bullie hens have had a proper gorge upon these very oily and stimulating seeds. Possibly they may have upset their livers. Pity, too, you do not use teazle; it is an excellent "corrective" seed, I feel convinced, and well liked by Finches. That this view is correct seems to be borne out by the fact that your Bullie hen, which has been kept mostly on Canary seed, is in excellent fettle. I should knock off the niger as a regular thing, and substitute teazle, likewise reduce the hemp to a third part. Let them have plenty of seeding wild plants. The medicine they need to liven them up is a course of a mild saline. Get an ounce of sulphate of soda from a chemist, and into each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water well mix as much as will lie on a shilling. Repeat next day, but giving only as much soda as will lie on a sixpence. This latter dose may be repeated once or twice on alternate days (plain water in between), if it seems necessary—be guided by the state of the bird's excreta; don't purge them too much. I may point out that to be quiet, and apparently "mopey," is also a sign that a hen is on the point of laying eggs. If this applies to your case, you alone can judge. Your expression, "too lazy to stir" hardly points that way.

Thrush and its Song.

E. C.—I think the best advice I can give you is to try a course of mild saline medicine, as advised "W. F. Buzza" this week. Birds are very liable to get a little off colour, or their system out of tone (call it what you will) when being fed on artificial food, and there is nothing like a dose or two of a saline to put things right. You should now and again mince the yolk of a hard-boiled egg finely with a fork (part of the white, too, if you like), and mix it among the stock-food. An occasional feed of "black beetles" would be greatly relished, too, no doubt. The currants would not harm him, but I never give many, personally. I don't think the absence of the Canary matters at all.

Food for a Thrush.

F. W. Stubbs.—The following is a method of feeding which will keep your Thrush in health and song. It is equally good for Blackbirds. This stock mixture any good seller of bird foods will mix for you (store it in tins): Game (or Pheasant or Partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupae, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the game (or other) meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes make an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal and silkworm pupae. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little water, or grated raw carrot, or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. Black-beetles and snails (especially snails dropped into boiling water for a few minutes, then chopped up), are much relished.

About a Hawfinch.

W. Taylor.—You will have no difficulty in rearing the Hawfinch by hand on the methods advised the enquirer about Chaffinches (to which you refer). When he starts to feed himself offer cracked hemp and sunflower, Canary, a little soft food, a meal-worm or two (pinch their heads well), and a few young garden peas, with seeding shepherd's-purse and chickweed. When adult, sunflower should be a Hawfinch's principal food—get it (the seed) sound and plump (with good kernels). Given this, and a mealworm or two every day, the bird asks for little more. The bird also appreciates hemp, safflower, linseed, canary, oats, and sometimes a little buck-wheat, dari, groats, summer rape, small maize, etc. His powerful beak makes short work of beech-mast, walnuts, plum and cherry stones, bawthorn, privet, etc., berries, and the like. One never need be fast for dainties acceptable to the Hawfinch. Green-food they are not particularly keen on, but appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's-purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They make an exception in favour of tender green garden peas, and these should be given in the pod when obtainable. Let the bird bathe freely.

Brevities.

Food for Blackbirds (Boy).—You will find the correct method of feeding Blackbirds given in reply to "F. W. Stubbs" this week.

"An Idiotic Hen Bullie" (G. Hayton).—It is no "fault" of yours. Some hen Bullies will persist in dropping their eggs on the cage floor, no matter what their owner may try—no kind or style of nest will tempt them to lay in it. I must confess that my own experience leads me to think that eggs laid at all sorts of odd intervals on the floor practically never prove fertile. I like a hen to lay regular clutches in a normal way.

Pied Blackbird (Johnnie).—A pied Blackbird is really of no particular value, unless very lightly marked indeed. They are so very common—quite the commonest of all rare-feathered birds. Pure white Blackies, if of good size and shape, are, of course, always worth something extra, though even they are not at all rare.

Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid (Observer).—Yes; like yourself, I saw that a Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid was recently awarded a first prize at an open show.—I have not seen this bird, however, so far as I know, so, of course, can offer no opinion as to its genuineness. I really do not know who bred it, or when it was bred. I do not think any record of this has appeared in CAGE BIRDS.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Budgerigars and Zebra Finches.

D.J.W.—(1) These birds are practically always with the dealers, and I know more than one of our advertisers who have stocks of imported specimens of these species. Of course, I cannot name any particular dealer; write those advertising in CAGE BIRDS, especially those making a speciality of Australian species. (2) It is always best to name your country when asking such a query. But given a suitable enclosure, such as you describe, providing it is sheltered on the north and east, both Budgerigars and Zebra Finches should successfully winter out of doors, without discomfort, anywhere in the United Kingdom. The aviary should have a shelter shed (weather proof), and half the roof of flight should be boarded in. Fix up your nesting receptacles both under the roof and in the shed; place your food vessels under the roof of flight, and not in the shed. The bath is better in the open part of flight. With such accommodation they should thrive, and produce their kind.

Feather-plucking Cockatoo.

G.J.—It would have been easier for me if you had given me particulars of your treatment. Give it several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, with a two or three days' interval between each—quantity, one teaspoonful in the drinking water—but you must not continue this if the excreta becomes watery loose. Spray the parts two or three times weekly with Quassia solution, keeping the bird out of draught till dry. When not giving the magnesia, make drinking water colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue for a month or more. Diet: Make up following seed mixture: Get two quarts each Canary seed and oats, and one quart each wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seed; well mix, and keep up a regular supply. Also give so as to vary the diet, plain biscuit, stale bread, and boiled potato (all dry), ripe fruit, green food—such as green peas, lettuce, etc., as in season; nuts (shelled walnuts are best), a regular supply of grit and cuttlefish must also be kept up. Keep the bird as much occupied as possible, and supply rotten wood, cotton reels, etc., for it to play with and chew up. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. You must persevere with this treatment, as recovery cannot be rapid from longstanding cases, and under any circumstances the habit of feather plucking is most difficult to cure; in some cases it is never given up, and in the majority of cases it is the result of improper feeding.

Swollen Legs and Feet.

Nemo.—By far the better way would be for you to let a vet. see your bird; it is almost impossible to make a correct diagnosis, even from your full details. Brass cages are not good for birds, as verdigris is apt to congregate in the corners; however, I don't think this has had anything to do with the trouble. Am of the opinion that the back toe you speak of is ingrown back into the foot, and that this is the main cause of the trouble. On the other hand, it is quite possible the faulty cutting back of the past set up the trouble which the ingrown toe is merely aggravating—seeing counts for so much in such cases, that I really advise you to see a vet., who could possibly give the bird rapid relief from its pain and lameness. If you wish to treat it yourself, put bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine with it. Every third day for a fortnight omit the chemical food, and in lieu of same put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in drinking water. But this must be discontinued if the bird's voidings become watery loose. Foment its legs with a warm decoction of camomile flowers, drying the legs after each occasion. Keep it warm and free from draught. If any part should bleed badly, it must be anointed with Friar's Balsam, but it must be prevented from pecking at the wound for a few minutes; for any slight sore, anoint same after well cleansing with spermaceti ointment.

Cock Rosella Dying.

Grimston.—I have tried, but can give no reason; nor would such be possible from the details you supply without the aid of a post mortem. Leave the eggs to chance, and the probability is, if she hatches out, she will rear the majority (at any rate) of the young unaided. I do not think it would be advisable to add other birds to the aviary. To assist supply a little soft food mixture (without egg), plain biscuit, and ripe fruit in addition to present diet. I have had similar losses with other species that have been caused solely by sexual excitement. Other possible causes are a sudden sore and banging his head against top of aviary, or chasing some other occupant of the aviary and getting a blow on the head in return. Your treatment could not be improved upon, and your loss must have been consequent upon one of the above causes or the rupture of a blood vessel from some unexplained cause.

Cockatеels and Breeding.

M. A. L. (1) Cockatеels, in spite of the freedom with which they breed in some aviaries, are nevertheless, often very erratic breeders in others. Many pairs do little more than play at nesting, lay eggs off and on the whole of the season, and only hatch out an occasional youngster. Possibly they are interfering with one another a little, though as a rule they do not do so, and several pairs breed freely together in the same aviary. It is possible that your birds are brother and sister, and often such pairs never do anything worth speaking of in the nesting line, though handsome birds in appearance. If you have two aviaries, as I gather, put one pair in each, and hope for better things, otherwise the only way is to change till you get a free breeding pair. I have been through the same experience, and the very finest pair I ever saw (that is, as to handsome appearance, tight and rich plumage), were a pair that acted the same as yours. It is very annoying, but I fear there is no improving such birds. Have your nest boxes flat bottoms? If so you must alter their nest boxes, for Parrakeets must have concave bottoms, or the eggs roll about and get spoiled. (2) Very much the same applies to the Budgerigars also. Are you making use of your own young birds, and did you procure all your original stock from one source? If so, you are breeding from related pairs, and possibly this is the main cause of your trouble. In such case, I should advise selling off some of your young birds, and getting some imported birds to mix with them. Again, they may be overcrowded; you do not give size of the aviary—how many husks have you up? There should be at least double the number of husks that you have pairs of birds. If your stock is healthy, they will settle down and do well a little later; keep up a good supply of cuttlefish, old mortar rubbish, etc., and this should check egg binding. Possibly the cold nights of a short while ago were responsible for much of the trouble. Your dietary for both birds is ample, but at this season of the year give them as much grass in the ear as they will eat, also leaves of fresh lettuce. I should advise you to get from CAGE BIRDS Office the Handbook recently issued on these two species; it is 6d. post free, and I am sure you'll find it very helpful.

Budgerigars and Finches.

Hildebrand.—You make no mention of green-food, especially grass flowers or grass in the ear, which would help to relieve the trouble as would occasionally putting a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water. It is most unsafe to keep Budgerigars with Finches; Budgies are worse than some species of large Parrakeets. At times they will be quite amiable for several years, and then run amok and slaughter or maim everything they can, and in spite of some amiable pairs, as a rule they are dangerous company at all times for Finches. There are not many Foreigners as regular breeders as Zebras, Cutthroats, and Budgies, but the following should all do well on the simple Finch treatment in your aviary, and also most of them breed. Grey and White Java Sparrows, Bengalese, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Spice Birds, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Red-headed Finches, with Zebra, Grey, and Orange-cheeked Waxbills. A half-dozen Weavers of sorts would add colour to the aviary, and I have not found them pugnacious save with their own kind. You have comfortable space for about 20 breeding pairs, only one each, and the better plan is to dispose of the bulk of the young as they become adult, as they frequently interfere with their parents' further nesting arrangements.

Queen Parrakeet.

M.C.—Glad to note there is a slight improvement; you must continue the treatment in all particulars at present. I think it would be a good plan to have a curtain hanging over one corner of the cage, screening one end of the perch, and to extend round to the back of cage, say six inches. This would give it a warm corner to rest in. I always provide such for my caged Parrots all the year round. You must foment the eyes with the camomile decoction as soon they become caked up, and dry as much as possible after each occasion. You must keep on with the solution till the caking over ceases. Then for a few days use the rose water and zinc solution. Otherwise, you must continue to treat as per previous reply. I hope you'll succeed in saving the bird; it was in a bad way, indeed, when you first wrote, and is by no means "out of the wood yet." I should certainly keep it isolated as much as possible from any other birds you have, and if you do lose it, well sterilise its cage before using it for another bird. It would probably take a little plain biscuit from you; if so, put 10 to 20 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food on it, and let it partially soak in. Keep her cage clean, and the bird as quiet as possible; the case is certainly not hopeless, and we must hope for the best.

Diet for Cardinals.

Your Well Wisher.—I diet my Cardinals as under, and they thrive thereon, having been in my outdoor aviary for from five to eight years, and in the best of condition all the while. Diet: A seed mixture of Canary, white millet, dari, wheat, oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds—half the bulk of the mixture to be Canary and millet, the half to be equal parts of the kinds named. I also give ripe fruit, green-food (they eat a good lot of lettuce), soft food, and three or four mealworms per bird daily. Also unlimited cuttlefish, and grit. They are very fond of bathing, and in the outdoor aviary bathe at least twice a day at this season. If caged, lay the bath outside the cage, and let them have a good daily bath at least. Possibly you have a hen bird, the outward sexual difference of several species being almost infinitesimal; so much so that the trained eye fails at times to pick them out. The cage for a Cardinal ought to be 2½ ft. long, 1½ ft. deep, and 1½ to 2 ft. high.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Young Canary (Winifred Brunton).—You have acted quite correctly in giving full details of illness of this and other birds. I regret to say that the result of my examination is that you have bird fever in your room. Nothing but fumigation with sulphur and washing with boric acid solution will put a stop to it.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Hen Woodquest Mating.

John Hobson.—Yes, it is a rare occurrence for a hen "Woodquest," or Wood Pigeon, to mate with a common Pigeon, but it is the only way in which the cross between the two species has been obtained, and then only twice. One such Hybrid, a fine male, coloured like a Splashed Tippler, has been long on view in the Western Aviary at the Zoo, along with offspring bred from him and a common Pigeon, for he is to this extent fertile. Your Hybrid is therefore a prize to be proud of, and you should try to breed from it when it grows up. It would also be of interest to record what colour it turns out, and what is the colour of its father. Also, was its mother hand-reared? The Wood Pigeon mother of the bird at the Zoo, which was bred by Mr. P. St. John M. Podmore, was a hand-reared bird. The other day I read of a case of a cock Homer being seen courting a wild hen Wood Pigeon, with apparent success, in a London Park.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Death of Parrot (A. A. Dunbar).—We find that many, personally. I don't think the absence of issue for April 11th, page 376. Evidently you overlooked this, so we repeat the information herewith: "Disease of liver, and consequent malnutrition."

Cutting (A. McQuarrie).—We are exceedingly obliged to you.

Lecture (G. R. Danich).—Accept our thanks for your kindness and the trouble you have taken.

Photo (H. S. Davies).—We have to acknowledge receipt of the excellent photograph you send us, and shall hope to publish same in the near future.

Stocking Aviary (J. T., Amateur).—Will you kindly let us know in what direction your fancy lies (whether for Canaries, British, or Foreign birds), when we will get your question answered. It was, by-the-bye, wrongly addressed to our Mr. Finn.

The Norwich and Cinnamon Blood (C. Draper).—Many thanks for your kindness in sending us this paper, which we will utilise at the earliest possible moment. We shall be glad to receive the discussion.

Colour Food, and Oil (Novice).—By far your best plan would be to write direct to the seller of this colour-food, and ask his advice on the point. He would tell you the best method to use his feed to the best possible advantage. In "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (post free, sevenpence) you will find explained all the points about colour-feeding, both old and young birds.

IN THE COURTS.

CAGED NIGHTINGALES AT BLACKBURN.

The Position of Purchasers.

At the Blackburn Borough Police Court on June 19th, Jeffrey Walsh, the well-known bird dealer, was summoned for having in his possession certain wild birds.

Mr. J. G. Radcliffe, who prosecuted on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A., said, according to the "Northern Daily Telegraph," that the case was brought under the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1883, which provided that between May 1 and August 1 it was unlawful to take certain birds such as Nightingales. The defendant had received a consignment of four Nightingales, and on arrival at Blackburn it was seen that their plumage was green, and that when caged they beat themselves against the bars, proving that they were wild and had been recently taken. Formerly it was extremely difficult to prove a case like this, except when the bird-catcher was caught red-handed, but owing to a recent decision in the Divisional Court it was held that if the birds were of fair plumage and gave evidences of wildness, there was a *prima facie* case of their having been recently taken. The proceeding had been taken by the R.S.P.C.A. in order to stop the consigning of these birds and the consequent denuding of the country of its sweetest songsters.

Inspector Gent, of the R.S.P.C.A., gave evidences of defendant receiving a consignment of four Nightingales. The consignment came from Cambridgeshire, and defendant told him the birds had cost 10s. each.—Questioned by Mr. Carter, who defended, witness admitted that there was no evidence to show when these birds were caught.—Detective Charles corroborated, and said that the defendant remarked during the conversation with Inspector Gent that Nightingales could not be bred in captivity. Mr. Carter said that the magistrates had to satisfy themselves not only that these birds were Nightingales, but also that they had been recently caught. There had been absolutely no evidence of that.

The defendant said he had been in business as a bird specialist for nine years. He was connected with several bird societies, several of which had as their object the protection of wild birds. These Nightingales were sent on approval, and he could tell from their appearance that they had been in captivity for some time. When they were transferred to the cage they fluttered very little, but immediately took food and water. A wild bird would have beat itself against the bars for weeks—perhaps months. Since he received the birds he had sold one to a clergyman.

Inspector Gent and Detective Charles, recalled, said it was an "absolute fabrication" to say that the birds were given food and water in their presence when they arrived at Blackburn.—Defendant repeated that he gave the birds food and water in the presence of the two witnesses. The latter might not have noticed it.

The Bench, after considering in private, were of the opinion that the birds had been recently taken, and fined defendant 40s. and costs—10s. for each bird.

Mr. Radcliffe made an application for the birds to be forfeited and liberated, observing jocularly, "Why not have them in Blackburn Park?"—The Bench, however, refused the application.

Edwin Christopherson, Belle Vue Street, was summoned in an identically similar case, two Nightingales having been consigned to defendant, who explained that he had simply written for the birds for another person. The Bench, however, fined him 40s. and costs, and told Inspector Gent to draw the attention of his society to the people who were consigning these birds to this district.

CORRESPONDENCE.

AN APPEAL BY MR. J. H. PAYNE.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space to thank Mr. Payne and those who sent me birds; they have done me a great kindness. I have been a fancier for the last 56 years, being now 75 years of age. Allow me to especially thank the person who sent me the Border Fancies, as they are the only ones I have been able to breed from yet. JAMES BRIDGMAN.

A DISCLAIMER FROM THE WEST BROMWICH AND DIST. C.B.S.

SIR,—In our paper, CAGE BIRDS, we have noticed several times lately that we are about to hold an inter-club show with Wolverhampton Society; this is quite a mistake on their part. It was announced in the Fancy Press before it had been brought before our members and it was decided not to hold an inter-club show with them.

T. DUFFIELD, Hon. Sec.

A REDPOLL TAKES A FATAL BATH.

SIR,—The following may interest some of the many readers of CAGE BIRDS. On Sunday, June 14th, I was taking a stroll along a marshy bank when I observed a little bird just after it had got out of a small pool of water in which it had been bathing. It was in such a wet condition that it was absolutely unable to fly, and I had no delay in catching it. It was a Redpoll in full adult plumage. I took it home and it has taken well to cage life. E. BUTLER.

CAUSE AND CURE OF BLINDNESS IN CRESTED CANARIES.

SIR,—I believe that Mr. George Peters, in his lecture on "The Evolution of the Canary," has solved the puzzle as to what causes blindness in Canaries, and gives also the remedy by which it may be disposed of. When Canaries were first bred for Crests a Plain-head hen of any breed was used for mating with Crested cocks, but some breeders found out that larger crests were obtained when Crests were paired to Crest-breds. I think it quite likely that in preparing for exhibition a little pressure of the finger on the centre of the crest to improve shape may act on the bird's brain and cause blindness, and thus eventually it becomes hereditary. His exhibition of the skulls of crested and non-crested birds must have been very instructive.

J. H. VERRALL.

THE SLAUGHTER OF SONG BIRDS.

SIR,—On looking over my evening paper I was painfully interested in reading an article bearing the above title, and thought it would be equally interesting to your many readers. It may, too, bring forth an expression of opinion from lovers of our feathered friends, such as may, in some measure, stay the hand of the assassin before it is too late. Only recently Professor Corselle, of Chambery, in France, addressed an appeal to the public, warning them that if farmers, gamekeepers, and poachers continued in their conduct they would soon have exterminated all the small birds in the country. As a proof of the necessity for legislative action, he declared that thousands of Larks were killed and sold at 3d. per dozen. It will doubtless come as a surprise to many Britishers to learn, on the authority of a well-known naturalist of literary distinction, that the small birds that are driven down into Cornwall in the winter time through stress of weather are massacred there in thousands, not merely by boys, but also by grown-up people. Mr. W. H. Hudson, in a book called "The Land's End" (in which he records his impressions of two or three recent winters spent in St. Ives and the neighbourhood), protests against the cold-blooded barbarity which is shown to the birds by the inhabitants. He says that whenever there is a hard winter, as in 1906, the small birds are driven down to the extremity of the west by tens of thousands, large numbers perishing miserably of cold and hunger in the fields and moors. But in St. Ives their destruction is carried out on a plan of wholesale slaughter as a recognised pastime. This is the *modus operandi*: each person buys a handful of small fish-hooks manufactured for the purpose and sold at a penny a dozen; from ten to twenty baited hooks are fastened with short threads to a string, two or three feet long, called a "teagle," and placed on a strip of ground from which the snow has been cleared. To these strips of mould, or turf, the birds fly and seize the hooks; and so blind to danger are they made by hunger that they are not deterred by the frantic struggles of those already hooked. Many birds succeed in freeing themselves by breaking the thread in their struggles, but always with that bit of barbed, bent wire in their mouths or stomachs, which must eventually cause their death. Mr. Hudson found, on making enquiries of some of these "sportsmen," that while they killed the Starlings, Blackbirds and Thrushes, they often liberated the smaller species which they caught. "One man, the most enthusiastic bird-catchers with the teagle in the place, after removing the hook from the mouth or gullet of the bird he does not want, takes the two little mandibles between his thumbs and forefingers and wrenches the face open, then tosses the bird up to fly away, a little distance, soon to drop down and perish in agony." Small birds that are not wanted, he says, will sometimes return after being liberated and get caught again; those he liberates will trouble him no more. It is also a common thing for parents to buy little hooks and wires and give them as presents to their boys, with the result, says Mr. Hudson, that there are always maimed birds to be seen at St. Ives, painfully hopping about or crawling with the help of their wings in search of food. Bush-beating—a barbarous sport which is almost extinct elsewhere in England—is still common in Cornwall, and the birds fall easy victims in a country which has few trees and where the birds flock at nightfall to the bushes in sheltered spots. And though there is a minority, which is sickened at the cruelty of the thing, the cruelty continues, and those who practice it are not condemned by public opinion. It is to be hoped that Mr. Hudson's efforts on behalf of the smaller birds will be as successful as Mr. Ebblethwaite's (on behalf of the Seagulls in and around St. Ives) were.

R. G. J.

A METHOD OF CLEANING SAND.

SIR,—The way I clean sand is as follows:—I sift the sand through the sieve with holes just large enough to let what I want through. Then I throw this into a bowl and fill it with water; then pour the water off. The latter will carry the dust and dirt with it. I repeat this operation till clean. Afterwards I place the sand (or grit, as it is now) on some paper in the sun, and let it dry. I find it always very clean. I hope this may interest some reader. A. SHARP.

COLOUR-FEEDING GETS SOME "HARD KNOCKS."

SIR,—Being a constant reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, I may say I am not a colour-feeder, and never shall be. I have been a bird-breeder close on 40 years now. Talk about the Wild Birds' Protection Act, I think the poor Canaries want protection at home first. Just for the sake of a few honours, or a few coppers, these poor, innocent birds have to take all kinds of stuff. A recent lecturer has stated that colour-feeding is interesting and honest. Well, it may be interesting to some, but I fail to see where the honesty comes in. I say, show a bird in its true colours, and then you feel as though you were looking at a bird, and not a lot of false feathers. All I can say about colour-feeders is that they may be fanciers but they are not bird-lovers. S. C.

MORE ABOUT THE LITTLE OWL.

SIR,—During the Whitsun holidays a friend visited this district and had a good run round the haunts of the Little Owl. All the old trees in this district were visited and those with holes in were climbed to catch a glimpse of this bird nesting. Whenever there was a nest in the tree it could soon be located, by the mess on the ground, and the remains of all kinds of small birds, rats, mice, and mole skins, and pellets. One nest was found with five eggs in, hard sat upon, and the old bird was turned off, but the hole was down too low to get a photo of it. Another nest was found close by, but this had only two eggs in. The next tree to be examined was one of a group, and, in approaching, a strong smell was noticed, and on climbing the tree, there was the nest of three eggs, with the old bird killed on the nest and in a far stage of decomposition. This nest was too low down in the tree for the boys to reach, so they had killed the old one, which they generally do (old and young) when they find they cannot get them. Another nest was found with the old bird just killed, and two young ones dead beside her, with one young one alive about two weeks old, badly crying out for food. This one was brought away, and is now being hand-fed. Another nest a few fields further on was found with four eggs in and the old one dead. This nest was also out of reach of the boys; that's why, no doubt, it had been served like the others. Further on another nest with five eggs in was found safe. Another nest in which young could be heard was found. The hole was some yards up the tree, but went down nearly to the ground. These young could not be seen or got. Someone had been having a good try to get them, however, as there were several holes bored in the tree trunk near the ground. But as the nesting hole was in the middle of the larger tree, they had given up their attempt in disgust. So no doubt these birds will be able to escape destruction. Some two miles away three other nests were found with both eggs and young in them. Little Owls are not this season so numerous as last year; neither have I heard of so many being taken. Their nests are so easily found (especially if with young) by the remains of so many birds, etc., under the trees; the young make a big noise, too. T. H. KINCH.

WHY ARE THE EGGS NOT FERTILE?

SIR,—Will you please allow me a little space in your paper about a Bullfinch? Can any reader of CAGE BIRDS explain the reason why I do not get fertile eggs from my hen Bullfinch? She will lay without any trouble, and in the nest; and I have known her to sit a fortnight (of course, its never her own). I have put a cock Greenfinch with her, and have put her with a dark cock Canary in full song. I have seen both the above pair up with her time after time. It was just the same last year—no good eggs.

COCKRAM.

IS THE HOOPOE A BRITISH BIRD?

SIR.—I read with great interest Mr. Langley's notes on this subject. In looking up an encyclopædia I found an article on the Hoopoe. The Hoopoe, it said, is of a genus of Insessorial birds, belonging to the group *tenuirostres*, and forming part of the special family *upupidæ*. In the genus *upupa* the bill is slender and curved throughout, and the nostrils are covered by a scale. The tarsi are invested with broad scales, or plates, and the tail is long and even; the outer toe is longer than the inner one, and the claw of the hinder toe is long and straight. The bird derives its name from its cry, and the common species is found in North Africa, Europe, and Asia, though rarely in England. The Hoopoe attains the length of 13 inches. Its colours are white, buff and black. It has a crest of feathers of a reddish buff hue, tipped with black. The nest is built in hollow trees, and the eggs are of light grey. They vary from four to five, and the young are hatched in June. I hope these notes will interest some or other of your many readers.

J. H. WEIGHELL.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE GREENFINCH.

SIR,—As a reader of CAGE BIRDS, I saw G.G. gave a splendid description of "Greenie" or the Greenfinch. It just suited me, being an owner and exhibitor of British birds and a successful prize-taker in Greenfinch and Chaffinch classes especially. My advice is: keep them their natural colour; look to them well, not forgetting the sunflower seed. They may be got up in fine form. I don't believe in colour-feeding British birds. If it is done let them have a Class at the shows to themselves. Colour-feeding is expensive; the working man cannot afford it. I am breeding from a pair of Greenfinches. They paired up and laid five eggs, four of which came out to-day (Monday). The cock bird won me 1st prize at Folkestone in a large class. He is a beauty—like polished box-wood. He has fine type, and wing bars like 18-carat gold. I reared him by a hen Canary, which brought up four. It was as much as she cared for, as the young Britisher takes its food off the mother different to a young Canary; it snatches it and makes the hen Canary sore on the bill. The hen is a fine one, no doubt a caught bird. What made me so keen on greenie was this: some 12 years ago I let a Scotch Fancy hen Canary bring up a nest of Greenies. They came along fine. After a time, not knowing their value on the bench, I let them fly. A man afterwards caught one and asked me if I had lost it? I told him he might have it. He then sold it to a man in London, who entered it at the Aquarium Show. It took 2nd prize and was claimed at £1. After hearing that I was keen on Greenfinches, and have been ever since, and have made good figures of them. I have had the same success with Chaffinches, and have had some really grand ones. The way to get large Chaffinches and Greenies is to let a Canary rear them; you then get size which counts on the show bench. C. OSBORNE.

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"SWEATING" HENS AND THEIR CAUSE.

SIR,—I see that Mr. Crisp has recently dwelt lightly upon sweating hens. He has said: "We are told that hens are physiologically unable to sweat, but that the appearance is owing to the condensation of the breath of the brood." In another lecture he says: "Sweating is mostly caused by the hen sitting too closely. I have been informed on good authority that it is impossible for a hen to sweat,' and that this sweated appearance is caused by the congealed breath of the closely-covered young; but this I cannot vouch for as I am luckily not troubled with this in my room." Now this is my idea, only Mr. Crisp's is congealed condensation of the breath, and mine diarrhœa of the young. Could he not prevail on his informant to give us his ideas, and some taxidermist might tell us for a certainty whether a bird's skin has or has not been made for "sweating."?

B. H. CLEGG.

TWO QUESTIONS ON OUR RECENT WINNING ESSAYS.

SIR,—I think in every way you are to be congratulated on having been the means of publishing four such admirable essays as you have recently published on four distinct subjects of importance to the Fancy. You are also to be congratulated on your decision to leave the final vote as to their merits in the hands of your readers. The essays are useful and well written. A fancier is and ought to be always learning, and I confess I have had great pleasure and profit in sitting at the feet of these teachers. I do not propose now, or even after the result of the voting is announced, to criticise the papers, although I think great good would come if other fanciers would discuss, through the medium of your valuable paper, various points raised in the essays. I should, however, like to ask two questions: 1. Mr. Dickson referred to certain strains of Muling hens being valuable in the production of clear and light Mules, while other strains are not. Does he (or any other fancier) think that the valuable strains—of clear hens, I mean—have Cinnamon blood in them, and how much? And are they pink-eyed? 2. Could Mr. Jeffrey not have bred mealworms at a moderate cost?

OLD HAND.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND CLASHING OF SHOWS.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper for a final reply to "One Who Knows." If he has an axe to grind with me he can grind it at Bristol. He also spoke about my having a free advertisement by signing my name. If I had not done so he would not have replied, as he does not reply to any of the other correspondents on the same subject; which fact clearly shows it is just an act of the petty spite or jealousy on his part, having to hide as he does, behind a *nom de plume* to throw out what he would be afraid to say in the open. Now, Sir, I would also like to inform Mr. "One Who Knows" that my name is the same this year as it was last; I have never had any occasion to change it yet, nor to hide behind any other name to say anything I wanted to. I shall not reply to your correspondent again unless he has the courage to sign his name in full, as "unknowns" are no good to themselves or to any Cage Bird Society, and are hardly worth bothering oneself about.

T. KEEGAN.

SIR,—Allow me a small space in your valuable paper *re* the above. I am of opinion that it should be abolished. We have a very strong membership of fanciers, but they will not allow the C.B.U. to handle their affairs. I am a member of the W.C.B.C., and I think that that is sufficient. Why should not this club be sufficient for Wales? We do not require, in my opinion, a club such as the C.B.U. to bind us to fall in with them. First of all, what has the C.B.U. done? I have not heard of any particular work done, and I should think they have had plenty of time to show what stuff they are composed of. I will not in future belong to any society which is held or handled by the C.B.U. men; therefore, I will drop out of the society which I belong to. I am a little sorry for the way in which "One Who Knows" has answered Mr. Keegan. My opinion of him is not a very high one. Why doesn't he sign his name for people to know? He says "T. Keegan" probably writes only to have his name in print. "T.K." showed himself a gentleman and said what he thought of the C.B.U., and very likely gave the opinion of many hundreds. I am not a lover of correspondence, but I could not allow this to pass, as I am of opinion that the C.B.U. is useless, which has been proved so undoubtedly in many districts. Now, "One Who Knows," I am not exactly a novice; I have been in the Fancy now for about 21 years. I hope to have the opinion of others on this matter. J. B. REES.

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BREEDING FOR COLOUR: A PROBLEM IN POINT.

SIR,—A friend of mine, a prominent breeder of Scotch Fancy Canaries, has paired up two self, green Scotch Fancies—a yellow cock and buff hen They have only had one young one and, strange to say, it is a clear yellow. Last year several young were reared from this same cock paired to a lightly-coloured hen, and all birds were either self green or heavily marked. How is above case for breeding for colour? YELLOW-GREEN.

IS IT A RECORD?

SIR,—Your correspondent, "Son of the Rock," in the issue of June 13th, has not the hen which has yet broken the record, as I have a hen which laid four eggs in the first round and brought off three chicks, all of which are doing well. In the second round she laid seven eggs consecutively and brought off seven chicks, which are now three weeks old, and she is now about to go to nest again. I thought this might be interesting, and they can be seen by anyone who would care to do so, at my address, 196, Gladstone Avenue, Noel Park, London, N.

F. W. WILLIS.

ACONITE FOR CAGE BIRDS.

SIR,—I have read somewhere articles anent the use of aconite in the treatment and cure of ailments peculiar to the feathered tribe, and having had a very wide and comprehensive experience in the application of that peerless curative as an agent in the rapid and successful elimination of every form of functional and organic derangement to which the animal physique is liable (an experience which extends over a range of subjects comprising monkeys, dogs, cats, birds, and, of course, the "Lords of creation"); perhaps a few practical remarks in regard to the history and uses, and the physiological and topical effects of this remarkable remedial agent will prove of interest to your numerous readers having the physical welfare of our feathered friends at heart. *Aconitum pappellus*, or Monkshood, is common to English woods, and is frequently met with in the fields, hedgerows, and cottage gardens. The root bears a striking resemblance to horse-radish, and has been partaken of by ignorant agriculturists in mistake for horse-radish, and needless to say with disastrous results. The active poisonous element of aconite is an alkaloid known as "aconitia"—a virulent poison—exercising a remarkable effect over the nervous and muscular system, quickly inducing constriction of the throat, numbness and paralysis of the limbs, convulsions, and, in the case of an overdose, death. Scientists and pharmacists, while recognising the inestimable curative virtues possessed by the remarkable plant, have also had to admit the presence and death-dealing virulence of the alkaloid "aconitia," which element they have failed to eliminate. Consequently, the tincture of aconite, B.P., to-day contains the active poisonous element aconitia, 16 drops of which—the tincture—is considered the full maximum, if not dangerous, dose for an adult. I make these remarks in order that fanciers may not be tempted to "play tricks" on the delicate and highly-susceptible organs of their little charges who, through the ill-advised attention of their owners, might be driven to the extremity of performing unbirdlike acrobatic feats upon their backs in all likelihood, finishing up their perch careers at the first performance. So much for the dark side of the subject. Ten years ago I became acquainted with a preparation of aconite, which, by a peculiar method of treatment had been entirely denuded of "aconitia," and therefore, non-poisonous; it was further claimed that, in addition to being minus of even a trace of "aconitia," the curative properties had been greatly increased. Needless to say, I entered upon the use of the "new aconite" tentatively, and with many misgivings; but, the more widely I employed it, the more firmly I became convinced of its marked superiority over the old tincture, and its absolute safety in use. Thus, I have continued with its use, resuscitating the apparently dying, and diverse members of creation, from infants to adults, mastiffs to diminutive toy terriers, poultry to cage birds. Under its influence and timely administration all have benefited alike, and have become, chirpy, vivacious, cheerful and appreciative members of—to them—a happier existence. Furthermore, I have yet to meet with any form of inflammatory, congestive, or morbid condition which cannot be entirely mastered and eradicated in from two to twenty-four hours. This, of course, has reference to acute wrong conditions only, and applies equally to all warm-blooded organisms of whatever form or species. B. WOODCOCK.

DANDELION AND YOUNG BIRDS.

SIR,—I have been expecting to see more of your many readers give their views on dandelion. I notice some two weeks since one of your readers wanted to know what killed his young birds. He had been giving them dandelion leaves eight or ten inches long. Well, I should certainly say the dandelion killed them, it being rank and overgrown. I suppose they took inflammation. I will say more about this question later on. I see Mr. Claude St. John has written: "The very idea of discarding such a popular green-food was pooh poohed by not a few who prided themselves on their practical experience; but many of the critics have gradually come to learn that there's 'summat in it . . .' Exactly how it acts or what its peculiar properties are that affect birds badly," etc. Will he kindly explain this in detail? I will then answer him, and will give my results for 20 seasons running. If, as Mr. St. John says, he does not profess to know, how can he say that it was the dandelion? Will he kindly say, if he prefers watercress, what results he got from using watercress? Did he keep cock and hen together when feeding? I shall be pleased if he will answer, and I will give him a reply. A. MATHER.

SIR,—In answer to "Tempus Omnia Revelat," I wonder in what part of the country he lives? It must be an ideal place, everything must be very forward, especially considering the bad weather we had in the first part of spring! He says you should only use dandelion from the open fields. Well, up here, in Yorkshire, we cannot find the smallest leaf until the end of April. As I said in my last letter, I give it when I pair up on the 17th to 21st March, and I find it then in sheltered places, such as under a wall with a south aspect. But I also find that very few of these roots flower. And the open field roots do not flower "well"; they are very sparse until the end of May. I can also tell this writer that if the wild birds do feed up here upon greenfood, they do it like Canaries, with egg-food, viz., from the crop, as I have watched nests of young of various species and have never seen a dandelion head or leaf brought to the nest, even when the flowers have been in full bloom. They do, I believe, give them, or the young get them after they have left the nest, but then they are free, and have plenty of room to get about in, which a cage bird has not. As regards his other seeds, what are they at that time of year? Perhaps he means those put in the earth by the farmer man! I can also say, like Mr. Claude St. John (only I will not say every day in the year; I think that a figure of speech), that I can nearly reach it (dandelion) out of bed! I will add the result of my breeding operations without the use of dandelion, etc. To the end of the second round, with ten hens and five cocks, I have 24 young on seed. 15 more on the sticks, and 13 in the nest under a fortnight old.

B. H. CLEGG.

SIR,—It may ease Mr. St. John's mind a little if I say that my remarks did not refer to his former letter; at least, they were not intended to, as I have known for a long time that he wasn't "unfortunate" enough to be living in a town. Indeed, I didn't know before that Mr. St. John wasn't a believer in dandelion. Just how he came to the conclusion that I was referring to him I cannot comprehend. Mr. St. John is very fortunate indeed in his choice of residence, if he is in a position to get a barrow-load of dandelion in any day of the year. A great deal may depend on the size of the barrow. In Lancashire, the dandelion is almost, if not altogether, deciduous; so we infer from his statement that the climatic conditions are very suitable to the herb in his district. Mr. St. John says "he cannot imagine any self-respecting person decrying an article of food simply because they haven't had the opportunity of using it themselves." If he hadn't always lived in the country his powers of imagination might have been better developed; and he might still live to know that all persons are not self-respecting, and that everyone is not possessed of so fancier-like a spirit as himself.

"TEMPUS OMNIA REVELAT."

WHERE DOES THE DANDELION SEED GROW?

SIR,—I write to answer the question by "Rochdale," in your last isue, viz., Does the dandelion seed grow on the same stem as the yellow flower? My answer is, that the seed does grow on the same stem. The flower develops and then withers or closes up again, to be followed by the rapid growth of the seed, which is easily distinguished by the white down, by which it is finally carried away like a miniature parachute, after the head has again opened out and seed ripened.

E. HOWARTH.

A YOUNG YORKSHIRE CANARY WITHOUT EYES.

SIR,—I am sending you a young Yorkshire Canary, sixteen days old, which I think is rather a freak. It not only has no eyes, but no eye sockets. It was much smaller than the others, so I transferred it to another nest, but it died when the other young ones could see. P. VICTOR-WILLIAMS.

[We have examined with interest the nestling sent by Mr. Williams. Though perfectly formed in every other respect, it entirely lacked (as above stated) eyes and eye sockets. It was very small for its age, and very backward in feathering.—EDITOR.

WAS IT A DASTARDLY ACT?

A Reward Offered.

SIR,—During a few days' absence from home in the Whit week, the door of my large Parrakeet aviary was left open by the person left in charge; or else someone kindly opened it for me, and either stole or liberated a very fine pair of Redrumps, a beautiful hen Rosella and a splendid breeding hen Cockatiel which was sitting on four eggs. (The cock must have been on eggs at the time, as he and a young one only are left). If anyone has caught any of the above birds I should be very pleased to hear from them, and to suitably reward them on returning the bird or birds to me. H. LEWIS.

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Birmingham.

THE BLACKCAP IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—This bird is a well-known summer visitor to us, arriving here in April and departing again in September. I have found that it generally comes back to its old haunts and builds sometimes in the same bush, or close to its former nest. It makes a nice cage bird and is also a good singer, besides being a fine show bird. Some, I know, differ very much as to whether it is better to have an old, fresh-caught bird taken in the spring on its arrival and before it is mated, or to take the young and hand-rear them. Some prefer to take the young just before they leave our shores. I have had them taken thus, but I certainly like to have the young and hand-rear them, because they are then steady and can be easily managed. A wild-caught and newly-arrived bird, however, takes time to steady down, and requires a lot of live-food before it will take to the food given him as a substitute. As a rule these birds only have one nest a year; no young can be expected before May or June. I have found them in both months. They build quite low down in a thick bush in gardens, in plantations, in ditches with small bushes growing there, and in pleasure grounds. They use various materials in building, and line the nest with horse-hair and sometimes with wool and down. The clutch of eggs is generally five, but I have known there to be six. The eggs vary very much in colour and markings. They are usually of light brown or pale orange with dark brown spots. When they have young the parents feed them chiefly on winged insects and caterpillars. After they leave the nest, being able to cater for themselves, and the fruit is ripe, they can generally be found in large gardens having their share of strawberries, raspberries and currants. Many a young one have I managed to get through its being caught in the "fish" netting which protects the fruit. I have also had Whitethroats and Nightingales caught in a like way; but that is some years ago now. These birds don't seem to be kept so much as of old. They seem to have gone out of fashion. I believe they were shown at the late Palace show with Nightingales. The bird is quite easy to keep. I have always found it so, and one I had I kept for a number of years, and it was a great pet. In the summer I used to keep him out of doors in a large box cage, giving him a good bath daily, as they are very partial to bathing. Anyone who can obtain a nest of young about 14 days old and hand-rear them, I am quite sure would be delighted. If anyone attempts to do so, let him try and get them as many small insects as possible—flies, small moths and butterflies, spiders, earwigs and he various aphides can be mixed with scalded bread and milk, and ants' eggs with mealworms cut up small may be given. These birds, like all insectivorous ones, require to be fed very early in the morning and at intervals of every two hours. It is surprising how quickly they grow if well attended to. The females are not of much use as cage birds, so when you can sex them it is advisable to let these have their liberty again. After they can feed themselves you can give them plenty of ripe fruit; both red and white currants they are very fond of. In winter they also like both the shop currants and raisins cut up into small pieces. Some of the currants can be soaked in cold water and some given as bought, as both are readily eaten by them. Roasted apple sweetened with either sugar, honey or golden syrup, together with grapes, etc., are greatly relished. Mine was very fond of grated cheese with its soft food and also custard. It will not be necessary to give a full decription of this bird, but it can be easily recognised by the beautiful black cap of the male bird, the female having a brown one. These birds and all insectivorous ones should always have a roomy cage of a box pattern. Some people put a piece of canvas cloth in the top of the cage to prevent the bird from injuring itself, but I have never done so, and I have always been able to steady my birds without much trouble, or injury to themselves. Once or twice I did tie the wings with a piece of thread, but that is over 20 years ago now, and I was not then so well enlightened in birdy matters as to-day. I can't say that that steadied them any quicker. I believe that a great many of these birds are caught with the limed twigs, but that method of catching birds I never have approved of. I have also caught them as well as other choice birds in years gone by, by the Sparrow nets round the shrubberies and hedges in August before they departed from here; this was, of course, before the Acts came out when birds could be taken at any time and anyhow. These few remarks may be of some service to anyone who can produce a nest of these birds and would like to hand-rear them. As a singer this bird has no equal, except the Nightingale, which is considered the better of the two. I don't, of course, include the Skylark with this class of birds. ORNIS.

YOUNG FEEDING THE YOUNG.

SIR,—As one who has found your valuable paper of great help I feel emboldened to state the following as an unusual instance of precocity on the part of young birds. Briefly the facts are these:—I had two birds sitting on five and four eggs respectively and due to hatch within four days of each other; in one case two eggs were productive and in the other only one bird was forthcoming. The parents of the two birds were very attentive and brought up their young, but the other pair did not take kindly to their one chick, only feeding it enough to just keep it alive. Then when it was two weeks and three days old the hen plucked it nearly bare. Consequently I placed it with the pair with the two other young birds, hoping they would take to it, which they did fairly well. But what surprised me most of all was to find one of the other young birds (only four days older) actually feeding it after being itself fed by its parents. It has continued to do this ever since, although it is still too young to feed itself. I have mentioned the facts to several fanciers in this city (Nottingham), who say they have never known such a case. I may also state that the little waif is thriving well. G. HAYWARD.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Range of the Stone Curlew.

The Stone Curlew, sometimes called the Thicknee, or Norfolk Plover, a brownish bird about fifteen inches in length, is supposed to only inhabit districts where the soil is of chalky formation.

A Bird of Many Names.

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The Anatomy and Diseases of Birds.

By J. W. CUTMORE.

A Lecture delivered before the members and friends of the Liverpool Ornithological Society on May 19th.

A very interesting and instructive lecture was given by Mr. J. W. Cutmore (official taxidermist to the Liverpool Museum), on "The Anatomy and Diseases of Birds," to a largely-attended meeting of the members and friends of the Liverpool Ornithological Society on May 19th. Mr. Geo. B. Daniels ably occupied the chair. Mr. Cutmore's lecture was listened to with the closest attention, and an excellent discussion followed.

In a state of nature, said Mr. Cutmore, birds seldom suffer from sickness or disease, but in captivity they unfortunately suffer from all the popular diseases "enjoyed" by mankind, and the same numerous quack remedies have had their turn with them. The lecturer proceeded to give a brief description of the anatomy of birds (with the assistance of diagrams and preserved specimens), and then turned to a discussion of the causes of these numerous ailments.

"May Good Digestion Wait on Appetite."

Firstly, he said, a bird has a good appetite, which is looked upon as a proof of strength and energy, but an appetite alone without proportionate digestive powe, would be worse than useless. The apparatus of digestion must be first-rate. In birds the gullet is large; in the seed eaters it opens out into a great expansion called the crop (a storehouse). Food is not digested here, but passed into the stomach proper, the first part of which is the proventriculus, the soft foods being digested here, such as flesh foods; corn and seeds pass on to the gizzard, the walls of which in seed-eaters are very thick and strong. Stones are swallowed to assist in the work of crushing up the food before it can be properly digested. The food then passes into the first part of the small intestine (the duodenum), where it is acted upon by the juices of digestion from the liver and pancreas. This completes the work of digestion; the blood is now able to take up the food, which is carried to all parts of the body. The force pump behind this function of conveyance is the heart, and on its journey much of the blood passes through the kidneys, which assist the lungs to expel the waste from the body.

In man three organs divide between them this work—the skin, lungs, and kidneys; but in birds the skin is not an excretory organ, so the lungs alone have the duty of getting rid of superfluous water. The birds' breathing apparatus is of the first order. The organ of song is in the lower larynx (the syrinx) found in no other animal, at the division of the bronchi. The larynx proper has no vocal chords, as in mammals. The spleen is an organ of which there is no certainty as to its real function. It is considered to be an elaborator of the blood, building up the red corpuscles. The spleen is affected considerably in fevers, especially in septic fever.

Concerning the Egg.

The kidneys are a pair of three-lobed organs laying flat in the pelvis, of a dark red colour. They are very active in excreting urea and uric acid, which in birds is in a nearly solid form, seen by its whiteness in the excreta. On the upper lobes of the kidneys are situated the sexual organs, the ovaries of the female, and the testes of the male. The ova is fertilized as it passes into the oviduct (or fallopian tube), and it then passes down the tube (or duct) and becomes enveloped on the way with albumen (the white of an egg). On reaching the cloaca (broadly speaking, the lower part of the egg-passage), the shell is formed, the whole process taking from twelve to eighteen hours. The protozoa (or living germs) of the male are deposited in the oviduct, and fertilisation may take a fortnight, or twelve hours only, before the egg is laid.

Owing to the less specific gravity of that side of the yolk on which is the germinal disc, the embryo lies at the top of the egg nearest the body of the sitting hen. The hen moves her eggs daily to give those on the outer ring a change to the centre.

The albumen, or white of the egg, acts as a cushion (or buffer) for the yolk, which contains the embyro and its food. During the process of development the white gradually dries up.

What is Disease.

To turn to that part of our subject concerning bird diseases. Disease is a physiological process whereby certain organs have their functions increased, diminished, or accompanied by pain. It is a natural condition, being an attempt to accommodate the system to wrong conditions. For instance, the excess of food overtaxes the excretory organs, and hence arises disease of the liver, kidneys, and other organs. Whilst this excess of material is in the system its vitality is lowered, and when the balance is upset by a chill or draught, it does not recover easily, and disease is set up; whether it be inflammation of the lungs or bowels depends on the constitution of the bird. Had there been no waste in the system, recovery would have been rapid and the disease temporary.

Disease is not something foreign to the system, but natural functions perverted, and the ultimate aim is to regain health. Nature cures disease by banishing the appetite (or intake of food), then she gets rid of the waste in the system by purgation, vomiting, etc. The rational cure of disease is to lessen the intake, and to aid the system to get rid of waste by means of exercise, fresh air, baths, and natural treatment—not drugs, which lower vitality. Knowing that disease is due to wrong conditions, and that health can only come from right conditions, I want to know where drugs come in? And who can administer drugs successfully to a creature so small and delicately formed as a Canary? In the first place you cannot diagnose the disease with any degree of certainty. Doctors frequently fail to do so with patients of the *genus homo*, who are generally able to describe their symptoms.

A Difficult Disease.

In discussing the variety of diseases I will take the diseases of the respiratory organs first, because, without doubt, these are the most difficult to deal with, especially with Canaries. Where shall we find a birdkeeper who has not had a case of asthma in his room, and who does not know of the persistence with which asthmatic birds remain asthmatic? Bronchitis is often mistaken for asthma. The latter is generally caused by exposure to cold or wet after being kept in warm rooms, or to window draught, or hanging near ceilings heated with gas. You are all familiar with the "wheezing" that accompanies every breath. There seems to be no cure for this distressing complaint, in all these chest complaints fresh air being the only remedy.

It is painful to go into some bird rooms, because of the stuffiness. The cool air is rigorously excluded, windows are shut, and sand bags are used to keep out the air; doors are kept closed and made to exclude the air by means of listing; mats are even put at the door bottom to prevent it coming in that way. The ventilators, if any, are closed and the room in some cases is warmed by a stove, or lamp, which vitiates the air. Now, I say positively that coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc., in birds, as in mankind, are not produced by the cold air, but by the bad air breathed, for we find rooms heated as warm as they were in summer, and yet the inmates are always suffering from colds. On the other hand, we find those kept out of doors seldom having colds. The only remedy for colds in birds is to avoid the cause that gave rise to them, an ounce of prevention being better than a pound of cure.

Tuberculosis said to be Common.

Tuberculosis is fairly common among Canaries. This disease is incurable, and stock too much inbred seems peculiarly liable to tubercle. It is not advisable to use birds with this disease for breeding. If a valuable bird is afflicted, pair it only with a healthy bird, and keep them supplied with easily digested food, plenty of fresh air, and much room for exercise. Consumption can be kept in check by these health-giving conditions. When the lungs are affected the disease is called phthisis; the symptoms are gradual wasting, a husky cough, and slow moult. On examination after death small bodies of yellow matter like millet seed are found in the lungs. It is rife among the Ravens in the Liverpool aviaries. These birds are long-lived in their natural state, but they live in high altitudes, and are great flyers. In the aviaries they lack this purer air, also the vigorous exercise.

When I visited Davos, Switzerland, I took particular notice how consumptives were treated in this great sanitorium city, and I found it was fresh air day and night, and plenty of it, and no physic. It was wonderful to see how much exposure to cold and wind a dying consumptive could stand, and benefit by it. In Italy I found it interesting to see how much the people lived out of doors, the result being that consumption is little known there. It is called "the English disease." Some people imagine that night air is injurious, that it causes coughs, colds, consumption, and other evils. They never made a greater blunder. The inestimable importance of fresh air to young birds is not sufficiently known. It was found many years ago in the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, that a great many children died a few days after birth (the same as young Canaries do). They could not understand this, and the deaths did not cease until the wards were properly ventilated. Young life requires plenty of pure air; not only air, but light also. Animals and birds in a state of nature bask in the sun and revel in its life-giving rays, whilst if we compare the mortality of the sunny and shady side of a street we find more deaths on the dark side. The Italians have a saying, "where the sun does not enter the doctor does."

Exercise and Errors of Diet.

Besides plenty of light and air, exercise is also essential for birds. It strengthens the muscles, increases the power of the heart, invigorates the body, makes the birds cheerful, causes warmth, burns up in the body waste material and excess of food, and is beneficial in every way. There is no doubt that many diseases of birds in captivity arise from errors in diet; for instance, much soft food is responsible for many deaths in Canaries. They are seed-eaters, therefore a seed diet is most suitable for them, except when rearing young ones.

There are many bird-breeders who deprecate the use of green food, some during the breeding season only, and others at all times. I think this a great mistake, and indicating a lack of observation of the habits of birds in their natural state. For instance, the Greenfinch and Linnet feed their young chiefly on green seedlings, young Hawfinches thrive splendidly on green peas, and others could be quoted. Speaking of diarrhœa, it is never caused by green food given fresh daily, but by decomposing green food, and other unnatural food, setting up undue loosenes by irritating the bowels. As a simple remedy for diarrhœa, I think you cannot get a better than the one mentioned in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, *i.e.*, one drop of pure salad oil given in the beak to remove the offending matter from the bowels; next to see that the diet is correct, and stir together two drops of laudanum and as much prepared chalk as will lie on a shilling, and give it to the bird in its water when thirsty; then remove it for two hours; after this give it a stir round and replace.

There is another malady, typhoid fever, which affects the digestive organs and intestines. It is also termed enteric fever, on account of the ulcerations sometimes found in the intestines after death. Typhoid is less contagious than septic fever. It is caused by decomposing matter, polluted water, soiled food, etc., and diarrhœa is more marked in this complaint than in septic fever. Dr. Greene advised the use of water acidulated with dilute sulphuric acid, 30 drops to an ounce. If purging is severe one drop of laudanum can be added to the mixture, and blood in the excrement will guide as to its use. I would like to add to this prescription, that the best food to be given during these bowel troubles is bread and scalded milk sweetened, and a pinch of maw seed sprinkled over it to encourage the bird to eat it.

Returning to the subject of green food, I consider it most valuable as a preventive of constipation in seed-eating birds. Failing this a bit of ripe apple or soaked rape seed, remembering that their food in a wild state is in a semi-green condition; even in winter it is scarcely what we term dry, like the hard dry seeds we use (some of these are kiln dried), and constipation is frequently the result of this dry, hard, starchy seed diet, minus the green food.

In conclusion, I would like to bring before your attention a subject, the results of investigations which I carried out last summer. I had sent to me birds that had apparently to many people died of septic fever, or spleenic apoplexy. In each case I investigated the conditions and surroundings of the birds, and to my surprise I found in each case a perfectly sanitary state of things, in fact everything in the way of cleanliness was observed. I found upon inquiry that no importations had taken place either in the way of cages or birds. The owners were highly experienced breeders, and yet under these favoured conditions, a great number of birds died off in a very short time.

This caused me to think, and I discussed it with my veterinary and medical friends. The post-mortems showed identical features with anthrax in cattle. The only suggestion that came to my mind was, if this is anthrax, how could it reach these birds? Well, considering that each of these cases occurred in the summer (end of breeding season), was it not possible that the cow hair used for nesting material might have conveyed the germs? I leave it here, having no further evidence, but I would suggest that as a precaution the hair be placed into a hot oven before using. We may at some later date get further evidence to support my theory.

I think we are all agreed that birds are naturally healthy and subject to few diseases, that all ailments are due to wrong conditions in confinement, and that one must pay strict attention to these things—cleanliness, exercise, diet, and ample space for them to move about. There is no doubt that septic fever is caused, like many other maladies, by the neglect of sanitary precautions. Therefore I contend that it is wise and profitable to study the conditions that will ensure good health. I repeat, "one ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."

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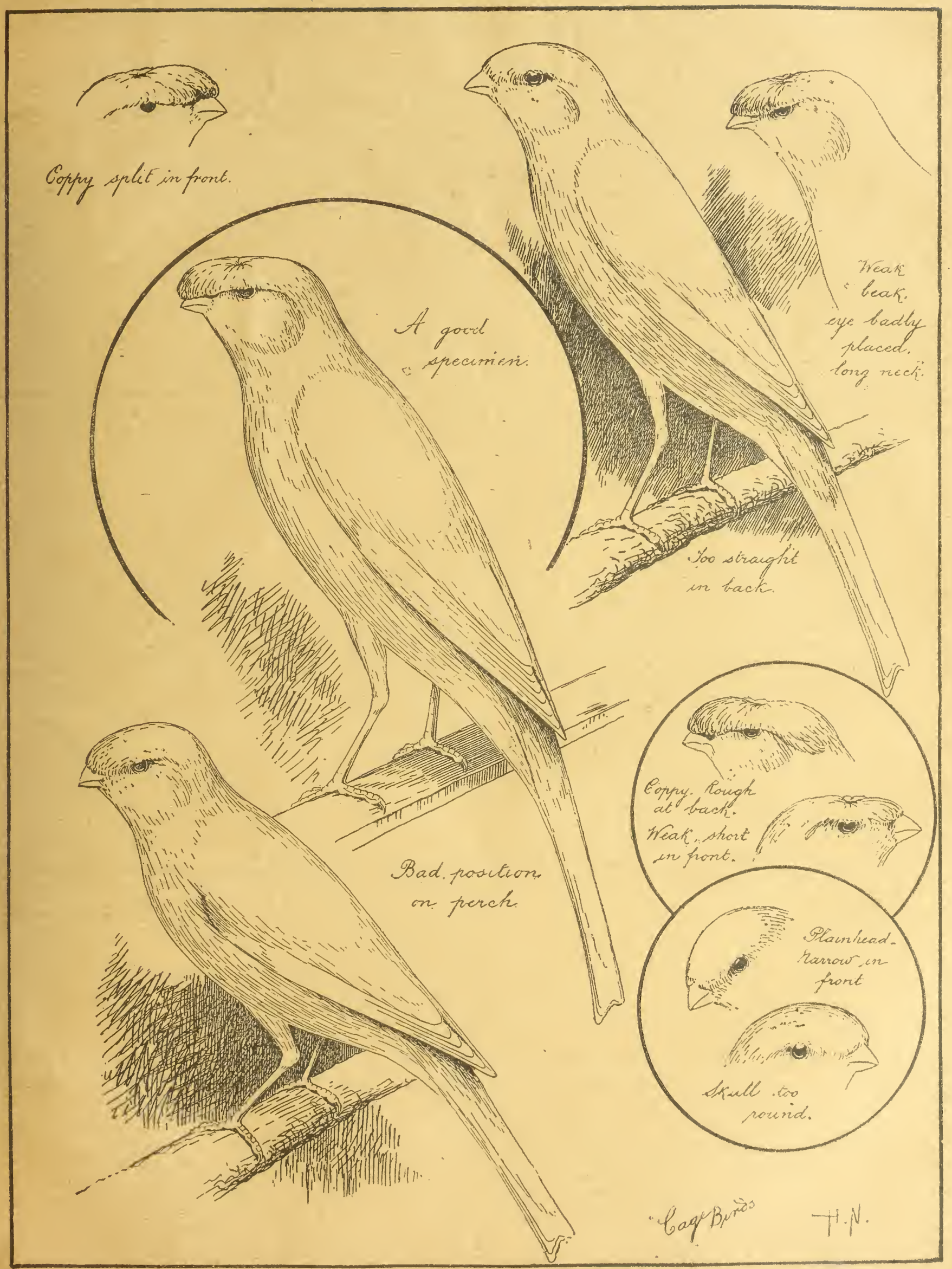
***A Grateful Robin.**

Nine years ago a Robin was nearly frozen and fell from his perch on a tree into a garden. A gentleman picked him up and found one of his legs was broken. So he carefully set it, and at last Bobby could resume his flights through the air. Every day since then Bobby has shewn his gratitude by paying a visit to the house and garden. One day a stranger caught him and handled him roughly, so he will not pass the door or window, but he still comes daily to the garden to be fed with crumbs.—Sent by Dorothy Edmunds (age 13), 2, Arthur Street, Kings Lynn.

***Bird Feeding a Cat.**

At the Shropshire village of Asterley is to be seen the unusual sight of a bird feeding a cat. The bird is a Jay, and is owned by a Mr. Clarke. The bird's cage is fixed on the wall of the house over the water tub. Mr. Clarke's neighbour has frequently noticed her cat climb up the water-tub, and, as she thought, attempt to get the bird out of the cage. She used to frighten the cat off, until she noticed it taking some food away. The bird, when meat or other food is given to it, makes a peculiar noise which attracts the cat's attention. Pussy is then seen climbing up the cage, and the Jay picks up the food, and with its beak hands it to the cat outside. The cat has some kittens, which compel her to visit the bird very often.—Cut out and sent by Frank Pearcey (age 10), 73, High Street, Woodside, Dudley.


Coppy split in front.
A good specimen.
Weak beak, eye badly placed, long neck.
Too straight in back.
Bad position on perch
Coppy. Rough at back. Weak, short in front.
Plainhead. Narrow in front
Skull too round.
"Cage Birds" H.N.

CAGE BIRDS CHARTS.

No. 9.—THE LANCASHIRE CANARY; SOME EXHIBITION POINTS AND FAILINGS.

(Notes on this Drawing by Mr. S. R. Compston will be found on page 565.)

Observations on British Birds and their Keeping.

By W. LOWNE.

Being the discussion which followed a paper read before the L. and P.O.S. on May 21st.

There was a good gathering of members and friends of the London and Provincial O.S. on May 21, at headquarters, the "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C., many very well-known British bird enthusiasts being included in the company. The attraction was a visit from that old and esteemed lover of our native birds, Mr. W. Lowne, of Yarmouth, who read an interesting paper, full of facts which evidenced long years of study and personal acquaintance with the subject. It was entitled, "Some rare insectivorous birds met with in Norfolk," and we shall hope to print the same *in extenso* in a future issue. A discussion followed, which added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening, Mr. Lowne giving those present many helpful "tips" from his store of knowledge concerning the keeping of birds in captivity. This discussion we give below. At the close a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Lowne, and the wish expressed that he would ere long pay London another visit. Mr. J. W. Ramsden ably and courteously officiated as chairman.

The Discussion.

MR. MORTLOCK said he would have been pleased to have heard the lecturer relate something of his experience in the keeping of the more common British Birds, and also (as they knew he was a past-master in the art) to have heard him tell how he managed to get his birds to that degree of perfection in which he had always shown them. Perhaps he would oblige with another paper in the future. (Laughter.) He would like to know how Mr. Lowne "meated off" his Softbills.

MR. LOWNE: Well, as regards my methods of meating birds off: I always obtain fresh caught birds when possible; I prefer these to hand-reared ones. I keep them in cages measuring 18 inches long, 16 inches high and 9 inches deep, of box pattern. In these I have an inner roof, as it were, with canvas stretched across it, so that if the birds jump up against the top of the cage they do not hurt their heads, and possibly kill themselves, which they are quite liable to do otherwise. I place a piece of glass along the front of the cage, on the inside of the wire, which prevents the birds knocking their feathers off should they bang against the front of the cage when first put in it, in their endeavours to get free. When they have become steady, of course, I remove this glass. Another good way (which I sometimes adopt) is to cover the cage-front with a piece of muslin, so that the birds cannot see you. Then for the first few days keep them in a light place, raising the muslin slightly each day, until by degrees you are able to remove it altogether. The birds thus become reconciled to the cages, and are not so afraid of you and your movements. Those birds that do not become steady after a reasonable time I generally give their liberty, as it is seldom such birds will ever become steady.

For the first period of captivity I give the birds plenty of live food, which I place in small, shallow glasses. This food consists chiefly of mealworms and well-scoured gentles, and when the birds see them moving about they generally take to them readily. It is only by degrees that I give soft-food, and this consists of dried ants' eggs and dried flies mixed with egg-food. I always, of course, give a supply of live-food as well.

Bearded Tits, as most of you I suppose are aware, are special favourites of mine, but my experience is that they are very liable to fits. A couple of years ago I lost one very fine specimen at the Palace Show, which had a fit just after it had been judged and awarded first prize. I had a Bearded Tit which I kept on the food I have mentioned for over four years in a cage 18 inches long. It was in the best of health, but then died suddenly. These birds (odd males) require to be kept separate, as they are very pugnacious, and to this end I have put them in a double cage partitioned off with glass; they snuggle down to roost side by side, the glass, of course, in between. It is quite as well, too, to let them see each other, if only for company's sake. I found that the birds huddled up close together in this double cage and seemed quite happy. It prevented them from getting at each others' tails, which they otherwise soon spoil. At least, that is my experience. Wheatears, Redstarts and such-like birds take about ten days to meat off. I give them a small glass with live-food in, by degrees getting them on to artificial foods. I have had fifteen Wheatears this spring, five or six Winchats, two cock Common Redstarts and two Chiff Chaffs, all of which have had gentles. I have been having a good many gentles sent to me regularly, and I am a great believer in them. I would advise all keepers of Wheatears and Redstarts to see the birds' feet are kept in a proper condition. The latter soon go wrong, and frequently they lose their toenails.

Asked by MR. HAWES if he kept the gentles in sand, the lecturer replied in the affirmative and added, in reply to another question as to where he found the flies in the cold weather necessary for the breeding of gentles, that a friend of his bred them. He had heard that this friend knew of pits on the Yorkshire moors into which dead horses were thrown. He (the lecturer) thought he could get quite as many gentles as he was likely to want, from this source.

MR. TRINGHAM asked whether or not the lecturer covered the perches of Wheatear's cages with felt or flannel, or whether he thought such covering would meet the difficulty in regard to the birds' feet?—Yes, it is a good plan to do this, but even then the birds are sometimes known to get sore feet. He found an equal mixture of sand and sawdust to be about the best thing possible for putting into the bottom of cages in which insectivorous birds were kept. Of course, the cages had to be cleaned out pretty frequently, or they would soon be found to smell. He was once asked, he said, if soft-billed bird could be "smelly." (Laughter.) To which he replied: "Smelly isn't the word." (Renewed laughter.)

MR. MORTLOCK asked if the lecturer recommended giving mealworms to Goldfinches and similar birds which were going to be used for Mule-breeding? Did he find them dangerous?—I find many Goldfinches are fond of mealworms and it does them good to have them. But it is for Hawfinches and Buntings that mealworms are the most used.—Mr. Mortlock then asked if Mr. Lowne thought it would be possible to breed with a cock Yellowhammer and a hen Greenfinch?—I should think it might be possible, but the chances are against it.—Respecting Miss Reeves' Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrid (which was mentioned) Mr. Lowne said he understood this was a genuine specimen, and Messrs. Maxwell and Weston confirmed the statement, saying that they had seen the youngsters of this cross, some just as they were feeding themselves, and some just moulting their nest-feathers and coming into colour.

MR. HAWES: Have you run across any Crossbills?—Yes, they have been both seen and taken in Norfolk.

MR. RAMSDEN asked whether they had a close season in Norfolk, and the lecturer replied in the affirmative, adding suggestively that it was "very close" sometimes, and creating laughter by telling how some of the Norfolk "bobbies" occasionally became the possessors of birds.

MR. LOWNE said that he had hand-fed Grasshopper Warblers on ants' eggs—or cocoons, to give them their correct name. If, he added, you can keep Bearded Tits on dried ants' eggs and dried flies for four years, it was enough for any of the soft-billed birds. He had also kept Swallows on the same food, only in their case he added blackbeetles.

In reply to another question Mr. Lowne told how that the bird-catchers themselves did not always, by any means, know the names of all the birds they caught. As an instance he might tell them that a man came to him on one occasion and offered him a Yellowhammer. He (the lecturer) guessed it was a Yellow Wagtail and, sure enough, it was. (Laughter.) The people often confounded the names of these birds.

Mr. Lowne was then led into the relation of the circumstances attending a "lucky deal" he once had. His son came to him on one occasion when he was ill in bed and said there was a man downstairs who had a bird for sale; would he (the lecturer) like to buy it? He offered the man 3s. for it and ultimately got it. The bird resembled a Landrail, but was much darker in plumage, and turned out to be a very rare Rail, the first of its kind caught in Norfolk. He was at once offered a large sum for it, and eventually the bird changed hands at £20.

MR. RAMSDEN asked if the lecturer had ever tried chopped-up mealworms mixed with honey for birds which were ill? Mr. Lowne said he had not, and Mr. Ramsden explained that a gentleman once recommended to them the adoption of that course of treatment at the Crystal Palace, and they had always found it to be a really excellent plan.

How I Breed and Rear Linnet-Canary Mules.

By N. BOURNE.

To breed brown Linnet-Canary Mules may seem very easy to some, but in fact it is found by a good many to be very difficult. It is a fascinating hobby, and one that does not cost much money, and, therefore, specially suited to the working-man fancier. If the working man has a bird at all it more often than not is a brown Linnet.

Making One's Own Cages.

If, then, one wants to start Mule-breeding in a small way, he must have one or two single breeding cages. If he is short of this world's goods, the best thing is for him to get a box of suitable size and fit on to it a loose wire front of, say, 18 ins. long by 12 ins. wide, which is a good size. Or the fancier may make some cages. Let him buy some ½-in. yellow pine for the purpose. A handy size, and one which will take the front I mentioned above, is 11 ins. from front to back, 16 ins. high and 19 ins. long. Allow ¾ of an inch for the turnrail (for cleaning out) and have a strip nailed fast in the front 1½ ins. wide on the top of turnrail or slide. This will leave ¾ of an inch space above the wire front so as to allow of its being lifted up for the purpose of being taken out.

Get your wood in the house, if you can, a short time before you want to use it, so that it will not warp after the cage is made. In making the cage fit it well together so as not to provide harbours for the red mite. If you have a knowledge of soldering you can make your own fronts; but if you have to buy them see that you have the best quality you can get; it will pay you in the end.

The next thing the fancier will want is the hen or hens. If you can afford it get Norwich hens, yellow or buff, but yellow in preference. You can get these from 3s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. each, according to your taste and the contents of your pocket. If that is too much get as large a hen as you can, one which they call a "common" Canary, which is generally a cross between a Norwich and a Roller; or, better still, get a cross between a Norwich and a Yorkshire.

These hens can generally be got at from 2s. to 3s. each. But whatever hen you decide upon having, be sure it is a young one and also healthy. If your hens are not healthy, neither will your Mules be healthy, and they will very likely die during the moult, which is a very trying time for them.

If you see a hen flying about the cage flapping her wings she is all right; but if she is sitting still and puffed out like a round ball, have nothing to do with her. You can generally tell a young hen by the absence of scales on the legs; and she has very short, fine nails compared with those of an old one. The beak, also, must not for a young bird be overgrown.

Some Final Preparations.

When you have got your hen or hens put them in the breeding cage in about February within sound of your cock Linnet. Personally, I prefer a house-moulted Linnet to breed with if I can get one. But if this is not possible, you should get one a few months before you want to use it so as to get it quite tame. The principal thing is to keep your Linnet in good health and gradually bring him into breeding condition by the use of dandelion flowers, giving him two or three each day, that is, of course, as soon as you can gather them in the fields.

See that the water glasses, or pitcher fountains, whichever are used, are kept very clean; it is of no use putting clean water in dirty fountains. Use a small paint-brush and hot water to get the slime out of the corners. Give clean water twice a day, if possible. Also be careful to look after the hen Canary in a similar manner with regard to water and fountains.

A mixture of German rape and Canary seed will do very well for the hen Canaries, or Canary seed may be given alone, a little German rape being given by itself two or three times a week. The hens will come into condition all right, but a teaspoonful of egg-food per bird may be given each day a short time before pairing up. This will help them on very well, along with the other treatment.

How to Make Egg-food.

To make egg-food, boil a new-laid egg for 15 minutes, and when it is cold take off the shell and force the egg through a piece of perforated zinc. Then crush four arrowroot biscuits (thin ones) and rub this and the egg well together. This makes good egg-food, and the use of the white of the egg as well makes the food nice and moist. It will keep good for two days in a cool place. If you use only the yolk of the egg with the biscuit, it will keep longer, but it will want moistening with water before it can be given to the birds. Mix just enough of the food for each occasion, stirring it up with a fork and making it crumbly moist. Clean out the zinc and the utensils which you put the egg-food into every day, as the food soon gets sour. I prefer using the white as well as the yolk along with the biscuit, as the birds seem to like it much better.

A good mixture for Linnets is Canary seed and German rape in about equal parts, with a little English rape and niger seed all mixed well together. Be sure and keep the Linnet's cage free from red mite, as this will set him back in condition quicker than anything else. If you see any white specs about the cage, it is a sign of red-mite. Use a little turpentine on a brush and it will be found they do not like it, and it will at least stop them from increasing. If you have a spare cage so much the better; run your Linnet into the spare cage and give the dirty one a good cleaning, letting it stand for a week or two before putting the Linnet back again into it.

If the Linnet is looked after properly he should be in full breeding condition by the first week in April, especially if he is a house-moulted bird, but house-moulted Linnets are expensive and hard to be got. As a rule the lowest prices are from 2s. 6d. to 7s. 6d., while a fresh-caught Linnet can be got for as low as 8d.

On Pairing-up.

When your Linnet is in full breeding condition his beak will be of a blue-black colour; he will also be in full song, and if you hear him doing a prolonged note before he bursts into song, it will be what they call "creeping." Also, if he squeaks you will know he is in a forward condition. If you see him "feeding" his foot or a wire in the cage you will know he is coming into condition. Do not pair them up until your Linnet is in full breeding condition; if it is a little later than you hoped it would be, you should still have time to get two nests from them.

If your hen Canary is ready in the first week in April and also your Linnet, pair them up. Put a nest pan in the cage and hang a penny nest-bag on the wires. The Canary will very likely be stupid for a little while. Canaries will not pair to Linnets as quickly as they do to Canaries, especially if the Canaries are kept in the same room as the Linnets. But if you see the cock Linnet feeding the hen, then you can hope for something farther. Some Linnets will pull the nest out as fast as the hen puts it in, but never mind; the hen will nearly always have a little material in the nest pan when she lays.

(To be continued.)

Observations on British Birds (*concluded*).

In reply to MR. MORTLOCK, the lecturer stated that he had found Black Redstarts invariably easier to keep than the Common Redstarts. It was strange that the one variety should be so wild and the other so comparatively tame, but it was so.

In reply to MR. LUGG the lecturer stated that though many people condemned the use of castor oil, and said that it killed more birds than it saved, he was not above using it in the case of birds which developed fits. He had, in fact, found nothing better. He gave a drop (warmed), he said, direct into the bird's beak, repeating the dose after a short interval, if necessary.—Relative to the question as to the best method of effectually dropping medicine down a bird's throat, Mr. Ramsden said that if one used a lady's ordinary hairpin with which to open the beak, using for that purpose, of course, the rounded end, it would be found that the beak could be kept open quite easily, and the oil, or whatever it was one wished the bird to swallow, would be taken quite well.

The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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The waste seeds from a threshing machine can also be utilised. These are of much larger-sized grains and more useful. But here again the gardener has to think twice before meddling with them. The writer still has a lively remembrance of an experiment in this line which took place many years ago in his own garden. The thresher had been at work hard by, and the mater, doubtless as ignorant of its probable result, as he in his young innocence had permitted a heap of the waste to be brought in for the poultry. But there was a lively time to get it cleared away when the maturer knowledge of the pater was brought to bear on the subject. The whole of the remaining seed, all at any rate that could be discovered, was almost religiously scraped up and burnt; the surface soil also was cut off and burnt where the seed had been scattered.

But alas! the following spring proved all too clearly that the precautions had not been quite successful, and it was many a long year before the last pretty flower of the farmers' fell enemy—charlock—disappeared from that garden. No! so long as fanciers love their gardens they will have none of such machine-waste brought near it.

Caraway.

Why this seed and aniseed should have become recognised as bird seeds is somewhat of a mystery. Probably there are exceedingly few expert breeders or bird-keepers that ever dream of giving them a place in their larder, yet they are used in greater or less proportion in quite a number of the mixed packet seeds on the market. They are both more of the nature of flavouring spices than foods, for which reason they may possibly be added to mixtures as a kind of relief for the birds—a very futile object.

Caraway needs no other description than that it is the small, thin, slightly-curved seed, with the surface corrugated longitudinally, and of a brown colour, which is used in cakes—"seed-cakes"—and other confectionery. So far as the observations of practical users have gone, this seed is systematically rejected by Canaries and seed-eaters generally. Therefore, the proportion of caraway in any mixture represents just as much waste.

Aniseed.

As with the last-named, this is a flavouring spice rather than a food. In shape it is somewhat like a miniature cone, but only a trifle larger than rape seed and usually ends with a short bristle which probably formed the stalk of a stamen in the flower. In colour, it is of a greyish brown, and when the seed is bruised it emits a strong aromatic, pleasing odour, similar to the oil or essence of aniseed. It forms a small proportion of some fancy mixtures, but is not so freely employed as the caraway. If the seed supply runs short, Canaries will pick up and nibble this seed just as they will any other waste matter within reach, but when the usual supply of seed is available, it is more than likely that aniseed is ignored.

It may, perhaps, be nibbled at times for the sweetish flavour which is got from it, and it may possibly be of some slight advantage as a pectoral when birds have colds. Still, when the latter kind of assistance is required, it can be given more economically and far more efficiently by adding a drop or two of the liquid essence of aniseed to the water.

One Great Drawback.

But even if the birds were fond of aniseed there is always one serious drawback to its use. The strength of its pleasant odour when the seed is bruised. The scent has a great attraction for rats and mice, so much so that the essence is often used to make the bait of traps more attractive. To habitually have the seed about must, therefore, be a kind of standing invitation to all the rodentia in the immediate neighbourhood to come to the feast, and afford the fancier the not very highly desirable opportunity of personally putting some virus to a practical test. At any rate, plain seeds are quite attractive enough to these vermin without adding to them spicy condiments which are of little practical value, if any, to the birds themselves.

Starting an Outdoor Aviary.

The raw recruit in the great army of aviculturists will find the present an excellent time for stocking an outdoor aviary with birds of any and every kind he desires to keep. Just now is far and away the best time in all the year to commence stocking with foreign birds. Even the supposed delicate species will in many instances scarcely feel the transference from inside at this time if they have been properly treated for a few weeks in the later part of the spring.

The proper treatment for the birds which it is intended to turn out, is to prepare them for the final change by steady and easy stages. First, by cutting down the heat at which the room was kept as the spring advanced until it vanished altogether; then by gradually getting them accustomed to open windows at every favourable turn of the weather, until at this time, when the temperature is mild and more generally reliable, they are able to exist with windows open wide all day long and well into the night.

When this is the case, the change to an open-air existence in which there is usually plenty of room for vigorous exercise is scarcely felt, and the birds once accustomed to the change will, provided they have a covered shelter to retire to at night or during bad weather, rapidly become hardier, and will in very many cases go through the winter without showing the least discomfort from the cold.

Of course, if one's object is to keep the aviary permanently stocked outside, the birds should not be removed at the approach of winter. On the contrary, make the covered shelter snug and comfortable as far as possible without employing any artificial means of heating it, and then simply keep an eye on the birds as the winter approaches to see if and when they begin to show signs of suffering from the cold.

Should this occur, then the birds so affected should be transferred to a cool room indoors until the following spring, when they may be turned out a month or more earlier than was the case in the previous year, and will probably complete their acclimatisation that year. There are, however, some individuals which will never become quite hardy, and have to be taken indoors for a few months every year. It is individuals rather than species that are thus affected, and ago very probably has something to do with it.

When They Feel the Cold.

The novice may, perhaps, doubt his abilities to tell whether the birds are feeling the cold or not. It would be a false alarm that gave him this anxiety. The birds are such real creatures of the hour that there is very little doubt of their feelings being made apparent to even the least attentive observer. There is no hypocrisy or make-believe about them.

When they really begin to feel the cold, their sprightliness soon frizzles out, and their tightly-tucked up feathers and prim and neat carriage soon vanish, and you have a loose, puffy creature huddling up to some fellow-sufferer and when it does move, which is, in bad cases, only to make a flying visit to the food vessel, going about with a miserable, woe-begone appearance, that is all too eloquent of their sore straits.

There need be no doubt about discovering the susceptible specimens by their evident dislike of the weather before any serious harm is done, and removing them indoors for the time being. It does not require any exceptional acumen to detect the "susceptibles."

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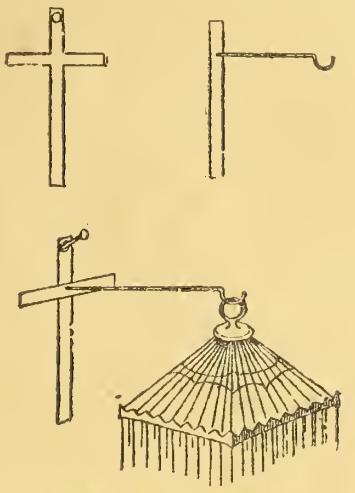
No. 215.
A HANGER FOR ALL-WIRE CAGES.

Sent by E. Simmons.

I was much interested in the drawing and description which recently appeared of the method for hanging cages against a wall—a capital plan for wooden-backed cages. I am now sending you a design for hanging up the ordinary all-wire cages. Out of a piece of brass ¼in. thick, a "cross" must be cut 14ins.



Hanger for Wire Cages.

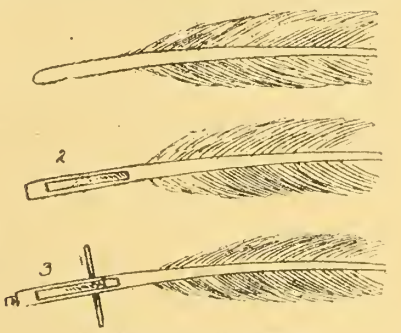
long and ¼in. wide, and a hole the size of a sixpence be made at the top. The cross-piece (see sketch) is 10ins. long, and comes 2ins. from the top. From this cross, at right angles, another piece of brass, of equal thickness and width, and formed into a hook at one end, must be fixed (see Fig. 2). This simple arrangement can be hung on to a strong nail anywhere. I generally put it near to a window so that the bird can have plenty of light. The cage being on the swing, prevents a cat springing upon it. This hook will be found very useful where there is no curtain pole or other means of suspending the cage by a cord and S hook in the ordinary way.—E. Simmons.

[Will Mr. Simmons please communicate his address, which seems to have been mislaid.—Editor.]

No. 216.
A QUILL FOR HAND-FEEDING.

Sent by A. G. Coombs, New Pits, Paulton, near Bristol.

In my sketches of this article for hand-feeding purposes. Fig. 1 represents a whole goose feather (or quill); Fig. 2, quill with point cut off, and stuck in position; Fig 3, when food has been discharged. I find this



A Novel Hand-feeder.

article very useful for hand-feeding young Canaries with. First procure a goose feather, and cut the point off. Then from about 2ins. up make an oblong cut (downwards) about three-quarters of an inch long. It can be made with a small pen-knife, or heated knitting needle. Then fit in a small round stick, to run easily, as seen in diagram. Then thrust another small stick cross-wise through quill, after making a small hole in the stick already in the quill, to receive the cross one. The "feeder" is now ready for working by filling the bottom with egg-food. It can be gently worked when the young have their mouths open. In sketch 3 it is seen when food has been discharged.—A. G. Coombs.

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

June Jottings.

June is the "leafy month," and the luxurianco of growth of all vegetation is this year phenomenal. Along the tangled hedgerows, where the wild roses are now in full bloom, the blackberry brambles, green and sappy, with robust health, are struggling for light and air among the masses of tall grass and nettles; the sweet-scented honeysuckle and wild clematis are rambling in graceful profusion over the hedge-top; so thick and dense is it all that bird-nesting is now a most difficult matter, and it is only by the anxious note of the Greenbird and scolding cry of the Warblers that any idea of the vicinity of a nest can be had. And yet on every hand there are signs and sounds of the abundance of wild-bird life. The squeaking cry of young Thrushes is heard in every bush, and immature Blackbirds flutter across the roadway. If we rest for a time upon the bank or under a shady tree we see the busy Whitethroats peering among the undergrowth, carrying on their endless task of collection for the downy brood. One can hardly imagine what the country would be like without these busy destroyers of insect life. Watch carefully the Warblers, for a few hours, upon some sunny morning; they are, generally speaking, fairly tame and confiding, so that even with the naked eye one can plainly discern what they are doing. In most cases green caterpillars appear to be the chief food they carry to the nest. Hopping from branch to branch or flitting from bush to bush, they work their way to the vicinity of the young, collecting the brilliant green destroyors of vegetable life as they go, until their tiny beaks can hold no more. This work continues day after day, from sunrise to sunset, with only slight relaxation in the hottest part of the day; yet in spite of such labour there is always an abundance. Without the birds, a ramble in the fields would in a few years be an impossibility, but busy as the Warblers are, they must not be credited with all the useful work of the bird world. All the soft-bills, and the Finches, too, are just as diligent in their attentions to insect life. A pair of Greater Tits have a hungry brood in a tree by the roadside; this brood probably consists of six or eight young ones, for large families are common with these birds, and half-a-dozen would be quite an average lot. Fifty yards away is an empty house with a few bushes growing in the neglected front garden. These are infested with hairy caterpillars, fairly large ones—about four placed end to end would be as long as the bird. Time after time, and at the rate of about one a minute, did one of the old birds journey from the garden to the tree. There was no shyness, and no idea of concealment; it was quite a straightforward, busy affair. It is curious to note that had this bird been in the woods instead of along the roadside, he would probably have done all he possibly could to have led us astray. It was a case of "familiarity breeds contempt."

Pole Traps.

The infamous pole trap is said to be used to this hour in the woods around Ilfracombe, and no effort to arouse a sense of its cruelty seems to help.

A Disputed Point.

The nesting of the Starling affords a disputed point in ornithology. Some contend that he is single-brooded, others are equally certain that he rears more than one family.

A Birdy Contrast.

The baby cry of the young Skylark by its silvery tone, gives evidence of its future excellence of song, while the discordant screech of the fledgling Blackbird has no resemblance to the liquid melody of its parent.

By the Meadow Stream.

Happy birds build everywhere—high in the trees, low on the ground, and where the brambles mingle with the grasses, the fledglings flutter among the growth, lost to view, in their flowery surroundings. Blackbirds and Thrushes build in the hawthorns overhanging the stream. Down among the nettles and knotted grasses, a Warbler hides her treasures, far enough in the hedge to escape the sharp knife when the grass is mown. The Wood Pigeons build in the taller trees, and a pair of Turtle Doves have chosen a twisted branch of the taller hawthorn to deposit a few sticks and root stems, which form her nest. Every nook and likely place has been taken possession of. The field is down for hay, and the birds are safe while the grass is standing.

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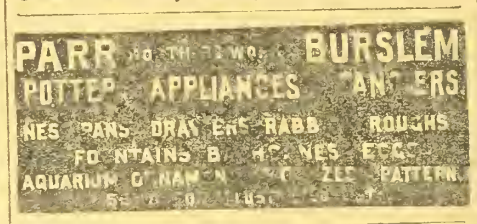

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest held at King's Head for quality singing on June 20th, when 20 birds faced judges, Messrs. T. Summers and T. Crane. 1st and 2nd shared between Hardcastle and Hunt; 3rd, T. Stead. Also a contest on June 21st. 1st and 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Hardcastle; 4th, Crowther. Judges, Messrs. Cooper and Tillotson. Twenty-five birds sang.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

LOWTON.

Usual fortnight'y contest held at Shepherds' Inn, Lowton, on June 20th, when between 20 or 30 birds sang for five prizes. Result: 1st, Rawton; 2nd, Howard; 3rd, Wardle; 4th, Clare; and 5th, Jones. Judges, Messrs. Flayer and Ellison; timekeeper, Mr. J. Lawton. There was some very good singing. Good muster expected at Standard Morver, Chapel-street, Bedford Leigh, on June 27th.—J. W. JONES.

SHEFFIELD.

Usual contest held at Don Inn, Dunlop-street, Carbrook, on June 21st, when 23 birds competed: 1, Machin, 94; 2, Blackadder, 84; 3, Robinson, 76.—BROWN, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES B.B. AND D.S.

The above Society will hold an open Lark-singing contest on July 1st and 2nd, at the Green Man Inn, Summers-lane; host, Mr. J. Shaw.—E. KNUTTON, Secretary.—ADVT.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Linnet S.A. held their annual singing contest for quality on June 20th, at Club-house, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. There were 22 birds, which competed for the Boothman Cup and gold medal, besides six copper kettles. Prize-winners: 1, cup and medal, Rostron; 2, D. Bentley; 3, B. Bentley; 4, Marsden; 5, Dobson; 6, Topping; 7, Hazhurst.

NEWTOWN, (LEEDS.)

Linnet contest held at Prince Albert Inn on June 20th. About 20 Linnets were hung up. Result: 1st, Stead; 2nd, Naylor; 3rd divided between Stead and Sellers.—Judges, Messrs. Jennings and Jackson. Another contest on June 21st, when 14 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Allen and Jackson. Prize-winners: 1st, Stead; 2nd, Sellers; 3rd divided between Green and Stead.—W. DEAN, Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held June 20, in the Store Hall, Low Westwood, Mr. W. Marsh in the chair. There was a good turn-up of members. We had on view the cups and medals, prize cards, etc., for the First Feather Show. There are about five medals to compete for. I take this opportunity of reminding members that subscriptions are due and must be paid up before they can exhibit at the Show. Intending members can join by paying the annual subscription.—JOSEPH BROWN.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting held on June 20th, the chairman, Mr. John Farrar, presiding over a large number of members. The meeting proceeded with the election of the other judge for our open show on November 20th and 21st, and it was decided to engage Mr. A. G. Cameron (Kelso) to act in conjunction with Mr. J. H. Roe. Several matters of minor importance having been dealt with, and passed, the meeting was thrown open for questions. A chance remark by one of the members led to the subject of taxidermy, and at the request of several of the members Mr. John Riseborough discoursed on the subject. He explained the method of procedure from beginning to end, giving in detail the best method of cutting the bird, paring the skin from the body, curing, stuffing, and finally mounting. He laid great emphasis on the necessity for stuffing the bird to its correct shape, and mounting it in its right position, stating that it was in these two particulars that most of the amateur taxermidists failed, for they seemed to think that all birds, especially Canaries, were of the same shape and position. The members accorded Mr. Riseborough a hearty vote of thanks for his very interesting and instructive address. Two new members (Messrs. Tallantine and Farren) were admitted into the Society. Fanciers are invited to attend our meetings.—REID AND MADDISON, Secretaries.

CLUB REPORTS.

CROOK ORIGINAL C.B., R. & P.S.

At our last monthly meeting the stewards were elected for our annual open first feather and young stock show under C.B.U. Rules, to be held on July 25th. These are: Messrs. R. Wilkinson, W. Brawn, J. Dobinson, and H. Dixon. The following are the classes: Nor., 2; Yorks, Crests, or Crest-bred, Mules or Hybrids, Brit., 2, Linnet, 1; Novice open; 10s. Selling Class. Mr. T. Hill (Thornaby-on-Tees) will judge. The committee have added a fourth prize for this show, and hope fanciers will again rally round, and send in a bumping entry. Entries close on July 21st. Schedules are now ready, and may be had from me.—A. BOWES, Sec., Wilson-street, Crook.

CINNAMON MARKED Y.C.C.

A committee meeting was held on June 20th, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. Gledhill (President) in the chair. It was decided that we ask for trade and other advertisements to be printed in our year book, and it was hoped that breeders especially would take advantage of this way of helping the Club and themselves. The principal business was the fixing of value of the competition specials, and they were passed as follows:—Open competition, first prize, tea urn (value £4 4s.); second, tea service (value £2 10s. 6d.); third, cup, presented by Mr. J. Sandiford, of Preston (value £2 2s.); and fourth, cash, 10s. 6d. Mr. H. H. Towers and Messrs. Odgen Bros. gave 10s. 6d. each towards these specials. Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the colour-food vendor, will give silver-plated cruet for most points won by bird moulted on his peppers. Members should note this. He also gives a similar cruet to the novices' competitions. Novice competition: First prize, rose bowl (value £2 10s.); second prize, gold medal (value £1 1s.); third, medal, presented by Messrs. R. Sutcliff and Son (value 10s. 6d.); and fourth prize, medal (value 7s. 6d.), given by Mr. J. W. Wharton. There is also a competition for three special prizes given by Mr. Carl, to be called CAGE BIRDS special prizes, of the value of, 1st, 25s.; 2nd, 20s.; and 3rd, 15s., for those members who have not won more than three first prizes in open competitions. All these specials are for members only, and as the annual subscription is only 1s. 6d., it is hoped all Yorkshire Fanciers will join our club. We have made great progress, but the committee are desirous of going still further. The following gentlemen either gave or promised cash towards the special prize fund: Messrs. Bentley, 7s. 6d.; J. Greaves, W. Crabtree, H. Simmonett, J. Wilcox, W. Richmond, and W. Gledhill 5s. each; A. Cooper, A. Blakey and A. Hirst, 2s. 6d. each. The committee hope this list will be added to before the end of the year. Our next meeting will be held on July 25th, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, when all applications must be to hand. Any Society wishing the patronage of the club must make at least four classes for marked Yorkshires (Cinnamon), two cocks and two hens; and if they will also make two ticked classes, the club will bear half the loss on ticked classes, if any. They must also state date of show and name of judge for these classes. The usual 2s. 6d. for best four prizes in cocks and hens and novice 5s. will be given.—R. GARNETT, Secretary, 17, Woodville-terrace, Windhill, Shipley.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Presentation to Mr. J. W. Rennie.

General meeting held June 17th, when there was a splendid attendance, Mr. J. W. Rennie in the chair. Prize-money was paid for young stock show. The chairman then called upon Mr. A. B. Forse to give his promised cage-making demonstration. In the course of this it soon became apparent to all that Mr. Forse was a past-master at the business, and everything was thoroughly explained to the general satisfaction of those present. Many questions were asked and suitably answered. After a hearty vote of thanks had been accorded to Mr. Forse, the secretary (Mr. R. P. Harper) announced that the next item was a presentation to the worthy chairman, Mr. J. W. Rennie, who was officiating on that evening for the last time, owing to business taking him from London. The secretary stated that to his sorrow and regret he had been obliged to place Mr. Rennie's resignation before the committee, who very reluctantly accepted same, but they felt they would like to show their appreciation of his valuable help in some way. He had, therefore, notified all the members, and felt very pleased at the splendid response. Mr. Harper continued: In my position as secretary, I have been brought into closer contact with Mr. Rennie than most of you, and can assure one and all that the welfare of this association was his first thought, while he has rendered yeoman service. I am pleased to say that he is taking with him his valuable stock of Canaries, so we can rely on his usual entry at the annual show. His absence will be felt very keenly, as he has earned the highest respect and esteem of every member. I ask you, Mr. Rennie, to accept this set of gold links and studs and testimonial as a small token of our esteem, friendship, and regard, and we sincerely trust your new venture will prove successful in every respect, and that you may long be spared to enjoy good health and prosperity. (Loud applause.)—Mr. R. L. Crisp supported the presentation, and said he thoroughly endorsed the secretary's statements. Not only was Mr. Rennie a true sportsman, but he would go further and say that he was the most unselfish fancier he (Mr. Crisp) had ever the good fortune to meet, and he was sure wherever he went he could not help but be popular. We all know how well this association has flourished during his connection with us. I must compliment our secretary on choosing such an appropriate present, and expect his thoughts, when purchasing the set of links, was to link Mr. Rennie to us for all time. (Loud applause.) On Mr. Crisp resuming his seat, Mr. Marley rose to express his appreciation of Mr. Rennie, and said the splendid response proved how well he was respected by the members, especially seeing that it was all carried through in less than a week.—At the request of the meeting the secretary read out the testimonial, which was signed by about 40 members, and was as follows:—"To J. W. Rennie, Esq.: Before you leave us for your new sphere of labour, we, the undersigned, desire to express to you our deep sense of gratitude for all you have done for the Association during the two years in which you have acted as its chairman. Under your chairmanship it has flourished greatly, and we need not say how much your absence will be felt. We ask you to accept this small token of our esteem, friendship, and regard, and express the hope that you may long be spared to enjoy health and prosperity in the days to come."—Mr. Rennie, on rising to respond, was greeted with loud and prolonged cheers, and when at last he was able to speak, said: Gentlemen, I hardly know how to thank you for such a handsome present, and cannot make out what I have done to deserve it. Your kind remarks have affected me very much. I shall always remember with pride the many pleasant hours I have spent amongst you. As you know, I am removing shortly to the Junction Hotel, Andover, and shall always be pleased to see any of you there. I am looking forward to being with you again at the annual show in October, and if you will allow me I shall be pleased to offer you a two-guinea special for competition at that show, to be allotted as your committee think fit. (Applause.) I trust you will extend the same courtesy and support to your new chairman, Mr. F. Williamson, as you have always accorded to me, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the handsome testimonial handed to me by our secretary on your behalf. (Applause.)—The election of new officers, viz., Chairman, Mr. F. W. Williamson; Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. J. Marley; Committee, Mr. J. Bell concluded a very pleasant evening.—R. P. Harper, Hon. Sec.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1908 SEASON.

Secretaries and Fanciers are invited to send their experiences

I am having a very successful breeding season. I have about 30 young Norwich Plainheads, 16 of which are on the sticks. I also have several nests of good eggs which are due to hatch shortly. I have heard of a number of fanciers round here who are doing fairly well —T. CRAIGHILL (Manchester).

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.

The members are not having the best of luck, unfertile eggs and dead young birds in shell being the chief causes. Several members have had no young yet. I have only saved three from nine nests. Of the few that have met with success, Mr. Fortune had 21, Mr. Penman 18, Mr. Hendry 7, from one pair; these have done splendidly, and also Mr. Cardwell. Messrs. M. Dougall, Lowe, and Jamieson have several each.—F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

Forfar and District C.B.S.

The breeding season has not been a very good one here owing to the bad weather we had to commence with, the first round being very bad. But better results have been reported with the second round. Norwich Canaries have been the worst, but breeders are doing better now. It is said that a few good ones are to be seen in the various bird-rooms. The Border Fancies have done far better, one member having over 50 young and three others over 30 each. Things give promise of being very warm in this section. Mules are not a large "crop," but some Goldie and Linnet-Canary Mules are to be seen. I have seen some laying records reported in CAGE BIRDS, but I think this will take some beating. One of our members has a Norwich hen that laid 11 eggs. He has set her on 7, putting the other 4 under another hen. I hope to report better results by the end of the season.—W. GREWAR, hon. sec. of the Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

[The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.]

June 26 and 27.—Hazel Grove and Dist. C.B.S.
June 27, London and Counties O.A.
June 27.—Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.
June 27.—Pendleton and Salford.
June 27.—Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.
June 27.—Otley and Dist. O.S.
June 27.—Rotherham C.B.S.
June 27.—Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.
June 27.—East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.
June 27.—Littleborough C.B.S.
July 1.—Battersea and Dist. C.B.A.
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THE SHOWS.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

A table show of Yorkshire Canaries (nest feather) was held in the Y.M.C.A. on June 17th, when four classes were provided, and a fair entry was obtained. Mr. Ben Evans judged, and his awards were well received.

CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Woodhead; 3, Williams. BUFF: 1, 2, Williams. TRD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Williams; 2, Woodhead. BUFF: 1, 3, Woodhead; 2, Williams. After judging a very interesting discussion took place, and all agreed that the quality and style of the birds were excellent. The birds ought to be heard of again. A hearty vote of thanks to the judge closed a very enjoyable meeting.—WILLIAMS and EASBY, Hon. Secs.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The first young feather show was held on June 13th. Mr. J. Hartley (Lidget Green) placed the cards, and gave full satisfaction. Thirty-seven birds were staged in four classes, and though not quite up to the usual quantity, the quality of the exhibits was of the very best, and special mention should be made of the first two birds in the ticked and uneven marked yellows, both of which were typical Yorkshires of good size. The first bird in the ticked and uneven Buff class was also a grand all-round bird, of which the owners ought to be proud. The owner of the second in ticked yellows and first in ticked Buff has not exhibited a bird before, and is one of the novices.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Bastow; 3, Chapman and Bateman; 4, Ellerton; vhc, Crowther; hc, Humpries; c, Lawson. BUFF: 1, Lawson; 2, Crowther; 3, Musson; 4, hc, c, Chapman and Bateman; vhc, Benn. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Chapman and Bateman; 2, Hudson; 4, Hindle; vhc, c, Crowther; hc, Thornton. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, Ellerton; 3, Beaumont; 4, Bastow; vhc, Crowther; hc, Norton; c, Wright.—E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

The second table show for birds in nest feather was held at Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle, on June 17, when there were some nice birds present. Again the principal prizes went to Blaydon, Mr. Davison taking first in each class with two taking exhibits. They were not so large as some there, but were good in position and feather—two things which go so far to make an exhibition Yorkshire. On this occasion we amalgamated with the Northern B.B. and M.C., and there was quite a gathering of Fanciers in Lockhart's basement. It is very pleasant to meet Fanciers of other varieties of birds, and to interchange ideas with them. The Britishers have it on some points, as, for instance, when friend Bertram takes us up and points out the second, third, and fourth winners, and says "What do you think of them for 3s. 9d. worth?" We had to admit that Britishers were cheaper than Yorkshires were. The secretary judged.

CL. YELL. OR BUFF: 1, Davison; 2, Grieve; 3, Slack; vhc, hc, Ellwood; c, Mather. TICK., ETC., 1, Davison; 2, Ellwood; 3, Grieve; vhc, Davison. The next show is on July 8th, when Mr. Slack judges.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

TORBAY O.S.

A members' first feather show (Canaries) was held on June 17th in the public hall, Paignton, when the exhibits in the Norwich class especially were very good, both in number and quality. The exhibition was a creditable one throughout. Mr. J. B. Dyer (Torquay) judged.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Daw, very neat and cobby; 2, Jeffery, very promising. BUFF: 1, Jeffery, lovely quality, good wings and tail; 2, Bastard, grand, fine-headed bird; 3, Daw, beautiful shape; vhc, Mugford; hc, Collings. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Daw, very promising wing-mkd. bird; 2, Jeffery, eye tick; 3, Collings, lacks size, but good in feather; vhc, hc, Hodge. BUFF: 1, Jeffery, hen of good size, good head and neck, nicely marked in tail; 2, 3, Daw, 2nd also hen, heavily varicgated; 3rd, thigh-ticked cock, very shapely; vhc, hc, c, Webber; hc, Mugford; c, Collings. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Hodge, 1st well trained, easy winner; 2nd, very stylish hen; 3, Mugford, very young, but full of quality; vhc, Bastard; hc, Parnell and Son. BUFF: 1, Hodge, straight as a pencil, good wings and tail, takes perch like a winner; 2, Mugford, not so large, but still a good one; 3, Parnell and Son, also good. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Parnell and Son, both good, will improve yet. BUFF: 1, 3, Parnell and Son, 1st very neat and stylish, 3rd a good bird; 2, Hodge, nice size with neck-mark. CINN. OR CINN. TKD.: 1, 2, Parnell and Son, 1st yellow self, a real beauty; 2nd a buff, very neat. JUNIORS NOR.: 1, 3, Jeffery; 2, Bastard. YORKS.: 1, Bastard.—J. N. JEFFERY, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

The members held their annual First Feather Show at headquarters, the City Arms Hotel, on June 20th. Several nice youngsters were staged, notably Messrs. Taylor and Tristem's clear yellow Norwich, which secured special for best bird in the show. Mr. Keegan's cinnamon-marked Yellow Yorkshire, and Mr. Lovell's ticked Buff Yorkshire were also outstanding exhibits. All were much admired, and with luck should do good service for their respective owners. The hon. sec., Mr. W. H. Manley, as usual had everything well arranged, and left nothing to be desired. Mr. J. H. Payne judged.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Taylor and Tristem, leader bird of much merit, grand in quality, deep colour, good shape, nicely cut away; 2nd, marked on head, good shape, nice feather and quality. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Taylor and Tristem, winner rich in colour, good shape, full of quality, nice head, neck, and back; 2nd, good shape and feather, wings, well braced; 3rd close up. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Keegan, cinn.-mkd., close as a Java in feather, nice quality, slim built, stands well; 2, Morgan, rare length, well up on leg, grand colour; 3, Martin, clear, nice quality and stand, close-fitting jacket, neat wings and tail; vhc, Buckland; hc, c, Bull. BUFF: 1, 3, Lovell, leader ticked on head, stands like a veteran, grand quality, straight as a rush; 3rd, clear, beautiful feather and quality, stands well; 2, Keegan, cinn.-mkd., close as a Java, full of quality; vhc, Buckland; hc, Newman; c, Martin. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, Morgan, good coloured and lengthy yellow; 2, 3, vhc, Smartbwaite, all close together. A.O.V.: 1, Newman, buff green Yorksbire.

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OUTINGS.

LEEDS C.B.S.

By the kind permission of the Rev. B. and Mrs. Hemsworth, Monk Fryston Hall, a number of members had a most enjoyable outing on June 20th, accompanied by some friends. A pleasant party assembled at the Leeds New Station, and travelled by special train to Monk Fryston, arriving there at 3.15. A pleasant and interesting afternoon was spent in viewing the fine collection of Foreign birds and animals at the aviaries. The party was met by Mr. Levitt, the avienkurist, who took them round, giving interesting information. After this followed a sumptuous tea, which was welcomed and done justice to by everyone. The party then rambled through the park and woods, some on to the cricket ground, where sports were going on. It was a grand outing; the weather was ideal, and it was a treat to all to be able to wander in the beautiful grounds, it being such a pleasant change from treading the hard and dusty streets which we are daily accustomed to. The time quickly passed, when we had to retrace our steps to the station for our return journey.

GUISBOROUGH AND DISTRICT "PRIORY" C.B.S.

By the kind permission of Colonel and Mrs. Chaloner, a few of our members met for a ramble in the woods on their estate on Whit-Monday. Being a general holiday, and a beautiful day for the races (human and otherwise), we could only muster ten. We started on our walking tour, passing the church and the famous Old Abbey, where many Jackdaws, Starlings, and Owls are reared each year, the Owls scaring many a person. Passing through a field and into an avenue, we heard the Wren singing his bright song, quite a loud one for so small a bird. Entering another field, a young Blackbird, very forward, flew past us, and alighted in a ditch. Just above it, a pied Wagtail was flying to and fro catching flies. One of our group pointed out a Starling's nest in a tree, where he witnessed a Crow trying hard to get in, probably for the eggs or young. Crossing another field into the main road leading to the entrance of the woods, we found another member and our worthy chairman awaiting us. Directly we entered the bridge leading to the entrance of the plantation, we were greeted by the songs of the Chaffinch and Whitethroat. The undergrowth was very thick just here, and we flushed four young Thrushes. One was caught easily, and we all had a peep at it before we liberated it. Just above our heads was a Thrush sitting on four eggs. As we went further on, the place seemed literally full of bird life, making the place ring with the different songs and the cooing of the wild Pigeons. Redpolls seemed very numerous, but we did not hear of one of their nests being found. A stream running through the centre of the wood the beautiful Kingfisher used to frequent, but the water being polluted by sulphur water from the mines, no fish can live in it, so that the king of colour has had to find other places where fish do abound. One of our members had seen a pair some three miles from here, so they have not deserted the neighbourhood altogether. A few of us kept to the stream; others in the centre and top of the wood, finding many nests, including that of a Bullfinch. We all gathered round one nest of four young on the low branch of a fir tree; we could not decide whose nest it was, so a few stayed to see the parents, and one member declared it to be a Robin's, so we left it at such. But a little further on by the side of the stream a similar one was found, and as we had a better opportunity of concealing ourselves we stayed to watch the old birds. It was a Blackcap's nest, and within ten yards of us the male bird burst into lovely song, each one looking on it with envy, and loth to leave it. However, a little further on in the bank was found a Lesser Whitethroat's nest containing six young. This was a case of overcrowding, by the look of it. On the branch of a tree was the neatest nest of all, the Chaffinch's, containing four young ones ready for leaving it. Thrushes' nests with eggs and young were very numerous, but there was a scarcity of Blackbirds. The signal was here given to have our photographs taken, but, oh, the midges! They were enough to devour us, and it was with difficulty we kept still until the operation was over. According to the proof, we did somehow manage it. Close to us was a young rabbit, minus its head; probably the weasel had been at work. On climbing the embankment, a lot of newly-strewn pieces of rotten wood at the bottom of a tree caused us to examine it, and we found it to be the home of the Woodpecker, as we discovered three round holes, one recently made; hence the pieces at the bottom. These holes appeared to be in a direct line with each other, and about three feet apart. Just as we were leaving it, out popped the Woodpecker. In crossing the stream we saw the Dipper (one of our members slipping in the centre) and the Snipe. We next heard the Cuckoo, and by an imitation brought it overhead. We noticed a small bird chasing it, and as we looked at it a Green Woodpecker flew past. Still following the stream, we saw the Spotted Flycatcher's, Tom Tit's, Wren's, and Hedge Sparrow's nests. At the edge of another plantation we espied a Blue Tit darting about the grass, and, catching it, we found it to be an adult with its tail all frayed, as though it had been caged; but it flew off with rapidity when released. Now we arrived in a lane leading to the main road, where many Blackbirds, Thrushes, Blue Tits, Whitethroats, Starlings, Peewits, Robins, and Larks were seen and heard. About a mile further on the road brought us back to the abbey and churchyard, where a Stonechat was darting about on the tombstones. On our return to headquarters, at about 6.30, our host had prepared a grand tea, which we were ready for, and did ample justice to. Many kind words were spoken in praise of our worthy president, for the privileges we had in rambling on the estate. It was one of the most pleasant tours we ever experienced. After tea we at once started business in electing the judge for our open cage bird show on January 1st, 1909, and decided on Mr. Jacob Mackley. We hope to have some of the finest exhibits, and the most bumping entry it has ever been our pleasure to have. —G. ATKINSON, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

On June 13th we went for our annual outing to Balloch. We had a good company, and notwithstanding the too earnest attentions of old Jupitor Pluvius, formed quite a merry party as we steamed out of Glasgow Central en route for the "Bonny banks of Loch Lomond." The run down in the train was very pleasant, the route taking us right along the famous estuary of the Clyde, and giving a panoramic view of the mammoth shipbuilding and engineering yards for which our river stands unrivalled. On we went away from the (at first) seemingly endless rows of tenements out into the green fields fresh from the recent rains, and showing magnificent in all the delicate hues of ever-changing greens. The pleasant river, bordered by the grassy banks, the hay well forward, the corn and wheat showing bright and green, and giving promise of a good crop later, the trees heavy with fresh young foliage, and the hawthorn hedges flourishing white, spreading its delicious fragrance all over the meadows—these and the smiling valley all cloistered in by the lofty Kilpatrick hills formed a fitting gateway to the fairyland of lake and mountain beyond. Dumbarton's rock and castle are passed on the left, and Renton and Alexandria flash past, and then we are on the platform at Balloch, the rain being but a memory, with the sun shining brightly, giving prospect of a glorious afternoon. Still three hours till tea-time, and one of Scotland's prettiest spots to explore, we lost no time in getting under way, and, like birdy men, were soon keen on the look-out for the tiny homes of our feathered friends. So many and varied were the nests, and so thoroughly enjoyable was the search, that the party broke up into little groups, each taking its own section and glorying in its own discoveries, not forgetting to enjoy to the full the beauties of the Loch, the grandeur of the mountains, and the quieter shady solitudes of the glades and glens brightened by the babbling prattle of the purling brooks. But, alas! "Old Time was stealing on," and soon the Loch echoed with the shouts that brought us all together to our rendezvous, where it had been previously arranged we should have our "photo took." There was an inn—there must have been an inn, for only the temperance party arrived, and the photo which was taken leaves the others out. The walk back to our hotel was most interestingly spent in comparing notes and dilating on our several discoveries, and the wonderful tales had not yet ceased when "mine host" arrived with the "cup that cheers, but not inebriates." But even wonders pall on an empty stomach, and for awhile silence more eloquent than speech proclaimed that justice was being done to the good fare provided. Tea over, with renewed vigour (which a good wash had something to do with), we sallied forth new worlds to conquer; while some betook themselves to football and rounders, the remainder boarded our chartered motor launch and went off for a sail up the Loch. If the enjoyment of the earlier hours was grand, this was glorious.

"As sitting there at ease we spied
The wondrous scene unfold,
The limpid loch, the islands fair,
The mountain's touring heights,
The grassy slopes, the coverts dark,
By gloamings changeful lights."

Arcadia for a little, then back again to the river, and just by way of a change the mists began to gather and—"down came the rain." But what cared we? The open door of the hostel welcomed us, and the cheery parlour was bright and comfortable. A united company, we enlivened the remaining hour with toast, song, and story, and then entrained for home, where, after a pleasant ride, we duly arrived contented and happy after a well-spent day in Nature's wonderland.—R. A. BROWN.

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IN THE COURTS.

THE "RIFT IN THE LUTE" AT PECKHAM.

Show Manager's Balance Sheet In Dispute.

At the Lambeth County Court on Thursday, June 18th, Wm. Hodson, secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham Cage Bird Society, sued Geo. F. Woolhouse, traveller, to recover £8 3s. 9d. Mr. Williams appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Alfred Nisbet for the defendant, who paid into court £3 17s. 8d., with a denial of liability.

The case first came before Judge Emden, but by agreement was referred to the Registrar (Mr. Pritchard). Mr. Nesbit, in the temporary absence of Mr. Williams, explained the circumstances of his case to the Registrar. He said that a bird show was held at the Peckham Public Hall last October, and the defendant took on the duties of hon. show manager, he then being one of the members of the Dulwich and Peckham Cage Bird Society. He had absolute control to work the show to the best advantage, and in connection therewith he had to collect certain monies and make certain expenditure, and, of course, render an account. In due course, after the show, he rendered a preliminary account which was not intended for audit, but to show roughly how the financial position stood, and subsequently he would render a full detailed account which would, of course, be audited. The result of the figures showed that there was a balance of £3 17s. 8d. due from the defendant, and he said that, subject to the auditors being satisfied, he would pay that amount over. But the preliminary account was audited in the absence of the defendant, and instead of the auditors or the secretary pointing out to the defendant any discrepancies or any items they were going to disallow, they made out an account of their own, disallowed certain items, and found that a sum of £8 3s. 9d. was due from the defendant to the society. They did not intimate in any way what items they objected to, but left the defendant to discover them for himself. Shortly after he had received the demand a solicitor's letter came to hand, ask-for payment of the £8 3s. 9d. The defendant replied expressing his surprise, and stating that he was quite sure that the solicitor's clients had not put him (the solicitor) in possession of the whole of the facts. He added that he would like to know out of curiosity how his clients made up the claim. In answer to that the defendant received the summons.

Mr. Nisbet said he intended calling evidence to prove that what he had paid into court was all that was due. There was an item of "carriage of birds" which the auditors had reduced from 4s. 8d. to 4s.; they had disallowed an item of 2s. under the head of "petty expenditure," and which represented the cost of a journey to Croydon; they had knocked down the "carriage on specials" from 4s. 6d. to 3s. 6d., and "wires and telephones" from 3s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. They had allowed only £3 9s. 2d. for "labour and assistance," when the defendant had paid away £4 7s. 10d., and had reduced "postage" from £8 2s. 8½d. to £6 2s. 8½d. Further, they had disallowed 1s. 6d. paid for Harrison's book of "sold" tickets for putting on cages when birds were sold. Since the defendant made out his account, however, and the summons had been served, he had fortunately discovered a receipt for 7s. 6d. for refreshments and another for 10s. for carriage on belated "specials." On the receipt side there was only one item he had to deal with. On the preliminary account the defendant put down £6 6s. as an estimate of the sales of tickets, but in fact it was only £5 6s.

An Expletive not an Explanation.

Mr. Williams's clerk denied that the defendant had not been given an opportunity of giving an explanation. He had a letter from the defendant, dated 22nd April, in which he wrote that if the society would shew a balance sheet signed by both auditors he would pay the amount that was due. We should not have pressed the case so severely but for the fact that the defendant gave no explanation of these items, simply putting a cross to some and in one case marking an item as a "Lie." We could not accept anything like that.

Mr. Nesbit: It was the duty of the auditors to ask for any explanations.—The Registrar: They ought to have sent to the defendant saying that they wanted further information as to these points.

Mr. F. S. Matthes, one of the auditors, was called, and dealt first of all with the post book, which he said had been wrongly cast up. There was an item of £2 for postage put down in one lump sum.—In cross-examination Mr. Nesbit asked "There has been a split hasn't there in this little concern?"—Mr. Williams's clerk: "I don't think that concerns this case."—Mr. Matthes: "There was no split when this audit was going on."—Mr. Nesbit: "Which camp are you in now, the plaintiff's or defendant's?"—Mr. Matthes: "I was a member of the old society, and I simply renewed my subscription."—Mr. Nesbit: "And some of the members have started a new society?"—No, some of the members have remained in the old society."—"But some have started a new society?"—"That is so."—"And I suggest to you that this case would never have been heard of except for that split?"—"I should have been here on that balance sheet on my honesty."—"Do you mean that you charge Mr. Woolhouse with dishonesty?"—I say this: that Mr. Woolhouse's balance-sheet was wrong, and as an auditor I would not pass it."—"But that was not intended for a balance sheet for audit."—"That was."—"He says it was not."—"I have letters to prove that he says it was."—In further cross-examination, Mr. Matthes said that on the books the show showed a small profit, but all the accounts were not in.

The Defendant Speaks.

The defendant, Mr. Woolhouse, was called at this point. He stated that he spent on the show all his spare time night and day for months before and months after it was held. He was given only 5s. to run the show, and it was because he had to borrow money that he was so sure about what he had spent. He explained, for instance, that he spent £2 of his own money and £6 that he borrowed on the purchase of stamps, and, therefore, when he came to reckon up his post-book to find that the total was not £8 odd he knew there was a mistake and discovered it in the casting.

The Registrar: Why did you not enter these letters of appeal and post-cards which you have put down in a lump sum of £2, just as you entered the letters individually in the earlier days?"—The defendant explained that he found the entries were not coming in as they ought to, and to prevent a "financial fiasco" he sent an appeal round by post. He had all his work cut out at that late period to get this out, and no time to enter individual letters.

In reply to Mr. Williams's clerk, he said he did not recollect tearing a leaf out of the postage book; he did not know what the question was meant to suggest. Even if he did tear a leaf out it would not alter the balance and the amount he had spent.

Mr. Wm. Goodwin, proprietor of the Herne Tavern, who was hon. treasurer of the society, said he personally bought £5 worth of stamps for the defendant and either used them or saw them all used. Witness actually stuck on as many as £8 worth of stamps. As the society allowed the defendant only 5s. to run the show on, witness had to finance him.—The Registrar: Are you prepared to swear that £8 worth of stamps were used?—Yes, positively: and more.

The Judge's Appetite.

The defendant was then taken through the other items in dispute. In regard to a reduction of 2s., he stated that was spent on a journey to Croydon, which was taken by him to get the society credit for their printing. As to an item of 2s. 6d., that was for Mr. Weston's (the judge's) lunch and refreshment, and for which he (the defendant) held a receipt.—Mr. Williams: Surely that can't be allowed!

Another item of 7s. 6d., the defendant explained, was for sandwiches and sodas for the staff. The Mayor enjoyed some of the soda water at the opening. (Laughter).

The defendant complained strongly that he was not given an opportunity of explaining all these matters to the auditor.—Cross-examined, the defendant admitted that he wrote against several items struck out or altered by the auditor the word "wrong," his reason for not giving any explanation as to them and why they were wrong being that he was not asked.

A Scene in Court.

Mr. Williams began asking what the defendant meant by writing about "malicious defamation," but there was so much hub-bub from the crowd of interested and opposing parties in court, that he had to break off and suggest that one of the defendant's friends should be ejected. In the commotion the question was not answered.

In the end the Registrar said the difficulty arose through the auditing of the first account. The auditor going through it ought to have presumed that it was only an estimate. The largest item was that of postage, and that had been proved up to the hilt.—Mr. Williams: I submit that the defendant brought all this upon himself by his foolishness.—The Registrar: I find £2 9s. 2d. due to the plaintiff and the defendant has paid £3 17s. 8d. into court, but as that was done with a denial of liability, the defendant does not get his costs. I am afraid there has been a lot of feeling in the matter.—Mr. Nesbit: I think you have hit the nail on the head, Sir. Any information asked for by the auditors would have been readily given, if it had not been for the feeling all through.

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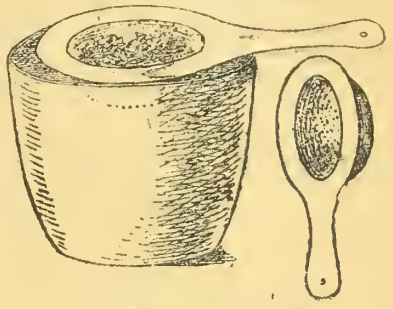
No. 217.

USEFUL METHOD OF SOAKING AND DRYING RAPE SEED.

Sent by T. Craighill, 20, Yates Street, Rhodes, Middleton, Manchester.

I find this idea to be very useful. It is an easy way of soaking rape-seed and also washing it and draining all the water out. It does not require to be put into a rag to be dried; it is simply put into a sieve only costind 1d. at any stall in the market. I put



To prepare soaked seed.

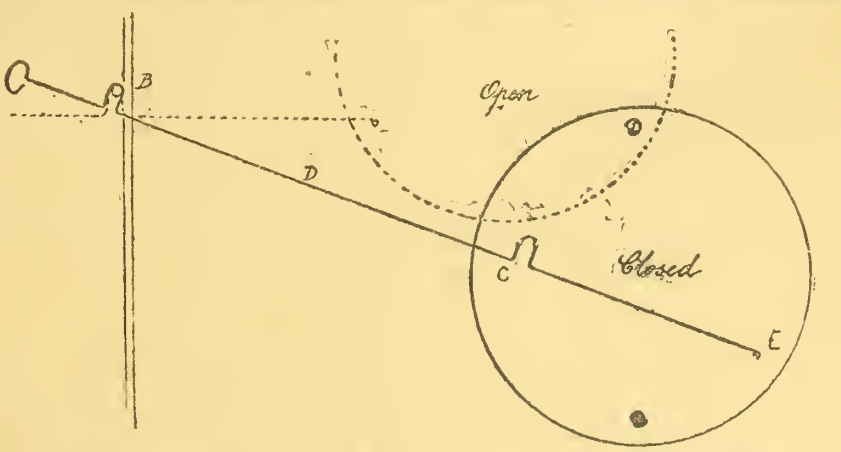
my seed in the sieve and then put both in a tumbler of water. After soaking them over night I put them under the water tap until the seed is thoroughly washed. Then I work the seed toward the sides, making it nest-shape, and in that way the water drains away from it, leaving it ready for use. This saves time and labour, and also the seeds, as when they are dabbed in a rag one wastes more seed than he wishes.—T. Craighill.

No. 218.

NOVEL WAY OF OPENING DOORS IN BREEDING-CAGE PARTITIONS.

Sent by E. Wilson, 7, Catherine Terrace, Fulwell, Sunderland.

This applies to those who have round openings in the partitions of their breeding-cages. The idea will enable them to open and close the divisions without frightening the birds. A represents the cage front and B a piece of wire soldered to it. The circle represents the round door shut. To make it, bend a piece of wire to the shape of D, passing the end through E, and bending it over. To open the door lift the wire at notch B and pass it so that notch C rests on the place which B previously occupied. I have these



A device to open and close holes in breeding cage partitions.

doors on my breeding-cages, and they answer very well.—E. Wilson.

LARKHALL C.B.C.

Usual fortnightly meeting held in Miners' Hall on June 20th, the business being the election of office bearers for ensuing year. The following gentlemen were duly elected:—President, Mr. J. Rundell; vice-president, Mr. R. McLuckey; treasurer, Mr. D. Clarkson; secretary, J. Pollock, with a committee of nine. It was agreed to hold a young bird show, date to be fixed at next meeting, when a large attendance is requested. Anyone interested in cage birds will be heartily welcomed for membership. The subscription is 2s. per year, which entitles members to all the privileges of the Society.—J. Pollock, Secretary, 30, Marshall-street, Larkhall.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

A meeting was held at the Gunner's Arms, Oldham, on June 20th. A grand muster of fanciers attended, there being representatives from Oldham, Glossop, Stockport, Denton, Middleton, Rawtenstall, etc. Mr. Garner (Hazel Grove) was in the chair, and a large amount of business was gone through. This included the club's patronage, a large number of applications being put before the meeting, showing that the Association is advancing in popularity, in spite of pessimists. We also noticed a few visitors at the meeting, and a little bird whispered that one or two of them intended becoming members of our Society. A number of Societies were selected for our cup's shows, and these will probably be confirmed at our next meeting, which will be held at an early date. We cordially invite Fanciers to join, and also old members, to give us the support necessary to keep our two beautiful varieties at the front. Subscriptions now due.—J. Rukin, hon sec

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Dulwich and Peckham (C.B.U.).—July 2nd, Public Hall, Rye-lane.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 4 open classes: Nor. 2, York. 2, and 28 members' classes. Prizes, 9/-, 5/-, 2/6, and 1/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close June 29th (last post) to W. HODSON, 209, Crystal Palace-road, East Dulwich, S.E.

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Grimsby.—July 2nd. S. Lee, 335, Hainton-avenue.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Battersea.—June 29th (1st post). F. Easterling, 5, St. Marks Road, Fulham Road.

TWITTERINGS.

Members of the City of Birmingham C.B.S. should note that the usual meeting on July 1st stands postponed until July 8th.

The Suffolk C.B.S. hold their annual young bird show on July 11th, writes Mr. W. Barritt, the hon. sec., when Mr. C. Simpson will judge.

My address in future will be 6, Steadman Street, Birches Head, Hanley, Staffs, writes Mr. Thomas Hawley (late of Gibbins Street).

Our First Feather show will be held on July 4th, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, sec. of the Rochdale O.C. Mr. J. Naden has been elected to judge.

We are holding our First Feather show on July 4th, writes Mr. Rd. Lambert, sec. of the Clitheroe and Dis. C.B.S. Mr J. Trengove (Rishton), will judge.

The judges engaged for our annual club show to be held November 14th, writes Mr. G. Hislop, sec. of the Stirling and Dis. O.S., are Messrs. D. J. Gardner (Bathgate), and W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge).

In noticing Mr. Garthwaithe's now celebrated "Lifebelt" food, we remarked that it was noted for its efficiency in rearing birds from the nest, and would add that this, of course, includes while in the nest as well.

Will all secretaries kindly note that I have removed from 2, Brook Street, Rishton, where I resided during last show season, writes Mr. E. L. Winter, to 8, Sunny Bowers, Little Harwood, Blackburn, Lancs.

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Queen's Park C.B.A. young bird show is due to-day (Saturday) in the Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., from 2 to 9 p.m. There will be a nice lot of birds on view, we understand, and this fixture is well worth a visit.

I have sent three lots of Canaries to Canada (two into Montreal), and one to France this last week, through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known specialist of Norwich, and I consider this not bad for June.

The Wibsey C.B.S. and Windhill, Shipley O.S. try conclusions at cricket to-day (June 27th), on the Windhill cricket ground, and visitors desirous of witnessing the prowess of these fanciers, and joining in the fun, are given a hearty welcome to be present.

The Bradford West C.B.A. is another Yorkshire society which is indulging in a cricket match to-day (Saturday), this being a members' affair. Wielding the willow promises to become as popular a pastime as "rambling."

Allow me to thank through your columns, writes Mr. G. F. Woolhouse (East Dulwich), the many friends who have congratulated me on the verdict in the recent action taken against me by the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. I feel very grateful to them.

A members' and open show, in connection with the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. has been arranged for July 2nd. The schedule, a copy of which we have received from the sec., Mr. W. Hodson, comprises 23 members' classes, and four open classes.

The C.B.U. will not allow us to have November 20th and 21st for our annual show, writes Mr. J. C. Hayes, hon. sec. of the Rotherham C.B.S., as we clash with Hull. We have, therefore, chosen another date, which is November 2nd and 3rd, which we hope fanciers will note.

We have arranged to hold our First Feather show on July 11th, at the Mackworth Hotel, stock-room, Swansea, writes Mr. Alf. Hutchings, sec. of the Swansea and Dis. C.B.S. Messrs. D. A. S. Longdon and W. Love will officiate as judges. All birds are to be staged by 3 p.m.

The Pelton and Dis. C.B.S. has changed its headquarters, writes Mr. Lance Hall, the sec., owing to the landlord leaving. The members' First Feather show will be held on July 11th, at the Colliery Inn, Pelton Fell, with Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington) as judge. There will be 18 classes.

The London and Counties O.A. has arranged an excellent classification for its young bird show, held to-day (Saturday), at the "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., with Mr. W. Shakespeare as judge. A fine display is anticipated, both of Canaries, British and foreign birds.

We have received from Mr. F. W. Hamer, the hon. sec. of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S., a schedule of the members' young stock and British bird show, to be held on July 9th, at "The Two Brewers," Greenwich, There are to be 21 classes, and an excellent show is being looked forward to.

We are holding our annual Nest Feather show to-day June 27th, at headquarters, White Swan Hotel, at 3 p.m., writes Mr. Chas. Draper, hon. sec. of the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton), will judge. All fanciers are invited, and there is no charge for admission.

Kindly thank all who wrote respecting my advert. which appeared in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, anent hen Canaries for sale, writes Mr. W. H. Uzzell (Birmingham). I might say this is my first advertisement, and the letters were too many for me to reply to. There is no doubt this is the most instructive paper in my estimation that deals with bird life.

Our Nest Feather show will be held on July 11th, in the Montgomery Hall, write Messrs. Lindsay and Bingham, the hon. secs. of the Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.

In the report of the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A., my name is given as Thorns. This is a mistake; it should be Thoms.—R. THOMS (Dundee).

We note that a proposal is to come before the members of the Stirling and Dis. O.S. at the next meeting to change the meeting night from Wednesday to Saturday.

I won the all-England singing contest at the Prince Albert Inn, writes Mr. R. Solomon, with a Linnet bought from Mr. J. Clark, of Leeds, and wish to thank him for the same

On Wednesday next, July 1st, the Battersea Society's open young bird show is held at the "Duchess of Devonshire," Lavender Road, Clapham Junction. We hear there is every prospect of this being an exceptionally interesting affair, and Metropolitan fanciers should make a note of the date.

Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, who will be known to our readers by reason of the interesting articles he has contributed to our columns, has this season, we learn, succeeded in breeding the Cirl Bunting in captivity, rearing three young birds to maturity. This is the first instance, we believe, of success with this species.

The young bird show of the City and Suburban A.C.B., due on Saturday next, July 4th, has an extended classification, and no fewer than 17 classes are devoted to Hybrids, British and foreign birds. There is a fine list of specials, and the sec., Mr. Wynn, asks us to notify that he has inadvertently omitted one, viz., 2s. for the best bird in classes 19 and 20.

Through an oversight I omitted to report the awards in the novice Norwich class of our late First Feather show, which are as follows, writes Mr. G. A. Jefferys, hon. sec. of the South London Col. and F.A.: 1 and 3, J. Palmer; 2 and v.h.c., J. Luckham. The points gained for points cup, 1908, by the two competitors for the show, are Mr. Palmer, 30, and Mr. Luckham, 9.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the bereavement which has fallen upon Mr. Jacob Mackley, of the world-famous firm of bird specialists of Norwich, who on June 15th had the misfortune to lose his wife. The deceased lady was 57 years of age, and was a keen lover of birds and a devoted helpmate to her husband Her kindliness had endeared her to the local fanciers, and their sympathy has been warmly extended to Mr. Mackley in his hour of trouble. The funeral took place on June 19th, before a large gathering of friends, bird lovers being conspicuous. The numerous floral tributes made a beautiful display, and testified to the respect in which the late Mrs. Mackley was held.

The Southern Yorkshire C.C. handbook for 1908-9 has reached us, and from it we gather that the club had a very successful time last year, the nice little balance of £3 3s. 7d. remaining in hand after members had been liberally catered for at the shows with special prizes, diplomas, etc. Lovers of the Yorkshires in the South should support the club by sending in their names for membership to Mr. J. W. Rennie, the hon. sec., Junction Hotel, Andover, Hants

Kindly state for the benefit of members and intending members that the last day for joining and paying subscriptions is June 30th, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, hon. sec. of the Northern Y.C.C. I intend having rules and list of members published as soon after that date as possible, so that to be included in the list it is necessary that members should pay up. The subscription is 2s. 6d. per annum (entrance fee 1s.), so that we ought to have more support from the lovers of the Yorkshire Canary in the north. Our district covers the four northern counties, and it is intended to give some of our patronage to the west and south districts should the number of members warrant it. Will secretaries desiring patronage please notify me?

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The Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. are holding their First Feather show on July 4th, at the Coal Exchange, Manchester, writes Mr. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, the hon. sec. Mr. A. G. Davis will judge.

We have arranged a ramble through the woods to Harden for Saturday, July 4th, writes Mr. E. W. Johnson, hon. sec., Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S., along with the Great Horton Good Intent Society, and we shall leave Foster Square at 2 o'clock. Mr. Chittenden has charge of the party, and we hope to see a large turnout of fanciers and friends. All who wish to go with us will be given a cordial welcome.

Yorkshire Union of C.S.S.

Next meeting Saturday, June 27th, at 6 p.m., at headquarters, the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. Business: Printing of hand-books and rules; suggestion re delegates' expenses; minimum classification at shows, etc.—S. DEAN, sec.

The Open Norwich P.C.

All societies desirous of having the Open Norwich Plainhead Club's patronage are invited to send in their applications along with judges' names and number of classes, to reach the club secretary not later than Saturday. July 4th. Intending members wishing to have their names included in the Year Book, should apply before the above date—O. Mitchell, hon. sec., 13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford.

Scottish British Bird and M.C.

Will secretaries please note, when making application for club patronage, that applications will only be considered where a member of this club is to officiate as judge? This rule was added at the general meeting in March, and was duly reported in CAGE BIRDS. I have a good many applications where this rule has been ignored. All information as to membership, etc., may be had from me.—A. W. WATSON, sec., 8, Commercial Street, Leith.

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THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

Election of Executive Council for 1908-9.

The result of the election of the executive council of the C.B.U. for the year 1908-9, after a re-vote in several districts, is as follows:—

District No. 1: Mr. T. Robson, Northern Crest Club; Mr. G. MacPartling, Newcastle C.B.S.; tie.

District No. 2: Mr. W. Park, Millom C.B.A.

District No. 3: Mr. J. Trengove, Accrington C.B.S.

District No. 4: Mr. J. Garner, Stockport B.F.A.

District No. 5: Mr. S. Hadwin, English and Welsh Border Club.

District No. 6: Mr. H. E. Stubbs, Grimsby O.S.; Mr. A. Bradshaw, Sheffield C.B.S.; tie.

District No. 7: Mr. R. Rhodes, Nottingham O.S.

District No. 8: Mr. W. W. Freestone, Norwich Alliance C.B.A.

District No. 9: Mr. T. Pope, Western Counties O.S.

District No. 10: Mr. W. Sampson, Cardiff C.B.S.

District No. 11: Mr. J. W. Ramsden, L.P.O.S

District No. 12: Mr. G. Crabb, Southern Norwich P.C.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, sec.

SELECTION versus INBREEDING.

A notable gathering of Metropolitan Canary enthusiasts assembled last week in response to the invitation of the London and Provincial Ornithological Society to hear Mr. R. L. Crisp start a discussion on the subject of "Inbreeding." Amongst those present were Messrs. G. Crabb (in the chair), J. W. Ramsden, Lambert-Brown, Hodson, Hodder, Couzens, Males, Matthes, Scott, Shepherd, Curtis, Lathleff, Goodwin, Day, R. J. Pretty, Braund, Munday, Lugg, Cunningham, Tringham, Simpson, Picard, Oldaker, Dobson, Pearce, Burn, Midgley, Rennie, Meredith, Robson, Newley, Mortlock, Hazell, and Carl.

Mr Crisp delivered a slashing attack upon indiscriminate inbreeding and its professors, and declared that whilst he had no objection to the mating of co-related perfect specimens, he was a firm advocate of the principle of breeding by selection and from the surface value of the Canary rather than from its pedigree.

A most interesting discussion followed, many speakers participating. We hope to publish some of the observations made in a future issue. A vote of thanks to Mr. Crisp, proposed by Mr. Crabb and seconded by Mr. Ramsden, was carried with acclammation.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

In this list the secretaries' names and addresses are given.

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

Aug. 1.—**Runcorn and Dis. O.S.** (C. Hardy, 10, Arthur-st.)
*Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.—**Wellingboro' and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh-rd.), R.J.H.
*Oct. 1 and 2.—**Clapham & Dis. C.B.A.** (S. H. W. Baker, 11, Foulser-rd., Upper Tooting, S.W.). J.R., and A.S.
*Oct. 2 and 3.—**Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.** (G.Watson, 6, Kirkgate). J.H.R.
Oct. 3.—**Longton and Dis. C.B.S.** (E. Tams, Church-st.).
*Oct. 7 and 8.—**Peterboro' C.B.A.** (H. C. Lilley, 111, Lincoln-rd.). J.R., J.Wk., and W.Ln.
*Oct. 8 and 9.—**Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.** (F. W Hamer, 106, Verney-rd., S. Bermondsey.) J.R.
*Oct. 8 and 9.—**Watford and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Quantrell, 47, Market-st.). C.A.H., and J.F.
*Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.** (G. Waddington, 68, Edge End-rd.). W.V., and W.M.
Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (R. Whitton, 2, Churchill-place). T.A., H.B.M., A.C., J.P., and P. McQ.
*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. and C.B.S.** (Cornish and Adams, 90, Regent-st., St. Thomas). T.H.
*Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.** (F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's-rd., Fulham-rd.). A Ptk. and J.R.
*Oct. 14 and 15.—**Hayle and Dis. F.A.** (W. Paull, 6, Penpol Meadows). G.G. and C.T.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** (J. Stringer, 27, James-st.). J.H.R. and C.H.
Oct. 16 and 17.—**City of Glasgow O.A.** (A. Macdonald, 115, Roslea-drive, Dennistoun.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard** (J. Pepper, 17, Albert-st.). W.V., M.N
Oct. 17.—**Darlington C. and B. B. F.A.** (R. S. Black 42, Brook-terrace). W M.
Oct. 17.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.** (J. Ford, Normand-place). D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.
*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth C.B.S.** (E. Cowling, Fulbeck-cottage). W.P.B., A B.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth).** (T. Pope, 98, Embankment-rd.). O.A.H., J.R., H.N.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby and Dis. O.S.** (Moore and Crowston, 9, Chantrey-lane). J.H.R., and F.My.
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.** (J. Kilby, Railway Livery Stables).
Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.** (J. Simcock, 63, Fenton-rd., Hanley).
*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare** (G. W. Read, Severn-rd.). J.H.P.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze-rd., Horfield). T.H. and H.N.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge and Cambs. C.B.S.** (T. S Moore, 126, Newmarket-rd.).
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee-st., Oswaldtwistle). H.W.B. and A.G.D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.** (Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor-gdns.). T.McC., C H, W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.** (J. Butterworth, 29, Smith-st.). R.B., L.B., and C.A.H.
Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.** (A. Wake, 41, Askc-rd.).
*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** (W. Stevens, 22, South-st.). J.H.R., J.B., and J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** (J. N. Jeffrey, Sartor House, Winner-st.). J.R.
Oct. 28 and 29.—**Dulwich O.S.** (Rogers and Mazzoni, 4, Rye-villas, St. Aidan's-rd.). G.G., W.M., and W.H.V.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley-rd.). H.W.B.
Oct. 29.—**Kirbymoorside (Yorks)** (Read and Calam, Railway-st.). W.M.
*Oct 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S.** (F. Howes, 25, Leslie-rd.). J.R., C.A.L.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester** (E. H. Jones, 45, Whithy-rd, Fallowfield).
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** (W. Duke, 336, South Frederick's-st., South Shields). H.W.B., E.B., and J.S.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** (A. Wand, 3, Wilton-crescent, Fulford-rd.). J.R.
Oct. 31.—**Dysart C.B.S.** (J. Logan, 23, High-st.). W.M.S., J Hn., J.McL., and P.P.
Oct. 31.—**Alnwick and Dis. C.B S.** (R. F. Rennison, 3, Pottergate-place). A.Fly., J.Mn.
*Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Smith, 5, King-st.) R.R., W.V., and C.H.
*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (J. C. Hayes, 9, Florence-rd., Masbro'). W.V. and W.H.S.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Barnstaple** (P. Harris, High-st.).
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland-avenue, Prestbury). T.H. and J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate** (W. J. Jones, 28, Fort-crescent).
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament-st.). H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.
Nov. 4 and 5. —**Portsmouth C.B.S.** (J. Woodhouse, 123, High-st.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** (W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace-rd.). H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop-st.). A.W., J.W., and T.W.W.
*Nov. 6 and 7. — **Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S.** (G. Harver, 1, Theresa-st.). J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.** (Lindsay & Bingham, 202, King James-st., Walkley). J.R., J.B., H.W.B. and E.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O S.** (Metcalfe & Hillmen, 105, Silverdale-avenue, Tuebrook). W.M., W.V., and C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S** (C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick-rd.). A.Rs., and G.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** (F. McGillivray, Gauze-rd., Chance). J.Wr., T.T , A.G , and L.J.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** (E. Craven, 37, Whingate-aveuue, Armley, Leeds). W.A.C., and A.G.D.
*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (J. Byrne, 110, Birks-rd.), C.H. and A.W.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** (S. M. Clayton, 55, Percy-st.). H.W.B. and J.Gr.
*Nov. 7.—**Stockton and Dis. C.B.S.** (J W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st.).
*Nov. 7 and 9. **Leicester Hand-in-Hand** (C. Draper, 1a, Wilton-st.).
Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (A. E. Godden, Ceylon House, Earl-st.). J.R., and G.G.
Nov. 11.—**Bodmin** (A. E. Jago, Bodmin).
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol** (G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity-st., Newtown).
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. H Wright, 35, London-rd.). J.Hr., W.V., and W.L.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.** (A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd-rd., Landore, near Swansea).
Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge and Dis. F.S.** (H. E. Parrott, Grove-place).
Nov. 12.—**Lock and Dis. C.B.S.** (R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs) J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J. Thomas, 30, Gilfach Cynon). J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** (J. Hibbert, jun., Milton-rd.).
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow and West of Scotland** (R. A. Brown, 102, Roslea-drive).
*Nov 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** (W. H. Heathcote, 119A, Fishergate).
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A.** (J. John on, 60, Neptune-rd.). W.P.B., J.F D. and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Emmett, 39, Gorsey-lane). H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 14.—**Consett** (W. H. Hutchinson, jun., 21, Park-rd. Durham).
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (J. Wilson, 21, Salisbury-st.) D.B., P.Mck., A.C. and P.P
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** (A. Flint, High-st., Tideswell). J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham** (G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington-square, Parkside). W.E.G., W.V. and G.E.W.
*Nov. 19 —**Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.** (East and Jeremy, Glanhyrd Cottage, Tanylan-rd.). H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester and Dis. C.B.S.** (A. E. Bishop, 9, Barrow-st.). J.H.P.
*Nov 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** (F. F. Potter, 178, Thoresby-st.). H.W.B. and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** (A. Pickering, Hill-street). J R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland** (Reed and Maddison, 2, Plantation-rd., Pallion). J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.** (J. Fergusou, 19 College-st.) J.Wk., J.Tn.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** (W. Ridge, Poolstock). H.T. and A.W.
Nov. 21. **Crook Original C.B.S.** (A. Bowes, 15, Wilson-st.). W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks)** Q.M.Sgt. A. Cant, 26, May-st.)
Nov 21.—**City and County of Perth** (J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's-rd.). C.C., A.Rs., D.L., E.C.W. and R.N.
Nov. 21.—**Selby** (J. H. Dixon, 77, Brook-st.).
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff** (H. S. Negus, 164, Moorland-rd.).
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.** (B. Kirke, Sidlesham Villa, Chichester-rd.).
Nov. 26.—**Newark** (S. C. Williams, 72, Milner-st.).
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.** (E. Allsopp 43, Dixon-st.) J R , J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin)** (W. C. Sholedice, 117, Strand-rd., Sandymount, Dublin). R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** (A. Wilkins, Oakhurst, Moortown). J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** (A. Miller, 3, Park-avenue). J.McL., A.McF , H.B., and P P.
*Nov. 23, **Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** (W. H. Bray, 12, Berry-st.). W.V. and W.G.P.
Nov. 28—**Darlington C.B.S.** (E. Brunskill, 2, Dancsbury-terrace), W.A.C. and J Mn.
Nov. 28.—**Muirkirk** (J. C. Torbett, Smallburn).
*Nov. 28 and 30. - **Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** (Turner & Barker, 7, Bonsall-cottages). J.R. and J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** (R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil-rd., Lakenham) J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk , and A.Wd.
*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** (C. F. Hardcastle, 63, Harley-road.) A.G.D. and G.H.M.
Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.** (R. G. Challenger, 13, School-st., Cymmer).
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** (H. de Maillet, 121, Sommerville-rd., Small Heath). J.H R.
*Dec. 4 and 5. **Cockermouth and Dis. F.S.** (J. Simon, Mays-st.). S.H
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (Williams & Easby, 30, Lister-st.).
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** (J. B. Y. Murdock, 9, Burnside-st.)
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** (T. Harrison, 4, Shaw's-lane).
Dec. 5. **Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** (S. A. Dicken, New Inn, Station-st.). J.B and R J.H.
*Dec, 5.—**Coventry O.S.** (G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon-rd.) J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** (C. C. Edmond, jnr , 57, Bonnygate).
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (G.H. Barnwell, 6, Providence-terrace). J.C.B.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd** (J. L. Eborne, 11, Pwllgwaun-rd., Pontypridd).
Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.** (J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's-street).
Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (R. J. Truscott, 27, Castle-st., Swansea). J.R., G.E.W., and J.B.E.
Dec. 10, 11, 2.—**St. Helen's O.S.** (T. Vose, 120, Morley-st.).
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Taylor 68, Edward-st.). T.H., H.B., P.R., J T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (W. Jackson, 11, Albert-sq., Clarence-st., Old Trafford, Manchester). W.A.C., and A.W.
Dec. 12,—**Castle Douglas** (J C. Buruie, Carlingwark Cottage).
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)** (J. Govan, 7, Union-st.).
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Forrest, 109, West Main st.). J.P., A.C., and P.P.
Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Neilson, 32, Greendykes-rd.).
Dec. 31.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J. Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Edinburgh) J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wln., W.R., J.Po., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F A.W., and H.J.F.

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Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** (J. Tompkinson, 61, Maitland-st.).
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** (F. W. Bradley, 18, Lapstone-rd.)
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** (G. Atkinson, 5, Market-place) J.M.
*Jan. 5.—**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Simon, 12, Tyrfran).
Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W Pawley, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead).
Feb. 6, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (H. Lambert Brown, 64, Manor-park, Lee, S.E.).

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 335.)

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. held on Saturday last their committee meeting for fixing up the trophies and specials for competition during the season to come. These are both numerous and valuable, and should make the competitions interesting and stimulate the cultivation of the variety. Societies wishing to have the patronage must provide at least four classes for C.M. Yorkshires, and all applications should be sent before the next meeting, on July 25th, as at this meeting the patronage will be allocated among the shows applying.

WIBSEY and Windhill Societies have arranged a cricket fixture for to-day (Saturday) to take place at Windhill, and without doubt there will be some heavy scoring on both sides, as some of the participants have put in a lot of practice lately.

THE Tong Society held their first members' show on Saturday last, and the fanciers in the district were greatly interested, there being plenty of visitors to the show. About 40 odd birds were on view. Wakefield O.S. also had a succesful show, with some 60 or more birds staged. The British section was strong, some exceptionally smart birds were exhibited, while among the Yorkshires and Norwich were many typical birds.

YORKSHIRE Union delegates meet to-day (Saturday). A suggestion is to be brought forward in regard to the expenses of delegates belonging to those societies whose attendance necessitated a railway journey and consequent expense. It has been thought for a long time that something should be done to endeavour to minimise the outlay of outside societies, and the scheme to be submitted will at least open up the question—perhaps bring to a head a subject that needs looking into.

THE Shipley O.S. trip on Sunday last proved to be the great success I predicted. Those who had never visited the district before were astounded at the ever-changing grandeur and beauty of the scenery, and will remember it for many years to come. The weather turned out lovely, being perfect for driving, and everybody voted it one of the most enjoyable days that could possibly be spent. But, who was it that missed the train? "STRAIGHT 'UN."

A Correction.

In the report of the meeting of delegates of the London societies which appeared in our columns last week, it was stated that Mr. H. E. Tringham, who presided, represented the London and Counties O.A. This was an error; it should have been the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

"Bird Notes."

"Variation in birds" is the title of an article which appears in the current monthly issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club. It is from the able pen of Mr. F. Finn, B.A., F.Z.S., and constitutes a valuable contribution to the inquiries constantly being made into the subject. Mrs. Warren Vernon has written some notes on the subject of the frontispiece, which is a beautifully-coloured representation of the Mexican or Green Jay. Mr. T. R. Hadley's notes on the Orange-checked Waxbills and those by Mr. W. T Page on "Some Recent Acquisitions" are very readable, and go to complete a truly interesting number.

CLUB NOTICES (continued).

Rochdale O.C.—June 29, Club Rooms, York Place, 8. Committee Meeting. June 30, Town Hall Meetiug. Business important.—J. Butterworth.

Shields C.B.S.—July 1, Grieve's Cafe, Laygate Lane, 7.30. Final arrangements for Young Bird Show, to be held on July 29.—W. Duke.

Stockport B.F.A.—July 2, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Prize cards and general business.—W. Stafford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—June 30, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Final arrangements for F. F. Show, and receiving entries.—Reid and Maddison.

Shemeld and Dist C.B.S. — July 2, Wentworth Cafe,. Table Show of Young Birds; same classes as last month. Judges, Mr. H. Lindsay, Yorks., and Mr. A. Somerfield, remainder. Birds to be staged by 8.—Lindsay and Bingham.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—June 29, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Important business. Members' Shows, etc.—R. Bennett

Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—July 2, Leeds Hotel, 8. Northern Federation, and other business of importance. This is a summoned, and therefore very important meeting.—J. W. Lowes.

Stirling and Dist. O.S.—July 1, Douglas Hotel, 8. Proposal to change meetings from Wednesday to Saturday nights.—G. Hislop.

Vale of Conway and Dist. F.A.—July 2, Station Hotel, Llandudno Junction, 6. Most important business, including election of show committee for Open Show, to be transacted.—A. T. Johnson.

Windhill, Shipley, and Dist. O.S.—June 27, 3. Cricket Match with Wibsey, on the Windhill Cricket Ground. Friends invited.—E. Broadley.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—June 27, Forster Square, 2. Cricket Match at Windhill.—E. W. Johnson.

West London F.A.—July 2, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, 8. Young Bird Show. Schedule, Yorkshire Lecture Competition.—J. Dewhurst.

West of Scotland.—July 4, 4, in Muir's Showroom, 176, Saltmarket, Glasgow, F.F. Show. Six medals and special for Crests, Plainheads, Borders, and Yorks. Also arrangements for Annual Show, etc.—G. Smart.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S.—Ramble to Chew Valley. Fanciers and friends invited. Meet in Old Square, at 2.30.—H. Foden. (No date given. Editor.)

Ayr and Dist. C.B.C.—June 29, Good Templar Hall, New Bridge, Street, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. R. McKay, on "Ailments of Cage Birds." All friends and fanciers invited.—C. Irvine.

Altrincham C.B.S.—June 30, Victoria Restaurant 8 p.m. Lecture on the Border Canary, by Mr. S Hadwin, of Liverpool. Fanciers and friends invited —B. Head.

Broughty Ferry C.B S.—July 1, Baker's Rooms, King Street, 8. Important business.—R. Whitton.

Bradford West C.B.A.—June 27, Red Lion Hotel, 3. Members' Cricket Match.—H. Clegg.

Carmarthenshire P.P. and C.B.S. — Committee meeting, June 29, 8.30. Monthly meeting, on July 1. The first Table Show of Cage Birds. Both meetings at Plough Hotel. Anyone interested welcomed.—Fred. King.

City of Dundee and Dist. N.M. and B.B.A. — July 1, Doig's Rooms, 8. Business important.—A. Miller.

Crook Original C.B , R. and P.S.—July 1, Crown Hotel, 7. Chiefly Young Stock Show details.—A. Bowes.

Chitheroe and Dist. C.B.S.—July 2, Bennett's Tea Rooms, Moor Lane, 8.—R. Lambert.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—July 8, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8. Special meetiug to receive entries for show. Usual meeting will not be held on July 1.—J. H. de Maillet.

Coventry O.S.—July 1, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Nest Feather Show, etc.—G. Peters.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—July 1, George Hotel, 8. Open Show business and new Members enrolled. —R. S. Black.

Denholme and Thornton C B.S.—June 27, Bull's Head Inn, 5. Members' Show, also lecture, "Colour Feeding and Management of Canaries and Mules for Exhibition." By Mr. J. S. Clarkson. Fanciers invited.—F. W. Tomsett.

Dulwich O.S.—July 2, Herne, Forest Hill Road, S.E., 8.30. Committee Meeting, and election of new members.—Rogers and Mazzoni.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—July 2, Peckham Public Hall, Rye Lane, Peckham, 7.30. Young Bird, also Brit. and For. Bird Show. Judge, Mr. J Robson. Fanciers invited.—W. Hodson.

East Bowling and Dist. B F.A.—June 27, Barley Mow. Judging at 3. First 1st Feather Show. Judge, Mr. W. Crnise.—J. E. Hudson.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—June 27, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 3. Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. S. Dean (Gt. Horton). Entries day of Show; meeting during judging.—H. Schofield.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—June 29, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30. Business important.—G. Waddington.

Grimsby and Dist. O.S.—June 30, Hall of Science, Grimsby, 8. General business and Nest Feather Show, etc.; judge, Mr. D. Hope (Hull).—Moore and Crowston.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—July 1, Y.M.C.A., 7.30. Table Show of Norwich "Nest Feather."—Williams and Easby.

Hebden Bridge C B.F.A.—June 30, Sell's, Market Street, 7.30. Business important. Mr. Walsh (Halifax) will give an address on Colour Feeding, etc.—W. Simpson.

Houghton-le-Spring and Dist. C.B.S.—June 27, White Lion, 7.30. Business very important.—H Fenwick.

Keighley and Dist C.B.S.—June 30, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. Wm. Cruise (Bradford). Friends cordially invited.—W. Wright.

Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.—July 4, Co-operative Class Room, 6.30. Business very important.—Turner and Barker.

Leigh and Dist C.B.S.—June 26, Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30. Final arrangements for Nest Feather Show. To fix date and select judges for Open Show, and other important business.—R. R. Davies.

Leicester C.B.S.—July 1, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, 8.30. Special meeting to receive entries for the Nest Feather Show.—J. A. Tyler.

Longton and Dist C.B.S.—June 30, Castle Inn, 8. To receive entries for Young Stock Show. C.B.U new rules and other important business.—E. Tams.

Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.—June 27. Young Stock Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds, at Headquarters, Constitutional Club, High Road, Leyton. Doors open 2 p.m.—B. F. Foree.

Leek and Dist. C.B.S.—June 29, Headquarters, 7.30. To receive subscriptions, and Nest Feather Show business.—R. Hall.

Manningham C B.A.—June 27, Mowbray Arms, 2. Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. J. Wilman (Shipley). Will members enter birds on Friday night.—F. Western.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—June 29, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Entries and F. F. Show business.—E. Jones.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—June 27, making out schedule for F. F. Show on July 25.—D. Jeremy.

Middlesbro' and Tees Side C.B.S —July 3, Crown Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Business very important. — A. Wake.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—July 1, Cobden Hall 8.30.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Neath and Dist F.A.—July 2, Volunteers' Drill Hall, 8. Members' Monthly Show, date of Open Show; competition for points for Cups. Resignation of secretary.—W. R. B. Richardson.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—July 2, Lockhart's, 7.30. Entries will be taken for F. F. Show. Curry and Hutchinson.

Open Norwich P C.—July 4, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6.30. All heartily invited to attend. Allotting of Club's patronage and specials, etc.—O. Mitchell.

Provincial Roller C.C.—June 27, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Paper by Mr. Lyons, on the Roller Song. Bring your birds to sing; friends invited. Mr. F. A. Lester (London) will be present.—W. Whittaker.

Pelton and Dist. C.B.S.—General meeting, Colliery Inn, Pelton Fell, at 7 p.m. All members must be paid up for the half year according to rule.—Lance Hall.—(Date not given.—Editor.)

Potteries and Dist. C.B.A. — July 2, Red Lion, Stoke, 8. Inter-Club Show, with Crewe Society.—J Simcock.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—July 2, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Distribution of Prizes, and report of Young Bird Show.—J. C. Birch

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—July 1, Temperance Club, 8. Balance sheet, report of show, election of officers, and other important business.—S. M. Clayton.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Swelling Near Vent.

"Durban."—It is impossible to say what the swelling is without seeing it. It may be a physical defect, or simply a deposit of fat, and in either case may be responsible for the bird's not singing for so long. If a valuable one, the best advice I can give you is to ask a veterinary, or your medical man, to look at it and advise you. If you think it is likely to be fat, limit the diet to Canary seed for a few weeks, and feed sparingly on this, allowing a liberal supply of green-food daily. In the drinking water, two days in three for a week or two, dissolve a piece of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, and on each third day five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. Keep a supply of gritty sand in its cage always.

Young Gone Wrong.

"Flying Start."—Your feeding is decidedly at fault, and unless you alter it you will soon lose all the young. Give plain Canary seed only as a staple diet, and this in unlimited quantities. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of hemp per bird, twice the quantity of dry rape, and twice a small teaspoonful of egg-food; or, as a substitute for this, you may give either the same amount of crushed sponge cake or a piece of bread soaked in milk and pressed nearly dry. Give these extra items on different days so that the birds have something different each day. Do not give dandelion—a small spray of chickweed will be much better, and, later on, you may give the half ripe seed stalks of the plantain quite freely. But do not be very liberal with green-food just at present. Keep the flights scrupulously clean, and let the birds have a regular supply of gritty sand. Keep the water supply pure and fresh. If this does not bring about an improvement in a few days add one drop each of aromatic sulphuric acid and tincture of gentian to each ounce of drinking water for two days. Do not, however, start drugging young birds if you can avoid it by correct feeding.

A Hint or Two Wanted.

Constant Reader.—The first hint I would give you is never to prick swellings on a bird, or try to bring them to a head by hot bathing, and particularly when they are close to the vent, unless you are sure you know the nature of them. I rather suspect that your hen was egg-bound, and what you took to be a "gathering" at the side of the vent was simply the retained egg in the cloaca, and your interference helped to bring about the end. Your best plan would have been to drop a drop of warm olive upon the vent, held the bird still a few moments whilst it was absorbed, given two drops of a mixture of equal parts of glycerine and brandy direct in the beak, and placed the bird in a cosy nest in a warm place. Holding her over a jug of hot water for a few moments whilst the steam played about the vent might have done good, but bathing with hot water was wrong. When the hen died you should have transferred the four eggs to one or two other hens just commencing to sit. Am afraid the hen you have now mated to the cock is one of those disappointing creatures that never do go farther than to raise one's hopes, just to make one believe they could do some great thing if they liked. It would have been more satisfactory had you procured a healthy young hen that was ready to go to nest, and, if possible, one that had just reared her first brood by herself, or one that had not yet been mated. But as things are now, we the pair a few sprays of chickweed, and one fair-sized leaf of dandelion daily. Each day until the hen goes to nest give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, and sprinkle over it a pinch of inga every second day, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed on the alternate days. Twice a week give a teaspoonful of hemp, and every second day for a week add three drops of tincture of steel to the drinking water.

Cultivating Green-food.

Geo. Wood.—Not a bad idea, G. W., to utilise the little patch of ground behind your house to grow green-food for the birds. If you simply dug up the ground and left it, Nature would soon produce a crop of "self-sown" weeds, but you will do much better by keeping it neat and trim and growing what you like. You could not do better than plant a dozen roots of chicory and a dozen or so of dandelion; reserve a small patch in which to sow the waste seed from the cages, and plant the remainder with lettuce, making a sowing about once a month throughout the summer; also sow some mustard and cress. The surplus of the two last-named will come in useful for salads in the house. Groundsel, chickweed, and perhaps plantain and shepherd's-purse will spring up of their own accord. The two former should be used when they reach from two to three inches in height; the latter should be allowed to seed, and the sprays of half ripe seed used. When it is approaching winter get a small barrel with one end knocked out, or a couple of feet of large drain pipe, and fix securely endwise over a root or two of chicory and dandelion, bind a coat of hay around the outside, and you will be able to gather nice crisp young leaves all through the winter. The roots that are thus forced should be dug up in spring, thrown away, and replaced by young ones.

All Unfertile.

A Novice.—The birds were paired up much too early for you to get young birds in February. The fact that all the eggs laid since then have been unfertile is proof that the cocks, if not the hens, are out of condition, though whether it was the early breeding I would not venture to say—it might have been. Although you speak of the trouble to get medicine for them, you do not say what you have been giving. Anyway, try following treatment, and give nothing but what is mentioned here in the way of food or medicine, and you may get a fertile round yet. For staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape. Twice a week give a teaspoonful of hemp to each pair, and every second day a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, well mixing with it five drops of cod liver oil emulsion. Give two small young leaves of dandelion and a spray of chickweed to each pair daily. In the drinking water for one day only give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and ten drops of glycerine. After this give twelve drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days during the first week give four drops of tincture of steel. Of course, you will stop giving sponge cake as soon as the hen has gone to nest.

Disappointing Scots.

"Fife."—One cause of your disappointment is that the feeding is faulty. The No. 1 Scotch Fancy ben is probably troubled with insects—grey lice, or red-mite; but the former is the most probable—to account for her plucking out her feathers. Carefully examine the bird and cage for these pests, and if any are found thoroughly clean and disinfect the bird and cage to eradicate them. Hold the bird in your hand a few moments, and if she is much troubled with grey lice you will doubtless soon find some running about your hand. Give the bird a daily bath, and add a few drops of essence of quassia to it two or three times a week. If no insects are found still give the baths, but add also as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and ten drops of glycerine to the drinking water every second day for a week. Discontinue the seed mixture you are giving altogether, as this is one cause of your troubles. As a substitute give a teaspoonful of dry rape every second day to each pair, twice a week a teaspoonful of hemp, and a small teaspoonful of egg-food every second day. If the hens are backward at nesting add to the egg-food a few grains of inga every second day, and a pinch of gold of pleasure on the alternate days. Give only chickweed or tender young flowering tops of groundsel for green-food, and some of this daily. Treat hen No. 2 the same as the above, and also the cocks, and the eggs should be more fertile next time. It is, however, getting late now to treat the birds and get them ready to start nesting again, especially when this hen has already had three nests.

A Tall Order.

"One in a Fix."—Your fears that you were giving me a rather tall order were well founded. How many hard-worked and busy, but yet enthusiastic, fanciers would welcome a recipe for making an egg cake which would be rather soft, and keep moist, and could be cut into slices and given to the birds without crumbling, and could also be combined with colour food. Frankly, I do not know of such an ideal substitute for egg-food. Although I do not aspire to great culinary knowledge I imagine the virtue of remaining soft and moist in a cake is largely dependent upon the fat it contains, and any great quantity of fat is to be avoided in cakes for feeding birds upon regularly. The following will perhaps most fully meet your requirements. Get the head of your culinary department to make a cake with these ingredients: three eggs, half-pound of flour, one ounce of soft moist sugar, one ounce of beef dripping, and about as much carbonate of soda as will cover a sixpence. If any additional moisture is needed to make these into a dough, add a little milk. Bake in a moderate oven. If it does not cut very well without crumbling, cut off sufficient for use each day, and crush into crumbs to give in the egg-drawers. To combine colour food with the cake well mix three or four ounces of sweet tasteless red pepper with the flour before starting to mix the dough, and then proceed as above.

Advice on Breeding.

A. Heron.—Am not quite clear as to whether your hens have already had two or three nests. If it is three, you would probably not have any better success by trying again, as the season is now getting late. If they have had only two nests each, and are ready to go to nest again at once, let them do so, and see how they succeed under the following treatment. First of all, see that no direct draught gets into the cages from the window, but give them ample fresh air and ventilation nevertheless. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Give in addition a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and every second day, until the hens have gone to nest, a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake; or egg-food may be given instead if you prefer it, though the sponge cake is a very good substitute when there are no young to rear. Each time you give this well mix with it two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and three of chemical food. Discontinue as soon as the hens go to nest. Give a few sprays of chickweed daily, and a small leaf of dandelion, and every second day for a week add four drops of tincture of steel to the drinking water. When the hens begin to sit feed on Canary seed only, and follow the same advice as given last week until young are reared.

Substitute for Egg.

G. Retsel.—The sample of powder appears very nice, but whether a safe and efficient substitute for egg for rearing young I should not like to say without having some practical knowledge of it. Its value as a perfect substitute for eggs depends upon the proportion of egg used in its manufacture, which should be fairly high, and the quantity of butter, which should be proportionately low. Too much fat is apt to disagree with the birds, and in cakes of this kind I prefer beef dripping to butter. A pinch of plain carbonate of soda is also to be preferred before baking powder. When these points are duly observed much will depend upon how the old birds take to it. If they are fond of it, and eat it freely there is the probability they will also feed with it. The sample you sent is powdered much more finely than birds care to have their soft food. They prefer something more substantial to pick up, especially when they have young, and the finely-powdered portion of the soft food will always be rejected in favour of that which is in grains that are easily picked up. I should certainly add a few drops of water to the food, and mix it with a table fork until in small grains both for feeding old and young. This last answers the second part of query.

Tiny Eggs and Few Young.

W. H. Baker.—The laying of these tiny eggs is due to an unhealthy condition of the ovaries. Such cases are uncommon, but, of course, not unknown, and similar cases occur among our wild birds; this is proved by the fact that I now possess an egg of the common House Sparrow which is rather smaller than the egg you sent. This latter was still more remarkable in being one of a clutch of four, which ranged from abnormally small to abnormally large—the largest egg being nearly double the normal size, and also deformed—with not a single normal egg in the clutch. Hens such as yours are useless for breeding. The best thing you can do is to turn her into a good large flight or aviary and let her have a thorough rest from breeding, with plenty of good plain feeding, unlimited green-food, and opportunities for exercise, until next spring, when you might give her another trial, and if she again lays these freak eggs discard her permanently. Perhaps you overtaxed her a little last year, which would help to bring about her present condition. But even in that case the above treatment is the best you can adopt. For green-food give chickweed and shepherd's-purse liberally. You must not expect to repeat your last year's performance every year. Most fanciers would like to do half as well regularly.

Gone off Song.

Mountain Roll.—It is not at all unlikely that your Roller has simply gone off song in preparation for an early moult. There is not much wrong with your treatment, except that you give far too much egg-food and bread and milk for a bird that is only kept for singing. If it is the moult coming on, you will probably be made aware of it by finding some of the long wing and tail feathers dropped out by the time this reply appears; in that case, you need trouble no further about treatment than giving a small pinch of maw seed every second day, and adding fifteen drops of chemical food to the water twice a week. You would, however, do well to curtail the soft food you give, and limit it to a small teaspoonful of egg-food twice a week, with no bread and milk, or any other kind of soft food. Should you find the bird is not about to moult, continue present seed diet. Give half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and three times a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and five of tincture of gentian two days in every three for a week, and the next week four drops of tincture of steel every second day. Give a spray or two of chickweed, or a dandelion leaf, daily. I presume you keep the cage floor strewn with gritty sand.

Young Birds Dying.

G. Doar.—Although I think your system of feeding is probably at the root of all your trouble, I would strongly advise you to get, as a precautionary measure, a post-mortem made on the body of the next bird that dies in order to discover whether septic fever is the cause of the deaths. Some of the symptoms point directly in this way, so the sooner you know the real fact the better you will be able to cope with it. Meantime, introduce no fresh birds, and exercise the most rigid system of disinfection and cleanliness. For a general system of treatment give a staple diet of Canary seed only, and in addition give separately a half teaspoonful of hemp twice a week. This may be slightly cracked whilst the birds are too young to crack it altogether for themselves; but do not crush and smash it. Twice a week give a similar quantity of rape. This may be given soaked or scalded for the first month and afterwards given dry. Three times a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake per bird. Give all these extras on different days, and something different each day, so that what is mentioned above will go over a whole week and allow a different item to be given each day. Give a small spray of chickweed each day, or you may vary this with half ripe plantain stalks, or seed stalks of shepherd's-purse. In each ounce of drinking water for two days give ten drops of glycerine, as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece, and two drops of tincture of gentian.

Roller not Rolling.

H. Baker.—You must first of all satisfy yourself whether the bird is exposed to any draughts or is troubled with red-mites, and remove either of these causes if present. I suspect the former; or else a greatly varying temperature is an exciting cause of the bird casting feathers so long. The following treatment will soon put it right: Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and three times a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five drops of sherry well mixed in it. In the drinking water give twelve drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on intervening days four drops of tincture of steel. Give a spray or two of chickweed daily, and, of course, see it has gritty sand in its cage.

Erratic Movements.

No Name.—In such a case as yours it is very important to know how the bird is fed, and you do not say a word on the point. Try following treatment for a fortnight, and if not successful by that time write again, and give particulars. Catch the bird, put a drop of warm olive oil on vent, holding the bird still for a few moments whilst the oil is absorbed. Repeat this two or three times in the first week when the abdomen seems packed. In the drinking water give every second day for a week fifteen drops of whiskey, one drop of eucalyptus oil, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and during the next week five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Give a little chickweed daily.

Seed Samples.

A. G. Marshall.—Both the submitted samples of Canary are very fair. No. 1 is clean and bright, and of excellent quality, but is rather small. No. 2 also nice, clean, and sweet, but the grains vary much in size, some being very large and others very small. It is also slightly inferior in flavour to No. 1, although very good. I should prefer No. 1, but there is no practical difference. The hemp is decidedly poor in quality, very dusty, and contains a rather large proportion of broken, damaged, and unripe grains.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Cage for Blackcap.

R. L.—A box cage, 16 by 12 by 6½ is not unsuitable for a Blackcap, though a width of 8 or 9 ins. would be much better. You would have to put food and water inside in earthenware or glass vessels. The inside woodwork should be a very pale green or blue.

Nest with Seven Young.

A. S. A.—It is a Whinchat's nest, and the young can be reared on the food advised "W. N. J." and "A. T. B.," in issue for June 13. The food you name is not good (rich) enough to keep them on; it is suitable for coarser-feeding birds. The Whinchat has a pretty little song; one I have now sings freely. If you choose the most forward and best coloured youngster, you are quite likely to hit on a male. Unless you are prepared to give your Whinchat a high quality food, and a good supply of live food, he is unlikely to live long; it is a delicate species.

Buttons and Body Colour.

Hardbill.—I lay no stress on the "buttons" of a Goldie in field plumage, for these generally moult out quite distinct enough in a cage. Body colour is different. A young Finch can generally be depended on to deepen in "tanning"; but a poor coloured adult bird can never hope to be moulted to equal an adult good in chestnut. I like a jonque as *the* bird to moult out for show.

Is it Natural?

J. A. J. Tranmere.—Yes, sir, it is quite natural for a Linnet to have no feathers growing on its stomach. You are evidently under the impression that a bird's feathers grow uniformly all over its body. But they do not; they grow in well-defined tracts, and branch out (so to speak) to cover the whole of the body. If you spend much time "blowing him up," you'll probably in the end be under the painful necessity of "laying him out." Take good advice; let well alone.

Feeding an Owl.

W. Loxham.—Pleased to know you find our paper so useful. The only food an Owl will thrive on is flesh-food. If you cannot provide it, then let the bird have its liberty. As regards a "cheap food," well, mice and sparrows (young ones especially) are plentiful and cheap enough; "black-beetles," too, are good, and generally easily obtainable. Fowl's "innards" and the like are highly appreciated, while Rabbit-flesh is very good.

Canaries Rearing Goldfinches.

H. P.—Hen Canaries will rear young Goldfinches on the foods usually supplied, viz., egg-bread, canary, rape, and hemp seeds, and seeding chickweed, and shepherd's purse, or a little lettuce and watercress. If they can be got to eat small mealworms (or cut up ones), and ants' eggs (especially live eggs), it is an advantage. It is best to let them sit on the Goldfinch eggs. It would be decidedly risky to put young Goldies under a hen without young of her own. If the hen Canary had young about the same age as the young Goldies (up to 5 or 6 days, say), the change might be accomplished. I prefer to "change about" at night.

About a Blackbird.

Blackbird.—Taking everything into consideration, I should advise you to get an adult caught bird. Probably you can get one already steadied down; if not, well a Blackie is far from difficult to get used to caged life and its owner. A hand-reared Blackbird will not sing the pure wild song of its kind, unless it is trained under a free-singing adult bird. Further, a hand-reared bird mixed with other songsters will pick up their notes; such a one would be certain, for instance, to mimic your Thrush. I agree with you that the flute-like strains of the Blackbird are quite good enough "pure and unadulterated." You can certainly have replies to an advertisement sent to a number, care of this office, there being no extra charge beyond the stamp necessary for the forwarding of the replies. Meal-worms, for use, need only be kept in a tin containing enough bran to cover them.

Nightingale with Sore Feet.

W. Reet. — Many softbills are liable to be troubled with sore feet, or swollen toes, especially if the feet, or the perches, are allowed to get clogged with dirt. The latter should never happen. Have personally tried probably everything for the cage-bottoms, and am now using a mixture of fine sand (sifted bird sand; the gritty part I use for my hardhills), and coarse-cut pine sawdust, which I find equal to anything, and better than most things. The cause (apart from dirt) is obscure. But I am very free from it myself, and attribute this to a free and regular use of vegetable ingredients in the stock food, and the occasional use of a mild saline (sulphate of soda) in the drinking water. A very good treatment is to steep the foot for a few minutes in water just comfortably hot, then very gently "massage" the place with finger and thumb well "greased" with Zambuk. In cases of old, hard swellings, I have used with considerable success a little lard with which some tincture of iodine has been incorporated.

Jackdaw's Poor Plumage.

John.—Your stock food, John, is not good enough for so coarse-feeding a bird as a Jackdaw, although supplementing it with table-scraps is correct enough. "Bread and milk" is alright for "sucklings and babes," but is enough to give Jack dyspepsia and worse. You would do far better to

give him crushed dog biscuits scalded with hot water; indeed, this, with some vegetables and meat from the table, would make up a not at all bad menu. Or instead of dog biscuit you could use such a food as Clarke's "Melox," or Spratt's game-meal (without grit). If you feed him better, he will, I feel sure, reproduce his plumage properly at the next moult. I presume you keep him in a large enough cage, and afford him proper facilities for taking a bath regularly. When he commences to cast his feathers, colour his drinking water daily with Parrish's Chemical Food (about a teaspoonful to three tablespoonfuls), using a glass or pot vessel only. But you must endeavour to provide him with a stock food of a more substantial nature than bread and milk.

A Trio.

Stocker.—1: To sex Blackcaps (the Warbler of that name) is dead easy, as the Yankees say. The adult male has a dense black cap, whereas the cap of the female is a light brown (rust colour). 2: You can't sex Song Thrushes (and especially young birds) accurately except by hearing them sing. If your young birds commence to "record" (try over their notes) freely, their throats bubbling and working like the bellows of a concertina, so to speak, then you can reckon with some certainty that you have cocks. The young hens will "record," too, though, but never with the persistency and vigour of young males. 3: Linnets and Goldfinches are trained to sing at a given time (say when they are to be "hung on the nail," to drop into singing parlance), by being kept in the dark, generally in a cupboard, or in a black cloth, being taken out and "hung" at about the time the contest is due to start. A properly trained and "sprung" or "fierce" bird (i.e., one got into stout song), will open out at once, especially when he hears a strange bird of his own kind "talking" to him. Training contest singing Linnets and Goldfinches is an art only to be acquired through years of practical experience.

Bullfinch Ailing.

C. J. Andrews.—1. You should cage this bird up by itself. Crush a chlorate of potash lozenge and mix it with twice the quantity of Epsom salts. For one day dissolve as much of this mixture as will just cover a shilling in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. The next day give as much as covers a sixpence; give another dose like this after a day's interval on plain water. Use a glass or pot vessel. Let the bird have plenty of maw seed, and sound teazle to eat; don't give any hemp, niger, or linseed, but a few cracked sunflower seeds now and again will do no harm. He should also have plenty of ripe seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse and groundsel (not the old coarse leaves, but the seeding heads). You could, too, try him with a few small mealworms.

Thrushes Breeding in a Cage.

Manchester.—Judging from the particulars given in your letter, you certainly seem to be well on the road to success—indeed, I see no reason, assuming the eggs are really fertile, why you should not meet with complete success. I have known of Song Thrushes being bred in an aviary, and Blackbirds, too. But never before have I met with—or heard of—such a case as your own. Your letter will no doubt find a place in our correspondence columns. I think with some confidence that the hen will rear the brood on the insectivorous food you are now giving the couple. It should be a good (not cheap) brand. In addition (this is highly important) you must let her have all the live-food you possibly can—a brood of hungry young Thrushes will be likely to consume an astonishing amount. Four kinds you ought to be able to get easily, viz., well-scoured gentles, mealworms, "black-beetles," and small garden worms. If the birds were mine, I should also stir live ants' eggs as liberally as I could amongst the stock food. I hope you will let our readers know the finish to this interesting attempt of Thrushes to reproduce their kind in an ordinary double breeding cage.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Parrakeet?

W.H.B.—It is the Yellow-rumped Parrakeet, a native of Australia, and a hardy species if protected from draught. Diet: Canary, white millet, wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a constant supply in the cage—half the bulk of the mixture to be Canary and millet seed, the other kinds in equal parts. It will also require green-food (say, lettuce, grass in flower, etc.), ripe fruit, cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. I believe it possible for nearly every species of Parrakeet to talk, but there are many that do not, and though I've heard of talking Rosellas, Yellow-rumps, etc., I have never personally come across such. However, if it becomes very tame, and is kept where it will hear plenty of conversation, it may possibly speak a word or two. This and similar species are mostly kept in outdoor aviaries for breeding purposes, and have small chance of learning to talk there.

Outdoor Aviary Queries.

F. Leonhardt.—The convolvulus I should not care to keep inside my aviary to any extent, though I have had it climb in through the wires. At the same time, I do not know of its being actually poisonous to birds. It has never bloomed in my aviary, though the foliage has been eaten without any ill effect. There are so many safe decorative plants for aviaries that I should be inclined to root it out, or partially so, at any rate. Elder, wild clematis, red and black currants, box, holly, privet, Virginian creeper, ivy, wild rose, and such like are absolutely safe, and should soon grow and spread if the aviary be not overcrowded. Doubtful plants are best out of the way, and I class the convolvulus as such. So far as I can gather, I believe the symptom you name to be a sexual one, and not a disease. Most certainly, if it continues, and the bird is otherwise apparently well, you can take it that such is the case. Unless your shelter shed is very draughty, which (I take it) is not the case, you can dismiss all thought of its being ague, or similar trouble. Where their accommodation is rain and draught proof such will not trouble birds kept out of doors.

Feather-plucking Cockatoo.

D.M.B.—Give the bird several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, with several days' interval between them, so long as its voidings do not become watery loose; quantity, one teaspoonful in the drinking water. Soak the bare parts say every other day, or even daily this weather, with quassia solution; this will make its plumage bitter and distasteful, but you must protect against draught till it is dry. Get the following mixture: two parts Canary seed and oats, and one part each wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seed; well mix and let this form the staple diet. Give green food liberally, such as it fancies (say lettuce, green peas, cabbage, carrot, etc., according to season); also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, little boiled potato (without grease of any kind), and nuts, and keep up regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish, and water. Recovery in such a case can never be other than slow, and you must persevere with the treatment. Some birds never give up the vice of feather plucking once it is acquired. Keep it occupied, and supply it with cotton reels, rotton wood, etc., to chew up and play with.

Blue-fronted Amazon.

Taggs.—It is a young bird, and it is impossible to tell its sex. It may possibly improve in colour after each moult. Nearly all species of Parrots are notoriously slow in maturing, some species being several years before they enjoy the splendour of fully mature plumage. Once the birds are fully adult, the male is usually the slightly larger bird, richer in hue (but this is very unreliable, as the species as a whole is very variable in the colour areas of its plumage), and his beak is narrower and the culmen more arched than that of the female. Stop for a time trying to teach it one word, greet it at different times with "Good morning," "Halloa," "How do," and such like; also keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation and get company without being scared, and it will undoubtedly begin to talk at no distant date. My experience teaches me that sex has very little to do with talking capacity; individual birds of both sexes vary much in this respect.

Budgerigars in Poor Plumage.

"Petland."—(1) Am of opinion red-mite is responsible for the trouble; put birds in another cage, and thoroughly paint their present cage inside and out with neat paraffin, letting it remain out of doors for 24 hours. Thoroughly swill with clear water, and distemper with a washable distemper. When it is dry the birds can be returned. (2) From spring onwards, but Budgerigars readily mate among one another without trouble, providing the sexes are equal. (3) When adult, and in breeding condition, males have the cere over nostrils bright blue, that of the female being ruddy brown. Send to the Editor for the new handbook on Budgerigars and Cockatiels, 6d., post free.

Breeding of Budgerigars.

Algbrugh.—It is very probable that during the heat of the day your aviary gets very hot, and this frequently causes birds to lose their feathers. Try putting Parrish's Chemical Food in their drinking water for a month or longer. If there should be any signs of constipation, making the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts will soon put this right. Occasionally you get eggs laid on the floor, no matter how well regulated the aviary is, evidently out of sheer awkwardness, for I know no other reason except, of course, where the aviary is infested with mice. As regards the young, I cannot give you any definite age; by observation you must find out when they are feeding themselves, and then with an aviary of your size they should be removed. I certainly advise you to get the handbook on "Budgerigars," 6d., post free, from the Editor.

Young Grey and Water.

Silverdale.—Let the bird have a tablespoonful of water two or four times a day, and after a time the water can be left in its cage without it overdrinking. As it is a young bird, it would be a help to make the water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. A newly-imported bird would probably make itself ill, owing to its having had little or no water for some period, if a restriction were not put upon it. But when it has been gradually accustomed to it, it should be, at any rate, permitted to satisfy its thirst at least twice a day. It is not wholesome for a bird to feed exclusively on hemp or sunflower seeds; if it picks out the hemp, do not give a fresh supply till the remainder is eaten—that is, of course, providing it has not been fouled. Well clean the husks and dust from it, and only add a little fresh from time to time, and thus force it to eat the varied mixture. I take it you are also giving ripe fruit, plain biscuit and nuts; if not, it will be well to do so.

Feather-eating Grey.

J.F.—After a bird has been confirmed in this vice for a year, I fear there is but small chance of an entire cure. Give several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful) in drinking water, with a couple of days between each. Of course, if its voidings become watery loose the aperient must be stopped for a time. On the days you are not giving the aperient, well colour drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. While the warm weather lasts bathe it almost daily with quassia solution, carefully guarding against draught till dry. If there should be any sores, lightly touch same with spermaceti ointment. Keep him supplied with cotton reels, and a piece of non-splintery wood, to chew up and play with. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food whatever. Diet: Seed mixture, two parts Canary seed and oats, and one part each wheat, maize, dari, and hemp; well mix and keep a supply continuously in its cage. Supply also at intervals, so as to vary the diet, ripe fruit, green-food (lettuce, etc.), plain biscuit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and keep up continuous supplies of cuttlefish and grit. Confine yourself to above diet; it will give an ample range. The only exception is, that if you have been giving your maize boiled you must still give a little, but wean it from this as soon as possible. Recovery cannot be quick, but if you persevere with above treatment there is a probability that by the time it is through the next moult it will possibly leave its plumage alone. Hope such will be the case.

What Bird?

W.S.B.—You do not, unfortunately, give me any idea of size or shape, but if as large as common house Sparrows they are Grey Java Sparrows. If from their size you know above to be incorrect, please repeat query in full next week, and compare their size with some bird well known to you, and also please convey some idea as to whether they are slenderly or stoutly built; comparison here, again, would be a help. If Java Sparrows, Canary, white and spray millets, oats, green-food, grit, cuttlefish, and water will suffice to keep it in health and condition.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Goldfinch-Canary Mule (F.B.C.).—The bird died of septicæmia or blood poisoning, and in all probability your other losses arose from the same infectious disease. You must disinfect your room and cages with fumigation of sulphur.

Magpie (Ralph Guise).—Inflammation of liver and bowels.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Pigeon and Dove Pairing.

F. E.—Your question with regard to cock Pigeon and hen Dove pairing and producing young is in order in this section, and Doves, at all events, are cage birds. The cross is not uncommon; I have seen several specimens, mostly resembling Pigeons in colour, though in form there is much likeness to the Dove. These hybrids are almost always barren, but a French experimenter, Mr. A. Suchetel, got one to breed again with a hen dove. This three-quarter-bred, however, was itself barren, but the fact of its being produced at all shows us that we should be careful not to assume that usually barren hybrids can *never possibly* produce young.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Poetical Lament (W. Lovatt).—We are very fond of poetry ourselves, but unfortunately our printers are not. They wax exceeding wrath if we send any round to them, therefore we are afraid your verses will have to rest content with the appreciation of the office staff, to whom the office boy has promised to declaim them during the blessed hour of lunch. We agree with you that the only way is the way which (*vide* the poem) "in my mind has just now popped."

Birds in Africa (T. Smith).—We shall be pleased to receive a few notes from you, and thank you for your kindly remarks.

Cutting (T. Herbert).—Accept our thanks.

Colour-Feeding Yorkshire Greens (A Novice).—This is a very wide subject, and not to be dealt with in a paragraph. You should read the special articles on this breed, by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, which appeared in our columns. The numbers containing them can be sent you post free for ninepence. In "House's Canary Manual" (post free, 1s. 2d.) and "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (post free, 7d.) the process of colour-feeding is also explained at length.

An Exchange (P. Lawson).—You certainly did wrong by sending on your stamps to a party absolutely unknown to you. It is regrettable that you should be unable to obtain any redress, but if the police cannot trace the parties, we, of course, cannot hope to help you. We will, however, make enquiries. You could have sent the stamps to us to hold pending the satisfactory completion of the exchange.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SO-CALLED "SWEATING" HENS.

SIR,—Probably Mr. J. Cutmore, taxidermist to the Liverpool Museum, may be able to help your correspondent, Mr. Clegg by throwing some further light on the subject of "sweating" (so-called) hens. He stated some time since (*vide* report of his lecture) that birds are physiologically unable to sweat. It would be pedantic on my part to question such an authoritative statement, but I must frankly admit I am in a quandary when I see the breast feathers of hens presenting the appearance of "sweating," even while incubation of the eggs is proceeding. Surely this cannot be owing to the respiration of the embryo?

R. L. CRISP.

BIRD CATCHING.

SIR,—In reply to "Welshman"; to set trap, turn the loose hoop (as marked on the drawing which I gave recently) back on to the fast hoop—that part with the small crowbar and which doesn't move, being pegged to the ground with iron pegs this shape ⊓ Having turned the loose hoop back, pull the clasp wire over it and lift the bait up till the loop on the baiting wire comes over the end of the clasp; set it as firmly as possible. A bird picking at the bait knocks it down and that releases the clasp wire and frees the loose hoop which comes over like a flash. I have caught hundreds of birds of all kinds in this way, but have never known the trap either to miss or hurt a bird. The traps want setting so that the bait can be blown off by one's breath. On windy days put them on a shady side of the hedge. The drawing, of course, depicts the trap as it appears when left flat on the ground. In reply to "A Lover of British Birds," I may say that when I have caught a batch of birds, I turn them into loose rooms, having the windows netted over, and give them ordinary mixed seed, or charlock, which is quite as good for Linnets. I give teazle for the Goldies. Bullies will soon sort out the hemp; in fact, almost all seedeaters are fond of hemp. In addition you can give the Bullies in spring hedge buds, in the autumn sour dock-seed and in winter privet berries Goldies in the spring may have seeding groundsel and chickweed, in the autumn hardheads and in the winter thistle-heads. So, too, Linnets in the spring may have chickweed, groundsel and various downy seeds, and in autumn and winter charlock, etc.

CONSTANT READER.

THRUSHES BREED IN A CAGE.

SIR,—I am under the impression that I have read in your valuable paper, that it is about impossible to get Thrushes to breed in cages. I write you to say that my pair of Thrushes are paired up in a double Canary-breeding cage and that the hen has been sitting on a clutch of her own eggs, duly laid in the nest since June the 6th, and every egg appears to be fertile. She allows me to feed her with mealworms while she sits on the eggs, so I have good hopes of her "doing the trick."

MANCHESTER.

SKYLARKS BRED IN AN OUTDOOR AVIARY.

SIR,—Some of your readers will possibly be interested to know that I have this summer been fortunate in breeding young Skylarks in my aviary. Last spring I bought a pair of hand-reared birds and placed them with a few Canaries and a couple of Pipits in an outdoor avairy 15 by 6 by 6 ft., built against a wall. The Skylarks built their nest amongst some piled-up rockery and in the midst of a grass tussock. Though the cock bird is wild and shy of approach, the hen sits close and will come up to be fed. One egg hatched out this morning, and as I am unaware of a precedent case, I am interested greatly to see how the male birds will rear their young. I shall supply them with plenty of mealworms, grubs, and egg-food. It is an interesting fact, that I have paid little or no attention to my birds beyond ordinary daily feeding.

STANLEY HARRISON.

YOUNG FEEDING THE YOUNG.

SIR,—Mr. G. Hayward, writing on "Young Feeding the Young,' is correct. Some years ago, before your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, was started, I had a pair of Norwich Canaries, which had five young ones, and brought them up fine. They left the nest in due time and the old birds began to build again. The young ones got troublesome, so I put them in the part of the cage made specially for young birds. The cock bird fed them through the wires. There being five of them and the oldest one stronger than the last-hatched, it followed that this one had the advantage over the others. One day the old bird had fed the young ones, and directly afterwards, the oldest of the nest turned round and fed the youngest. This practice it followed up on several occasions. Being nearly always at home, I had a fine chance of watching my birds. The pair of Greenfinches added another young one to their four and all five are doing fine, and are a week old. The cock bird feeds as well as the hen, and it is a treat to see them.

C. OSBORN.

THE SCOTCH FANCY v. THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

SIR,—*Re* "Auld Reekie's" letter on the progress of the Scotch Fancy Canary. I think Norwich fanciers in general have much reason to object to the statement that in his opinion a right good pair of Scotch Fancies are worth a dozen pair of Norwich Fancies. I, personally, and for the sake of the Norwich Fancy, should be very much obliged if he will endeavour through your correspondence column to prove his opinion; I think it is due to the Norwich Fancy, and should be edifying reading. I find it a very common feeling among Scotch Fancy men that their bird is by far superior to any other member of the Canary tribe, and I cannot fathom by what method of calculation they come to this result. "Auld Reekie" has, for instance, a remark about the selling price more than repaying the initial outlay. But while he is looking on the business side of his hobby, he should remember that this price of £100 for a pair has been beaten altogether on at least one occasion for another class of Canary, and I daresay there are other occasions when it has been equalled, if not surpassed. Turning to another side of the hobby, exhibition points: The Norwich Plainheads have here two points that the Scotch Fancy men never consider; these are colour and quality of feather. They have also point for point in every other way. So far as the make and shape of a Scotch Fancy are concerned, well, I reckon that is for each man's own taste; and if I (as I do) think the Norwich the nicer bird of the two, then that is the bird for me. But I would be very foolish to say in a letter to the Fancy Press, that it was worth a dozen of any other class of Canary. "Auld Reekie" can, however, retrieve the position if he will endeavour to vindicate his opinion; and I trust he will, as it will give Norwich men an opportunity of defending their Fancy.

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CUCKOO'S STRANGE FOSTER PARENTS.

SIR,—I know of a young Cuckoo in a Greenfinch's nest. I have never seen one in a seed-eating bird's nest before, so thought I would write to you about it. It may interest some of the many readers of CAGE BIRDS, and at the same time I should like to know in return if any of them have ever found a young Cuckoo in the nest of any other seed-eating bird besides the Greenfinch.

WILLIAM BELL.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE GREENFINCH.

SIR,—In your last issue Mr. C. Osborne stated he was breeding from a pair of Greenfinches; I should be glad if he would let me know through the medium of your paper whether the Greenies are breeding in an ordinary breeding-cage or not, and also whether the rearing of the young is entrusted to the Finches or to a Canary foster-mother? I am very interested in these birds, and am at the present time hand-rearing quite successfully a nest of four. They are now a month old, and fly about the room. The mode of rearing them has been entirely in accordance with that recorded in your most interesting and instructive paper. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it deserves.

LILY BUTLER.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

SIR,—I have just seen the 1908 ANNUAL, published by CAGE BIRDS, and I must say that every novice ought to have one, while the "old hands" must find it very useful. It truly is a complete guide for keepers of birds; still, everyone must take CAGE BIRDS to see how the bird world "wags its tail" weekly. Mule-breeders and exhibitors in particular should have an ANNUAL to see the splendid coloured plate of the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrid. The article on "Diseases of Cage Birds" is indeed worth more than the price of work, and the "Glossary of Terms" should be studied by every novice, old fancier, and young judge. (I am, personally, only well acquainted with one term, "Hard Up"!) I think it is a great pity the word "jonque" should be called obsolete. It is derived from the old-English flower, the Jonquil, a beautiful yellow flower, and there are no other colours of this plant. I also think that mealy is a far better term to use than buff. Many breeders of common Canaries think that buff is a drab colour, and call all Cinnamons buffs.

J. H. VERRALL.

DANDELION AND YOUNG BIRDS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Clegg's first question, I might say that I live two or three score miles due west of him. He says he can't get dandelion from the open fields before the end of April. Now, who would think that the salubrious climate of England varied so much in places a hundred or less miles apart? Here we have one place where we can't got dandelion till the end of April, while the writer can get it early in March, and yet another gentleman can get a barrow-load in any day of the year. When will our education be complete? I am well aware how Greenfinches feed their young. I happen to possess hen Greenies that will feed their young while I am close beside the nest. So I ought to know whether they feed from the crop or not. Mr. Clegg says "he has watched nests of young of various species, and he has never seen a dandelion head carried to the nest." I haven't either; and I am afraid Mr. Clegg will live a long time before he does. But you never can tell in these days of enlightenment. Mr. Clegg wants to know "what the other seeds are at that time of year!" If he will read my letter again he will find that I said that dandelion heads were almost the sole food for the first nest, and that they fed on insects and on other wild seeds for the later nests. I think dandelion seed almost the only seed to be found during May, except, perhaps, chickweed and groundsel. Mr. Clegg says he can nearly reach dandelion out of bed. I generally do get mine out of bed.

"TEMPUS OMNIA REVELAT."

SIR,—I readily accept the correction of your correspondent B. H. Clegg about the quantity of dandelion to be gathered every day in the year. The remark was "a figure of speech" only by the omission of the words "during the season of growth," which were inadvertently left out by me. Still, I thought that the veriest townsman would know that neither dandelion, nor even grass, grew every day in the year. As "T. O. R." says, much would depend upon the size of the barrow. Very well; now things are in full growth I have not the slightest doubt but that I could quite safely go farther and say that "T. O.R." would find no difficulty in filling half a dozen of the biggest he cared to push about on the radius I mentioned before. More than this, if one took the trouble to look for it in cosy sheltered places as B. H. Clegg suggests, there is probably not a week in the year, except when the ground is ice-bound or covered with frozen snow, when it could not be found. Again, "T. O. R." must not jump to the conclusion that I am not a believer in dandelion. As a matter of fact, I am a great believer in it. But it must be used with discretion, and not indiscriminately all the year round. "A. Mather" also seems to have jumped to a wrong conclusion. My remark that some critics (they have been good enough to write and tell me themselves) had learnt that "there was 'summat in it,'" meant that there was some ground for the objection. I repeat I do not profess to possess any technical knowledge as to how dandelion affects a bird's system, but when I could, as I did when I made experiments, systematically produce a certain ill-effect upon birds, not once, but time after time, and found the same trouble disappear as often as the dandelion was withdrawn, my commonsense told me that the dandelion was at the root of the trouble. How, or by what means I do not profess to know. Later on I may return to this subject at a more opportune time. I very rarely use watercress at all. I prefer chickweed and groundsel.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SIR,—I see the views of fanciers on the use of dandelion as a green-food vary very much. Well, I suppose it comes about by the general treatment of the birds. I may say I have given it to my birds like feeding so many rabbits, and that I have been very successful, having bred over 100 each year for the past six years. I also give it to my youngsters after they begin to feed themselves, and I don't suppose my loss among them has been one in every 30 during all my years of breeding. Therefore, in spite of all its critics, I contend there is still no better green-food for Canaries than dandelion leaves (young, with smooth edges). My birds get hard-boiled egg, Osborne biscuits, hemp seed, and as much dandelion as they like, when I can get it; but I am sorry to say I can't get it all the year round, by a long way, as from October to April in this part of Lancashire (Bolton) there is none to get.

W. WHITTAKER.

NEW SOCIETY FOR GOOLE AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A society has been formed and named the "Goole and District Cage Bird Society." It has been formed with the object of promoting the culture of the different varieties of cage birds. Several meetings have been held, and at the last meeting Mr. J. H. Wheldrake entertained the members by giving a washing exhibition. Members' first feather shows are to be held July 25th and August 29th.

W. COULT, Sec.

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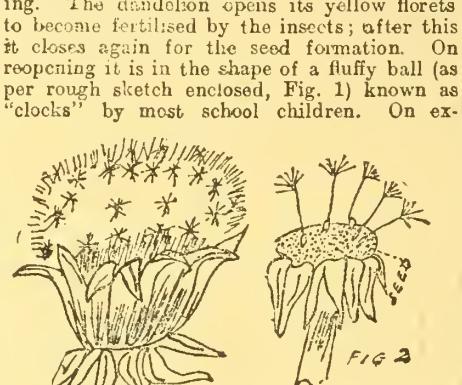
A HUMAN LINNET.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a little space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, in praise of Mr. Fred Allen's bird whistling, and to thank him for the fine exhibition of Linnet whistling he gave us at Hull after our Whit Monday contest. His chief notes were chattering and scraping. He imitated one of Mr. Sam Saul's bird so exactly in tone that he actually deceived one of our judges! He is only a young man, therefore it is quite surprising to hear him whistle (and speak of the Linnet) so well. He will take a lot of beating. I hope you will find space for the above to show we acknowledge that Mr. Fred Allen, of Leeds, is a "good 'un."

HULL LINNET SINGER.

WHERE DOES DANDELION SEED GROW?

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent "Rochdale" I submit the following information. The dandelion seed grows on the flower head after the plant has finished blooming. The dandelion opens its yellow florets to become fertilised by the insects; after this it closes again for the seed formation. On reopening it is in the shape of a fluffy ball (as per rough sketch enclosed, Fig. 1) known as "clocks" by most school children. On examination it will be seen to consist of a number (about 500) of plumed stalks, with a seed attached to the bottom of each. No doubt "Rochdale" has seen these plumed stalks floating about in the air. This is nature's provision for scattering the seed. Fig. 2 shows dandelion head partly "blown"; the seed can be plainly seen. The heads should be gathered just before they have opened to the full extent, and dried in a large paper bag. The seeds will become released and sink to bottom of bag.



T. ALLERTON.

SIR,—If "Rochdale" will gather the flower of the dandelion and look at it very closely, he will find under the flower something like tiny small down. Take another half dead and he will notice the white stuff a lot larger and some young seed under the white. Then pick a white bud and examine it, and he will see nothing but a bud of white stuff. Under that the seed will be found. As the bud opens he will discover the seed gets blacker, and of course ripe, and is blown away by the wind. I am sure this all grows on one stem, and he will see it, too, if he studies this very closely.

W. STAPLETON.

A BIRD-LOVER'S EXPERIENCES IN CANADA.

[We are enabled to publish this extract from the letter of a one-time well-known English bird-lover, now resident in Canada, by courtesy of Mr. W. A. Lott. We think its strong human interest will appeal to readers. The writer, Mr. A Jones, was a member of the National British Bird and Mule Club, and is the inventor of "Jones' Hygienic Fountain" for aviaries and flight cages.—EDITOR.]

My Dear Lott,—I have no doubt you hear glowing accounts of Canada in England, and the hundreds of thousands that come out; but they don't say how many go back again to the old country. The Government want all the prairie broken up, and offer you 160 acres to stop on it three years and spend your capital. These are a few of the discomforts you have to go through. The Government say you can find water on the prairie by digging from 12 to 15 feet for it. We have dug from 9 to 12 wells and they have proved all dry. Look at the expense and labour of this! Prairie fires in the spring come along and destroy all your pasture; at times they are 100 miles wide. The last originated from a man on the line raking out hot coals on to the grass. I think the fine the company had to pay was 1,000,000 dollars. Sometimes a fire is started by ranchers; they want new grass for their cattle and horses. They don't think of the sweating we poor beggars have to put it out, working night and day with wet sacks, fighting it to save our premises! The last one came along when nearly everybody was at the fair in town. I was fighting it alone on my quarter. It jumped the fireguard we construct, like a cat, and came on to my "shack." I scrambled up all the inflammable sticks, chips, etc., and threw them off from the shack, and then wired in with my wet sacks. A very strong wind drove it swishing and frizzling past, and I bobbed behind the "shack." Then away I went round the back of it to some stacks, the fire going nearly as fast as I could run. This time I was beaten; one stack caught fire, and I felt very much in despair, like the prophet when he said: "It is enough, O Lord, now take away my life." But the sack was wet, and only the top was burnt that had been dried up by the sun (Providence again). I then went to a neighbour's farm; the occupants were both in town. I sanded some pasture, and then went in his "shack" and had a feed. I felt rather played out. So much for the second discomfort. I take up a cutting from the journal "The Woman at Home," which my sister sent out to me, and I read these words: "I look out upon the rolling Wheatfield of the Canadian North West. The fields are glowing yellow in the sun. The land groans with its precious burden, etc." The precious burden gets frozen or hailed down, and is then anything but precious; or if the writer had been a farmer she would have probably seen acres destroyed by gophers, a kind of ground rat, and some by blight, let alone mice and birds, and at times there are thousands of Blackbirds sitting on the stacks. But we never kill a bird out here; the good they do more than counterbalances the evil. Farmers are getting more intelligent. The writer, too, says nothing about mosquitoes. At times I have had to run; they are like a hornet's nest about your head and hands and every bare part they can get at. Dolly's experience did not reach to this point, I guess! I think I hear you say: Jones, you must be a pessimist to write about all these woes; cheer up, old man. I am all right, and am going to another concert and dance to-morrow night. I shall fight and work on. The singing of birds in the land is coming. I had a flock of Nightingales in April last year. I think the poor things had been driven here by the wind during their migration. I could hardly believe my eyes. I looked out of my window in the early morning and saw hundreds of brown birds. I thought probably some of the Bunting family had arrived; the Song Sparrow, perhaps. I took my field-glasses and hurried out, took a good sight, and got as near as I could. Presently I heard "Cluck," "Cluck." Oh joy of joys, to hear a Nightingale! I told a farmer. "Are you sure?" he asked. Then he drawled out in his dry way: "Nightingales on the prairie you may depend on it they won't stop here long." "No," I said; "poor little beggars, they are hungry or they would not have stopped at all." Sure enough there was not one to be seen the next day. They had a famished look. I scattered oatmeal, etc., about, to hold them on; they might eat it if very hungry. The snow had not all melted, and I expect very few insects had made their appearance. Yes; I have a little pleasure here of nature's providing. I think I told you I had a Goshawk, Carrion Crows and Blackbirds all feeding together upon scraps from the table and gophers I had trapped just outside my shack. A stoat came tearing over the snow the other day and carried off the mice, one by one, which I had trapped. Then it came right inside and tried to carry off the meat! He then caught up a blood-spattered knife in his teeth. But I wanted that myself, so I took it away from the stoat! Some would look upon these tales as made-up lies but you know me, Lott, and I believe the time is coming when there will be more animals domesticated by far than there are now. I have walked within 20 yards of three wolves that were sitting looking at me on the prairie, and have had gophers eating off my plate. Is it not nice to have somethink to break the monotony of money grabbing? I have read about Mr. Starr, the Crystal Palace manager. He is a fine fellow I guess. I am glad the N.B.B. and M.C. is prospering. Make it an educational club. I must now do my washing.

ARTHUR JONES.

HEN SONG THRUSH BUILDS AND LAYS IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—I think your many readers will be interested to learn that Mr. S. Walker, of Moores Road, Belgrave, Leicester, has a hand-reared Thrush, a hen (of last year) which has built two nests in the coal-house, and laid two clutches of eggs. He took the last lot away, and had three eggs brought him, which he put under the hen. She sits night and day coming off only for her food, which she gets in living kitchen, then goes back to her nest. She had been sitting 12 days when I saw her. Her photograph was taken while on the nest. I have never seen the like before. Mr. Walker told me that almost all the people that work in the factory had been to see her. She will not come off when you stand at the door of the coal-house, which is left open all day long, till night when the family are about to retire. Of course, the hen has one wing cut, and runs about the garden all winter, going into the house for her food, and to roost.

W. ELLICOCK.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

The Feeding & Rearing of Young Canaries

By R. L. CRISP.

A Lecture given before the members and friends of the Lewisham and District C.B.S. on June 12th.

Many fanciers go wrong in the feeding of their Canaries, so I will state my own views and if anything I say is of assistance to anyone, I shall be fully compensated for any trouble taken. With the making of egg-food many fanciers use too much bread or biscuit. For my part I always use biscuit, containing, as it does, in my opinion, much more nourishment and having a lesser tendency to turn sour.

Some short time ago I witnessed an egg-food-making competition and was much amused by seeing one competitor use a piece of bread as large as my doubled-up fist; probably if this gentleman intended to give his birds amusement in hunting for the small pieces of egg, his purpose was a success, but as a food for rearing young Canaries on, it was certainly a case of "love's labour lost." Biscuit contains quite double the amount of building-up properties we find present in bread; it is nourishment in a much more concentrated form.

I use 1½ tea biscuits to 2 eggs, this in my experience being the best proportion, and I obtain much larger and finer specimens than if I used bigger quantities. So I do not use too much biscuit. I do not discard any of the egg at all, the white containing a larger percentage of building-up properties. I do not like the egg-food to be dry as it makes it more difficult for the birds to regurgigate.

Hemp seed and Green-food Examined.

Many fanciers say it is quite impossible to rear birds without hemp-seed, but I say it is possible, as I never use any myself. I strongly advise all fanciers to discard this seed if they find the parents feeding largely on same, as I am convinced it is quite unsuitable for young birds, and in many cases the cause of those long, lean, gaunt young which we see in the nest, but which, with few exceptions, die, and when examined look to be in a half-starved condition.

I prefer maw and rape seeds to any others, both of which I give in moderation, the sleeping property of the poppy not being in the seed but in the pod no harm can therefore accrue from their use. I buy them in small quantities, as I find they have a tendency to turn musty if stored for any length of time.

Green-food, such as chickweed and dandelion, I consider excellent if fresh, and also watercress, which I may say I use freely; in fact, not being able to obtain the other green-food mentioned, I use this solely and have never found any harm accrue from its use, even from the first day of hatching. It is my custom to put a tiny spray in on the first day as this tempts the hen off the nest, and a glimpse can then be obtained of the contents of same. I may here add that I use this right through the moulting season as well, but only in judicious quantities. Green-food of any kind acts as ballast, and is inclined to act on the liver. By carrying food through the system it is beneficial, though it has no building up properties.

Some Nesting Difficulties.

Clear eggs I consider the result of sterility in one or both of the birds, probably caused through excessive inbreeding, or through the birds being out of condition. I am, therefore, no believer in close inbreeding. Addled eggs are the result of a lack of vitality on the part of one or both of the birds, and is mostly caused through lack of stamina.

Desertion is probably caused through the second clutch coming too soon after the first, to allow of the hen sitting her full time so that nature ordains that she should desert her first clutch.

Sweating is mostly caused by the hen sitting too closely. I have been informed on good authority that it is impossible for a hen to sweat and that this sweated appearance is caused by the congealed breath of the closely-covered young; but this I cannot vouch for, as I am luckily not troubled with the complaint in my room. As a preventative I would advise the use of a very shallow nest-pan, or a perforated, zinc-bottomed nest-box, and of chopped hay for nesting materials.

I also prefer the cock to run with two hens, keeping him away till the eggs are incubated and the young at least a day old, as this allows the young to get fresh air when the hen feeds, instead of (as is often done) the cock continuing to feed the hen on the nest. It also prevents maltreatment of the young, if they accidentally fall out, which does sometimes occur; in all probability the cock with the idea, no doubt, of helping to replace them, proceeds to nip off the toes, wings, etc.

It also allows more freedom in selecting a suitable partner for him by trying him with more than one hen. I have no remedy for hens refusing to feed, the cause being sometimes that the young are themselves too weak to gape for food; and it is not always the hen's fault.

Whenever, too, the hen has a desire to nest in the same place, I remove the young to another nook, giving her a clean nest and fresh nesting materials, a piece of rope frayed out being an excellent thing to keep her from plucking her young for this purpose.

Feeding and Training the Young.

When young are taken away I always at first give the egg-food moistened with water until they are quite able to eat the hard seed. I also give small quantities of bread and milk, slightly sprinkling same with rape or maw seeds.

To train the young I always give the show-cage to them immediately they are able to take to the perches, though I do not believe that any amount of training will ever make a show bird, a show bird being bred, not made. The only real training I consider necessary is a thorough familiarity with the show-cage, steadiness being a most essential point in all show birds.

Don't discard all faulty specimens such as birds deficient in head and beak properties, as they may be good in body; but breed same with birds good in these respects. Type and quality are your first consideration, and not size, though, naturally, I prefer a good, big bird, if not coarse, and if also he combines other good points. If, however, you want to do away with any faults, buy one good hen, unless you happen to be good in hens, when of course you will buy a cock; but if you are not good in either sex buy a hen for choice, and the best you can afford, one good bird being worth any number of moderate specimens. Buy from sight and not from pedigree alone, as a bird showing good properties must be bred from selection by the breeder and not from haphazard breeding. I have always proved the wisdom of so doing. Of course, get both if able, but pedigree alone is a pure fallacy, in my opinion.

To produce size combined with good type I have always found that big hens with small cock birds are just as good as the reverse order of things; so do not discard your small cock birds if typical in other respects, but mate them to the largest hens you have. But make sure to get type in both.

Moulting, in my opinion, is a fever which attacks your birds in a more or less virulent form, and should any of your young seem to be badly affected during this most critical period isolate them at once and feed solely on bread and milk— a remedy for which we are indebted to Yorkshiremen. If taken in time fully 90 per cent. of your young will be reared as a reward for this slight extra trouble.

The Discussion.

MR. EDWARDS asked: Can you tell me the best way to steady a bird, as I find mine very difficult to steady, continually clinging to the top of wires?—The best time to steady is directly the young leave the hens. I am no believer in flight cages (I refer, of course, to large flights), as a great deal of plucking ensues. Keep the young in stock cages and well drill by handling.

MR. EDWARDS: Do you consider it best to keep them in stock cages the whole time; and how many would you keep together?—Yes, and two for preference, as this small number prevents fighting and probably much plucking. I believe, too, the birds get a more even quantity of food.

MR. SCOTT: Do you consider it best to keep breeding cocks together?—No, decidedly not. Cocks are always more pugilistic than hens, and at this time would probably half kill one another. Keep them in separate show cages, if possible.—What about during the show season?—By all means keep show birds separately.

MR. PILCHER: Will the full clutch of eggs be fertile if the cock is removed after first egg is laid?—Yes, certainly; in my experience it is so.—How many days before the first egg is laid must he be with the hen to ensure the eggs being fertile if in condition?—The day before is quite safe for third and fourth eggs, but I doubt whether the first and second would be fertile.

MR. PILCHER: Do you believe in letting the cock help to rear the young?—I certainly believe in it after the young are 10 days old, as the cock is as much responsible for the young as the hen is, and like the human father should not be allowed to shirk his responsibilities.

MR. FLETCHER: If you run a cock with three or four hens, do you then allow the cock to help rear the young?—No; but I do not advise having too many hens.

MR. SCOTT: I am much troubled with getting unfertile eggs; what time do you consider the best to run the cock with hen to produce fertile eggs—early morning or later on during the day?—The latter part of the day before the hen takes to the nest, as they usually do previous to nesting.—Will a richer diet improve the fertility of cock?—Yes, slightly, unless very closely inbred; but if not in condition you cannot force same.

MR. ANDERTON: Do all the young have the bad characteristics transmitted to them?—Like does not always produce like, but it has a tendency to do so. Perfect specimens are not bred, so do not discard all specimens with faults; but don't, on the other hand, breed with birds having all of the same faults.

MR. WHITE: What about sight influence?—In his reply Mr. Crisp said he would not expect the sight of a scaffold pole to influence the length of his Yorkshires. (Laughter.)

MR. EDWARDS: In moulting, is it necessary to use egg and biscuit in the same proportion as in rearing?—No, but I prefer the egg-food to be well damped when adding colour-food, as this generates the colour quicker than if too powdery, though, of course, I do not mean stodgy.

MR. ANDERTON: Do you think feeding in any way affects the sex of young?—No, certainly not.

MR. PALLETT: Which do you consider has the most influence in breeding for colour, the cock or the hen?—If there is any advantage, it is on the cock's side, though a good, rich-coloured hen has also a very great influence on the colour. Whatever young are bred, more buffs are bred, however you pair your birds.

MR. ANDERTON: Can you account for my having so many clear eggs; I have had several nests of four eggs each, and only one fertile egg in each?—Only in the condition of your birds, as previously explained.

MR. LUCAS: Do you consider a little salt in the bath beneficial in the case of sweating hens?—Yes, I believe it to be so.

MR. LUCAS: In what way do you consider Canary seed harmful, starch being present in same, and starch forming sugar?—Sugar is only a heat generator and not a food.

MR. LUGG: Do you believe in soaking rape seed?—No, I have no faith in it, though, I believe, many fanciers advise its being done.

MR. LUGG: Have you tried the New Woodland Milk Food?—No, but I should think it quite possible to bring up young on it, being as it is a milk food.

MR. ANDERTON: Do you advise using watercress only to get the best results?—No, chickweed is an excellent green-food, and dandelion also, if used moderately; but fanciers must use discretion in the giving of all green-food.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Crisp for his kindness in giving such an interesting paper, was unanimously passed. Mr. Crisp, in reply, said it gave him much pleasure to come among such enthusiastic fanciers, and he hoped he had been of assistance to some.—H. THOS. LUCAS, hon. sec.

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British Birds: Some Practical Hints on their Management.

By W. H. COMMINS.

Notwithstanding the general knowledge and the broader-minded attitude of fanciers which now exist in relation to this particular branch of the Fancy, namely, the keeping of British birds in confinement, it is not unusual to hear people say how easy and simple the keeping of British birds really is. The first study for anyone is to get to know the names, the colours, and the different habits of each bird that comes before him.

First, Know Your Birds.

The greatest difficulty for the young fancier to overcome is to know how to treat the birds rightly and properly in confinement. You must study the different species and endeavour to learn all you can about their natural habits, and the various foods they live upon in their wild state; also ascertain the amount of space each bird will require when caged.

For hard-bills box-cages with wire fronts are the most suitable. When the wire fronts are screwed on they are easily taken off, and the inside of the cage can then soon be cleaned. Fix in all the cages moveable perches, which are made thus: In one end of the perch put a small nail or brad, sharpening the head with a file, and having made the perch in the first instance a quarter of an inch longer than is necessary, take a saw and cut to the proper length, and you then have an easy-fitting perch which can be taken out easily and cleaned. Have your perches to suit the birds according to their size, and not exactly round. When they are fixed they should not be one over another, as they soon get dirty, and clean feet are a great help towards keeping the bird in good health.

Some Necessary Precautions.

If you have a large cage so as to allow the birds room for exercise, it will not be easy for them to damage their plumage. Put some nice, sharp sand and some shell grit in the bottoms of the cages and hang a piece of cuttle-fish inside the cage now and then. Remember that all British birds require a bath (if the weather permits) at least once a week. Another thing is to let them have plenty of fresh air and sunshine, but be careful not to put them in draughty places. All cages should be disinfected twice a year, as this helps to keep down red mite.

Soft-bills kept in confinement require to be well considered with regard to their habits. Different cages are necessary for the different species. Some cages need to be padded and the food has to be put inside. Sawdust, bran, or chaff makes good material for the bottoms. The tins or vessels which contain their food should be cleaned out every day. If this is not done the food soon turns sour. The greatest drawback in the keeping of soft-bills is in regard to their feet. If you are not very careful the feet will get clotted over with dirt; the birds then get sore and cannot stand on the perch, while not a few lose their toe-nails in consequence. Sometimes birds have to stand down at the shows for this very reason, and their chances at the exhibitions are always very poor.

When and How to Buy.

There are right and wrong times for getting Soft-bills. You will often see birds advertised in the spring of the year, just after they have arrived. Birds that have been meated off make good show birds, but a lot of them are sold, I know, before they have been meated off, because I have bought them myself. I know from experience, therefore, that the spring is the wrong time to get them. And it stands to reason that when these birds arrive in this country they are mostly adult birds; they come back, most of them, to charm us by their beauty and their lovely song, and in a short time they pair up and breed. It is very rarely that a spring-caught bird settles down to cage life; and it does not matter what you do to them, or how you treat them—they simply sulk or pine away, and in the end die. Those that do live are, during the summer, very restless, and knock themselves about, so that they are not worth looking at.

The right thing to do is to get birds that have left their parents only some three or four weeks; they are then strong and plump and will get more settled by the time the migrating season arrives.

If you are thinking of keeping any Soft-bills, get some one to give you some advice on how to get them, for there is as much in buying as there is in keeping. What you want to do is to "get in" with a good trapper or with a reliable dealer (you will see dealers' advertisements in CAGE BIRDS) from whom the birds may be got. When the dealer gets the species you require, he will keep them for a time and get them on to the right food, after which he will write and let you know when he is sending them on. If coming from a distance, the birds should be fetched from the station, as if delayed long they will soon go wrong and probably die. When the dealer sends the birds he will stock them with food and tell you how to feed them. He will also send them in proper travelling cages.

When the Trouble Begins.

Most of these birds go on alright for a time, but when the time comes for their species to depart from our shores, the trouble begins. It is then that they become anxious to be free. They are very much on the move at night-time, so that it is a good plan to cover up the front of their cages so that they shall be in the dark during the night. Also darken the window of the room in which they are kept.

To keep them in good condition during this period they should be kept in cages two feet square, made of some soft material, or gauze; this will keep them steady as they can see through it; it also keeps them in perfect feather. All Soft-bills during the moult require an extra watch kept over them; they should not have too much bathing, but should have plenty of insect food—maggots or gentles are to be got at this time—and those that eat fruit will welcome any that is ripe.

Take great care to see that everything given them is fresh, and all that is left at the end of each day removed from the cage. Keep your eye on the perches and clean the cages out often. Food-tins and jars must be scalded out every day during the summer, and the water-glasses or tins well washed out.

On Making a Start.

Feed the birds regularly—not all one day and hardly anything the next. Regularity in feeding is another very important essential to success. That being so, I will give you a little advice on how to make a start. You have your cages, we will presume. Now give the Soft-bills, such as Nightingales, Black-caps, Whitethroats, Wheatears, Redstarts, Whinchats, Robins, and all the smaller ones, a plentiful supply of ants' eggs, mealworms, caterpillars, small beetles, flies, flesh-maggots, small earthworms, and little slugs, and wasp grubs, also supply spiders and butterflies. Any of these you will be able to get in the summer.

You can, of course, keep a stock of mealworms. You get a large jar or tin of them as stock and lay by for breeding purposes. Keep a lot of worms as stock; they will turn into small beetles, which will lay eggs. These eggs will hatch out and become mealworms. Keep an eye to them, and feed them on bran, etc.

Ants' eggs you can buy. You can give meat of different kinds, cooked and chopped up very fine; also give green food, such as lettuce, parsley, and watercress, which must also be cut up very small, and a paste made up of peameal, with the yolk of hard-boiled eggs. This is, I know, a varied menu, but it is one from which you may give the birds that which they like; you will soon find out which they are most fond of. Some birds like one thing, while others may not, perhaps, touch it.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR,

(Continued from page 520).

My Indigo Buntings—*continued.*

Here let me make a strange note—the eggs were all without any markings whatever, and a dirty whitish blue in colour. Now, in all books I have read, it is said that the eggs of the Indigo Finch are blue with a spot or two of purple at the larger end. Did my hen lay abnormal eggs?

I soon saw, when the hen began to sit, that, like Humpty-Dumpty, who sat on a wall, my poor little friend would, unless I did something to avert the catastrophe, "have a great fall." The mere weight of her body made the nest lean over in the most ominous manner; and I saw that if it was to survive, artificial strengthening would have to be resorted to. Now there may be readers who, when they read what follows, will cry in derision *Credat Judæus*, but, as Bret Harte makes one of his characters say sometimes, "My name is Truthful James,"—at any rate, for this occasion.

Seeing that the nest was giving way in its supports—remember it was only suspended by the strands of grass from the branches—I determined that I would try a *Cæsarian* operation. Probably in America the Indigo Finch can find tougher material for suspenders than I can find in Yorkshire. I went indoors and found my wife's workbox. I selected a needle of fair and comely proportions, with the sort of eye a camel could go through, and some stout, black thread that would hold a healthy Zebra, and after spending some hours of patient labour, I succeeded in threading the needle.

Then I hurried off to the aviary and to the aid of poor Mrs. Indigo. I found her busily sitting, but in what I cannot but think must have been a painful position, as her head was down and her tail was up, and I saw that if things went on as they were doing, the precious eggs must fall to the ground, like Newton's apples, by the attraction of gravity. I looked at the little hen and I said to myself, "I wonder if you will stand what I am going to do? It is for your good and the welfare of your coming family; therefore pardon me."

I put out my finger and she skipped off with her little crest erect, and hopped on to a neighbouring branch, anxiously awaiting developments. I was as quiet and handy as a man could be with such a clumsy weapon as a needle to handle and a long bit of thread, and with an anxious bird looking on!

I passed the threads through the nest to act as suspenders (ladies, don't blush), until, like Johnny Gilpin, "I made the balance true." It took a bit of time, and it fair made me hot all over, but then, I am not a good hand with needle and thread. I had grave doubts as to whether my well-intentioned efforts would succeed; but it was kill or cure. I felt like Baden-Powell: it was a question:—

If we go forward, we die,
If we go backward, we die;
Better go forward and die.

My readers can supply the parallel.

To my surprise my little friend seemed to understand that I was only lending a helping hand, and when I came back a quarter of an hour later she was sitting on the eggs as if nought had taken place. To show my perfect veracity, I sent the nest and suspenders to a friend when all was over.

At the end of twelve days I found two eggs hatched and one egg clear; I was pleased over my luck, as I felt sure from past experience that I could rear them. Everything went happy as a marriage bell for a week, and the younsters grew all that one could wish. The next day was Sunday—a day of peace and goodwill; but in the country, Sunday is a day of terror to people who have aviaries, for the common necessary boy is then on the prowl. I went to evensong at 6 o'clock, but I forgot to fasten the padlock of the "Wilderness." When we came out of church I went across to the aviaries to feed up for the last time. As I crossed the field I saw three boys up a tree after a nest. I shouted to them fiercely, and they fled incontinently, but not before I had recognised them. It was a rare good thing I did, as the sequel will show.

On reaching the aviaries I found to my horror that the padlock had been stolen, and on looking inside I could see that someone had been inside! I said to my wife, "It is those boys, and I will be bound those young Indigos are gone." I entered with a dreadful feeling of sickness and crept hurriedly towards the Indigo's nest. Village boys would regard young Indigos with as little reverence as a lot of young Sparrows. To my joy the nest was there all right and the youngsters in it. I lifted my hat and said a *Laudate*, and I never meant it more. How that nest escaped will always be to me a miracle. I could have screamed for joy.

Then my thoughts turned to sweet revenge. I went to one of the boys and I said, "If you do not give me the padlocks you have taken, you will accompany me to the policeman." He protested with ashy face that he had never been near my garden, and had never seen any padlocks, did not know in fact what a padlock was! Unfortunately for himself, he had only a few minutes before offered to exchange them with another boy for a value received. I taxed him boldly with his deflections from the path of truth. He vowed he only had one padlock (a red one, of all colours) which his father had given him.

I again hinted at the man in blue. He reconsidered the matter—he knew who had got the padlocks. Would I let him go and fetch them? He soon named the offender. I consented. In about a quarter of an hour he returned with the stolen goods.

The next morning, it being Monday, I went to see Papa No. 1. I unfolded my tale and gave him the alternative of (1) giving the boys a sound thrashing himself, or (2) of going to a neighbouring Police-court. He elected the former without apparently consulting the people most deeply interested, and opined in a tragic voice that his lads would not come into my garden again. The tone was kind of suggestive, and I felt quite sorry for those boys, but then, I remembered also my poor little Indigo hen and her family, and the check of the whole thing, and I let matters take their course.

That same evening there came a knock at the back door; the maid appeared with a message. Could so and so speak to the Vicar; and when I went out to see, there stood paterfamilias and the two culprits, greeting right sore, and as I opined also right sore (forgive the pun) as to the lumber region! Papa had a good stout ash plant in his hand, as though to give ocular proof that justice had been done.

"There, Sir," he said, "I have given them a real good trouncing and they wont trouble you no more. Now then (to the culprits) beg the Vicar's pardon." I really felt a little sorry for the boys, and I freely forgave them. I should have liked to have given them sixpence; I am sure they had earned it, but then, that would have been to encourage vice!

Those Indigo birds are now locked up throughout the day, and woe betide any one who comes to molest them. I never so nearly lost a medal as I did on that eventful Sunday evening. The other and worst culprit, I have reason to believe, was "executed" on the same evening, but at a somewhat later hour, when his sire returned from late hay-making, and I believe the weapon of execution was identical.

Let this plain, unvarnished tale in which I have nought extenuated, though nought set down into malice, warn all who have aviaries to keep them locked, even on Sundays:

When wicked little boys delight,
To pull poor birdies nests out.

(To be continued.)

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The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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Training Rollers to Sing.

Many a new beginner in the Canary Fancy has asked the question: "What does it mean to train Rollers to sing, and how is it done?" It must, therefore, be a puzzling term to many novices to hear or read of training their birds to sing. And yet, a few minutes' cool, reasoning thought should suffice to show that the term is neither a vague nor an anomalous one.

The song of the Roller being wholly an acquired and artificial melody, it goes without saying that if the birds are to sing the orthodox song of the educated Roller, they must be placed under tuition whilst young, before they have begun to sing the song with which nature has endowed them, and which their intuitive instincts would lead them to perform if left entirely to their own promptings. Even members of the human race who desire to become proficient singers put themselves under recognised masters of the art to be trained and made as perfect as their natural powers will admit. How much more necessary it must be when one desires an unreasoning bird to perform an unnatural song to give it every opportunity of hearing the wished-for melody and cutting it off from all association with any extraneous sound it may be likely to pick up more easily, and consequently more readily, than the coveted sounds!

In a few words, the training of Rollers to sing means keeping them constantly in hearing of the song it is wished to impart until they are quite proficient in its performance, and at the same time excluding every other sound of any description of bird music. The inevitable result of these essential requirements is that the fancier with limited space at his disposal who wishes to breed Rollers for this song and to keep the song pure must necessarily make it an exclusive hobby.

How to Proceed.

No other birds of any kind should be kept, as it is scarcely possible for the small working-man fancier to house two classes of birds and ensure their complete isolation from each other in the matter of sound.

The process of training should commence as soon as the birds are quite able to be caged up separately. After leaving the parents the young birds may be drafted to large flight cages for a month or so to get well on to a diet of seeds before caging-up takes place, and during this interval should be left in the company of the parents, who will probably be engaged with another brood, in order that they may have the benefit of the adult cock's tuition. By the time the month has elapsed the young cocks should be singled out and caged off separately, and, if possible, removed to another room, where they will be out of ear-shot of the breeding pairs. Here they should have the company of one or two thoroughly good and pure singing Roller cocks as their principal tutors, and if a number of young birds are bred, or purity and quality of song are valued more than a little extra expense, a good bird-organ should also be provided and kept going for a few hours each day at distinct intervals, and especially in the early morning and during the evening.

The cocks selected as tutors should be chosen, if possible, from early moulting birds, so as to get them through the moult and on song again before the young birds drop in moult, in order that they may be in good song, or at least one of them, whilst the young birds are silent from moulting. Should there threaten to be a long interval of silence, then the organ should be utilised more freely to fill in the void.

The chief object to be aimed is to keep the birds constantly acquainted with the song they are required to learn from the time they are placed under tuition until their moult is over and they are in good, full, adult song. By this time the majority of them will probably be sufficiently educated for ordinary singing purposes, but others will be found slower in acquiring their lesson. But so long as a bird does not take up bad, choppy, or objectionable notes no anxiety need be felt on account of its being slow to learn. A slow learner is just as likely to make a proficient singer which will retain its song well as the more mercurial specimens.

Dealing with Lusty Singers.

One thing that the breeder must keep a watch over, especially after the moult is over and the birds have regained their strength and vigour, is the pitch of the birds' notes. If a bird is heard to put too much power into its song and pitch its voice too high, its cage should be covered over with a cloth, or better still, it should be placed in a singing box and the door kept shut for a few hours in the middle of the day, and at any other time when it is singing lustily and too loudly it should be covered over or shut up.

If the birds seem at all obstinate in this fault, it will do them no harm to keep them covered closely for a few days except for an hour or so morning and evening, so that they only hear the singing of other birds in a low, subdued tone. A good deal of patience may be required to break some birds of the habit, but the effort is one that cannot be neglected unless one is content to have the bird become little better than a common songster in a few months.

Training Mules.

Strange as it may appear there seems very little misunderstanding about the meaning of the term when it is applied to Mules or Hybrids; and yet in the case of Rollers which we have just been considering it is almost exactly analogous. Perhaps in the case of the Mule there may be some sort of hereditary instinct to sing the wild bird's note, but if left entirely to its own instincts it will generally sing a medley, giving more attention to any notes, good or bad, which it is most accustomed to hear when young.

When they are required to sing any particular melody, it is almost, or quite, invariably that of the Finch, and consequently the practical Mule-breeder for singing purposes must be careful to keep his young Mules isolated from the sounds of all other birds, save a good singing Goldfinch, Linnet or Siskin, or whatever the male parent may be. As a rule it is one or other of the two first-named Finches that are concerned in this matter, and the chief object in training is very often to utilise them as catchers' "call-birds."

Where valuable show birds are in question, the song, of course, is of little consequence. The value of the bird is then diverted into other channels, and size, health, plumage, steadiness, and general condition, are of prime importance.

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Training Bullfinches to Pipe.

An entirely different phase of song-training is that relating to piping Bullfinches. It is also another point that is little understood, so much so that one may often hear bird-keepers of some years' experience enquiring about the proper way to teach a Bullfinch to pipe a tune, or, as is still worse, in blissful ignorance expressing the intention of trying to teach one.

It cannot therefore be too widely known that to expend any effort in attempting to teach an adult bird is just so much wasted energy. One may spend a whole year of persevering labour upon hundreds of adult birds, and would probably not meet with even partial success in one in every hundred birds taken in hand. In this case above all others, one's only chance of success is in teaching the young.

The birds must be taken in hand as soon as they leave the nest. Still better is it to begin before they leave the nest, in which case it is necessary to rear them by hand. By far the greatest measure of success is attained by this means, and beginning tuition as soon as the birds are taken in hand to rear them.

Begin by taking the young, nest and all, when the former are about ten days old. At this age they are a fair size and have plenty of strength to erect their heads and take their food, and can do without the warmth of the hen, if a layer or two of soft flannel or wool is laid over them, and they are still young enough to grow up with little, if any, knowledge of their natural parents. This latter point is of very great importance in rearing the young birds to be tame and sociable. Having procured the nest, place it in a small wicker basket, or box, on a thick layer of sawdust, and cover it over with the flannel keeping it covered as long as the young birds can be induced to remain under the cover. Some fanciers object to this prolonged covering, on the score of coddling the birds, but this is a very mistaken idea.

The warmth obtained by covering is of very great value in helping the growth of the feathers, and thus really tends to make the birds ready to be placed in a cage with perches more quickly than would otherwise be the case. There is no danger whatever of coddling or making the birds susceptible to cold, for they will not long remain under the cover after the plumage gets fairly well developed. The layer of sawdust is a great aid in keeping the nest sweet and clean.

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THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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*A Hawk versus Martins.

Last year I witnessed a very interesting contest between a Sparrow-Hawk and four Sand-Martins. The Martins attacked the Hawk with great ferocity. They chased it all over the place. It tried many times to get above them, but it was in vain. At last it fell to the ground exhausted and beaten. After pecking it well, the Martins left it.—Sent by W. H. Wilson (age 12), 227, Edward Street, Nuneaton.

*A Clever Bramblefinch.

My father keeps a few British birds, and among them is a Bramblefinch, a Chaffinch, and a Greenfinch. The Bramblefinch used to be very quiet, never saying anything; but when father parted with the Chaffinch, it started giving us the latter's call-note, "Pink, pink," very loudly and distinctly. In fact, it is now hard for one to believe it is a Bramblefinch. It also imitates the call-note of the Greenfinch and the chatter of the Linnets. It is altogether a very interesting bird and very tame. Father thinks it would breed in captivity.—Sent by J. T. Tait (age 10), 2, Durham Street, West Hartlepool.

**Bullie and the Looking Glass.

When I was very young we had a tame Bullfinch. He used to fly about the house and sit on the top of the clock. He looked very wise when the clock struck the hour; he would turn his head aside as though he knew all about it. If you let him look in the mirror he would peck at his likeness and make a great fuss. Then he would dart behind to try and get the other. He looked very mad when he could not find him. He would take apple pips from our fingers. On one occasion he pulled my hair when I was too near his cage. But one day he flew out of the door, and we never saw him again.—Sent by May Benrose (age 11), 65, Egypt-road, Basford, Nottingham.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

Enemies to Wild Birds.

There are very few of our wild birds that are not engaged in the duties of reproduction. Many of them have safely disposed of their first broods, and are quietly incubating their second clutches of eggs. The protection afforded by the thick underwood must be pleasing to wild life. Compared with the early spring months, when the foliage was scanty, the sense of security must be great. For this reason second broods are no doubt safely reared. If it were not so, many species would soon become somewhat rare. Nest-finding is now a difficult matter, and the wanton destroyers of anything unusually beautiful have become satiated with their lust for destruction. So the wild birds have a month or two of peaceful nuptial bliss. They have only their natural enemies to contend with. These no doubt need careful watching, and in many cases the parent birds are quite powerless to protect their young. Take the case of a stoat attacking the nest of one of the Finches. While working down the hedgerow he hears the baby cries of the young birds; he then very soon detects the locality of the nest, and to climb the tree and slaughter the whole brood is the work of but a few minutes. The old birds flutter round uttering plaintive calls, but are quite powerless to act. The larger birds would make a fight of it. If not actually engaging in direct combat, they would so buffet and worry the intruder that unless very hard-pressed for food, he would slink off to a more easy conquest. Ground-builders, or those nesting in the brambles and vegetation near it, must frequently suffer from stoats and weasels, for there can be no doubt small birds form the principal part of their food during the summer months. Nature is prodigal, and hundreds of wild birds are reared in excess of what are required to perpetuate the species, but then the dangers before they arrive to maturity are many, and when they do reach maturity they have still to survive the migratory voyage and the unknown perils of foreign lands before the following spring. If it were possible to ascertain the true figures, it would be exceedingly interesting to know what percentage of bird life survives to pair the following season.

Pretending to be Snakes.

Several of our wild birds that nest in holes in trees, hiss like snakes when disturbed, no doubt with the object of trying to frighten the intruder.

A Big Clutch.

A weekly contemporary published a photograph of a Dove's nest containing thirteen eggs. Considering that two is the normal clutch, this is extraordinary.—Even allowing for two hens nesting together, which birds have been known to do, the number of eggs would be still a long way from this unusual batch. It must be a case of co-operation in the propagation of the species.

Range of the Merlin.

Dixon says of the Merlin: "It breeds very locally south of the Peak, in Derbyshire, on Exmoor, and in Wales. From the southern spurs of the Pennine chain it becomes more widely and generally distributed throughout the moorland districts of England and Scotland, west of the outer Hebrides, and north to the Orkneys and Shetlands. In Ireland it is equally common in the moorland districts.

Birds and Agriculture.

In article on "Birds and Agriculture," in an old paper, the writer says: "People have become so accustomed to the bad ways of the Sparrows, that they take no steps to keep down their numbers." To lay poisoned grain about is contrary to our laws, but Mr. Tegetmeier, the naturalist, argues that if it is right to poison rats and mice because these creatures are a nuisance and destructive to property, the excess of birds which destroy fruit and crops should be dealt with in the same way. One could find arguments for and against.

Partial Albinism in Birds.

Partial albinism appears very inconstant among wild birds. It seems more rare for a few white feathers to increase than to disappear altogether. A year or so ago partially-white Sparrows were quite common in the village, whereas now they are rare. It is curious that there should be a wave of this lack of colourisation attacking a community for a time and then disappearing as quickly as it came. We have a Jackdaw flying about with several white feathers in its wings. He has nested in an old walnut tree, but there are no signs of albinism among the young; they are quite normal in colour. Possibly the old bird next year will resume its proper plumage.

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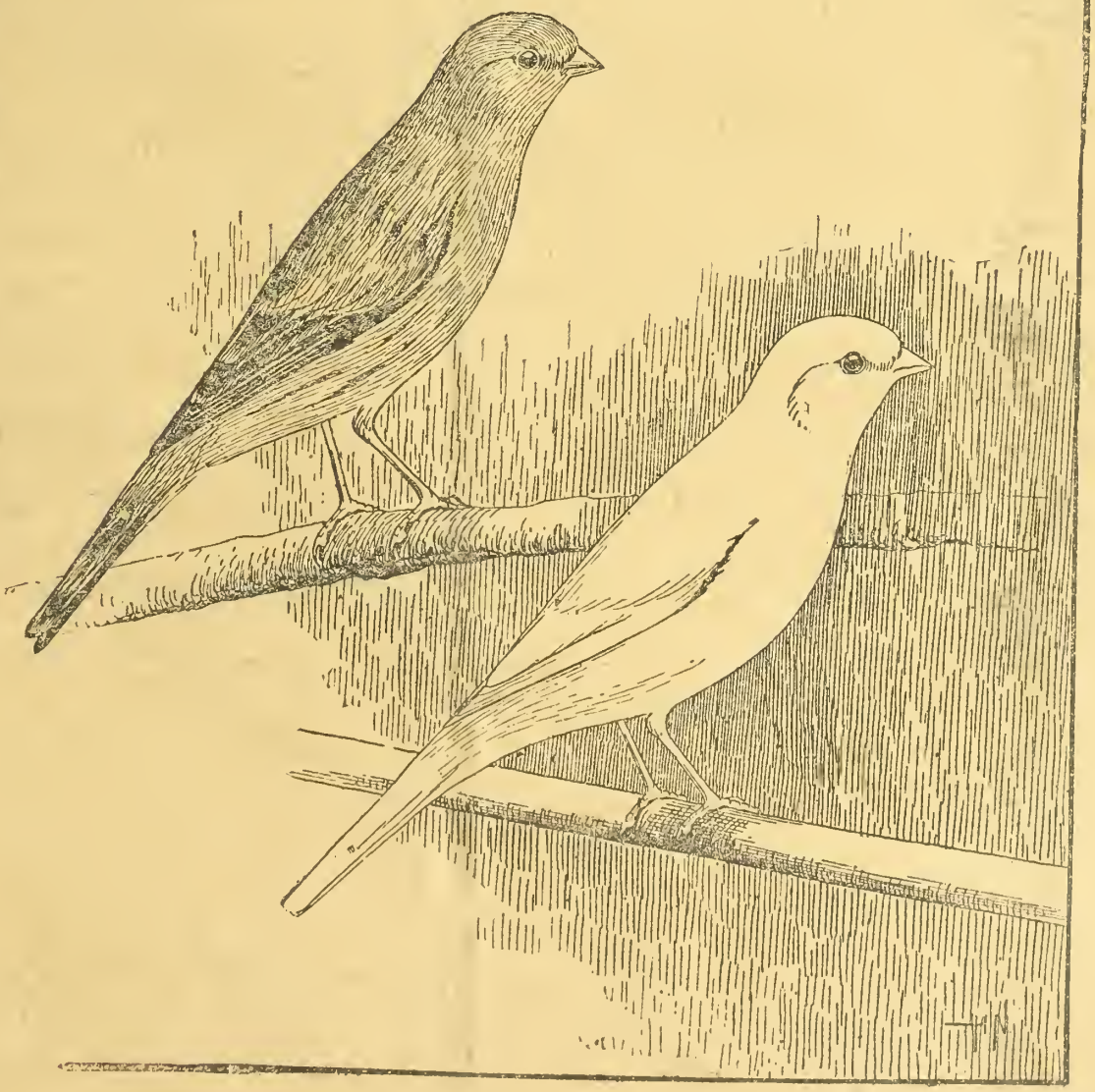

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest held at the King's Head, Shannon-street, on June 27th, when 20 birds sang. Result: 1st, Stead; 2nd, Sissons; 3rd, Hardcastle. Judge, Mr. T. Summers, and timekeeper, Mr. F. Robinson. Also on June 28th, when 25 birds sang. Result: 1st and 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Sissons; 4th shared between Summers and Wigfield. Judge, Mr. C. Cooper, and timekeeper, Mr. J. Greenwood.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, on June 20th, when 19 birds competed. Result: 1st, Stothard; 2nd and 3rd, Moore; 4th, Watson. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper. Contest held also on June 27th, when 21 birds competed. Result: 1st, White; 2nd, Whitehead; 3rd, Horwell; 4th and 5th, Oxberry. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet contest held at Prince Albert Inn on June 27th, when 11 birds sang. Result: 1st and 2nd, Towers; 3rd, Naylor. Judges, Messrs. A. Jennings and J. Chippendale. Also on June 28th, when 18 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Allen, Jackson, and Jennings. Result: 1st, G. Towers; 2nd and 3rd, Thompson.—W. DEAN, Sec.

LEIGH.

Contest held at Standard Mower on June 27th, when 24 birds sang, the prizes being for time-singing only. Judges, Messrs. Lawton and Hayes; timekeeper, Mr. R. Evans. Result: 1, 2, 4, Lawton; 3, Wardle.—J. W. JONES, Sec

WARRINGTON.

Usual fortnightly contest held at Alexandra Vaults, on June 13th, when 14 birds sang. Result: 1, Lawton; 2, Jones; 3, Clarke; 4, Howard. Judges, Messrs. Lee and Lawton, and timekeeper, Mr. H. Stanwey.—J. W. JONES, Sec

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

The Dray Cart L.C. held a members' monthly contest at headquarters, Dray Cart Inn, Frances-street, on June 27th, when 27 birds faced the judge. 1 (electro-plated teapot), Wilkinson; 2, (gold-centre medal), Ashmore; 3 (pipe and case), Hills. Judge, Mr. R. Walker; assisted by Mr. G. Hills. Timekeeper, Mr. T. Parker. Fanciers within four miles' radius wishing to become members can have particulars by applying to me, Church-street, Seaham Harbour, or at Club's headquarters.—A. DIXON, Secretary.

DURHAM.

A Linnet singing contest held at Black House Inn, June 27th. There was a good entry, 49 birds facing the judge, Mr. J. Mason, and a good attendance. Result: Old Frank, 1st, 2nd, 3rd.—W. ATCHISON, Sec.

CLUB REPORTS.

CAMBORNE F.S.

At the meeting of this society held recently there was a very good attendance. Splendid reports as to funds collected and promised were given by the secretary. It was decided to hold the next annual show on November 19th, with Mr. C. E. Silk as judge. Several new members were elected, making the society a fairly strong one.—CHAS. J. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

REIGATE F.A.

A meeting of the cage bird section was held on June 15th, at Mutton's Hotel, High-street, Redhill, when Mr. H. E. Tringham (London) kindly gave us a lecture entitled "A Chat about Yorkshires." There was a fairly good company of members present. The lecturer dealt chiefly with the breeding and exhibiting of the Yorkshire Canary. Several questions were afterwards asked, and were ably answered by Mr. Tringham. At the close a vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, which brought a happy meeting to a close.—A. W. BACON, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held on June 25th, at the Black Horse Hotel, Lowesmoor. Mr. W. D. Johnson (Malvern) took the chair. Necessary arrangements for our first feather show on July 9th were soon in hand and settled. The following classes were arranged: One each Norwich, Yorkshires, Scotch Fancies, Border Fancies, Any Variety, Rollers, Brit Goldfinches, Brit. Bullfinches, Linnets, A.S. Hard or Soft Bill. Prize money on sliding scale. Three new members—Messrs. Philpotts, Edwards, and Tipping—were accepted. A hearty vote of thanks to our chairman, and also to several local tradesmen for valuable specials kindly promised, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—A. E. BISHOP, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters, June 15th, Mr. A. C. Burn in the chair. Mr. F. King was elected a member, and Mr. R. Stevens, 72, Hugh-street, Ebury Bridge, nominated. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. Prance for presenting six show cages to be disposed of, and proceeds devoted to special prizes for annual show. Mr. W. G. Sanders was unanimously elected staging steward, to succeed Mr. Hart, whose resignation was received with regret. Circumstances preventing Mr. Curtis from accepting nomination as a member of the Executive Council of the C.B.U., Mr. J. W. Ramsden was nominated. Special prizes were given for the young bird show by Messrs. H. Offord, G. Saytch, W. Francis, and H. Robbins. Mr S. A. Sandy then delivered a lecture upon "Insectivorous Birds," and afterwards a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec

SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

A committee meeting was held in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, on June 27th. The secretary intimated that arrangements were now completed for holding the annual club show in conjunction with the Glasgow and West of Scotland on November 13th and 14th. The classification will be the same as last year's—seven classes for Crests and six for Crest-breds. Mr. Noble was nominated to judge, but in the event of his not accepting the invitation, Messrs. McKay and Chalmers are next on the list. Replies in the affirmative were also read from all the Societies which were asked to take part in the Robert's Cup competition. It was agreed that a vote of condolence be sent to the relatives of the late Mr. Wm. Cunningham (Coatbridge). Messrs. J. Sanderson and S. Loudon (Port Glasgow) were admitted to membership. Next meeting September 12th. Fanciers wishing to become members should communicate with me before that date, as this will be the last opportunity for joining this year.—R. ADAMSON, Secretary, 56, Petershill-road, Glasgow.

THE SHOWS.

DENHOLME & THORNTON C.B.S.

First feather show held on June 27th, when a fair number of young birds were staged. Mr. J. S. Clarkson acted as judge, and gave great satisfaction in placing the cards. After the birds had been cleared away, Mr. Clarkson gave a very interesting lecture on "Colour Feeding and Management of Canaries and Mules for Exhibition," which was instructive and highly appreciated.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Ingham; 2, 3, 4, Clayton. BUFF: 1, 2, Clayton; 3, Kirk; 4, Rownsby. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Ingham; 2, 4, Rownsby; 3, Bates. BUFF: 1, Bates; 2, Ingham; 3, Rowusby. FOUL MKD.: 1, Bates; 2, Cook; 3, Rownsby.—F. W. TOMSETT, Sec.

HOYLAND AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual nest feather show held on June 20th, at Five All Inn. Mr. F. Gregory judged, and his awards were well received.

YELL. YORKS: 1, vhc, Oakley; 2, 3, Dewhurst and Thompson. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, hc, c, Oakley; 3, Evans; vhc, Dewhurst and Thompson. YELL. NOR.: 1, vhc, Waters; 2, 3, hc, Robinson; c, Crosswaite. BUFF: 1, spl, vhc, and c, Waters; 2, 3, and hc, RRobinson. LINNET: 1, Robinson; 2, Watkin and Vaines; 3, Laister. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Mann; 2, Laister; 3, Watkin and Vaines. OLD BIRD, YORKS: 1, Dewhurst and Thompson; 2, Oakley; 3, A. Taylor. NOR.: 1, Waters; 2, Evans.—J. WARRENDER, Sec.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

We held our first members' show on June 20th, 41 birds being staged in six classes. Mr. Hodgson (Bradford) placed the cards, and gave great satisfaction. As this was our first show, a great deal of interest was centred in the exhibits, which brought together a large number of members and friends, and this resulted in two new members being made.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Clarke; 2, 3, B. and F. Worsman; 4, Firth; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Crowther; c, Tidswell. BUFF: 1, B. and F. Worsman; 2, c, Firth; 3, Atkinson; 4, Fawcett; vhc, Crowther; hc, Clarke. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Clarke; 2, B. and F. Worsman; 4, vhc, Tidswell; hc, Crowther; c, Netherwood. BUFF: 1, Clarke; 2, Tidswell; 3, 4, Crowther; vhc, B. and F. Worsman; hc, Sharp. YELL. CINN.: 1, 4, Bedforth; 2, Clarke; 3, vhc, Fawcett; hc, Dobson. BUFF: 1, B. and F. Worsman; 2, 4, Clarke; 3, vhc, Bedforth; c, Crowther. Mr. H. H. Clarke won special for most points in show.—J. SMITH, Secretary.

BRADFORD (West) C.B.A.

The second of the quarter'y shows was held on June 20th. The entries numbered 54, and Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) judged.

CHAMPION CLASSES: CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS: 3, 4, Crabtree; 2, Wellock; 3, Clark. BUFF: 1, 2, Crabtree; 3, Clark. UNEVENLY MKD.: 1, Clark. CINN. MRKD.: 1, Clark; 2, Crabtree. GREENS: 1, Wellock. NOR.: 1, W. Dobson; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Clark. NOVICE CLASSES: CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl best bird in show, Helliwell; 2, vhc, hc, c, Garham; 3, Pratt; 4, Lister. BUFF: 1, Turner; 2, W Dobson; 3, 4, hc, Lister; vhc, Garham; c, Pratt. UNEVENLY MKD.: 1, hc, Helliwell; 2, Garham; 3, Pratt; 4, Lister; vhc, Bennett. CINN. MKD.: 1, Helliwell; 2, 3, Garham. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, c, Inman; 4, hc, J. Townend; vhc, H. Townend. SELL. (12s. 6d.): 1, W. Dobson. Most points in champions: 1, Inman, 19; 2, Clark, 18; 3, Crabtree, 16. In Novice section: 1, Helliwell, 17; 2, 3, tie, Garham, 16; Lister, 16. Mr. W. Helliwell won Sonder'and Cup with 16 points, three birds to count for cup.—H. CLEGG, Secretary.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

A grand members' show of Canaries in first feather was held at headquarters, The Flying Dutchman, on June 20, when 99 birds were staged in 10 classes. Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax) officiated as judge, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Competition was very keen in several of the classes, many of the winners being pressed very close for premier position. Points won at this show count towards valuable specials put up for competition by the society this year. The winners of most points at this show with three highest birds were Messrs. Lingley, Lndbrook, Fortnam, and Wharton Bros. in the open section, and Messrs. Hellewell, Horsfield, Bateman, and S. Horsfield, in novice section.

CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS. (13): 1, 2, Ludbrook; 3, 4, Wharton Bros.; vhc, Fortnam; c, Lingley. BUFF (10): 1, hc, c, Lingley; 2, 3, Fortnam; 4, vhc, Wharton Bros. UNEVEN ETC. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Lingley; 2, Fortnam; 4, Ludbrook; vhc, Stansfield; hc, c, Moment. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Lingley; 3, Ludbrook; 4, hc, Wharton Bros.; vhc, c, Stansfield. NOVICE CLASSES: CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS. (13): 1, vhc, Hellewell; 2, S. Horsfield; 3, hc, J. Horsfield; 4, Bromham; c, Fawcett. BUFF (20): 1, 3, Helliewell; 2, Bateman; 4, Rhodes; vhc, J. Horsfield; hc, Edmondson; c, Gill. UNEVEN ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Brown; 3, Hellewell; 4, West; vhc, S. Horsfield. BUFF (8): 1, Hellewell; 2, J. Horsfield; 3, 4, Bateman; vhc, Denison; hc, S. Horsfield; c, Fawcett. NOR. (5): 1, 2, Fortnam; 3, 4, Holmes. BRIT. (3): 1, 2, Inman; 3, Gill.—F. RHODES, Sec.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

The society held their annual nest feather show on June 20th, when some excellent youngsters were put down by Messrs. Hartley, Radcliffe, Adams, and Rhodes in Lancashires, and Messrs. Hardy and Collinge in Crests and crest-breds. Foremost in the Yorkshires were Messrs. Clayton, Harrison, and Rayner, Lord, Schofield, Bescoby, and Faulkner; whilst in Norwich Messrs. Lees, Schofield and Clayton staged some very nice birds, one exhibit of the last-mentioned winning special for best bird in show. Mr. Clayton also won challenge cup and gold medal. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) judged.

COPPY: Cancelled. YELL. P.H. (6): 1, 4, Hartley; 2, 3, Radcliffe; vhc, hc, Adams. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Hartley; 3, c, Rhodes; 4, Collinge; vhc, Adams; hc, Harrison and Rayner. LIZARD, BROKEN C. SILVER (2): 1, Holt; 2, Lord. CREST (2): 1, Hardy; 2, Collinge. C.B. (4): 1, 4, Hardy; 2, 3, Collinge. YORKS., CL. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Lord; 2, 4, Clayton; vhc, Schofield; hc, Bescoby; c, Hartley. BUFF (10): 1, c, Clayton; 2, hc, Schofield; 3, 4, Bescoby; vhc, Harrison and Rayner. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Harrison and Rayner; 3, Bescoby; 4, Faulkner; vhc, Clayton; hc, Lees. BUFF (7): 1, 3, 4, Clayton; 2, Bescoby; vhc, hc, Faulkner; c, Lees. NOR., CL. YELL. (2): Wrong-classed. BUFF (7): 1, Clayton; 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, Lees; 3, Schofield. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Lees; 3, Clayton. BUFF (4): 1, Clayton; 2, 3, 4, Lees. AMATEUR CAN. OR MULE (2): 1, Harrison and Rayner; 2, Hartley. Specials: 5/-, for runner-up for cup, Harrison and Rayner; for most points in Lancs., F. Hartley; for most points in Lizards, Thos. Holt; for most points in Yorks., S. M. Clayton; for most points in Nor., J. Lees; and for most points in Crest and C.B., H. F. Hardy.—SAM M. CLAYTON, Hon. Sec.

SANDY LANE AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

First members' show held on June 20th. There was a good turn-up of members, and some very good young birds were staged. Mr. J. Wilman judged, and gave every satisfaction. The exhibits were divided into two sections—open and novice classes, four each.

OPEN: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Shaw Bros.; 2, 3, Wilson. BUFF: 1, Wilson. VARIEGATED GREEN: 1, Wilson; 2, Shaw Bros. VARIEGATED CINN.: 1, Drake and Son; 2, Shaw Bros. NOVICE: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Whitwham; 2, 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Simms. VARIEG. GREEN: 1, 3, Whitwham; 2, Buckle. VARIEG. CINN. 1, 3, Coates; 2, Smith.—B. Buckle, Sec.

SWINDON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Annual first feather show held on June 17th. Mr. J. Robson judged, and made a few remarks upon the exhibits, explaining his reasons for placing each bird. Although some of the members have done well, others have done but poorly, and owing to this there was hardly the number of exhibits one would have liked to see. Still, a goodly number of birds faced the judge, and the quality was of the best.

CREST: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Greenwood and Burson; C.B.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Greenwood and Burson; hc, G. Pinnel. NOR. PH. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hopkins and Allsopp; hc, Bywater. BUFF: 1, vhc, Bywater; 2, hc, Hopkins and Allsopp; 3, Dale; c, Sprules. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Carter; 3, Sendell. BUFF: 1, R. Pinnell; 2, vhc, Carter; 3, hc, c, Sendell. NOR., ANY AGE: 1, Dale; 2, Hopkins and Allsopp; 3, Bywater; vhc, Loveday. YORKS.: 1, Carter. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Dale. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Hopkins and Allsopp; vhc, G. Pinnell; hc, R. Pinnell.—E. ALLSOPP, Sec., 43, Dixon-street.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

A members' First Feather Show was held on June 20th, when Mr. C. R. Hampshire judged. There were 12 classes, which contained 58 entries. CLASS 1: 1, Haigh; 2, Lodge; 3, Dobson; 4, Hodgson; vhc, hc, Cartwright; c, Waring. CLASS 2: 1, Hodgson; 2, Cartwright; 3, Lodge; 4, Whitehead; vhc, Haigh; hc, G'edhill; c, Brook. CLASS 3: 1, Whitehead; 2, Dobson; 3, vhc, Haigh; 4, Bray; hc, Rhodes; c, Charlesworth. CLASS 4: 1, Haigh; 2, Bray; 3, Cartwright; 4, c, Fearnley; vhc, Charlesworth. CLASS 5: 1, Gledhill; 2, Dobson; 3, Haigh; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Brook; hc, Cartwright; c, Butterworth. CLASS 6: 1, Waring; 2, Hodgson; 3, Rhodes; 4, Stephenson. CLASS 7: 1, Miller. CLASS 8: 2, Moorhouse; 3, Morris and Woodhead; 4, vhc, Quarmby. CLASS 9: 4, Miller. CLASS 10: 1, Morris and Woodhouse; 2, Moorhouse; 3, Jackson. CLASS 11: 1, Sykes. CLASS 12: 1, Waring. Special for most points was won by Mr. A. Haigh, 29 points; and for best Yorkshire, by Mr. E. A. Whitehead.—S. LODGE, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

A young bird show was held on June 20th, judge, Mr. J. Robson. The classification was very good for a young stock show. The champion exhibits did not respond so readily as the amateurs and novices. This probably was due to two causes, viz., many of the champions live some distance from the district, and did not care to risk their birds out without some good inducement in the way of specials; and the season being rather late the birds have not yet been got into show condition. Several classes in the champions had to be cancelled. Messrs. Rennie and Harris showed some really good Norwich.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Rennie; 2, Harris. BUFF: 1, Rennie; 2, Harris. CLASS 3: 1, 2, Rennie; 3, Harris. CHAMPION: YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Mabey. BUFF: 1, Mabey. A.O.V.: 1, S'ade, really good Lizard. AMATEUR AND NOVICES (competed together): 1, vhc, Thomas; 2, McGregor; 3, Graham; 4, hc, c, Burgess. CLASS 11: 1, vhc, Graham; 2, Thomas; 3, McGregor; 4, hc, Burgess; c, Palmer. YORKS. YELL. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Graham; 4, Burgess; vhc, Cullum; hc, Prout; c, Slade. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Slade; 2, McLaughlin; hc, c, Cullum. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Slade. CLASS 15: 1, 2, Palmer; 3, S'ade. CLASS 17: 1, H. Graham; 2, McLaughlin; 3, Slade. CLASS 18: 1, J. Graham 2, H. Graham; 3, McLaughlin. BRIT.: 1, 2, McLaughlin; 3, H. Graham; 4, Slade. CLASS 20 (SELL.), eight entries.—W. LILLEY, Hon. Sec.

GREAT HORTON GOOD INTENT O.S

The society held their First Feather Show on June 27th at headquarters. This being the second of a series of members' shows, a great deal of interest was taken in the points' special lists as a new leader keeps popping up. The following won these specials: Messrs. H. F. Chubb, A. Holden, H. Schofield, T. L. Whitely, S. Briggs, and Geo. Newell. Mr. H. F. Chubb won a fancy teapot (given by a friend) with the highest starred birds. Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. (6): 1, Chubb; 2, Whitely; 3, Briggs; 4, Pinder; vhc, Newell; hc, Firth. BUFF (6): 1, Chubb; 2, Riley; 3, Schofield; 4, hc, Hanson; vhc, Firth. TICKED, ETC., YELL (7): 1, Chubb; 2, c, Holden; 3, Briggs; 4, vhc, Schofield; hc, Firth. BUFF (10): 1, Newell; 2, Birbeck; 3, vhc, c, Holden; 4, Whitely; hc, Schofield. CINN. MKD. YELL. (2): 1, Sharp; 2, Firth. BUFF (1): 1, Sharp. A.O.V. (2): 1, Riley; 2, Whitely.—HARRY SCHOFIELD, Hon. Sec.

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OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The annual First Feather Show was held on June 20th at headquarters, the Textile Dining Rooms. Mr. Alex. Donnelly (Swinton) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

LIZ., C.C. GOLD.: 1, spl, Hampshire; 2, Lowe. SILVER: 1, spl, Lowe. B.C. GOLD: 1, spl, Lowe. SILVER: 1, spl, Hampshire; 2, Lowe. LANCS., CL., ETC., YELL. COPPY: 1, spl, Lowe. BUFF: 1, spl, Lowe. YELL. P.H.: 1, spl, Lowe; 2, Lowe; 3, Eckersley. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Eckersley. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, and 2 sp's, 1st best bird in show, Steeple; 3, Young. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Steeple; 3, Young. TICK. YELL.: 1, spl, Steeple; 2, Young; 3, Nelson. BUFF: 1, spl, Young. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Fitton; 2, Thomas. BUFF: 1, spl best in var., Thomas; 2, 3, Fitton. TICK. YELL.: 1, spl, Fitton; 2, Hampshire. BUFF: 1, spl, Thomas; 2, Wagstaff; 3, Hampshire. BRIT.: 1, spl, Wagstaff; 2, Hampshire; 3, Da'zell. SELL.: 1, spl, Steeple; 2, Hampshire.—F. STEEPLE, Secretary.

LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.

Annual young bird show held on June 27th at headquarters, White Swan Hotel. Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton) judged. His awards gave every satisfaction. Entries came up better than for many years and showed an improvement on the usual high standard of quality. In the champion section Messrs. Walton and Noakes were again to the front with six entries. In the novice section Mr. H. Smith, with four birds, took two firsts and two seconds, and would have stood high in the open section. Some big prices were offered for some of the birds staged, but we did not hear of many of the owners being tempted to part with their birds.

CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Needham. BUFF: 1, hc, Walton and Noakes; 2, McCarter; 3, Dickens; vhc, c, Needham. VARIEG.: 1, Dickens; 2, 3, Walton and Noakes; vhc, C. C. Dent; hc, c, Needham. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, C. Dent; 2, Draycott; 3, Gamble; vhc, Letts. NOVICE, CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Kilsby; vhc, hc, Hurst; c, Wood. BUFF: 1, Bent; 2, Pole; 3, vhc, Wood; hc, Gamble; c, Hurst. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Wood; 2, Kilsby; 3, Pole. BUFF: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Kilsby; vhc, Pole; hc, Bent; c, Letts. BRIT.: 1, 2, Sandars.—CHAS. DRAPER, Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

The members of the Metropolitan C.B.A. held a successful Young Bird Show on June 25, at the Crown Hotel, S.W., when upwards of 80 exhibits were staged. Among the birds were many of excellent type and quality, and which will be heard of again, given a satisfactory moult. The arrangements were very ably carried out by Mr. A. J. Head, who makes a capital secretary, Mr. W. Sawyer lending him a helping hand as steward. We understand the association is making excellent headway (no pun intended). Messrs. Cooper Bros. won the special over the champion section, with a big, chubby, marked Yellow Norwich, a very stylish bird of grand quality. In the novice section this honour fell to Mr. W. McGregor, with a grand fronted, lovely headed bird, full of quality, and of splendid carriage. We made it a yellow hen, and, if so, it is a bird to be doubly prized, and Mr. McGregor is to be congratulated on breeding it. Mr. W. H. Walker staged a fine heavily marked Yorkshire, which secured the special for best bird shown by a member who had never won a first prize. Mr. G. Saytch accounted for the special for best Border, which, by-the bye, turned up in force, and were a warm lot of youngsters. In the A.O.V. Class, Mr. F. J. Martin won with a clinking Cinnamon, sound and rich in colour, and of true Norwich type, a fine "baby." Mr. F. J. Martin also staged some very promising Norwich Plainheads, as did Messrs. Head and Sawyer, while Messrs. C. Peck, Aylott, and Nicholas put down very nice Yorkshires. A few excellent British and Foreign birds added interest to the fixture. No one seemed, however, to have bred any Mules or Hybrids. Mr. G. E. Weston judged.

CHAMPION NORWICH CL.: 1, vhc, Cooper Bros.; 2, 3, F. J. Martin. MARK.: 1, 3, Cooper Bros.; 2, vhc, Martin. YORKS. CL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Peck. MARK.: 1, Peck. NOVICE NOR. CL.: 1, hc, McGregor; 2, 3, vhc, Head; c, W. Sawyer. MARK.: 1, 2, Head; 3, hc, W. Sawyer; vhc, McGregor; c, Marsh. YORKS. CL.: 1, hc, c, Aylott; 2, 3, Nicholas; vhc, Marsh. MARK: 1, Walker; 2, 3, vhc, Aylott. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, vhc, Martin; 2, hc, Saytch; 3, c, Honeysett. BRIT.: 1, vhc, c, Sawyer; 2, Honeysett; 3, Burgess; hc, Head. FOR.: 1, 3, vhc, Box; 2, hc, c, Burgess.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

The third annual show of young Canaries and Mules and of British and Foreign Birds took place at the Boar's Head Hotel, Stockport, on June 18th and 19th, when Mr. A. Wellings (Prescott) judged, giving every satisfaction. 180 birds were entered for competition, which was a very good entry, considering that some members have had a bad breeding season. Lancashires, though not very numerous, were excellent in quality. There was size in abundance, and such splendid shapes, especially the Coppies. A fine case of carvers was given by Alderman E. Clarke, J.P., for the best bird in show, and this was won by Mr. W. Lee with a ticked yellow Coppy. With ordinary luck, the bird should make one of the best. It was a very popular win, there being not a single complaint. Yorkshires were very nice, stylish and neat, some very taking birds being shown. Mr. Slater captured the ten-guinea challenge cup with four firsts, scoring 28 points. Lizards were grand, and acknowledged to be the best seen at a young show. The lacing was a treat, and the ground colour good. Norwich were very fine, both in numbers and quality, and grand in size and shape. Many good birds had to be content with cards. Cinnamons were not numerous, but were all there for size, quality, and colour. In Crests and crest-breds some very nice birds were staged. The winning Crest was a good one, with very long frontal, and should moult out well. British made up in quality for what they lacked in numbers. In the amateur and novice sections, a few birds were shown that would render a good account of themselves if they were shown in the champion section. The President, Councillor T. E. Dickenson (New Mills) opened the show, and congratulated the members on the excellence of the birds.

CHAMPION SECTION: LANCS. YELL. COPPY AND BUFF P.H. (amalgamated) (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, Lee; 4, Garner. BUFF COPPY (4): 1, spl, 2, Lee; 3, 4, Garner. YELL. P.H. (4): 1, Lee; 2, spl, 3, 4, Garner. LIZARD C.C. GOLD (4): 1, 4, Hill; 2, Shore; 3, Massey. SILVER (4): 1, spl, Massey; 2, Davies; 3, Shore; 4, Garner. B.C. GOLD (8): 1, spl, Massey; 2, Davies; 3, c, Dean; 4, Shore; vhc, Dickinson; hc, Higham. SILVER (10): 1, spl, Hill; 2, Garner; 3, Massey; 4, Dickenson; vhc, Higham; hc, Shore; c, Dean. YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Slater; 2, Higham; 3, vhc, Potts; 4, Hill; hc, Dickenson. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Slater; 2, Higham; 3, hc, and spl, Potts; 4, Dickenson; vhc, McKail. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Slater; 2, Higham; 3, Davies; 4, vhc, Potts; hc, McKail. BUFF (6): 1, Slater; 2, spl, 3, Higham; 4, Hill; vhc, Davies; hc, Potts. NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, 2, Shore; 3, Davies; 4, Lee; vhc, Massey; hc, c, Stafford. BUFF (15): 1, Lee; 2, spl, hc, Dickenson; 3, Higham; 4, vhc, McKail. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, spl, 3, Shore; 2, Massey; 4, McKail; vhc, c, Stafford; hc, Lee. BUFF (13): 1, spl, 3, Shore; 2, Massey; 4, vhc, Dickenson; hc, Lee; c, Stafford. CREST (6): 1, Hill; 2, spl, 3, hc, Oldham; 4, vhc, Brookes. C.B. (5): 1, spl, 3, 4, Oldham; 2, vhc, Brookes. CINN. (7): 1, spl, 3, Davies; 2, hc, Massey; 4, vhc, Hill. A.O.V. (4): 1, Hill; 2, Massey; 3, spl, 4, Potts. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, spl, Massey; 2, Hill. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, spl, 2, Dickenson; 3, 4, Hill. A.O.S. HARDBILL (2): 1, 2, Dickenson. AMATEUR SECTION: LIZARD (2): 1, spl, Forrester; 2, Booth. YORKS. (6): 1, spl, 3, 4, vhc, Booth; 2, hc, Forrester. NOR. (1): 1, Forrester. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (2): 1, spl, Forrester; 2, Booth. NOVICE SECTION: LIZARD (2): 1, spl, Forrester; 2, Potter. YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, spl, 3, Warburton; 2, Watson. A.O.V. YORKS (4): 1, spl, 3, Warburton; 2, 4, Watson. NOR. CL. (4): 1, 3, Matthews; 2, 4, Potter. TKD., ETC. (3): 1, spl, 2, Matthews; 3, Potter. A.O.V. CAN. (1): 1, Potter. BRIT. (6): 1, spl, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Watson; 2, Matthews. FOR. LARGE (1): 1, spl, Nelson.—W. STAFFORD, Sec.

DULWICH O.S.

Annual show of Canaries and Mules (bred 1908) held at headquarters, the Herne Tavern, on June 18th, when there was a very large attendance of members and friends. A solid silver cup, value £2 2s., for the best bird in the show, presented by Mr. A. E. Rogers, was won (together with a gold medal presented by Mr. F. Gani, for the best bird shown by a novice), by Mr. J. Foster, with a rattling Plainhead Norwich. This bird was a Buff of splendid type, ticked on one wing, with beautiful feather, and rich in undercolour, bred, we understand, from two Buffs, and it was, moreover, the first winner Mr. Foster had bred, and about the only one he had been successful in rearing in this, to him, a bad season, so far as numbers are concerned. Mr. Foster was heartily congratulated on all hands. A couple of silver-plated cruets were also presented by Mr. W. Goodwin, for the most points in the champion and novice sections, and won by Messrs. Woolhouse and W. Brooks respectively. Mr. G. F. Woolhouse also won special for second best in the show, with a very typical variegated Norwich, closely pressed by Mr. W. Brooks, with a rattling Yorks. This latter gentleman also accounted for a silver-plated cup. The number of exhibits was good, and the quality highly commendable. Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, the hon. secretaries, had the arrangements in capital order, and were courteous and obliging to all. At the close of judging, Mr. Geo. Gardner, who placed the awards, presented the cups, etc., to the successful competitors.

CHAMPION NOR.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Woolhouse. YORKS.: 1, 2, Brooks; 3, vhc, hc, Wall. NOVICE: NOR.: 1, cup, and gold medal, Foster; 2, c, Rogers and Mazzoni; 3, Kates; vhc, Mrs. Mazzoni; hc, Bisley. YORKS.: 1, 3, hc, and c, Brooks; 2, vhc, Whiteman. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Bisley. MULE: 1, Butt.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIST. C.B.A.

The Society held their first feather show at the Emmanuel Hall, Harrow-road, on June 27th. 92 cages were staged, and Mr. J. Robson judged. Competition was very keen in several of the classes, and especially in the novice and special novice classes, and, taking into consideration the fact that so many fanciers in this district are complaining of poor results, the number and quality of the exhibits were alike very gratifying. The Society feel very satisfied with the result, and anticipate a financial success, the "gate" being very good. The show-room was quite crowded on several occasions.

NOR. CL., ETC. (champion): 1, 3, Battison, both yellow, 1st grand bird, good quality feather; 2, spl, vhc, Lethbridge, 2nd good yellow; hc, Easterling; c, Eaton. A.O.V. NOR. (champion): 1, Easterling, heavily-variegated Buff, grand bird; 2, hc, Bassett; 3rd, Lethbridge. NOR. (Novice): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Churchard, 1st nice yellow, 2nd good body Buff. NOR. (special novice): 1, McMillan, good Buff, well up in size and quality; 2, Baker, good bird; 3, vhc, hc, Wise. YORKS. CL., ETC. (champion): 1, spl, 2, Hawes, nice yellows, both grand birds, not much between them; 3, Easterling, promising young Buff; vhc, hc, c, Eaton. A.O.V. YORKS. (champion): 1, Easterling, promising eye-marked, nice feather, 2nd Eaton, on same lines. YORKS. CL., ETC. (amateur): 1, 2, Rogers, trim yellows. A.O.V. YORKS. (amateur): 1, 3, Lewis, 1st marked bird of good size, full of breed, 3rd a long marked green; 2, vhc, Rogers, 2nd Cinn. marked. YORKS. CL., ETC. (novice): 1, spl, Creamer, very breedy, good feather; 2, c, Batchelor, another good bird; 3, Lawrence; vhc, Conibeer; hc, Birch. YORKS. A.O.V.: 1, Creamer, very breedy, good feather; 2, 3, Birch, 2nd nice little Cinn. marked yellow, 3rd heavily green marked, but longer; vhc, Lawrence; hc, c, Lowe. YORKS. (special novice): 1, spl, vhc, Ayres, 1st very nice Cinn. marked, will be heard of again; 2, 3, Strickey, on much the same lines; hc, c, Thornton. CAN. HYB. CINN.: 1, Bassett, nice yellow. CAN. HYB. (1908): 1, Conibeer; 2, Bassett. BULLFINCH: 1, Conibeer, good colour and condition; 2, Wiles, a good second. GOLDFINCH: 1, Conibeer, good blaze and marking; 2, hc, c, Wiles; 3, Battison. GREENFINCH: 1, Bassett, good colour. LINNET: 1, 3, Conibeer, good size, 3rd good colour; 2, Battison, good third, runs first close; vhc, hc, Wiles. REDPOLL: 1, Easterling, good colour, very steady; 2, Conibeer, nice condition; 3, Battison. A.O.S. BRIT OR FOR.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Wynn, very fine Ortolan Bunting, large Snow Bunting, and a Reed Bunting; 3, McMillan, fine Bullbul; hc, Bassett; c, Wiles.—J. C. BIRCH, Hon. Sec.

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BOLTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual First Feather show held June 20th, at the Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, when about ninety birds were staged. The quality of the exhibits was good throughout, many birds being staged both in champion and novice classes which, with a good moult, should be heard of later. In the Yorkshire section Messrs. Brooks, Smith, and Cavanagh staged birds of grand type and quality, and possessing true Yorkshire characteristics. In the Norwich classes Messrs. Hopkins, Smith, and Allen staged very nice specimens, whilst in the Crest section Messrs. Stringer, Ogden, Hart, and Simms put down some grand birds. Novice classes (a new venture for the Society) contained some smart birds, particularly the clear yellow Norwich exhibited by Mr. Longworth, the variegated Buff Norwich exhibited by Mr. James Gerrard, the wing-ticked yellow Yorkshire exhibited by Mr. Tootel, and the clear Buff Yorkshire exhibited by Mr. C. Brooks. Mr. James Stringer, the able secretary, had, as usual, everything in first-class order. Mr. J. W. Clemmeson (Preston) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, J. Smith; 2, vhc, Cavanagh; 3, Ogden. BUFF: 1, vhc, c, Brooks; 2, 3, J. Smith; hc, James Smith. TICKED, ETC.: 1, Brooks; 2, Cavanagh; 3, J. Smith; vhc, Ogden. NORWICH CL. YELL.: 1, J. and J. Hopkins; 2, hc, Allen; 3, Gaskell; vhc, Simms; c, James Smith. BUFF: 1, J. and J. Hopkins; 2, John Smith; 3, J. Lomax; vhc, James Smith; hc, S. Smith. TICKED, ETC. YELL.: 1, J. and J. Hopkins; 2, James Smith; 3, Gaskell; vhc, Cooper. BUFF: 1, 2, J. and J. Hopkins; 3, Allen; vhc, Allen; hc, S. Smith; c, Simms. CRESTS: 1, 2, Stringer; 3, Hart; vhc, Simms; hc, c, Ogden. CRESTBRED: 1, vhc, Ogden; 2, Stringer; 3, Hart. MULE: 1, S. Smith. LINNET (FIELD PLUMAGE): 1, James Smith; 2, Hart; 3, Haslam. BRITISH A.V.: 1, John Smith. SELL. (20s.): 1, Parkinson; 2, Cooper. SELL. (12s. 6d.): 1, James Smith; 2, Cooper; 3, Parkinson; vhc, Gaskell. SELL. (7s. 6d.): 1, S. Smith; 2, Haslam. NOVICE: YORK. YELL.: 1, Tootell; 2, vhc, Burgess; 3, C. Brooks. BUFF: 1, 2, C. Brooks; 3, Tootell. NORWICH YELL.: 1, 2, Longworth; 3, Mather; vhc, hc, Nelson; c, Gerrard. BUFF: 1, hc, Gerrard; 2, Longworth; 3, vhc, Nelson; c, Mather.

REDRUTH.

In connection with the Redruth Exhibition Society a grand open cage bird show (under C.B.U. rules) was held in a large marquee on June 24th and 25th. There was a record turn-out of birds, considering the time of the year. The exhibits were nicely staged, and amongst them were some grand birds, including Mr. Trevena's clear Yellow, a beauty which was shown in grand trim, and took reserve for best bird in show. The Yorkshires were a nice lot, especially those in the Yellow class, the winner standing well ahead of the rest. In the pairs and group classes for birds bred 1908 were some good birds, which, with a successful moult, will no doubt be heard of again. The Mule classes contained some grand specimens, including Mr. Collin's noted six-point, which again captured special for best bird in show. The Hardbill class was very good, the winner being a grand Hawfinch shown by Messrs. Rowe and Hancock. In the Foreign class a lovely Yellow-vented Blue Bonnet Parrakeet was shown in spotless condition. Mr. R. E. Climas, the energetic secretary, looked well after the arrangements; he was most courteous and obliging to all. The awards were made by Mr. Dan Browning.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Trevena, good one, grand head and wing carriage, nice colour and feather; 2, Rickard, lovely colour and wing carriage; 3, Climas, nice shape, neat wings and tail; r, Sherman, grand colour and shape; vhc, White; hc, Collins; c, Ferrill. TICK.: 1, spl, 3, White, tick head and neck, good colour and carriage, nice shape; 3rd, tick head, lovely colour; 2, Trevena, neck and eye marked, full of quality, good shape, short flights and tail; r, Ferrell, lovely shape; vhc, Tippett; hc, Lawry; c, Kemp. CL. BUFF.: 1, spl, Rodda, nice shape, full of colour, neat wings and tail, wins well; 2, Trevena, good shape and quality, neat wings; 3, White, beautiful colour, grand shape; r, Hore; vhc, Ferrell; hc, Ferrell; c, Hosking. TICK.: 1, spl, 2, Rickard, tick eye and right wing, good chubby bird; 2nd, tick wing, good colour; 3, Ferrell, marked head, good shape, grand wing carriage, easy 2nd; r, vhc, White; hc, Collins; c, Hore. CREST AND C.-B.: 1, spl, 3, Collins, variegated. Crest, good centre, nicely rounded; 3rd, crest-bred, fine skull, plenty of feather, good condition; 2, Davies. Yell. C.-B., grand skull, plenty of feather. YORKS., YELL.: 1, spl, 3, Thomas, beautiful stand, well packed wings and tail, lovely colour and quality; close up; 2, vhc, Chirgwin, 2nd good wings and tail, lovely colour, well up on legs; r, Hosking, nice type, well carried wings and tail; hc, Pincombe; c, Rodda. A grand class. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Thomas, variegated, beautiful feather, nice back wings and tail; 2nd, tick neck, good length, stands well; two grand birds; 3, Chirgwin, clean, marked, well braced wings, neat pipe tail; r, Stroud, clear type, grand wings and tail, well shown; vhc, c, Oatey and Son; hc, Hosking. CINN.: 1, spl, 3, Burton, Buff and Yellow, good stamp and feather, both stand well on perch, lovely colour; 2, hc, Mullin, Yell., grand feather and colour; r, vhc, Pope, Yellow and Buff, two good birds; c, Sherman. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Richards, Yellow, Scots, neat head and drive, good shoulders; 2, Davies, variegated, fine shoulders, nice drive; 3, Sherman, Gold Lizard, rich ground colour, fine cap and spangling; r, hc, Biddick, Yellow and Buff Scots. PAIRS, BRED 1908: 1, spl, Kemp, Norwich, good shape and colour; 2, Rickard, also Norwich, tick eye, good shape and style; 3, Thomas, Yorks., very neat and slim; r, Coad, Norwich, grand size and shape; vhc, Lee and Lowry; hc, c, Glanville. GROUP, BRED 1908: 1, spl, Pincombe, Yorks., lovely colour, standing well on perch, good length; 2, Coad, Norwich, grand shape, good heads and necks; 3, vhc, Lee and Lowry, cinnamons, good Norwich type; vhc, Crests and C.-B.; r, Tippett, Norwich, good colour and size; hc, Kemp; c, Carbis, both Norwich. LIGHT MULE: 1, two spls, 2, 3, Collins, six-point Buff Goldfinch-Canary, grand colour and feather; 2nd, lightly marked Linnet-Canary, good size and feather; 3rd, four-point Buff Canary, grand markings; r, Hore, Yellow variegated, nice colour and shape. DARK: 1, spl, 2, r, Collins, Yellow Greenfinch-Canary, good colour and size, grand quality feather, easy win; 2nd, Yellow Goldfinch-Canary, beautiful blaze and feather; r, sweet Redpoll-Canary; 3, vhc, Ferrell, Goldfinch-Canary, grand blaze and feather, good colour; vhc, nice Siskin-Mule; hc, Oatey and Son; c, Polkinghorne. HYBRID: 1, spl, 2, 3, r, Collins, Linnet-Bullie, grand head and cap, lovely breast colour; 2nd, Greeny-Bullie, fine size and shape; 3rd, Goldie-Greenie, lovely blaze; r, Goldie-Bullie. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, spl, Allen, beautiful feather and colour, nice blaze, good buttons; 2, P. H. Harris, grand face, frontal and bars, rich-coloured blaze; 3, W. Harris, good chestnut, nice bars and buttons; r, Collins, lovely blaze; vhc, Webb; hc, Rowe and Hancock; c, Polkinghorne. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, 3, Collins, well-known Blackbird (Jack), grandly polished, dense colour, good bill and eere; 3rd, nicely mooned Thrush, fine ground colour, well spangled; 2, Harris, Thrush, excellent ground colour, nicely spangled, beautiful lustre; r, Thomas, Thrush, nicely marked; vhc, Yeal and Son, also a Thrush, well spotted; hc, Abrahams; c, Clift. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, spl, vhc, c, Rowe and Hancock, Hawfinch, beauty, grand size, lovely feather, markings, and bib; vhc, Siskin, sweet little chap; 2, Collins, well-known Bramble, in fine order, good colour and pencilling; 3, Camp, Yellowhammer, lovely colour, well defined V-marks on head, nicely laced; r, Arthur, Yellowhammer, not much to choose between them. FOR.: 1, spl, Davies, Yellow-vented Blue Bonnet Parrakeet, good colours and condition; 2, Strout, Weaver, good colour and condition; 3, Cooper, Superb Tanager, well defined colours, in perfect trim; r, Woolcock; vhc, Paddy; hc Jarvis; c, Polkinghorne

CREWE AND POTTERIES.

The first inter-club nest feather show of the Crewe and District O.S. and the Potteries and District C.B.A.—two enterprising societies—was held on June 20th in the Co-operative Hall, Crewe. It was in every way a great success. There were close on 100 birds staged, and some real young beauties were to be seen in the various classes. The Norwich were capital, and some of those with luck will be heard of later on. Yorkshires were good, and most of the Borders superior young birds. The British and foreign birds were fine, and quite up to open competition form. Mr. Heaton, the hon. sec. of the Crewe O.S., with his willing band of enthusiasts, had matters very nicely in order, and the birds being staged all round the room, it left the centre quite free for visitors. A good light enabled all birds to be viewed fully. These inter-club shows might be entered into more generally by local societies in all districts with advantage. They would infuse more life and energy into fanciers, and would bring about a keener desire to make their society successful. These were very apparent at Crewe, and it will no doubt be enhanced when the second contest is held in the Potteries in July. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged.

NOR., CL. BUFF (10): A smart lot, all in grand condition. 1, 2, c, Rathbone, very fine head and body shape, bold eye, strong in colour and grand feather; 2nd, only slightly beaten in head properties; 3rd, Roberts, grand substance, fine silky feather and condition; vhc, Cooper, grand bird; hc, Latham. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Crimes, capital all-round yellow, rare type all over; 2, hc, Latham, fine merit, well up in Norwich properties, close up; 3, Roberts, also well up in standard points; c, Bentley. TKD. BUFF (6): 1, Cooper, a variegated, right type, neat and clean through, fine quality feather; 2, hc, Rathbone, good colour varieg.; 3, Crimes, varieg., excellent shape and quality of feather; vhc, Roberts, ticked on head, very fine shape. YELL. (4): 1, Crimes, best all-round bird to-day, a varieg.; 2, Rathbone, heavy varieg., grand condition; 3, vhc, Cooper, grand body; vhc, small, ticked shoulder. YORKS., CL., ETC., BUFF (4): 1, 2, vhc, Potts, clear, good colour, well up on legs, neat body, in good condition; 2nd, ticked neck and wing, nice type and condition; vhc, good bird; 3, Carter, beaten only in feather to-day. YELL. (6): 1, Elks, very solid in body feather, finely rounded, well up on legs, stands steady, in good condition; 2, 3, vhc, Potts, fine fly-drawn trio, 3rd tight in body feather. TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Goodall, variegated, fine shape, neat, well up in position and condition. CINN (3): All Borders, owned by Hancocks; 1st buff, 2nd yellow, former real compact type, latter fine condition, 3rd smaller, nice type and feather. BORD., CL. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Hancocks, 1st wins on condition; 2nd, smart shape, able to win when in tight condition. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Hancocks, winner grand bird; others good, but not quite up to first. TKD., ETC., BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Hancocks, another good trio. YELL. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Hancocks, 1st small variegated, like a hen, grand condition; this fancier has a promising lot of Borders; 3, Heaton, nice type and neat. HYB.: No competition. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Latham, smart-coloured Finch, big clean cut deep level blaze, good moons and bars, nice carriage, sound feather, and condition; 2, Lawton, fine built bird for size and shape, typical shape, good blaze; 3, Kirk, nice blaze, good body colour; vhc, hc, Pickford, nice birds; c, Carter. LINNET (5): 1, Bettley, fine head, neat level body colour, nice polish and condition; 2, Pickford, cobby shape, full of markings, nice condition; 3, Potts, good size and colour; vhc, Carter; No. 4 absent. BULLFINCH (3): 1, 2, Lawton, nice pair, former finer head and shoulders, good colours and bloom; 3, Cooper, typical, cobby, thick-set Welsh ideal. GREENFINCH (7): Good lot for this time of year. 1, Lawton, very fine all over; 2, Bowker, grand size and shape, natural colour, good feather and condition; 3, Kirk, fine bold bird, in good condition; vhc, Bettley; hc, Heaton; c, Pickford. CHAFFINCH (3): 1, 3, Kirk, 1st best all-round condition, markings and colours very good; 3rd, fine bird; 2, Lawton, bold, nice condition. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Elks, nice natural colour Siskin, in good feather; 2, 3, Bowker, pair of good Redpolls, former wild-moulted, but a gem for condition, etc.; 3rd cage-moulted, good one; vhc, Latham. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, Heaton, very smart medium-sized Thrush, lovely colour and condition, and small plentiful spotting, well shown and steady; 2, vhc, Potts, 2nd very large pale-coloured Thrush, good one, well shown; 3, Bowker, very good Yellow Bunting, nice colour and feather. FOR. (3): 1st, 3rd, Stocker, grand Tanager Linking, and pair of pretty Zebra Finches, shown in lovely condition; 2, Hancocks, very smart pair of Cockatiels

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DARLINGTON C.B.S.

The monthly meeting was held on June 24th, when there was a table show of nest feather birds. The entries were poor, but some very promising birds were staged. Mr. T. Wright (York) judged, and placed the awards satisfactorily

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Carter; 2, Carrol; 3, Stephenson; 4, Bright. BUFF: 1, Bright; 2, 3, Stephenson. NOR.: YELL.: 1, Carrel; 2, Brownless. BUFF: 1, Carter; 2, Todd and Son; 3, Brownless. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Todd and Son.—P. M. CARTER, Assistant Secretary.

A DAY IN EPPING FOREST.

By J. S. Clarke.

A Record of the Annual Outing of the Leyton and District C.B.A. and North London and Walthamstow Societies.

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At the edge of the lake stands "Uncle Tom's Cabin." I don't know Uncle Tom, but I do know his teas are excellent. I am supported in this by the Leyton fanciers. Just one more amusing incident. I promised not to but I must tell it. One of the party was very keen on getting Bullfinches' eggs; so much so that it was noted by many. That wag again, on finding a Thrush's nest, shouted, "Bullie, 4 eggs." "Where? Where?" shouted our enthusiast, rushing up full speed. "Nowhere," replied that wicked wag, and again the welkin rang. Through the thornbush and hornbeam at Magpie Hill we posed for our first photographs. A pollard oak lying at the side of one of the green rides was requisitioned, and on its being rolled out from beneath the shade of the "Old Apple Tree" (oak, I mean), we ranged ourselves against it, with results of which readers may judge for themselves. And so working our way back and finding en route some three or four Jays, Greenfinches, Hedge Sparrows, and Wrens—past the big oak diagonally across the wood by the Cuckoo pits—out into Fairmead's Bottom, the home of the Nightingales—we found plenty of work hereabout and plenty of finds. But as they were duplicates of what have been previously mentioned, it is unnecessary to dilate upon them.

Shortly after the scheduled time, we reached the "Owl," where an excellent meat tea was served. After tea more photos and a musical evening, whereat every man who could sing was made to sing. Miss Grace Langdon very kindly presided at the piano, and apparently everyone enjoyed himself thoroughly.

In conclusion, I would express the wish that there should be an outing to Epping Forest annually, all London societies being represented. Some 5,500 acres in extent are secured by Act of Parliament to the people for ever. The Act also provides that "The conservators shall at all times, as far as possible, preserve the natural aspect of the forest, so that it shall remain a forest and not be civilised into a park." It is this beautiful woodland, teeming with bird life, that some people think I know a lot of, but which, in spite of a good many years' acquaintance, I know that I know comparatively little of. I hear people say (in ignorance) there is very little bird life, and speak in a tone as *if* intending to convey the idea that one afternoon's visit would exhaust its objects of interest. Take my word for it, a lifetime would not suffice to do so. Originally preserved for the King's sport and pleasure, it is little altered in character from the time of the Plantagenets, although the area is, of course, much less. In those good old days, if you were a Yeoman farmer you appreciated the forest laws: (a) your dogs were expeditated, that is, three claws of the fore feet were cut off close to the ball of the foot to prevent them chasing the deer; (b) the fences round your crops must be kept low so that a doe and her fawn could readily jump them; (c) you were not allowed to chase them away from your crops. Penalty—if a freeman, a fine; if a servile person, double the fine; if a bondman, flayed. This was also the penalty for chasing a deer or wild beast out of the forest, whether by accident or design. I am not sure, but I think it was by accident that one of the party drove a roe deer from her shelter, possibly he thought but little of the incident. None the less, it is lucky for him that he is living in the reign of Edward the seventh rather than that of Edward the second, when he would have been either fined or flayed according to his rank and the condition, for his breach of the forest laws. Of course, it is quite on the cards that our worthy friend, had he graced those ancient days, might have been an Archbishop or Bishop, an Earl or a Baron. In any such case he would have had the right in passing through the forest to take one or two deer. "By view of the Forester." If he be not present, then shall the taker cause a horn to be sounded lest it should seem a theft. It is a good thing those "Bullies" eggs were not annexed "By view of the Forester," and we all felt too horribly guilty to let the culprit blow his horn. Had he done so, possibly instead of sitting at home writing this article, I should have been in the company of those good fanciers at Epping, arraigned at the court of attachment, or its present day equivalent, but "All's well that ends well."

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TWITTERINGS.

Members and friends of the Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S. should not overlook the ramble to Chew Valley this (Saturday) afternoon, meeting in the Old Square at 2.30 p.m.

We regret to learn that owing to a breakdown in health, Mr. W. Lilley, hon. sec. South-West London C.B.S, is reluctantly compelled to part with his birds, which are being advertised in our columns.

Will all members of the Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S. meet at 2 o'clock, July 4th, in Foster Square, for a ramble to Harden, along with the Wibsey C.B.S., writes Mr. Harry Schofield, the hon. sec.

My address is now Limbury Villa, Junction Road, Andover, Hants, until July 27th, when it will be, The Junction Hotel, Andover, Hants, writes Mr. J. W. Rennie. I am, I may say taking the whole of my stud of birds with me.

The annual Nest Feather show of the Cockermouth F.S. is to be held on July 18th, in the Public Hall Lodge Room, from 2 to 9 o'clock. Classes for old birds, Mules or Hybrids, British and foreign birds are included in the schedule.

A First Feather show in connection with the Glossop, Hadfield and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. Fred Grieg, the hon. sec., is to be held on July 25th. Members' subscriptions must be paid before the next meeting night, or they will not be eligible to compete.

The secretaryship of the Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A., writes Mr. Hy. Dobson, has passed from the hands of Mr. Nicholson to mine, and all communications in connection with the society should be sent to me at 18, Muria Street, Seaham Harbour, Durham.

Our Mammoth show will be held as usual on August Bank Holiday, writes Mr. A. E. Brooks (41, Abbey Road, Cambridge), and the cage bird section will be held under C.B.U. rules. Two challenge cups and numerous specials will be offered, and the judge will be Mr. J. Robson.

The annual Nest Feather show of the Leicester C.B.S., writes Mr. J. A. Tyler, the hon. sec., will be held on Saturday (July 4th), when it will be open at about 4 o'clock. Admission will be free, and fanciers are invited to the hall at the "Hare and Pheasant" Hotel, High Street.

I am leaving this country for Canada in a few weeks' time, writes Mr. Geo. F. Hardeastle, sec. of the Sale Open O.S., and am taking up a position in the supply department on the C.N. Railway Co. of Winnipeg, so that I am having to advertise all my birds for disposal this week.

Am sorry to have had to discontinue my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS recently, writes Mr. T. H. Dent (Preston), but I could not keep up the supply, so great was the demand from all parts of the country. I have been entirely sold out, which fact speaks volumes for your valuable paper.

The following shows are being held under C.B.U. rules, writes Mr. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, hon. sec. of the Cago Bird Union, and may be supported by Union members, viz.:—July 6th, Grimsby Gala; July 14th, Mansfield Woodhouse; July 24th, Knowle Flower Show; and July 25th, Crook Original.

Do not miss the City and Suburban Society's young bird show to-day (Saturday), at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W.—3 minutes' walk from Baker Street station (Metropolitan) and Regent's Park station (Bakerloo). Over 170 interesting exhibits for you to see.—ADVT.

The annual members' young bird show in connection with the Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. S. Negus, the hon. sec., takes place at Naish's Royal Stores, The Hayes, Cardiff, on July 8th, when Mr. J. H. Payne judges. It is hoped our members will support the show to the best of their ability.

We are holding a First Feather show in connection with the Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A., at the Show Hall, Sussex Street, Norwich, on Saturday, July 18th, writes Mr. R. Roll, the hon. sec. Messrs. W. Fish and A. Wollard have kindly consented to judge. Entries confined to members; admission free.

The Paisley and Dis. N.M.B. and F.B.C. hold their First Feather show in the Painters' Hall, on July 11th, at 3 o'clock, writes Mr. R. McLerie, the hon. sec., when there will be a special for every class and a medal for most points. Members are reminded that subscriptions must be paid before this show, or they will not be allowed to compete. New members may be enrolled up to and including the day of the show.

Mr. Phil Jenkins (Swansea), has been elected to judge at our First Feather show on July 25th, writes Mr. D. Jeremy, sec. of the Morriston and Dis. C.B.S. The society have decided that the show shall be open, so that we hope to have a good number of exhibits, both from members and non-members. The venue will be the club-room at the Woodfield Coffee Tavern, and all birds must be staged not later than 3.30 p.m.

We have received a sample of "Tree-pine," the latest medicinal compound for birds, from the vendors, the Treepine Company, 52, William Street, Grays, Essex. It is claimed that this preparation (which will be found advertised in our columns) will bring and keep all kinds of cage birds into a natural healthy condition, and also assure them a successful moult if a few drops be given in the drinking water. Bird-keepers should give "Tree-pine" a trial.

The Cambuslang and Dis. C.B.A. intend holding a young bird show on July 11th, at 6 p.m., in the Free Gardeners' Hall, Cambuslang, writes Mr. Jas. Gray, the sec. The president, Mr. H. Livingstone, will judge, and the society hope fanciers in the district will avail themselves of this chance of being enrolled as members.

Kindly make it known, writes Mr. A. Wilkinson, hon. sec. of the Garston B.B.A., that our society has abandoned the Nest Feather show which should have taken place this Saturday, July 4th. The reason for this is that the majority of our members have experienced bad results this breeding season very few young having been reared.

We have arranged to hold our young bird show (open) on July 25th, at the Royal Hotel, Hamilton, writes Quarter-Master Sergt. Cant, A.P.C., sec. of the Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S. Entry fee will be 6d. per bird, returned in prize money. The doors will be opened at 5 p.m., admission free. A smoking concert will take place at termination of show.

The young bird show of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.S. is fixed for Saturday, July 11th, in the Avondale Hall, Landor Hotel, Landor Road, when Mr. G. E. Weston will officiate as judge. An attractive display is anticipated, as this society is making great progress under the able leadership of its sec., Mr. S. H. W Baker (11, Foulser Road, Upper Tooting), who will be glad to hear of new members.

OBITUARY.

Mr. JOHN PEEL (Wigton).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. John Dixon, that I have to announce the death of Mr. John Peel, of Union Street, Wigton. Mr. Peel passed peacefully away at his residence on June 24th. He was a well-known exhibitor, who used to show as J. and J. Peel. He won prizes at most of the big shows, including the Palace, with that little gem the Border Fancy, being especially good with the even-marks. Mr. Peel leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss, and I am sure that everyone who knew him will sympathise with them in the great loss they have sustained.

Mr. H. MERCHANT (Rutherglen).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. William MacAulay, that I have to inform you of the sad death of Mr. Harvie Merchant, of McDonald Street, Rutherglen, on June 20 h. While out cycling on the Kilmarnock Road, near Newton Mearns, he had the misfortune to collide with a motor car, death resulting. The deceased fancier was a member of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, and the West of Scotland and Rutherglen Societies. He bred some good Norwich, and was highly respected in the Fancy. His sad end will be mourned by a host of friends.

Mrs. T. J. RICKARD (Redruth.)

It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of Mrs. T. J. Richard, of Redruth, who passed away on June 3rd. The deceased lady was very fond of birds, and a devoted helpmate to her husband, who is a successful breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich Plainhead. The funeral took place on Saturday, June 6th, before a large number of friends, including many bird lovers.

A copy of the revised rules of the London and Counties O.A. reaches us from the sec., Mr. R. J. Pretty (6, Old Burlington Street, London, W.) An excellent programme of instructive lectures, washing, and other exhibitions, etc., has been drawn up. Bird-lovers desirous of becoming members of this progressive association should send along their names to the secretary.

A smart and up-to-date price-list of cages, general bird-room appliances, seeds, foods, etc., reaches us from Messrs. Linsey and Son, of Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge. It is very nicely illustrated from photographs, etc., and should be seen by all bird-keepers who desire their rooms and appliances to be in the latest style The "Cambridge" breeding cage is a speciality of Messrs. Linsey and Son, who have been awarded gold and silver medals at the Crystal Palace for their work.

The "Poultry World," that journal for the poultry-keeper which has leapt into such unprecedented popularity, commencing with the next issue will be on sale on Friday morning, instead of Thursday as heretofore, the heavy pressure of shows rendering this change necessary. Readers who experience any difficulty in obtaining their copy will greatly oblige by communicating with the Publisher, at 154, Fleet Street, E.C.

There have been many substitutes for egg offered to bird-keepers from time to time, but none seems to have met with such wide acceptance as "Woodland Bird Milk," which, the proprietors inform us, is selling splendidly, repeat orders flowing in daily from delighted users. One can hardly be surprised at this, however, seeing the glowing testimony to its merits given by the members of the Preston O.S., and Mr. C. Blackhurst, M.R.C.V.S., after giving it a lengthy trial upon their exhibition stock. It is a very cheap food, compared with eggs, and saves the user a great deal of time and trouble. We advise all readers who have not yet tried "Woodland Bird Milk" to send along a trial order at once (1s. 6d. per lb., post free), to The Creamery Co., Garstang, Lancs.

Kindly thank all who answered my advt. in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Whiteside (Burnley). There were too many for me to reply to, and I am well suited.

I had so many applications for my variegated cock Canary, which I advertised for sale in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. T. Flannery (Brooklands), that I could not possibly reply to them all.

We have engaged Mr. J. H. Roe (Derby), and Mr. A. G. Cameron (Kelso), as the judges for our annual open show, November 20th and 21st, write Messrs. Reid and Maddison, secs., Sunderland C.B.A.

The Nest Feather show of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. (with Mr. A. G. Davis as judge), takes place to-day (July 4th), in the Coal Exchange, Market Place, opening at noon and closing at 8 p.m. Thirty-two classes are comprised in the schedule, which includes Hybrid, British, and foreign birds.

The following well-known fanciers have been supplied with Ramsden's Pure Peppers during the past few days—what further proof is needed that the elite of the Fancy are colour-feeding on Ramsden's Pure Peppers?—Messrs. Ackroyd, Adnitt and Driver, Anthony Brown, Baker, Barnes, Bray, Broadley, Bailey and Swanger, 100 lbs.; Browning, Bennet, Carter's, Campbell, Cottier, Cocks, Crabtree, Crisp, Golton, Sheffield, 168 lbs.; Cafferty, Duncan and Logan, Judge Dewar, 120 lbs.; Easterling for Southern Yorkshire Club, 350 lbs.; Eckersley, Guy, Godden, Gilbert, Coventry, 100 lbs.; Grain, Greaves, Hacker, Holmes, Hodder, 36 lbs.; Harding, Hartley, Henderson, Hall, Helliwell, 90 lbs.; Hopkins, Haigh and Son, Jones, Kean, Knight, Kemp, Luer, Love Cock, Males, Mabey, Matthes, Maillet, M'Nicol, Judge Mundell, 120 lbs.; Nason, Northampton, 100 lbs.; Newley, Norwich Clubs per secretaries, Thompson, Hobart, Chapman, Barbee, Roberts, Syder, and Williment, 750 lbs; Pattrick, Palmer, 80 lbs.; Perkins, Rennie, Roehl, Radcliffe, Leeds, 100 lbs.; Richardson, Spencer and Son, Judge Swaysland, Stone, Smith, Spillman, Devonport, Thornton, Thompson, Trengove, Trower, Tyler, Webb, Whiteside, Williamside, Judge Weston, Yates, Yeates, and hundreds of others too numerous to mention are using the best and finest peppers on earth—Ramsden's. Remember, Ramsden's Special Prizes for next show season will be confined to competition for those fanciers who have colour-fed their birds only and solely on Ramsden's Pure Peppers. Ramsden's Peppers are absolutely pure and fully guaranteed under the Food and Drug Adulteration Act. The only peppers advertised with such a guarantee. Prices, 2s. lb.; 5 lbs., 7s. 6d.; 22lbs., 30s.; all post or carriage paid. Finest hot Natal, 3s. post free. J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W. (ADVT.)

National British Bird & Mule Club.

Will secretaries who have not already sent, kindly let us have their applications for our support, with particulars as to judge's name, date of show, and the number of classes, before Saturday, July 25th next?—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, hon. secs., N.B.B. and M.C.

Returned to the Fold.

We hear that an old Yorkshire fancier, in Mr. Driver Robertshaw, has once again taken up the bird of grace and beauty. He has gone into partnership with Mr. Ross, and they have already some 60 promising youngsters on the sticks, so that the Halifax Yorkies during the coming season should muster more strongly than ever on the show bench.

Welsh Cage Bird Club's Patronage

Applications for the club's patronage must reach me by July 27th. They will be considered on August Bank Holiday, after which date no application will be considered. Four cups and also a number of medals will be offered for competition (which is confined to members only) for most points gained by three birds, in their individual classes. The classes will be divided into two sections—first, Canary section; and second, British birds, Mules, and Hybrids, and foreign birds. No member who has not paid his annual subscription will be eligible to compete for any specials or cups offered by the club. I should be glad to hear from, and supply information to, any fancier wishing to join the club.—D. H. TEDSTONE, hon. sec., 4, George Street, Brecon.

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*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard.** W.V.M.N.
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*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare.** J.H.P.
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*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.**
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Nov 28.—**Muirkirk.**
*Nov 28 and 30. **Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R
*Nov. 28 & 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., A.Wd.
*Nov. 28—**Sale Open O.S.** A.G.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 2 and 3. **City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth & Dis., F.S.,** S.H.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** J.B., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** J C.B.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd.**
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R., G.B.W., & J.B.E.
Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.**
Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** W.P.B.
*Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.S., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P.
Dec. 19. **Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.**
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S,** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.**
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** J.M.
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 335.)
(For Secretarie's addresses see last week's list.)

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Members and friends at the annual outing of the Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE date of closing for the Yorkshire Union Year Book has been fixed for July 7th, and therefore all fanciers who are in doubt as to their proper address having been sent in, should communicate with the sec, at once. Also those who wish to advertise in the Year Book must see that the matter is sent off without delay, as it is near the time for the book to be out. The strength of the Union is close upon 1,200, and every member will receive a copy gratis, so that it should prove one the best possible advertising mediums.

MEMBERS' shows were again to the front on Saturday last, the largest being the one held at Manningham, where over 100 birds were staged, and, I hear, some "toppers" amongst them. One feature of this show was the gift class, which contained 13 entries. These were put up by auction during the afternoon and realised £2 12s 6d. which sum is to be expended on the purchase of a wreath for their late member, Mr. M. H Robinson who died some two or three weeks ago. This shows to some extent the high estimation in which he was held by his brother fanciers. Great Horton Good Intent also had a nice little show, some neat birds being staged; with a satisfactory moult many should give a good account of themselves later.

THE Open Norwich Plainhead Club holds its meeting to allot patronage to-day (Saturday), at headquarters, the Market Tavern, Bradford, and all interested are heartily invited to attend. This matter is an important one in regard to the welfare and progress of the club; much depends upon the placing of the shows to the best advantage, more especially where the breed needs cultivation and advancement. The management is in good and efficient hands, so reliance can be placed upon their decision.

THE suggestion mentioned last week with reference to the expenses of delegates to the Yorkshire Union from outside districts, is to be brought before the societies composing the Union, and a report of the views of the societies is expected to be brought forward at the next meeting of the council. The idea is to pool the expenses of those delegates from outside the area served by the Bradford City tramways, and each society to bear its share of these expenses in accordance with the number of delegates it possesses. The item is only small; still, it means much to some of the societies, as it costs them up to thirty shillings or more during a year to have themselves properly represented on the Y.U. Council. "STRAIGHT UN."

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIST. C.B.S.

Annual Outing.

The members and friends of the society went for a ramble on June 20th. They left Sowerby Bridge by motor train to Rishworth, and then proceeded along the side of the stream and through the woods. Here the secretary photographed the group. Everything was looking at its best, and here the scenery is weird and grand. We arrived at a farmhouse, and the good wife was coaxed into making tea for us—a task that almost frightened her. But by the aid of a good pair of bellows, and some patience, she finally succeeded. After tea we adjourned to a field and had a cricket match, the sides being chosen by the treasurer and the secretary. The secretary's side proved the losing one, as they had to finish with only half a hat. After this we set off again, and made a halt at the Derby Inn, a place famous on the moorlands. Then back again to Rishworth station and home, having thoroughly enjoyed a glorious day and beautiful scenery. Everyone proved good company, and expressed his (or her) joy at having joined in so jolly and so good an outing.—A. E. MORTON, Hon. Sec.

CLUB NOTICES (continued).

Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—July 4, Danix Temperance Bar, 7.30. F.F. Show business.—R. G. Challenger.

Queensbury C.B.S.—July 7, Baptist School, 8. Members' Show, July 11. Judge, Mr. J. Hartley (Lidget Green).—S. Jagger.

Reigate F.S. (Cage Bird Section). — July 13, Mutton's Hotel, Redhill, 7. Members' 2nd Annual Young Bird Show; birds to be at show not later than 6 p.m.; schedules on application.—Mr. F. J. Green, judge.—A. W. Bacon.

South London Col. and F.A. — July 9, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8.30.—G. A. Jeffery's.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—July 9, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Classification for Open Show.—A. Hitchings.

Stonehouse C.B.S.—July 4, Public Hall, 7. Table Show of Canaries. Large turn-out expected.—J. Govan.

South-West London C.B.S.—July 9, Plough Hotel, 8.30. Pay out prize money on Young Bird Show, etc.—Lilley.

Shipley O.S.—July 7, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Important business.—H. Dobson.

United Kingdom L.C.S.—July 12, Howard Arms, Glossop, 7. Fix Annual Show, and consider applications for patronage, colour of cages, etc. — F. Greig.

Wandsworth and Dist. F.S.—July 9, Headquarters, "Ye Old Swan," High Street, 8. To discuss forthcoming Young Stock Show.—W. Summers.

Walkley and Dist. Amateur C.B.S.—July 9, White Horse Inn, Creswick Street, 8. Receive entries for F.F. Show, and other business.—C. W. Marshall.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—July 4, Forster Square, 2. Ramble through Harden and Bingley, with Mr. H. J. Chattenden. Fanciers welcome.—E. Johnson.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—July 8, Adelphi Inn, 8. To receive entries for F.F. Show.—W. Ridge.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A. July 5, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30. General business.—H. A. Watson.

Walthamstow F.A.—July 11, Workmen's Hall, High Street, open at 5 p.m. Members' Young Stock Show. Entries to Mr. C. Stone, assistant secretary.—A. B. Vorse.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S.—July 11, P.S.A. Rooms, 7. Table Show of Brit. Birds and Mules. Judge, Mr. J. Harrison. Admission free. — H. Foden.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—July 9, Central Conservative Club, 8. Entries for Y.B. Show, etc. —J. W. Philpott.

Bramley and Dist. O.S.—July 4, Headquarters, 2. Second F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. Richmond. Birds to be staged not later than 2 o'clock.—E. Craven.

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dist. C.B.S.—July 4, Co-op. Hall, 7.30. Business important.—G. Harver.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S. — July 4, Clarence Hotel, 7. Lecture by Mr. Cowgill on "Colour Feeding and General Management of Canaries;" fanciers invited.—E. Carlisle.

Bradford (East) O.S. — July 7, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrangements for F.F. Show, and other important business.—H. Hill.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—July 7, Round House Inn, 8.—J. Mitchell.

Bolton and Dist. O.S.—July 6, Headquarters, 8. F.F. and Open Show business.—J. Stringer.

Bermondsey and Dist. F.A.—July 7, "Samson's Castle," Grange Road, S.E., 8. Club business, medals, and Table Show, etc.—A. Lupton.

Belgrave and Dist. F.F.S.—July 7, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. Table Show of Cage Birds, confined to those in the money at Members' Show; general business.—W. H. Riley.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—July 7, New Inn, Station Street, 8.—S. A. Dicken.

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.—July 6, Headquarters, 8.30. General business. Entries close Y.B. Show.—S. H. W. Baker.

Crook and Dist C.B.S.—July 4, "Horse Shoe," 2.30. Members' Table Show, 11 classes. — Wm. Rutherford.

Cambridge C.B.S.—July 11, Nest Feather Show.—T. S. Moore.

City of Bradford O.S.—July 4, Flying Dutchman, 8. Cricket match arrangements; delegate's report, and other business.—F. Rhodes.

Darlington C.B.S.—July 4, Half Moon, 2. Half-Day Show, Nest Feather and British; Mr. A. Brown judge; 12 classes.—E. Brunskill.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—July 8, Headquarters, 8.30. Members' and Annual Show business; also preparations for Annual Meeting.—J. J. Mullett.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—July 7, Bull Head Inn, 8. Next Members' Show.—F. W. Tomsett.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—July 4, Royal Hotel, judging at 3. Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton). Entries day of Show. Monthly meeting at 8.—W. Charlesworth.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—July 4, Fountain Inn, 8. — W. Ashworth.

Glossop, Hadfield, and Dist.—July 7, Howard Arms, 8.30.—F. Greig.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—July 9, "Two Brewers," Church Street, 7. Young Stock, and Mule, Brit. and Foreign Bird Show. Judge, Mr. Robson. Fanciers welcomed.—F. W. Hamer.

Inverness O.A.—July 8, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Arrangements for Young Bird Show.—A. Urquhart.

Kent County C.B.A.—July 8, 67, High Street, Dover, 8.15. Annual Show, Correspondence, etc.—G. Sanderson.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—July 7, Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham, 8. Young Stock Show. Judge, Mr. J. Rohson. Visitors welcome.—H. T. Lucas.

Liverpool B.B.A.—July 9, Oldham Hall, 8. Discussion on Moulting, fanciers invited.—A. Thompson.

Longton and Dist. C.B.S.—July 7, Castle Inn, 8. Young Stock and Annual Show business.—E. Tams.

Leeds C.B.S.—July 4, Lockhart's Cafe, 3 o'clock. Questions and answers; also schedule for F.F. Show, to be held on July 11; birds to be staged by 2. Judge, Mr. W. B. Cobb.—A. Wilkins.

Leeds Roller C.C.—July 4, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30 Discussion on Standard Show Cage; also paper by Mr. C. Towes, "Early Days of Roller Canary;" fanciers invited.—T. Carter.

Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S.—July 6, Fox and Hounds, London Road, 8.30. Pay out prize money F.F. Show.—W. Lang, junr.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. —Annual Ramble to Pailton, July 5; meet Central Station, 9.45 a.m., for Lutterworth.—C. Draper.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—July 9, "Crown Hotel," Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. Nominations, elections, payment of prize money; fix date of Annual Show, and judges, and other important business.—A. J. Head.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—July 6, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. All England Show; prize cards, etc. Important.—E. H. Jones

Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—July 4, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for F.F. Show.—R. H. Turner.

Manningham C.B.A.—July 4, Mowbray Arms, 7.45. Arrangements for cricket match and other important business.—F. Western.

Middleton O.S.—July 6, Old Boar Head, 8. Important business re Young Bird Show.—H. Thomas.

Morpeth and Dist. C.B.S.—July 10, Vose's Rooms, 7.30. General business.—E. Cowling.

Northern Yorkshire C.C. July 8, Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8. Third Nest Feather Table Show. Judge, Mr. Slack. (1) Clears (2) Ticked, etc. Selection of shows for winter patronage.—T. C. Crawhall.

North Manchester C.B.S.—July 7, business important; members having tickets out requested to return same.—J. Davey.

Nelson and Dist. C.B.S.—July 6, Headquarters, 9. —J. England.

Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.—July 14, Textile Dining Room, 8. To re-consider open classes for back end show.—F. Steeple.

Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.—July 6, Headquarters, 8. Entries for Y.B. Show.—T. H. Tiffen.

Otley and Dist. O.S.—July 8, Queen's Head, 8. Business important.—W. Dawson.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids **G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds **Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Multum in Parvo.

B.J.—I do not think you could have quite followed the advice to the letter given in the book you mention, or you would not have been giving young birds drugs or medicine of any kind without a very strong reason for doing so. 1. At this time of the year it would not be necessary, or even advisable, to make use of artificial heat in transferring your birds from the living room to a bedroom with a window facing south. You may quite safely move them there without any addition to the normal heat, which is quite warm enough for anything now. See the room is well ventilated. You cannot admit too much fresh air now; but do not let a draught go direct into the cages. 2. A good egg-cake is made of three eggs, half a pound of flour, a heaped tablespoonful of moist sugar, one ounce of beef dripping, and a pinch of carbonate of soda. Make into a cake and bake in a moderate oven. 3. Your young Canaries are evidently not treated correctly. Do not try to make them eat soft food, and instead of feeling anxious about their craving for Canary seed you should give it in unlimited quantity, and be glad they are rational enough to prefer that which is best for them. Give plain Canary for staple diet. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of hemp per bird, and on two other days a similar quantity of rape. A small teaspoonful of the above cake crushed into crumbs, or ordinary egg-food, should be given each bird twice a week. Vary the extras so that the birds get a different one each day. A spray of chickweed or groundsel may be given every other day after the birds are six weeks old. The half-ripe seed stalks of plantain may be given freely at any time. For two days give four drops of syrup of buckthorn in the drinking water. 4. The Roller may be stopping singing on account of the moult approaching. Try ten drops of glycerine, five of syrup of squill's, and as much chlorate of potash, every second day for a week, as will cover a sixpence, in his water.

Success and Failure.

"Nary."—It is a pity you did not continue to faithfully adhere to instructions for rearing which you might have seen in this column very frequently of late. It is certainly annoying, after carefully following up treatment advised, and meeting with unqualified success, to find it again turned into a dismal failure by striking out in a line of your own. No doubt your treatment was chiefly responsible for the final catastrophe. Anyway, try again, and hope for better luck. Follow up same line of treatment as formerly advised to get hen to go to nest. When she lays, remove first three eggs as laid, keep carefully in a small box of bran, turning it over morning and night. Replace eggs in nest on the evening of the day the third is laid. This will cause them to be hatched on the same day, and thus all the young get an equal start in life. Withdraw egg-food and all extras whilst the hen is sitting. When young are hatched, give pure egg yolk first day. After, add bread crumb, or equal parts of bread crumb and crushed sponge cake, by easy stages until on the fourth day you are giving a third part of each. Begin to give a little green-food—chickweed or groundsel, for choice, but no dandelion—on the third or fourth day, and when the young are over a week old begin to give a little hemp seed. When they are a fortnight old an unlimited supply of the latter may be given. Do not give strong drugs in the water as at this young are in the nest.

Bare of Feathers.

Anxious.—Your feeding is decidedly faulty, and has doubtless much to do with the bird's condition. Keep to the following general treatment, and the bird may improve greatly at the moult. Improvement in these cases, however, is rather doubtful, and always slow, except at the proper moulting season; so do not expect too much immediately. For staple food give a mixture of three parts Canary and one part summer rape. Twice a week give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp; once a week a small piece of bread and milk, with just the slightest sprinkling of flour of sulphur dusted over it, once a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. On each of the remaining days give a pinch of maw seed. Vary the things given each day, so that the bird does not get the same on two consecutive days. Every day give a spray of green-food—either chickweed, groundsel, or shepherd's purse. Allow it to bathe as often as it likes, but see that it does not get chilled after it. In the drinking water for the first week give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and as much Epsom salts, two days in every three, as will cover a sixpence. The next week give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and on the alternate days twelve drops of chemical food. After this drop the acid, and continue the chemical food right up to the beginning of the moult.

Is it Palpitation?

N. Humphreys.—The bird may be a little wheezy, but I think the chief cause of its trouble is overfeeding, and its age will begin to tell against it now. Do not give elaborate seed mixtures. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and twice a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, over which sprinkle a few grains of gold of pleasure seed each time, for the next fortnight. Do not give any more bread and milk, but limit its diet solely to the above for a few weeks, with the exception of giving a free supply of green-food every day. Give plenty of gritty sand, and see that its cage is not infested with insects. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every other day for a week, and on alternate days twelve drops of chemical food. After the first week discontinue the first-named mixture, and give four drops of tincture of steel twice a week for two or three weeks. Continue the chemical food three times a week for a month from the start.

Hen with Asthma.

E.W.—No, you would not run any risks of giving your other birds asthma by turning a bird with the complaint loose into an outdoor aviary. As your aviary is so well situated, there is a good chance of the hen throwing off the complaint if turned out, provided she is fairly active. I have known many cases of asthma and wheeziness of long standing completely cured by being turned out in an open-air aviary. If the wheezing is very bad you had perhaps better treat her in a cage for a fortnight before turning her out. If you decide to do this, give her twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil in each ounce of drinking water every second day. Shake well together to thoroughly break up the oil into minute globules. You may give this treatment even if you are going to allow her to breed. I would, however, advise you not to breed with her at all this year. After being in the aviary a few months she may be in much better condition for breeding next season.

Young Canaries Dying.

T.J., Bangor.—Your feeding is probably at fault. After the young are well able to care for themselves, and are finally removed from the parents, gradually drop off the egg-food and get them on to a diet of Canary seed only as a staple. Twice a week give a little hemp, which may be slightly cracked until the birds are well able to crack it for themselves, and twice a week a little dry rape seed. A small quantity of egg-food or crushed sponge cake, or a piece of bread dipped in milk, and pressed nearly dry, should be given twice a week. Give all these on alternating days so that the same variety is not given on two consecutive days. A small spray of chickweed, lettuce, or groundsel may be given every second day after the birds are six weeks old. The half-ripe seed stalks of plantain and shepherd's-purse may be given freely at any time. The same kind of treatment will also do for young Mules.

A New Beginner.

"Rank Novice."—Let us hope you will soon rise to the rank of cup winner. 1. For 15s. you should be able to get a fairly good pair of ordinary Norwich, but nothing in the exhibition or champion line. The best you could hope to do with such birds would be to breed a good type of bird for singers, with the added chance of breeding an occasional specimen fit to exhibit—mind, I do not say win—at small local shows. To have a good chance of breeding a few fair exhibition specimens you would have to give somewhere about two pounds at least for a pair of birds. A better plan would be to give three or four pounds for a cock and two hens, and work the cock with the two hens alternate'y. 2. No, the end of August is certainly not a good time to buy the birds unless you had some experience in moulting them and keeping them through the winter, and had some trusty experienced fancier to help you to make a suitable choice of stock. Failing these important qualifications you would be well advised to defer the purchase of birds until towards the end of next February. If you have some experience in keeping them, then buy about January. 3. Personally, I prefer breeding and flight cages to be done inside with distemper, which can be scraped and washed off every spring and a new coat put on. But for those who prefer enamel the sample you enclose would be very suitable, except the colour. For the colour I prefer a very light stone, cern, or even white, for breeding and flight cages. If a tint was used, then I should use a light shade of blue-grey, about as light as the shade of green in your sample. 4. See reply to "Roller" in this issue for a course of treatment which might have done this hen good. You did wrong to treat her for egg-binding, as that was clearly not the trouble. It is not invariably true that singing hens are of no use for breeding. Some of them will breed very well, but as a rule they are not of much use. Considering this hen's age and her past history, I should strongly advise you to discard her altogether for breeding. You will probably never get anything but disappointment out of her.

Canary in Bad Plumage.

Jock.—I am afraid you will now have to wait until the moult before you find much improvement. You should, however, first of all see that the bird and cage are perfectly free from red-mites or grey lice. If either of these pests is present it must be thoroughly eradicated, then the bird will doubtless recover its perfect plumage at moulting time without any treatment at all. To help it, and give it the best chance of recovery, feed generously, but mostly on a plain wholesome diet; give plenty of green-food daily, especially chickweed; give frequent baths, in which a little quassia is soaked twice a week, and a regular supply of clean gritty sand; and twice a week add fifteen drops of chemical food to the drinking water.

Not Laying.

Roller.—No, I cannot tell you why your hen which has built a nest, and has been mating regularly for the past four weeks, does not lay, except that Nature has not provided the necessary eggs to complete the task begun. She may be an old hen which is getting past breeding, or if a fairly young one, she may perhaps have been overtaxed, or allowed to breed too long, last year. There is not much the matter with your feeding, but I would advise you to stop giving the mixed seed, and give instead a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake every second day, mixing with it at alternate times first four drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and next a sprinkling of iuga and gold of pleasure seed mixed together in equal quantities. Also stop giving the chemical food in the drinking water, and give instead as much Epsom salts for three days as will cover a sixpence, and after that four drops of tincture of steel every second day for a week. Now that the weather is very warm you should keep a close watch on any hen that is sitting on the nest a good deal like this one, in order to keep down red-mite by dealing with them as soon as they put in their appearance.

Crest-bred and Rings.

"Rings."—1. I think the diet is the chief cause of the crest-bred being so slack and out of condition. Treat as follows for a few weeks, and you will doubtless find him greatly improved. As a staple food give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and twice a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed with it once each week. Give a good supply of green-food daily—either chickweed, or dandelion, or both. Discontinue all other foods for a time. In the drinking water dissolve a piece of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea every second day for a week, and on alternate days give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. During the second week give four drops of tincture of steel every second day in the water, and afterwards twelve drops of chemical food three times a week for another fortnight or so. 2. The swelling on the top of the foot is probably due to the rings chafing a little, or they may be too heavy for these particular birds when first put on, owing to the birds being either more susceptible or a day or two younger than their nest mates. You should gently rub in a very little cold cream, or pure vaseline, about three times in a week. If the swelling goes down after the first dressing you need not repeat it. Of the two rings you sent I prefer the smaller on account of its being the less conspicuous, and the lighter, whilst serving every useful purpose just as well as the larger one.

Young Canaries Dying.

A.D.—Am afraid it is the old, old story. So long as the young are fed by their parents they do well, but as soon as they are feeding themselves they are practically killed by kindness. Your feeding is, I believe, the sole cause of your loss; but, still, as they have died off rapidly, it would be a wise policy to have a post-mortem on one of the next that die, in order to ascertain whether you have septic fever among your birds. Meantime, feed your young birds as follows: After leaving their parents give an unlimited supply of plain, good sound Canary seed in the seed boxes, and each day give a very little cracked, not crushed, hemp seed, and a small quantity of egg-food. Do not give more than about three-fourths, and sufficient of the egg and hemp combined to support them altogether. As soon as you find them cracking Canary seed freely, as shown by the empty husks cleaned out of the cage, decrease the quantity of egg and hemp gradually for a few days, then give only one of them each day, alternately, for a few days longer. Then give only a small quantity of hemp, without cracking, twice a week, and half a teaspoonful of egg-food twice a week; or you may give a small piece of bread dipped in milk and squeezed nearly dry twice a week instead of egg-food, or give egg-food once, and bread and milk once; and twice a week about half a teaspoonful of dry summer rape per bird. Give no green-food until the young are six weeks old, then give a little tuft of the flowering head of groundsel, or a spray of chickweed, or a few half-ripe seed stalks of plantain. Keep cage clean, strewn with gritty sand, and see the water supply is always clean and fresh. If you follow this treatment consistently, and give nothing else, I think your losses will soon cease. Do not give the sponge bun you speak of as a substitute for bread and milk. Use plain wholesome stale bread.

Rings for Canaries.

W. S. Brewster.—I do not care about the rings of which you send a specimen. It is not only very difficult to put them on so that the ends just meet as you say, but there is a deal more risk of hurting the bird's leg in taking them off should it be necessary to remove them any time. If they overlap at the ends in putting them on, then there is almost sure to be some chafing, as well as the risk of pinching the leg and causing it to swell. You should use the rings which have a small portion at the ends turned back, so that when the ends are pressed together there is a kind of small spur projecting. With these it is practically impossible to make the ends overlap in pressing them together, and they can be easily removed if required by inserting the thumb nail between the spur. The birds that act as you say have probably not grown accustomed to the presence of the ring so quickly as the others. If the leg and foot keep quite normal in appearance you need not worry, but it will do no harm anyway to just smear the foot with a little cold cream or pure vaseline.

Young Birds and Colour Food.

Alpha.—If you think the cock is about dropping into moult, by all means begin to give colour food, even although it is now helping to rear a brood of twelve-day-old youngsters. It is not really necessary to separate him from the young in order to do this. All you have to do is to mix a little tasteless red pepper—say, as much as will cover a threepenny-piece—well amongst a tablespoonful of egg-food, and give it the birds to feed the young with in the ordinary way. Providing only that you use pure pepper without any other admixture, you need not have the slightest fear about the young taking any harm. All you have to be on the lookout for is whether the birds feed as freely upon soft food with colour added as they do without it. There is not often much risk of their not doing so, as the majority of birds soon show a decided preference for the food with colour added—at least, that is my experience. By leaving the cock with the young you will have the advantage of being able to let him finish them off until they are quite on their own, and the colour they have had will be beneficial to them rather than otherwise. You need not worry if the cock should start dropping a few stray feathers a few days before the young are quite able to be taken away, as the amount of colour food he will be having will be quite sufficient to prevent patchiness.

Age for Moulting.

"No Name."—The age when young birds start to moult varies according to the time when they are bred. It will range from about eight weeks to three months, or even to five months in the case of exceptionally early hatched specimens. Thus a bird hatched in February will probably begin to moult about the end of July; those bred in April or May about August, and the bulk of the remainder about end of August or in September. The later hatched ones begin to moult at an earlier age than those hatched earlier in the year. As a rule you should begin to give a little weak colour food to all the young birds about the middle of August, and increase the strength as they appear to be dropping into moult. This, of course, is excepting the very early hatched ones, which must be observed from the middle of July onwards, and commence to give colour food as soon as they begin to grow dull and listless in anticipation of moulting. If you have them on half-strength colour food for a week before any feathers are dropped you will be quite safe.

Sits Thick and Puffy.

J.B.M.—You have been feeding the bird too luxuriously. A bird kept singly in a small cage certainly does not need frequent doses of egg and hemp seed at a season, but least of all now. A plentiful supply of crisp fresh green daily would have been much better for him in every way. For the next week or two now limit his diet to plain Canary seed in the hopper, with an unlimited supply of green-stuff—especially chickweed—daily, and once a week only give a half teaspoonful of dry summer rape, and on one other day a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and on alternate days five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. After the first week give in the water four drops of tincture of steel every second day for another week.

Canary with Sore Feet.

F.L.H.—This may be due to badly shaped perches, or to a looseness in the bowels causing the cages to be dirty, and the excrement drying about the bird's feet. You must first attend to these points and see they are remedied if at fault. Especially see that there are no sharp edges on the perches, and that they are kept quite clean. To cure the soreness catch the bird and bathe the feet for a minute or two in a warm and fairly strong solution of boracic acid. Then dry carefully and anoint them very sparingly with a little zinc ointment, again wiping off all the surplus grease so that it will not help to collect dirt and sand from the cage floor.

Separating Birds.

"Novice."—As your birds have already had three nests this year I would certainly advise you to break up the pairs now as fast as opportunities occur. To do this when the cocks have been left with the hen and are attending to the young satisfactorily, you should leave them together until the young leave the nest. When they have been on the perches a day or two take away the hen and turn her into a large flight cage where she can get plenty of vigorous exercise, and leave the cock with the young, who as a rule will attend to them much better than the hen until they also are able to be drafted into a flight and look after themselves. Do not follow the reverse way, and take away the cock, leaving the hen to finish off the young unless you are perfectly satisfied from former experience with her that she will do so. Otherwise you may find she has deserted them at a time when the cock also has got weaned from them, and refuses to resume parental charge.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Looseness of Bowels.

Miss Pitt.—Diarrhœa, or looseness of the bowels, with offensive excreta, is generally a condition set up by unsuitable or stale food, or sudden change of food, or overmuch greenfood given suddenly to a bird not regularly used to it. The best treatment is to begin by clearing out the bowels with one dose of saline medicine (sulphate of soda) as advised another querist this week. Then for your Mule the most soothing and likely treatment would lie in a change of diet to Osborne biscuit soaked in new milk, squeezed dry, and then well sprinkled with maw seed. If the bird is not used to tackling soft-food (let same be always fresh and sweet) take away its seed-hopper for a short period. When it is eating it freely, mix in a small saltspoonful of prepared chalk (obtainable of a chemist). Watch the effect on the bowels, and change gradually back to ordinary seed diet when the desired result has been obtained. If the looseness is only slight, for three or four days dissolve in every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much citrate of iron as will lie on a threepenny-piece, likewise watching its effects. Give plenty of ripe seeding plantain and shepherd's purse, teazle and maw seed.

Colour-feeding Yellowhammer.

Novice.—Yes; your observations were quite correct, for most of the winning Yellowhammers undoubtedly get a little colour-food during the moult. There should be no trouble in colour-feeding a Yellowhammer, as these birds are usually very partial to a little good soft-bill food, and this serves well to administer the colour-food in. Use sweet pepper only. The exact proportion cannot well be given; it depends on the natural height of colour in the bird. But it should not be overdone; it ought never to be necessary to exceed a proportion of one in six, the object being more to yellow rather than red-feed the birds. To get the birds used to it, a commencement must be made with but a pinch or so only, gradually working up to what seems the necessary strength. When mixing sweet pepper with crushed seed (as is done by some fanciers), there is enough natural moisture (oil) in the latter to take up the colour. One esteemed friend of mine uses canary seed crushed in his seed-mill, with a little medium oatmeal and crushed linseed, combining the sweet pepper with this. He prepares it fresh every morning; and this is necessary, as crushed seed is apt to go rancid. He gets a fine colour and gloss on his birds.

"Weaning" Linnets & Greenies.

Peter W.—Greenfinch is certainly the correct name. Green Linnet is commonly used, true, but this bird is not a "Linnet" at all. Neither young Linnets nor Greenfinches present any difficulty to get on to hard seed. The procedure should be very much the same as that adopted with young Mules and Canaries. You should supply seeding shepherd's purse in abundance, and seeding chickweed also. In addition give summer rape seed and sunflower seed soaked in cold water until it bursts and begins to germinate, dabbing it dry in a cloth before offering it to the youngsters. Gradually introduce cracked hemp, cracked and shelled sunflower, and ordinary summer rape, maw, and canary seeds. They will soon get on to the dry seed. See that the soaked seed is always fresh and sweet; if given sour it will kill the birds. Leave a little egg-bread (or biscuit soaked in new milk) in the cage for them to peck at if so disposed; mind it is always fresh and sweet, too. When first offering them water, colour it lightly with Parrish's Chemical Food, and give it in a glass vessel only.

Moulting Mules.

Constant Reader.—You did quite right to keep the young Mules used to eating a little soft-food daily; I always recommend the practice. You will, in consequence, have no difficulty in getting them on to colour-food. A bird that is carefully colour-fed, requires little other preparation to fit it for the show-bench. The procedure is, as you surmise, the same as for Canaries. Many fanciers "sheet down" their birds, but this is not absolutely necessary so long as the sun's rays do not play upon them; a blind over the window (especially a green one) will kill the mid-day glare quite sufficiently. You must see, however, that the Mules have a constant supply of pure cold water for bathing purposes, as the moult draws to a close, and if they do not bathe freely, they must on all suitable days be lightly sprayed. The importance of cold water in producing tightness of feather and bloom cannot be over-estimated. The difference between a free-bathing bird and a non-bather can easily be seen when the moult is over. Give the oilier seeds—sunflower, linseed, and maw—freely as the moult progresses, and plenty of ripe seeding shepherd's purse, and chickweed, also a daily supply of nasturtium flowers if you can get them. The latter help the colour appreciably, and a fancier's garden should always be well stocked with them. The other foods I recommend weekly can, of course, be given for variety, but all the above-mentioned are essential.

A "Rose" Linnet's Nest.

Patsy.—Yes; the bird with the fiery red breast, and red on the head, was the cock Linnet. Evidently he was a fine old male, in full breeding dress. The hen has no red at all about her, and this would be the sober-coloured bird you noted near the nest. I think you formed a mistaken idea of the size, though; the hen is not so very much smaller than the cock, as a rule. You can put a Linnet's eggs under a hen Canary with every prospect of the latter hatching and rearing the youngsters successfully. In fact, there is nothing difficult about it at all, providing the hen is a good feeder and gets proper food. The usual seeds and egg-bread will answer admirably, backed up by a liberal supply of seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed. Note other replies last week and this. If you can mix a few good ant's eggs into the egg-food, in the manner recommended by me so many times lately, so much the better. By-the-way, "Rose" Linnet is a pretty name—much prettier than "Brown." What a pity our little friend does not keep in's gorgeous summer colouring in captivity. I have seen some glorious "Rose" Linnets — real "crimson ramblers" — out in the fields. It was difficult to believe they were our sober-garbed little Linnets of the show season (our show season, at least; not theirs).

Young Nightingales.

Gale.—Young Nightingales moult in captivity at practically the same time as old birds—that is to say, somewhere about the end of July and during August and September. It is a safe rule, however, to expect young birds of any kind to drop into the moult a shade before the older birds. Very late-hatched youngsters (owing to nest robbery, etc.) would form the exception to this rule. You can easily tell when young Nightingales are in their nest feather, for then they are spotted all over. As they moult into the plain adult garb these spots, of course, disappear. As regards the winter, it is true that several of the Warblers have been kept in unheated outdoor aviaries, or bird-rooms through the winter, but our English Nightingale, I am sure, does not relish the cold. In a snug indoor room, unheated, these birds suffer during cold damp weather, and visibly so during hard frost or a spell at a very low temperature. There is no special treatment required during the moult, so long as the bird keeps in condition (or health). It is a safe plan, however, to mix three or four spots of the finest cod-liver oil in their daily food supply thrice a week: oftener if they show signs of drooping. But don't overdo the quantity of oil, or the bird may turn against its food. Get the tasteless oil. Of course, I look upon it as almost unnecessary to say that the moult is the period when the best of food only should be supplied, with insect life in every possible variety.

Song Thrush in the Moult.

Turdus.—Your question is one I dislike to be put to me, for in answering it candidly I am sure that I offend more than a few bird-lovers. I must say, however, that for present-day competition it is well to colour-feed a Song Thrush one wants to exhibit. Of course, it is not always necessary. Some few exhibition birds are rich enough in colour, naturally, for any purpose. But given a well-spotted bird a trifle pale in colour, then by all means invest in some sweet red pepper. But do not overdo it. I like to see the richness of colour enhanced, or brought to a high pitch, but not to see specimens fed almost out of all resemblance to their natural shade. This should be avoided. You should commence giving the colour food about the middle of July—being too early rather than too late. You will need to get the bird accustomed to it very gradually, adding but a mere pinch or so to the daily food supply for the first few days. Gradually work up the quantity until you are giving a tablespoonful of tasteless pepper to every two tablespoonfuls of food—this should be when the bird is shedding its plumage. Dissolve a tiny pinch of citrate of iron in the bird's drinking water twice a week at this time. Also as the bird begins to drop feathers add a little linseed meal (best quality only) to its stock food about a dessert-spoonful to every breakfastcupful, mixing it well. But work up to this quantity gradually; do not start off with it. Do birds like colour-food? Well, this is another "naughty" question. I have a Gray Wagtail at present which will eat sweet pepper neat (without any admixture of food), and he appears to relish it exceedingly.

Brevities.

Loss of Feathers on Head (J. P., Dublin).—You have nothing to worry about, seeing that the Goldfinch is in full song. In fact, I have a bird myself in very much the same condition as your own. The feathers will be reproduced alright at the moult, now so near at hand. Catching him daily to treat the bare place might only serve to upset him.

Siskin-Greenfinch Hybrid (P. R. Kirkby).—Pleased to hear you have had some success. The Siskin-Greenfinch is not a rare hybrid, neither is it particularly difficult to get. A cock bird really good in size, shape and colour is worth from 30/- to 50/-; an example right above the average in these points, and well moulted, would fetch more. Cannot reply by post unless rules are conformed with.

An Egg (Mrs. Machlow).—The egg you forwarded was not worth returning after the post office had done their best (or worst) with it. So far as I could tell, I feel sure it was an egg of the Greenfinch—a bird, as you will know, very commonly kept in captivity.

Mule Moulting (R. T. B., Cymru).—You can do little else beyond patiently wait for the moult to come to an end. Possibly the delay is not such a misfortune as you imagine, for if the Mule had got over it quickly, he might have gone into moult again in a month or two's time, whereas now he will probably go until this time twelvemonth. Get a bottle of Scrubb's cloudy ammonia, and spray him very lightly about every other day with water just clouded by the addition of a few drops.

Skylark Ailing (Marens).—It seems to me the bird is out of order internally. Pity you don't say how you are feeding. Try him with all the live-food you can get; especially spiders. A few gentles and small blackbeetles would also be relished, in additiou to the mealworms. As medicine, give a saline. Get an ounce of sulphate of soda from a chemist, and in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water dissolve as much as will just cover a shilling, using a glass or pot vessel. Repeat this dose after a day's interval on plain water. As regards the Redpoll, I should think it had had a "fit" of some kind.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

J. Roberts.—You have comfortable accommodation for about 18 birds, but I would not put the full number in straight away. Get pairs of Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Spice Birds, Silverbills, and White Java Sparrows. Hang up several cokernut busks and nest boxes, and several of them should breed. Line the back wall and ends with twiggy branches. Supply Canary, white, French, and spray millet seed, cuttlefish, green-food, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. When they have young to feed some kind of soft food should be given; a little slightly damped sponge cake and a few ants' eggs amply meet the modest needs of these few species. If your locality is a northern one, I should advise the provision of a wood and glazed shutter to go before the front of aviary at nights, and also during very severe weather. Ventilate by a few small holes in same near top, and leave about one inch along the bottom exposed; but see that you do not create a draught, as the most robust species cannot stand draught.

A Grey Laying Eggs.

F.B.—Such cases are by no means uncommon; in fact, they are fairly frequent, though it is not often that they lay with the regularity and frequency that your bird has kept up. I should keep a piece of cuttlefish continually in cage, also a lump of old lime plaster, and scatter over sand tray any egg shells you have left from your table. The precautions you have already taken, combined with the above, should reduce the risk of egg binding to a minimum. With many species of Parrots, the hen goes about in a mopy condition and with dropping wings when about to lay, and when this is noticed special precautions should be taken against draught. If the egg is not laid within the usual period, the bird should be caught up and the vent anointed with pure olive oil. If this fails to give relief, it should be steamed over hot water for about 10 minutes, returned to its cage, and left covered up for a short time; usually two or three hours suffice, and sometimes much less, for the bird to get rid of the egg.

What Parrot?

"Arrow."—(1) It is the Rose-breasted Cockatoo, a native of Australia and a hardy species once it has got over the hardships of importation. (2) I must ask you to inform me how you have been treating this bird. How have you been dieting it? If you supply these particulars I shall be in a position to help you. In the meantime diet as per our reply to "T. B.," but omit drugs advised to that correspondent. Simply give for the next week, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water every second day. Supply the information asked for, and repeat query in full, and more definite help shall be given you next week.

Parrot Breathing Heavily.

T.B.—A general diet of boiled maize is not good for a Grey Parrot; still, you must not stop this suddenly, but as soon as you find it eating freely of the seed mixture mentioned below, gradually wean it from the maize. Mixture: Two parts each Canary seed and oats, and one part each wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds; well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. Also give so as to vary its diet, plain biscuit (dry), ripe fruit, green-food, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in its cage. Do not give any table scraps, tea, coffee or milk sops, or any kind of animal food whatever. For one day only soak one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into its boiled maize, and repeat dose in three days' time. Get from your chemist the following: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts. Take one teaspoonful of the mixture and two tablespoonfuls of water, and let the bird have only this to drink till the breathing is easier. Of course, supply a fresh portion each day. Also bathe its nostrils (use a camel-hair brush) twice daily with dilated glyco-thymoline. Keep the bird where it will get plenty of fresh air, and yet be out of the reach of draught.

Another Feather Plucker.

W.J.C.—I fear I can offer you little prospect of much improvement: a bird that has become confirmed in this vice for a twelvemonth stands but small chance of being made to give it up again. Bathe the raw part and anoint it with spermaceti ointment. Give it a cooling aperient, say Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful) in its drinking water every third day for a few weeks. Of course, if its voidings should become watery loose the aperient must be discontinued for a time, and Parrish's Chemical Food given instead. I should well moisten its plumage occasionally, and also the bare parts with quassia solution, and persevere with this; but avoid getting the solution into the wound. Diet your bird as to its seed mixture as advised to "D.M.B." in this issue; the other items of your dietary are all wholesome, but what is the bread moistened with? If tea, coffee, or milk, stop at once; and if it is moistened at all, simply let it be dipped in clear water. Keep bird occupied as much as possible; also give it rotten wood, cotton reels, etc., to chew up and play with. Recovery cannot be rapid, but I should like to hear a fortnight hence how the sore place is progressing.

Disappearance of Eggs.

E.W.—Canaries are not always free from blame in this respect when they are kept together. I do not really think the Foreigners you have are responsible for the mischief. I suspect the Siberian Goldie, and also the Linnets and Siskin, especially if they are fresh caught. At the same time remember a cement floor does not render you immune from mice; quite large mice can run through half-inch mesh netting. On the other haud, if your birds are not crowded they ought not to interfere with one another. I can only suggest keeping a watch, and if you notice any of the birds visiting other's nests you will be pretty safe in assuming them to be the culprits. Note: Birds that are quite safe when properly mated are often most mischievous nest robbers as odd, unmated birds, particularly unmated hens. Regret I cannot give you more definite advice, but I have no data to go upon.

Treatment of Saffron Finches.

Interested Reader, P.S.—Canary, white, French, and spray millet, with green-food, an occasional mealworm or other insect, also a teaspoonful of ants' eggs daily, with cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing—will amply suffice to keep these birds fit and thriving. In an outdoor aviary Saffrons usually rear one brood in late autumn each year, but they are one of the species which do not readily change their breeding season, which is our winter; and, consequently, many clutches of eggs are spoiled. However, they are good feeders, and usually rear such as they hatch out. A little of some good soft food mixture (see our advert. columns) must be given when they are feeding young.

Parrot with Sore Mouth.

"Liscard."—Get from your chemist a box of honey and borax; take a small portion of the mixture and wipe out bird's mouth with same twice a day. Use a small camel-hair brush for the purpose and well cleanse it, and use a fresh portion of the mixture on each occasion. Also put 20 grains of chlorate of potassium in its drinking water (one ounce), and give this quantity daily for a week or ten days. Report progress next week, and describe the exterior growths on sides of the beak. Also give twenty drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak. The bird should be kept quiet and out of draught, yet not in a vitiated atmosphere. Cage should be kept strictly clean, and its food hoppers scalded out at least every other day. Its bowe's should be kept moving freely, yet not watery loose.

Parrot Husky.

Dawson. If it is only a cold, the remedies you have applied as directed in this column are quite correct. But from the data you give I much fear there is either some obstruction or a growth in the throat. If such is the case it must be attended to by a vet., or the bird sent to the Animals' Hospital. In any case, the treatment you have given will do no harm, and if on examining the bird's mouth you find any small sores, get from your chemist a box of honey and borax, and wipe out the bird's mouth with this twice a day. Use a camel-hair brush for the purpose and keep it well cleansed. Feed as advised regularly in this column, and do not give any table scraps, tea, coffee or milk sops, nor yet any kind of animal food. If you supply me with full details as to how you have been feeding, and you can indicate more of the nature of the swelling, possibly I can help you further.

What Parrakeet?

Tunstall.—Your bird, there is no doubt, is one of the Alexandrine Parrakeets, and apparently a very fine specimen; it is also a talented bird. Of course, ordinary specimens of this bird in fair condition are worth from 15s. to 25s. each, according to condition and market. But a bird in fine feather and able to utter "You'll wake the baby," "I shan't forget," "No fear of that," etc., should be worth anything from 60s. to 100s. Of course, the above figures are subject to the bird's enunciation being clear and distinct. Hope it will continue to do well.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Goldfinch (Postact).—Chronic softening of liver of long standing, followed by recent acute inflammation involving the lungs. I consider it an infectious condition, and any cage occupied by this bird should be thoroughly disinfected before being used by any other bird.

Blackbird (Blackbird).—Enlargement of liver and rupture of bloodvessel of that organ.

Brown Foreign Finch (E. G. Watts).—Chronic softening of liver, recent inflammation, and hæmorrhage.

Young Yorkshire (J.M.).—This bird died of "bird fever," and in all probability your other losses arose from the same disease. Isolation of healthy-looking birds in perfectly clean cages and fumigation with sulphur is suggested. It would be well to study Dr. Clarke's book, which may be obtained from this office.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Photograph (A. E. Morton).—We are very much obliged to you.

Bird Catching (Well Wisher).—We have not published your letter, for in our next issue or so you will find given all the details you need, along with explanatory sketches. If you then desire to put any further questions, we shall be glad to print them.

Egg-Saving Device (W. Reid).—We have no knowledge of anyone who makes and sells the nest you mention. You might communicate with the sender of the idea.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SUCCESS IN HYBRID BREEDING.

Sir,—I have a cock Siskin (house moulted three times) and a Canary-reared hen Greenfinch (last year's bird) in my aviary, which also contains two cock Goldies, cock Linnet, hen Bullfinch, pair of Redpolls, and three hen Canaries. The Siskin and Greenfinch paired up themselves, and I got one youngster from them out of five eggs. It has come on fine, being now seven weeks old and in clinking condition. According to its colour I take it to be a cock. I may also say I have got two Linnet Mules, and two Goldfinch-Mules from one Canary, but another Canary let four die. I live in the country, and give my birds an armful of shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, etc., every morning, and sometimes twice a day. My aviary is 7ft. high, 12ft. long 5ft. from front to back. The Siskin and Greenie have got another nest, and five more eggs.

P. R. Kirkby.

DANDELION AND YOUNG BIRDS.

Niger Seed Condemned.

Sir,—Mr. Claude St. John says, in last week's Cage Birds, dandelion must be used with discretion. Yes; and the right sort of dandelion gathered with discretion. What I mean is: Mind where you gather it from. I gather what I use grown in the open, with leaves four or five inches long; also I cut down into the root about one inch, as I have found the birds like the root as well as the leaves. Whilst the hen is feeding the young, I shake the root and leaves in clean water and give the birds the root just as it is, after, of course, I have shaken all the water out. Culpepper says that dandelion is of an opening and cleansing quality, and therefore very effectual in obstructions of the liver, gall, and spleen, and the diseases that arise from them. According to that, I want no better green-food for Canaries, if, as I have said, the right sort is gathered, neither rank nor old (tough grown), but the young and tender. I have used it for these last 20 seasons with the best results. I use it up to the finish of the second round; for the third round I use lettuce, the dandelion by then getting old and tough. Water-cress is all right if one could gather his own from a nice clean running brook; the shop water-cress, or forced stuff, I would not use. Some 12 years since there was a great outcry about inga seed. In the spring of that year I gave my hens a little each. I had, up to the second round, no young worth speaking about. The hens went soft and dull-looking. I conditioned them again for the third round (no inga seed this time). I then left them to my wife; I had had enough for one season. I never entered the bird-room for a month or more; in fact, I never asked her how she was getting on with them. Well, about the fifth Sunday morning, she asked me whether I was going to have a look at the birds. At the time a fancier friend had called to see me, so I said to him: "Come on, let's see what the wife has done." (He knew I had not seen them). Well, we got a surprise. She had bred 60 young in that round, and, mind you, all were feathered. I believe it was nine pairs of this same lot which went out to India. From that day to this inga (or niger) seed has never entered my bird-room, nor ever will. My advice is, don't use it for Canaries. Some years after this I read a report of a visit paid to Mr. Barnett, the noted crest breeder. He had been served just the same as myself; hens went soft. He also said, no more inga for him. I use plenty of maw seed. I have always found this good in any way you like to use it. About a fortnight ago I had two hens feeding four young each. On looking in the nest, I found the hen had stopped cleaning the nest. The young would be seven days old. I could see they had got diarrhœa; the nest was wet and dirty. I put them in a clean nest, and hand-fed them once. I put one drop of tincture of iron and quinine on a spoonful of egg-food, and fed the eight young birds once by hand. I also gave the hens four drops of this in their water for three days together. I reared the lot. I always use Parrish's Chemical Food, one teaspoonful to two eggs and the biscuit. I find it a splendid tonic given twice a week while the hen is feeding. I take a bottle to the chemist's and get threepenny-worth each of tincture of iron and tincture of quinine, mixed together. I give three or four drops (no more) to two tablespoonsful of water. I leave it on for one day, then give clean water for three or four days. If I see the hen going slack with her feeding, I give her three or four drops in the water; it soon puts her right.

A. Mather.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

THE BLACKBIRD MAKES PUSSY SORRY.

SIR,—I have just read of a remarkable case of a bird chastising a cat. Near Chelmsford a Blackbird has its nest in the ivy just a few inches below an upper story window. A fortnight ago one of the household cats, reaching down from the sill, scared the mother bird off the nest, and captured one of the young, which was made a meal of. Since then the mother bird has flown at the cat every time she sights her, and alighting on her back, pecks her unmercifully. This happens three or four times a day, and poor pussy's life is made quite a burden to her.

A. H. EDMUNDS.

NEW SOCIETY FOR WEST AUCKLAND AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Will you allow me space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to inform fanciers in the district that a meeting to form a society was recently held at the Talbot Hotel. The long room there has kindly been offered free of charge, and one guinea given for the good of the society, by the landlord, Sergeant Thom, which is an excellent start. It was decided to call the society the West Auckland and District Cage Bird and Pigeon Society. A meeting will be held on Saturday night, July 11th, at 7 p.m., when all fanciers will be welcome and officers will be enrolled.

JAMES GILL, Sec. pro. tem.

St. Helen's, Auckland, near
Bishop Auckland.

THE SCOTCH FANCY v. THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Thompson's letter on the above, I beg to say I cannot pass it by unnoticed. I cannot for the life of me agree with him, that the Norwich Plainhead is a superior bird to the Scotch Fancy. I will admit that the pepper-fed Norwich are richer in colour than the Scotch Fancies, but discontinue the pepper and place the Norwich along side the Scotch Fancies, and you will find, in nine cases out of ten, the Scotch fancies are quite equal, if not superior, both in colour and feather to the Norwich Plainhead. I also quite agree with "Old Reekie's" remarks. He was not far out of the way when he said that one pair of really good Scotch Fancies were worth a dozen pairs of Norwich. I am quite aware this will not meet with everyone's approbation, but I really must say I consider the Scotch Fancy the most graceful bird we have, and I have no doubt my brother fanciers across the border will bear me out in this respect. For instance, place a Scotch Fancy (I mean a good one) in the show-cage; watch his graceful movements to and fro, and there you have something to look upon, something to admire, and something which will doubtless oftentimes bring a smile to your countenance. I have kept nearly all kinds of Canaries in my time, but fail to see how Mr. Thompson gives premier honours to the Norwich Plainhead over the Scotch Fancy. I maintain that the "Bird of Circle" is far preferable to the Norwich Plainhead in every respect, but I suppose it would not do for all of us to be of the same opinion. Give me the graceful "Scotchie," which I really admire, and which I now have in my possession. They are equally as good in colour as any non-fed Norwich.

C. KELSEY.

THE SISKIN FOR MULING AND EXHIBITION.

SIR,—This bird, which has been kept for years in cages, not particularly for its song but for its fine plumage and for crossing purposes, has yet to make a name for itself as a parent for choice mules, etc. I believe there will be a great demand for this bird for that purpose before very long, as I know there are several fanciers who are trying for this cross with a hen Bullie. I don't think it has ever been produced. If it has I am open to conviction. Which bird the offspring would be like in its adult plumage, I am anxious to learn. I should hardly think it would be worth the bother to get any young for hand-rearing, as they would be most difficult to get during the autumn and winter. These birds can be got from a dealer quite cheap, and some of these, like most other kinds, are easily tamed, while some are just the reverse. They are very restless until you have thoroughly tamed them. They have the habit of nearly always hanging on the cage-front or wires, these being favourite nesting positions, so that I shall strongly advise anyone who thinks of going in for these birds to get them as early as possible before the end of the year, and get them steadied down to cage life. They have been crossed I know for years with the Canary, not that it improved their song at all, but only to produce a Mule. I believe that in years gone by few really good Mules from the up-to-date exhibitor's point of view were produced. But now we have had the "Awakening," we shall no doubt get something good from this bird. I was glad a short time back to see your expert, Mr. Weston, advising the cross with a hen Bullie. He said he was on "the job," and I hope he may succeed. I thought of this cross as far back as 1895. I had then a good hen Bullie, but could not get the Siskin steady. It might be done with a field-moulted bird but I should certainly like a cage-moulted one tried in connection with this cross. I hope those who are using this bird in any such crosses will tell readers of CAGE BIRDS of their experience so as to stimulate others. These birds I should also like to see exhibited in some of our best shows in separate classes. I wish that the N.B.B. and M.C. would see that classes were arranged say, at the Palace, for most of our British birds which are used for Muling purposes, and also specify that they must be "natural colour." The latter provision would no doubt cause many to enter who would not enter if this were not stated. Whether or not this bird can be improved by colour-feeding I cannot debate.

T. H. K.

BREEDING FOR COLOUR: A PROBLEM IN POINT.

SIR,—In your issue of June 20 "Yellow Green" tells of a pair of green Scotch Fancy Canaries producing a clear. Now I should like to tell your readers of an incident that occurred in my bird-room last season. I paired up a green crest cock (sire, clear body dark; dam, green crest, to a green crest-bred hen (sire, green crest; dam, green crest-bred). From this pair I reared one Crest which was almost a clear body dark bird, the dark feathers going a little down the neck. It had also a couple of dark feather sin one wing. Now the funny part was when the Crest moulted; it moulted into a perfectly clear crest, not a dark feather anywhere, and I am rather anxious to see what this year's moult will bring about.

J. RYDER.

WHAT IS "QUALITY" LINNET SONG?

SIR,—In response to "Constant Reader" as to quality Linnet singing, if you want to know what quality song is, you will have to take great interest in Linnet singing, and it will take you years before you understand the Linnet. I have kept them since a boy (which is over 30 years), and you must not think I can teach you as much in five minutes that has taken me a lifetime to learn. As to Linnets learning from German Canaries, it is wrong, as they would be disqualified; the voice will tell. With regard to the wild bird's song, there are good and bad birds. My advice is to get a good bird that has won prizes. If you really want to learn something about quality singing, you should go as far as Leeds, where quality singing matches take place nearly every week end. You will have to pay a good price for a good bird, and it will teach you more than I can tell you (if really a good one).

T. JUMP.

SIR,—I know some of your readers are waiting for a reply as to "quality" Linnet singing. As a young Linnet fancier, I bought my first good Linnet from Mr. J. Rostron, of Blackburn, and it won me a lot of prizes as a "quality" bird. A good Linnet as regards its song for quality should begin by "scraping," turning into "titing," then "pecing," then "guying," "heavy noting" and "blubbering" and "stops"; that is a good bird as far as quality is concerned. As for the German Canary singing, it has not the same voice as a Linnet. I should like young fanciers to take notice of their birds when they sing. I will give you another way of singing, "reeing" in voices, "widdleing," "shiffling," "jowing," "orring," and lots more good notes they can do besides. The more a bird changes its voice on any of these notes, the better it is. There are birds that have not the same voice as others, and that has a lot to do with quality. Any sort of a bird will do for home singing, but good quality birds are hard to find and cost a lot of money at times. I hope our novices will go and hear more quality contests, and then the good birds will teach them a lot more than we can tell them.

A LOVER OF A LINNET.

POLLY'S PERSISTENCE IN LAYING EGGS.

SIR,—Can any of your numerous readers say if the following is a common case, as I have not heard of a similar one before? A friend of mine had a young grey Parrot brought to her from Africa. After it had been in her possession about a twelve-month, it became ill, and my friend thought it would die. In the course of two or three days it laid an egg and ever since that time it has repeated the process at intervals. It is ill for a day or two, then lays an egg. This occurs about every three months. It is now seven years old. My friend has quite a collection of pretty creamy-white eggs, and has given some away. She puts some warm covering over the cage when the bird becomes ill until the egg is laid; and it is not long before "Polly" gets quite well again and talks as usual.

F. B.

THE UNITED KINGDOM LIZARD CANARY SOCIETY.

SIR,—Being amongst my old friends on June 20th, I had many asking me if the United Kingdom Lizard Society was still in existence. I told them I did not know, but that I hoped it was. I would certainly like to know if anything has gone wrong with this society. I notice plenty of shows advertised at which they could hold their meetings. Being a new society, it will need to be kept before the Fancy before it will get many members. What are they holding back for? I am hoping to be amongst the Lizard fanciers and exhibitors next year. I started too late this year. I got my cock birds, but could get no hens, so I have had to leave Lizard-breeding over for another year. Still, I am hoping to be amongst the Lizard fanciers when they call their meetings, and at the shows. That the Lizard men have had a good breeding season is the wish of

ALEX. DONNELLY.

Swinton.

(In the "Club Notice" column our correspondent will find a meeting called for July 12th next.—EDITOR.)

THE CAPTIVATING REDPOLL.

SIR,—This bird has of late years become a great favourite with fanciers for Muling purposes. It has for years been kept as a cage bird and there used to be a class for this bird at the Palace shows, but of late years that class has not been given. Why I cannot say, for I believe it used to be well patronised; and I dare say, if the class was renewed it would again take on. This is a great favourite of mine. It is an engaging little bird, and easily tamable. Its various crosses are becoming much admired. I hope that next show season, when the Redpoll-Bullies get more adult, their plumage will attract the showmen and result in their being used more than at present. A full-plumaged bird with its beautiful "namesake" is certainly to be much admired. This bird does breed in some counties of England, so it would be easy either to get some young and hand-rear them, or even to obtain eggs and place them under Canaries; but I hardly think it would be worth the trouble to resort to the latter as the birds would not be so fine or yet so strong as the newly-caught birds. These birds are very easily caught in the autumn, both with the Linnets and by themselves. I know of a friend who had one, and put it out in a trap cage in his garden last autumn. He soon caught several of these birds as they flew over. They are, in fact, about the easiest birds that I know of for catching in a trap cage with a call-bird. If there are any about the district the call bird will soon bring them to the cage and without any trouble they are secured at once. In our district I am pleased to hear that several of them are at present up with various birds for Muling purposes, and I hope to be able to give good accounts of them before the season is past. They can be fed the same as a Linnet when in cages, but they are very fond of nearly all kinds of green-food, which should be well supplied to them, as to all birds, quite fresh, and not too much at a time. They are also very fond of various kinds of berries. It is some years ago now since I first knew the Redpoll. It was then in a small cage, and had to draw up its own seed and water, just as the Goldfinch did. But I am glad to say that it is a long time since I saw either this bird or the Goldfinch drawing up its supply. I do hope that fashion has gone out of date entirely. Not that I believe it was cruel to the birds, for both species love mischief in cages as well as in the open. I think that once a person has had a Redpoll he is never happy without one in his collection. These birds are so well known and have been kept for so many years as cage birds that it is not necessary to give a full description of them, but I strongly advise lovers of British birds to have either a male or a pair in their collection. This bird will readily breed with various species in confinement, but it is only the male bird which is used. In fact, until within the last few years very few females of such as the Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Linnet, and Bullie were used. No doubt in the future more experiments will be made in this branch. There is yet a large field open for the various crosses. The colours of this bird when it is kept in confinement are, of course, not so good by a long way as those of a fresh-caught specimen.

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HYBRID BREEDING EXPERIENCES.

SIR,—Having been a reader of your well-known paper, CAGE BIRDS, for years, I will let you know how I have gone on so far this season. I started this year to try my luck in Hybrids. I paired up a four-year-old cock Chaffinch to a two-year-old hen Bramblefinch. They have built a lovely nest in a cage made out of a Tate sugar box, and laid five eggs. All of these she laid in the nest. I transferred them to a Canary to sit on, giving the Bramblefinch some Canary's eggs to sit on, which she has continued to do ever since. I have to lift her off the nest if I want to look at the eggs, she is so keen. The other pair I have is a Goldie cock and a Greenie hen. First nest two eggs clear, second nest (fortnight later), seven eggs—five fertile, two clear. One I broke accidentally, so I put it as clear. I have the five under Canaries, some of which should hatch this week. In transferring the Bramble's eggs to Canaries, I accidentally broke two, so I have three left, all fertile. I have also about 30 young Yorkshires (25 on the sticks) and three hens sitting, so I think I am doing fairly well. I wish every success to CAGE BIRDS, as it has done me a lot of good, both when advertising and by its reading matter.

Lidget Green. J. LANE.

SIR,—Having read with interest the experiences of novices in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, in the breeding of Hybrids, it might interest some of them to know that I have a cock Goldfinch mated to a hen Bullfinch. My Bullie has built her own nest, laid five eggs in it and has sat on them, but it is rather disappointing to find three of her eggs clear and two dead young ones in the others. But I am going to try again, hoping to have better luck next time.

NOVICE.

CUCKOO'S STRANGE FOSTER PARENTS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Bell's letter *re* the above, I may say I had a young Cuckoo brought me on June 6 in a Linnet's nest. This was the first time I ever knew of one in such a nest. It is the more remarkable seeing that the Cuckoos are purely seed-eating birds. They are generally found with Hedge-Sparrows, Robins, Pied Wagtails, Buntings, Meadow Pipits, Whitethroats, and Chaffinches. This Linnet was the only Finch I had ever known which brought up a Cuckoo. But looking over Dradburn's work, I see he mentions the Greenfinch. I may say I am bringing this one up by hand. He was well feathered when I had him, and now is quite a large bird. But he is no nearer feeding himself than when I first had him. I have a fair amount of patience, but to bring up a Cuckoo one wants a lot. He is the laziest bird I have ever had anything to do with, but I trust he will be much better before the mammoth show at Cambridge, as I thought of exhibiting him there.

W. LINSEY.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(*Continued from page* 555.)

A Feeding Male Necessary.

A good feeding cock is as necessary as a good feeding hen. The reader may ask, why? That is easily answered. The average hen does her duty faithfully until the young reach the eighth or tenth day; then she suddenly stops. If a quick layer, the eggs are coming again and she hands over the feeding duties to her spouse.

It is at this point that a good feeding male is worth his weight in gold. Many young birds are lost because the hen ceases to rear them. The absolute necessity is to have a well-equipped pair, so that the one may begin feeding when the other leaves off.

In rearing there is every need for continuity. I should perhaps mention another thing: A hen may sicken at any stage and with a good feeding mate, even suppose she should cease to feed at an early period in the existence of the young, the young birds may be saved. Better to save than lose.

Males are liable to flirt with a hen in an adjoining cage, if there is nothing between the cages to prevent them seeing each other. Frosted glass can be purchased at a moderate price and is very suitable for the purpose. Glass put at each end admits a certain light, and, moreover, red mites do not find a congenial lodgment; besides, it is very easily cleaned.

Spare Foster Mothers.

Every fancier should have at hand a few spare foster hens to substitute for any that may turn out bad, or that may break down. They are useful, and where there are too many, a friend will always be ready to take one or two; they are in great demand when they cannot at any price be procured.

The best hatchers have to be found out by testing them. A hen which comes off the eggs occasionally, in my opinion, is the best hatcher; the eggs seem to break freely under her, and if she proves to be a feeder, the young thrive under her. The young ones feather quickly and come to maturity sooner than those brought up by a sluggish hen.

Exceptions do exist, but the hen that only leaves the nest during incubation when nature compels her to, is in some cases a good sitter and a fine foster-mother.

Working Savage Cock Birds.

An odd cock-bird may be so savage that he will all but kill the hen, or keep her crouching in the farthest corner of the cage. If he is good blood, place him in a small cage, alongside of the breeding cage with the hen in it, and partition them from the others. Run him in say morning, noon and evening, and in nine cases out of ten the desired end will be brought about.

Few fanciers realize the benefit which is derived from a close study of the personal disposition of each bird. Were that done regularly, many of the vexations which arise in the second, third and fourth clutches, could be avoided. Where there is a large stock of birds, it is advisable to jot down the little peculiarities which have been observed. The foibles should be carefully guarded against.

When to Remove the Young.

The young generally leave the nest and take to the perches at the age of three weeks. Some hens have laid again by that time, in which case, it is as well to remove the young and the cock into another compartment or cage, and allow him to feed until they can do for themselves, say at the end of four weeks from the date of hatching. Healthy young can do for themselves by that time.

It is preferable to give them a couple of days longer where there is an uncertainty. Birds that are weaned at that age are usually healthy.

Young birds that are allowed to remain in the breeding-cage with the pair, dirty the nests, and spoil the eggs. The cock-bird should be put back in the evening to save quarrelling, and possible injury to the eggs.

The Time for Hatching.

The month of June is, in ordinary circumstances, high-water mark in the breeding operations. If young birds are to be had they should be hatched by the beginning of June, and if old birds do not make an attempt by the end of the month their owners may have to keep them till the next season.

In Scotland Canary exhibitions start by the middle of September, so that it is necessary to have young Scotch Fancy Canaries hatched by the first week in June if they are to compete for the first honours, which are more appreciated than the later ones. June should be the busiest month with the fancier.

In a well-arranged aviary every bird should be busy "improving the shining hours." It is a joy to work when everything goes well, but very little may cause discomfort. The loss of a nest of young, or eggs, casts a shadow, and failure is then written large. Why should fanciers become depressed over these little difficulties? Such difficulties exist to be overcome, and instead of changing the diet, etc., fanciers should continue as before, and the chances are that all will go as merry as a marriage bell.

The cold winds and inclement weather are frequently the causes of hens being bad feeders, of clear eggs, and of young dying; and with the advent of warmer weather there is a prospect of success.

When on the Sticks.

Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries require great care when they come out of the nest. They are liable to go wrong by becoming twisted in neck or body, being very highly-strung in the nerves. When this takes place there is little hope of a cure.

A bird in that condition may move about the cage for years, in (otherwise) a healthy condition, but the probability is that it will never breed. There are exceptions, however, and I have personally known of such birds, of both sexes, which have bred.

The desire for long necks and head well down has, in my opinion, a lot to do with this kind of malformation. If a Scotch Fancy or a Belgian Canary becomes sufficiently wry-necked to keep the head well down, and the defect is not too apparent, it may beat all competitors in its own class and in cup competition. But a winner, sound in limb and body, fit to win and able to perform necessary duties, is the specimen that will command the most money in the market. It takes a smart fancier to discriminate between a defective and a perfect Scotch Fancy Canary, the difference between the two being very fine.

The young should be permitted to remain as long as they will in the nest, and they should on no account be frightened or compelled to leave their cosy quarters. Sometimes the malformation does not take place until the victim is five or six weeks old. In all the experience of the Fancy, nothing equals the depression which befalls a breeder who wakens to find a promising champion twisted, contorted, and marred for life.

Changes in the Weather.

The weather has been sometimes very cold, and this has told severely against breeding in all its varied stages. Changes in the weather, especially coldwards, have a most detrimental effect—the young die, and clear eggs are the rule, and not the exception.

At such a period pairs should be kept back till the genial weather sets in. Should a cold wave pass over in the breeding season, a sharp look-out ought to be maintained over the entire stock. An apparent breaking-down should be checked by putting the invalid on a diet of bread, soaked in boiled milk, and hard-boiled egg and biscuit on alternate days. Five drops of best olive oil should be mixed with the egg and biscuit. This treatment should be continued until the invalid has regained its former strength.

(To be continued).

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THE ANATOMY AND DISEASES OF BIRDS.

By J. W. Cutmore.

A Lecture before the Liverpool O.S. on May 19th.

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Discussion.

On the conclusion of the lecture the members present plied the lecturer with many questions on various points touched upon during his discourse, which were ably answered. Among the various questions were the following:—

The chairman: Presuming the diagnosis of anthrax to be correct, would it not be dangerous for a fancier to handle birds which had died of this disease, or, in the event of anthrax having been communicated by the cow hair to handle same?—Answer: Decidedly, if there was any abrasion of the skin.

Mr. Hillmen inquired how a hen Canary could "sweat" its young, a bird's skin not being an excretory organ?—Answer: The hen did not sweat (as the term is ordinarily used), but the moisture about the feathers was caused by the condensation of the exhalations from the young birds' lungs, and owing to diarrhœa in the young, the old bird being then unable to remove the excreta when the nest and all that came in contact with it became fouled.

Nesting diarrhœa was also discussed, and various opinions and remedies supplied, Mr. Deacon observing that in such cases he had found crushed cuttlefish beneficial, while Mr. Hales recommended 10 drops of tincture of catechu in the drinking water. The opinion of the meeting was unanimous against putting young birds that were suffering from bowel trouble, either constipation or diarrhœa, from one nest to that containing other young, as in such cases all the nestlings ultimately become contaminated.

Mr. Spinks inquired if the lecturer recommended sitting hens to be fed only on plain Canary seed, saying that this was quite contrary to the methods of poultry fanciers, who invariably gave sitting hens better food at this time.—The lecturer recommended that a little egg food should be given occasionally and not entirely withheld.

On a question of diet for rearing young birds, Mr. Hales informed the members that a Liverpool fancier had reared young entirely on brown sugar and maw seed, with the addition of the ordinary seed diet, and had met with much success.

On a question being put as to whether he recommended the bird-room window being left open at night when the temperature had fallen considerably, the lecturer advised this being done so long as there was no direct draught on the birds.

Mr. Hillmen inquired if there was risk of contamination in allowing birds affected with phthisis or bronchitis to run with healthy stock? Answer: Birds with a tendency towards same in a low condition would probably acquire it. It was only the tendency towards these diseases that was hereditary and not the actual complaint. A question was asked as to whether consumption could be acquired by a fancier from any affected bird, when the lecturer explained that this was impossible, the tubercle being different.

On the question of cow hair for nesting material, Mr. Hales stated that he used manila rope teased out, and moss, others being in favour of moss alone, while others again favoured the administration of dried grass with this, the nest being then porous and well ventilated.

The chairman inquired if it was necessary to supply soft-billed birds with grit for digestive purposes, seeing that they possessed no proper gizzard, the answer being no.

A very interesting debate resulted from the lecturer's very full and lucid explanation of the egg production, and subsequent stages the egg passed through up to the chick being hatched, diagrams and dissected specimens of various species being produced with the reproductive organs and eggs in various stages of development. Mr. Cutmore explained how it was possible for a vigorous male bird to fertilize eggs laid a fortnight or so after the male had been removed from the hen, thus explaining the occasional production of "clear Mules" (Canaries) and dark Mules in the one nest, when both a cock Canary and Finch had been run with the one hen at intervals of the period named. The explanations of the development of the embryo into the young bird were listened to with great interest, the lecturer stating that life began on the passage of the ovum from the oviduct. Diagrams were put in showing the construction of the egg, the embryo lodging up in the yolk of the egg which was suspended from each end of the shell by a membrane, allowing the yolk and embryo to revolve each time the hen turned the egg, thus keeping the embryo nearest to her body.

Upon the conclusion of the discussion, which was carried on much beyond the time usually allotted to the meetings, the chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cutmore for his very able lecture, which vote was carried with acclamation, thus concluding one of the most interesting meetings enjoyed by the Fancy in this locality for many years.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1908 SEASON.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.

Although several members' breeding has resulted in an utter failure so far, still the majority have had success, and we are anticipating a good entry at the show.—Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, hon. sec.

Paisley and District N.M.B. and F.B.C.

Our members are having a good season, young birds being very plentiful. One member has 22 Border Fancies, and another has 26 Norwich. Several Mules are reported, and also two Redpoll-Goldfinch Hybrids.—R. McLerie, hon. sec. of the Paisley and D.s. N.M.B. and F.B.C.

Wolverhampton and District C.B.S.

The first round of our members has been fairly good, considering the very severe weather experienced in this district during the early part of the season, which caused the loss of several valuable stock birds. Mr. Willoughby, I am pleased to say, after having had two disastrous seasons, is making up for them this time with a good one; he has 25 grand youngsters (Norwich) on the sticks, and a lot more in the nest. Mr. Weaver has over 30 Norwich of all ages, and many eggs yet to hatch; for quality they will be hard to beat. Mr. Farfield who, I regret to say, has been very seriously ill, has not been able to pay so much attention to his stock, but I hear he has 8 grand Norwich on the sticks. I hope he may make this number into 28 before the season is over. Mr. Millincamp has 22 Yorkshires on the sticks and hens nesting for the last round. I noticed several grand youngsters amongst this fancier's lot that, given a good moult, will make their presence felt in the show season. Mr. Jones had 9 Yorkshires on the sticks a fortnight ago. Mr. Jacquemin has 30 young Rollers of all ages, and Mr. Cadman 9 on the sticks. Messrs. Wakeham, Turpin, and Adey have had rather hard luck from the first round, but are hoping to make up before the close of the season. I have not heard of any Hybrids being bred yet, but quite early in the season Mr. Tonks bred a nice Greenfinch-Canary Mule. The Greenfinch has since made good his escape. Mr. Osborne has a nice young dark Goldfinch-Canary Mule and some good eggs of that cross due to hatch. I myself have 31 Yorkshires, 15 on the sticks and others in the nest. I regret not being able to record the doings of a great number of our members not having seen them lately.—F. Howes, sec.

Some Practical Observations on Insectivorous Birds.

By S. A. SANDY.

A Paper read before the City and Suburban A.C.B., on June 15th.

I should like to say a few words on the question of food. From an article which recently appeared in CAGE BIRDS on the subject of the Nightingale, I fear some readers will be disposed to consider the 'gale a difficult bird to cater for in captivity, but I can assure you from my own experience that such is not the case. If one can be sure of a constant supply of wasp grub, gentles, live ants' eggs, and live food generally, of course there can be nothing better; but as this is an impossibility with fanciers living in London, or, I should imagine, in any of the larger provincial towns, a substitute has to be found that will keep our birds in health and song. I do not hesitate to say that this can be done quite easily by using good, sound, dried ants' eggs, freshly-boiled egg, fine meat meal, and an ingredient that has recently been put upon the market—ground silkworm pupae—the whole well mixed together and damped with some grated carrot. This mixture will keep any small insectivorous bird in health and condition, with the addition of a few mealworms every day when no other insects are obtainable. I had a sample of the silkworm pupae given me some time back and found the birds I then had seemed to be very fond of it, and even the newly-caught ones ate it very readily.

On Keeping Great Grey Shrikes.

Since I last read a paper before your members I have been able to get some practical experience with the Great Grey Shrike, which, although fairly easy to cater for, does not readily adapt itself to captivity. All that is required is a plentiful supply of Sparrows and mice; Mr. Shrike will do well on these. He wants a very large cage, or better still an outdoor aviary to live in, where he can take plenty of exercise, and a bough with a few sharp spikes on it upon which he may be able to hang his food. Mine would take a bird or mouse and pull it on to the spike until it was fixed securely, and there commence to eat it—feathers (or fur) and all. The latter, however, would be thrown up in pellets the size of a large date stone. It was also very fond of beetles and raw beef, but it is advisable to give the beef very sparingly, or the bird will quickly develop fits.

One thing struck me as being rather funny. The Shrike seemed to prefer the birds being first killed, and on one occasion I put in a live Greenfinch and watched for some time. The Shrike did not attempt to molest the Greenie, and the two roosted upon the same bough in the aviary for quite a week, and I had begun to think that Greenfinches alive were rather too much for the cannibal. But one morning I missed the Greenie, and on making a closer examination I saw all that was left of him hanging up on the bough and the Shrike sitting contentedly close by.

I tried to feed the Shrike on a mixture as used for Thrushes with egg cut into fairly large pieces, but it scarcely ever touched it, although its present owner says it has to eat Thrush food now or starve. The Great Grey Shrike is by no means common, being a winter emigrant; but it is rather astonishing how easily a supply of rarities of this kind can "migrate" from the Continent as soon as it is discovered that some particular species is finding favour with the judges. And there is no doubt that a fair specimen of the Great Grey Shrike in good order should about win.

The Red-backed Shrike.

The Red-backed Shrike is, of course, the common species with us, and can be obtained for a very small sum from early May and onwards. The plumage of the adult male is very striking, especially when he is seen sitting upon an outer branch of a hawthorn tree in the spring time. The head is slate-grey, the back reddish-brown, the flights brown, the tail feathers white at their bases, and black on the lower portion, the frontal band and lores black, the chin white, the under parts a pinkish buff, and the bill, legs, and feet black.

It is a smaller bird than the Great Grey being only 7 inches in length, while the Great Grey measures rather over 9 inches. I have kept several specimens, and have not found them difficult to cater for.

They are very fond of the common house beetle and bumble bees, and of young birds, mealworms, large moths, etc. They are not at all difficult to get upon ordinary insectivorous food, but I think the egg should be given sparingly, as I noticed when I had a young one of this species that it quickly got very fat and developed fits, from which it died a few weeks later.

The Red-backed Shrike breeds with us and builds a very large and cumbersome nest, usually in a hawthorn bush, and it is not difficult to discover, as the bush is sure to be dotted over with dead bees, beetles, and young birds: for the "butcher" bird, as he is called, likes to see a well-stocked larder. I have found this bird rather difficult to steady, and I know of one at the present time that has been in the possession of my friend, Mr. Frostick, for over three years, and although it will feed from his hand and has a very roomy cage to itself, it persists in breaking its tail feathers. It has a pleasing song and makes, in my opinion, a very interesting pet, and a useful exhibition bird when perfect. It is a summer migrant, and must, of course, be kept warm during the late autumn, winter, and early spring.

The Red-backed Shrike is not difficult to catch if you use one of the little net traps baited with a blackbeetle or bumblebee pinned back downwards. This seems an irresistible morsel to it, but when you have got your bird in the trap, be careful how you take it out, for you must bear in mind the Butcher Bird has a very powerful bill and knows how to use it when the opportunity arises. It is one of the few of our insectivorous birds that have been bred in captivity. It has been successfully bred by Dr. Gunter, of Kew, whose name I daresay you all know.

There are two other members of the Shrike family, namely, the Lesser Grey Shrike, which is practically a smaller edition of the Great Grey, and the Woodchat Shrike, which is fairly numerous on the Continent, but rare with us. This latter is also very like the Great Grey, but has the crown and nape of the neck a bright chestnut red. It is about the same size as the Red-backed species. I found my Shrikes were not fond of bathing, but my experience in that respect may not be the general one.

The Listless Waxwing.

Another very interesting bird that is occasionally met with on the show bench is the Waxwing. It is a regular winter visitor, more especially in the northern and eastern parts of England, and is an inhabitant of the Arctic regions, where it breeds. It is supposed to visit our shores when the weather is particularly severe further north. Its length is rather over 7 inches, while in general appearance it resembles somewhat the Hawfinch without, of course, the large bill of that bird.

The adult male has the frontal band, lores, and chin black, forehead and sides of the crest chestnut brown, general plumage light greyish brown shading to ash grey on the rump and under parts. The wing coverts are black, tipped with white. The flights are tipped with red wax. The tail is almost black with a broad, yellow band at the end. The bill, legs, and feet are black.

It thrives well upon a good insectivorous food with the addition of various kinds of berries, such as hips and haws, hawthorn berries, etc. It has no song worth speaking of, and I should call it a listless bird in captivity.

The Waxwing, like the Shrike, is a very useful exhibition bird, and makes a very taking exhibit. It should, in my opinion, be colour-fed. I remember seeing a very fine specimen at the Palace a few years back. I doubt very much if the specimens we see on the bench are caught in England, but I don't think there have been so many imported during the last year or two. I remember that some five or six years ago they were very plentiful.

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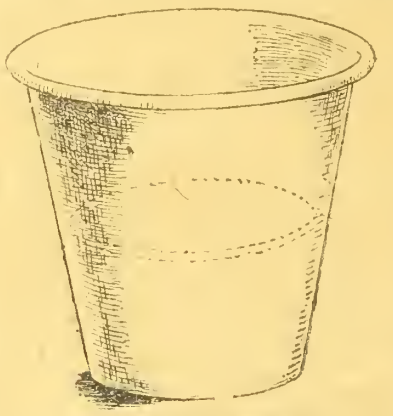
No. 219.

A MAKESHIFT NEST.

Sent by W. Gurney, 224, Plumstead Common Road, Plumstead, S.E.

Once or twice I have been in a difficulty to find my birds a nest-pan, but with the help of a suitably-sized flower-pot have got out of it nicely. Just take an ordinary flower-pot and in it fix a round piece of wood somewhere about half-way down,



A makeshift nest pan.

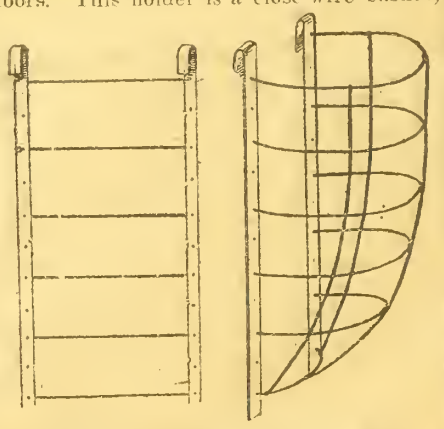
and in which you have bored some holes for ventilation purposes. It can be fastened up in the cage in the ordinary way, and the birds take to it readily. One advantage of this nest is the fine grip the birds can get on the ridge round the top. — W. GURNEY.

No. 220.

HOLDER FOR NESTING MATERIAL, ETC.

Sent by F. Munro, 17, Strode Road, Willesden Green.

The holder I send a sketch of is a very strong article, and not easily put out of shape. It saves further a lot of the waste and litter so often seen on bird-room floors. This holder is a close-wire basket,



Holder for nesting material, &c.

with wider wires at the back (where it fixes on the cage-front) to allow the birds to pull material through. The frame work is made of flat punched bar; the nest is ordinary cage wire, the whole soldered where necessary.—F. MUNRO.

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MY CUTTHROAT FINCHES AND THEIR BREEDING.

By F. Brammer.

I have for a long time since been very fond of keeping foreign birds. When I was first introduced to them by reading CAGE BIRDS, I found they were not so very expensive, so I went to the establishment of one of the largest advertisers and bought a pair of Cutthroats and a pair of Nuns. Of the two pairs I took the greater interest in the Cutthroats, and so gave away the Nuns.

When the Cutthroats became settled in their cage I found the hen did not seem very well; she was always going to sleep, although the cock bird was constantly singing to her. So it struck me they wanted more exercise, and my idea was to let them out into the room. This is always a risky business, because it is not easy to get them back again, especially if there are two or more of them. Anyway, I did it, and when I opened the cage door, how they did enjoy it! It was their first fly for a long time I imagined. They soon went back for food and were not frightened when I went near to shut the door. The next day I did the same over again. They soon became quite used to it, and, in fact, began to look for my coming.

The hen improved wonderfully as a result. I put a cokernut shell in their cage and they slept in this, but did not lay any eggs. I then put up another and a larger cokernut husk in the room close to their cage. This they took to at once and slept in. They flew about the room in the daytime, going into their cage for food, which consisted of millet and Canary seed.

Attempts at Nesting.

The hen laid her first egg on Christmas morning while she was flying about the room, and of course the egg was smashed. After that she took to the nest properly and laid three more eggs. She and her mate sat on them for a long time, but they never hatched, so I took them out. The birds very soon made a fresh start.

The cock bird makes or builds the nest, and whenever I blew a feather in the air, he would fly and catch it in his beak. He would then carry it home to his nest. This was very pretty, and anyone visiting us was always interested in watching him.

They sat on a great number of eggs, but all to no purpose. So I made a change and put them back into their cage with their favourite nest. They were evidently very concerned over this, and hardly gave me time to fix up the nest before they were in the cage looking round. They did not mind about my hands, but wanted to see what I was doing to their nest. In the cage they laid two eggs, and then went on "strike." My next move was to turn them into a large packing-case. I boarded half the front with wood and put the nest behind this, so that it might be quite private. I put a wire front (½-in. mesh) with a sliding door on the other half of the front of the box and then covered it with an old mat to keep out the wet. After this I put the packing-case (or cage) on some flats under a wall, where they would be quite private, and only went to attend them once each morning.

The Secretly-reared Youngsters.

They soon settled down in this their new home. One day I heard some mysterious noises, and on going to the cage I found the floor strewed with young birds (four of them) with hardly any feathers on them. When I picked them up they could only struggle a little bit.

I carefully put them back again into the nest and the parents quickly turned them out again; so I knew it was no good. I was very disappointed and left them well alone again. But judge of my surprise when one day I discovered three birds instead of two. While I had been leaving them alone in disgust they had reared up this one bird. He is a fine cock bird, nearly as large as his father.

I again hear mysterious noises, and hope to see some more young soon. If I do get any more I shall extend the cage and give them a flight. From experience, then, I find it is best to leave them to themselves as much as possible. To those who intend to go in for foreign bird breeding, I would say, don't expect too much at first, for the birds seem to like playing about before settling down to rear the young.

The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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Choice of Three Methods.

Now one is ready to begin tuition. The choice of a means of giving the lessons may be limited to three, which may be given preference in the order named, viz., a man or boy endowed with the power of whistling correctly, and with taste; a flute; and a bird organ. Do not attempt too much.

If you can teach a bird to pipe one air perfectly, it is exceedingly better than beginning to try to impart two or more tunes, and failing to get either learnt correctly. Select an easy, short, and characteristic air, and whistle or play it over at frequent intervals during the day, but more especially at morning and night. Whilst the young are unable to feed themselves, always finish up each meal by performing the air several times over, with a pause between each repetition, as soon as the birds have settled down quietly after their meal. Later on, when they are fledged and ready to be placed in a cage, give them regular morning and evening lessons and as many more during the day as time and convenience will permit. At this stage begin each lesson by covering the cage with a light cloth, in order to make the birds settle down quietly, and thus have their whole attention devoted to music.

Each lesson should consist of playing over the tune at least a dozen times, being careful to make a pause at the end each time, and always keeping to the same tune and key. When the birds are well on a diet of seeds, they should be caged off separately, and the same plan of teaching adhered to as before.

At this stage they may begin to try to imitate, and as soon as this occurs, when a bird makes an effort and fails, even if it performs only a few notes, immediately follow its collapse with a correct rendering, and wait a few moments to see if it again makes an attempt. Should it do so, repeat the plan of following up its efforts a few times, and the bird will quickly become interested in the contest, and be incited, and at the same time encouraged to perform.

As before intimated, great patience is necessary. Do not expect too much or too rapid progress. If the birds get a tune correctly by the time they are six months old, they will have done well, and during all this time their lessons must be repeated daily with commendable regularity. Once they are proficient, an occasional lesson will suffice to keep them in form. It is, however, advisable to give a lesson more frequently each year during the moult, in order to prevent the birds losing the air whilst off song.

A Note on Economy.

Fanciers are so frequently being told in these days of the dangers of giving egg-food, and of the absolute necessity for keeping the supply when it is used scrupulously clean and fresh, and making up a new supply two or three times a day, that the novice beginning with only one or two pairs of birds is often discouraged by the tremendous waste which arises when the plan is duly carried out to the letter. He is more than ever tempted either to make up the egg supply fresh each day, or (which is, perhaps, still worse) to endeavour to dispense with it altogether in favour of some preferred substitute.

Now, although some of those substitutes are useful enough in their places, they do not appear to have the same support among the larger breeders as the more old-fashioned and time-worn method of egg-feeding. Perhaps, when stocked for months in the stores of country dealers and retailers these prepared foods fail to do themselves full justice, so that one simple rule which every user of such foods should rigidly adhere to, is to buy them direct from the maker, and thus ensure their always being sweet and fresh.

But it is the would-be egg-food advocate, or rather the one who prefers to stick to egg-food and take the risk of its not being kept so fresh as might be desired, that this note is designed to assist. If the simple plan given in detail below is faithfully carried out, there need be no fear whatever about the freshness of the food, and nothing save the white of the egg need ever be wasted even when only a single pair of birds is being catered for.

First, procure a well-made tin with a close-fitting lid, large enough to hold from three-quarters to a pound of the finest-ground oatmeal. There are plenty of such tins in which grocery goods are packed to be obtained, and some brands of cigarettes are put up in hundreds in boxes which, when cleaned, are admirable for the purpose. Fill the box with nice sweet and fresh oatmeal, and keep it always in a cool, dry place. This is all the stock-in-trade one requires to prevent the waste of egg. If the yolk is new taken out of a hard-boiled egg without being broken and buried an inch or so deep in the finely-powdered oatmeal, it will remain perfectly sweet and fresh for some time—certainly longer than one egg will be required to last, even for one pair of birds with a newly-hatched brood.

The writer has put this method to a practical test for some time, with the most satisfactory results.

For Example.

Let us take for example a hen from which the cock has been removed, and which has just hatched a small brood of say two chicks. The yolk of an ordinary-sized fowl's egg will last her at least two days; and to adopt this plan you will boil your egg and allow it to stand until it is quite cold. Break and remove the shell, so that you can afterwards cut round the middle of the white with a knife and take the yolk out unbroken. It is not absolutely essential for the yolk to be kept perfectly whole, but as by doing so there is so much the less surface of the yolk exposed to the air, it is, at any rate, advisable to avoid breaking it if possible. Having got out the yolk, cut off about one-quarter of it and immediately bury the rest in the tin of oatmeal. Scoop out a quantity of the meal with a spoon, drop in the yolk, and replace the oatmeal on the top of it; then give a gentle rap or two on the bottom of the tin to make the meal settle closely all round the yolk. Always make a point of placing the yolk in or returning it to the tin as soon as possible, so that it may be exposed to the air as little as possible.

When a second portion is required, take the yolk out of the meal without breaking it, or scraping off the layer of meal that will be found adhering lightly about the surface. Cut off the required portion of yolk, shake off all the meal that will drop off easily on to the piece of yolk you are going to use, and follow the same procedure in returning the remainder to the tin, and also in taking off a fresh supply each time..

It will thus be seen that a small proportion of the oatmeal is used in the food each time, so that the quantity in the tin gradually diminishes. This is more beneficial than otherwise, besides indirectly serving the useful purpose of keeping the bulk of the oatmeal sweet and fresh, as that which is being slightly damped by absorbing the moisture from the surface of the yolk is being continually used up whilst fresh.

When Damping is Necessary.

Of course, when following up this plan the usual amount of bread crumbs or powdered biscuit is mixed with the egg. Twice a day is sufficient to prepare fresh food for the first week after the young are hatched, as they consume but a very small quantity of food up to this age. After this, if one's time and convenience allow, it is as well to give a fresh supply three times a day—i.e., at morning, and midday, and in the evening, just before the old birds begin to feed up the young for the night. If making up three fresh supplies each day is too great a tax upon one's time, there need be no serious misgivings upon the matter of giving it fresh twice a day.

The day after the egg is boiled it will be found that the outer surface of the yolk in the tin is dry, and a thin, dry crust begins to form. This is no detriment at all, and is due to the oatmeal absorbing the moisture from the surface. But when one goes to mix the food it will be found to mix up drier than the birds care for it. This must be remedied by the addition of a drop or two of water.

A tiny crumb of bread, soaked in water, and the surplus water squeezed out of it is quite sufficient, if well blended amongst the food with a fork. Do not attempt to mix it with the fingers, or it will more likely be made into a pasty mass, which no bird appreciates. Another point to bear in mind is that the food should never be made sloppy and wet. In this condition it is much more risky for the bird than when given just crumbly moist

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*Hardly Likely.

A foreign bird was observed hopping about a shop at Tiverton, Devon, and the only explanation which can be given of its presence is that it must have come amongst some bananas, a truck of which had just been delivered. The bird is a small, brown one, with a bright, red beak, bright amber face, and tail feathers tipped with crimson.—Sent by G. Wainford (age 11), 45, Bengeo Street, Hertford.

*Canaries Reared by Greenies.

Just outside Malton there is a Greenfinch's nest, and having some young Canaries which were being sweated and were consequently dying, a lover of birds exchanged them for three Greenfinches out of this nest—just for curiosity's sake. The young Canaries are now doing well, are 10 days old, and will soon be ready for caging by themselves.—Sent by H. W. Middleton (age 13), 21, Wright's Yard, Malton.

**The Courageous Robins.

Sometimes Robins choose very queer places for their nests. A pair of these birds once began to build their nest in a tall plant that stood in the hall of a gentleman's house. This was not a very convenient place, so the people of the house pulled down the nest. Then the birds chose a still more curious place. They began to build in the cornice of the drawing-room, and brought in pieces of moss and leaves. Of course this would not do at all, so the nest was removed once more. The Robins however, were not to be beaten, so they began to make a nest yet again, and this time they selected a shoe that was lying on a shelf in the dressing-room. There was no objection to this, so they were allowed to go on until the nest was finished. When it was done it was found that the shoe was required by its owner, consequently the nest was taken carefully out and placed in an old shoe instead. The Robins did not seem to mind the change at all. They filled up the under part of the shoe with oak leaves, and very soon the eggs were laid and hatched.—Taken from a weekly contemporary and sent by Elliott Tilley (age 11), 84, Station Road, Borsby Hill, near Halesowen.

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The Yellow Bunting.

Whenever we go across fields—by wood land or hedgerow—the song of the Yellow Bunting is now frequently heard, and where these bright coloured birds are at all plentiful the music is incessant, for no bird is a more constant performer. He will sing through the whole of a hot summer's day when other songsters are quietly hidden in the shady depths of the wood, or seeking shelter from the scorching heat on the leafy side of the hedgerow. When caged, his singing becomes somewhat monotonous. The constant repetitions of the same notes, ending a long, drawn-out "zee," without any variation, prevents this bird from being classed as a desirable cage bird for song alone. But out in the open it is different. There we have the continuous hum of the country side, the passing insects, the rustle of the tall grasses, and the swaying of the trees, with their thousands of tiny leaves—noises almost unheard because so familiar; but these, with the summer breeze, break up the song of the Bunting, carrying part of it away, so that at times we are only conscious of the singing of a bird which attunes so well with the natural surroundings of the hillside, the breezy downs, or sun-scorched fields. The home of the Yell Ammer is an interesting find, not so much on account of its architectural beauty (for the bird is simply the builder of a neat cup-shape nest with a somewhat untidy exterior), but because the eggs always claim more than passing notice. They are of a light, purplish tint, streaked and spotted with dark purplish-brown with a few underlying grey markings. The dark streaks are as though someone had taken a pen filled with purple brown ink and scrawled all over the eggs without any idea of regularity. This peculiarity has acquired for the bird the name of the "Writing Lark," a localism which still clings to it in remote country places. These dark markings vary considerably. In some clutches they are broad and bold, in others finer, interlaced with delicate tracery in endless confusion. But whatever the character of the markings, they all have a family likeness and are easily recognised.

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The Red-backed Shrike.

The Butcher Bird, or Shrike, is now a conspicuous object in certain localities in the south. He has somewhat the habits of the Flycatcher. Choosing some elevated perch he waits patiently until the winged creatures upon which he feeds pass by, and fluttering out he gives chase, returning again to his position. If his haunt is invaded he flies to some prominent point and eyes the intruder with bold, defiant manner.

Catching Birds on Hooks.

Sir F. Banbury, member of Parliament for the City of London, introduced to the House last week a bill to amend the Wild Birds' Protection Act. The principal clause makes it an offence for any person to take any wild bird by means of a hook or similar instrument, and Sir Frederick, who on this occasion was cheered from both sides of the House, explained that it is meant to stop a cruel practice which obtains in some parts of the country—Cornwall was mentioned particularly—and to which Mr. W. H. Hudson, the well-known ornithologist, has recently called attention.—The Bill was read a first time.

Bird's Nest Under Fire.

Among the thousand and one peculiar situations which birds choose for their nidification purposes, the colour-sergeant-instructor of my company has come across one which is worthy of interest, writes T. B. Harden, D.C.L., etc., Captain, 5th Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers, in the "Military Mail." I refer to the nest of a Blackbird, placed completely under fire and within a few inches of one of the targets on our rifle range. Five eggs have been hatched "mid shot and shell," and the youngsters will soon be ready to fly. How the nests and its precious contents have so far escaped the leaden hail, scores of bullets having passed over and on all sides, is as wonderful as the pluck of the old birds in "sticking to their guns."

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THE SHOWS.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD C.B.A.

A first feather show was held at headquarters on June 20th, when Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) judged, his awards being well received. There was a good number of birds staged, 60 having to receive attention of the judge. Mr. Isherwood stood a long way ahead in points for a medal which is worth a good deal of trying for. A large number of visitors attended the exhibition, which was a decided success.

YORKS. CL. (18): 1, Burgon; 2, Taylor; 3, Parkes. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, Parkes; 2, Sharp; 3, Parker. NOR. (19): 1, Brown; 2, 3, Atkinson. LINNET (8): 1, Atkinson; 2, Isherwood; 3, Bedford. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Burgon; 2, Kilburn; 3, Parker. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Burgon; 2, Midgley. A.O.S. BRIT. (10): 1, 3, Isherwood; 2, Meadows.—PARKER and ATKINSON, Secs.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

The members held their first feather show on June 27th at Fountain Inn. Several nice youngsters were staged. Mr. Richmond Rodley awarded the prizes.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Ellsgood; 3, Markwell; 4, Sparks; vhc, Lee. BUFF: 1, 4, Ellsgood; 2, 3, Stebbings. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Sparks; 2, 4, e, Clark; vhc, Hargreaves; he, Lee. BUFF: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Lee; 3, Ellsgood. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Clark. BUFF: 1, Stebbings. A.O.V.: 1, Stebbings. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Wilcock; 3, Clark. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Clark. TKD., ETC.: 1, 4, Clark; 2, 3, vhc, he, Wilcock. Mr. James Clark won most points in open classes, and Mr. W. Sparks most points in novice classes and special for best bird in show.—WALTER ASHWORTH, Secretary.

BRIGHOUSE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The Society held their first feather show on June 27th, when there were some good birds staged. Mr. W. Mann (Wibsey) judged, and gave full satisfaction. Special prizes for best bird in show and for most points throughout show were won by Messrs. W. Walker and G. Fielding respectively; most points in even number classes, G. Fielding; most points odd numbers, H. Stake; for best Yellow bird, W. Walker; and for best Buff, G. Fielding.

CL. YELL.: 1, Bates; 2, Naylor; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Elam. BUFF: 1, Kaye; 2, Bates; 3, vhc, Fielding; 4, Walker hc, Stake; c, Elam. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Walker; 2, Stake; 3, Fielding; vhc, Elam. BUFF: 1, Kaye; 2, Fielding; 3, Bates; vhc, Smith and Taylor; hc, c, Shaw. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Sykes; 2, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Fielding; 2, Bates; 3, Walker; vhc, Sykes; hc, Mitchell; c, Shaw. NOR.: 1, Naylor; 2, Stake. VARG. CINN., ETC., YORKS.: 1, Stake; 2, Elam.—F. MITCHELL, Sec.

HANLEY, LEEK AND LONGTON SOCIETIES.

Under the North Staffordshire and District Federation of Cage Bird Societies' patronage, a combined show of the Longton, Hanley, and Leek Societies, being the first annual show of nest feather and other cage birds, was held at the Portland Hotel, Longton, on July 4th. A grand lot of Norwich, Yorkshire and British birds, nearly 100 in all, were on view. Mr. S. Wootton judged.

NOR. YELL. (10): 1, Hall; 2, Bickerton; 3, Hall. BUFF (10): 1, Hall; 2, Fowler; 3, Whetstone. TICK. YELL. (4): 1, Hall; 2, Birks; 3, Lawton. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Birks; 3, Whetstone. HEAVILY VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Hall; 2, Whetstone. BUFF: 1, Scott; 2, Hall; 3, Hallam. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Robinson; 2, Rowley; 3, Hawley. BUFF: 1, Maitland; 2, Peake; 3, Rowley. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Robinson; 2, Peake; 3, Hawley. BUFF: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Heyes. MULE OR HYB. (1908): 1, Hallam; 2, Tams. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hallam; 2, Tams; 3, Rowley. LINNET: 1, Reeves; 2, Hallam; 3, Tams. BRIT., SMALL: 1, Dowler; 2, Tams; 3, Hodson. MULES OR HYB.: 1, 2, Tams and Son. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Tams and Sons. CAN. A.V.: 1, 2, 3, Davis.—ENOCH TAMS, Hon. Sec. of the Longton and Dis. C.B.S.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE & DIS. O.A.

Members held a table show of Norwich on June 20th. Mr. W. Foxall officiated as judge. YELL.: 1, 2, Marlor; 3, Mellor. BUFFS: 1, 2, Marlor; 3, Mellor. A table show of Yorkshires was held on June 27th, when Mr. H. Foden judged. The principal winners were: YELL.: 1, Stirrup; 2, Clayton. BUFFS: 1, Stirrup; 2, Grayson; 3, Clayton.—H. FODEN, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES B.C.

Monthly meeting held in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram-street, on June 29th, when the president, Mr. Geo. Markin, presided. The date of First Feather Show was fixed for July 14th, with classification as follows:—1, Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. or Buff cock; 2, ditto hen; 3, var. Yell. or Buff Nor. cock; 4, ditto hen; 5, A.O.V. Nor.; five classes for Borders, similar to Norwich, Crest, crest-bred, and A.O.V. not classed. Mr. Jas. Laurie (Govan) will judge. A large entry is requested. Numerous specials will be competed for. The judges for annual club show were voted upon, and will be published as soon as I get confirmation of same.—J. H. ADAM, Secretary.

OTLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual F.F. Show held on June 27, when Mr. Bearpark (Menston) judged, and gave full satisfaction. Mr. J. Crossley (Blackpool) brought a grand team and will no doubt make things hum later on. He took 4 firsts and 2 thirds, and also specials for best bird, and best second in show, and for most points throughout show. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Crossley; 2, Thornton; 3, hc, c, Gilroy; 4, Galling; vhc, Bona. BUFF (10): 1, Crossley; 2, Thornton; 3, Laughey; 4, hc, Bona; vhc, Thomas; c, Gilroy. YELL. TKD. ETC. (10): 1, 3, Crossley; 2, 4, vhc, Iveson; hc, Galing, sen. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Bona; 2, 3, Thornton; vhc, Crossley; hc, Robinson; c, Galling, sen. CINN. MKD. (2): 1, Crossley; 2, Thornton. CLASS 6 (7): 1, c, Galling, jun.; 2, Robinson; 3, Crossley; 4, hc, Gilroy; vhc, Iveson.—W. DAWSON, sec.

RUTHERGLEN AND DISTRICT O.A.

Young bird show held on June 27th in the Old Council Chambers. Considering the backward season, there was a good turn-out of birds.

CREST (1): 1, McAulay. C.B. (6): 1, 2, 5, 6, Lappin; 3, McAulay. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, 2, McAulay. BUFF (1): 1, McAulay. VARG. YELL. (4): 1, McNair; 2, 4, McAulay; 3, Rennie. BUFF (1): 1, McAulay. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 4, Rennie; 2, 6, Hutchison; 3, Lappin; 5, 7, Brownlie. BUFF (6): 1, 4, 5, Brownlie; 2, Lappin; 3, Rennie; 6, Hutchinson. VARG. YELL. (5): 1, 5, Rennie; 2, 3, 4, Lappin. BUFF (3): 1, Lappin; 2, Brownlie; 3, Wilson. YELL. GREEN or CINN. (7): 1, 2, 4, Brownlie; 3, 5, Hutchison; 6, 7, Lappin. BUFF (4): 1, Hutchison; 2, Brownlie; 3, 4, Lappin. A.O.V. 1, 3, Brownlie; 2, McAulay; 4, 5, Wilson. Mr. Andrew Miller (Anniesland) judged, and expressed himself satisfied with the quality of the exhibits. Three very handsome brooches were presented for competition by Mr. J. J. Manson, vice-president, and were won by Messrs. Lappin (Crests), McAulay (Plainheads), and Brownlie (Border Fancies).—F. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Nest feather show held in Oldham Hall, Liverpool, on June 27th, when Mr. Wellings judged, giving every satisfaction.

CL. BUFF YORKS.: 1, 2, Atherton; 3, vhc, Quick. TKD. YELL.: 1, Quick; 2, Thompson; 3, Eccleston. BUFF: 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Kelly; vhc, Atherton; hc, Lloyd. CINN. TKD. BUFF: 1, spl, Thompson; 2, Lloyd. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, spl, Atherton; 2, Kelly; 3, McDougal; vhc and c, Walker; hc, Eccleston. BUFF: 1, spl, McDougal; 2, Dickinson; 3, Eccleston; vhc, Atherton; hc, Hawkes. GREEN FOUL YELL.: 1, spl, Atherton; 2, McDougal; 3, Hawkes. BUFF: 1, Hawkes; 2, Eccleston. TKD. BUFF NOR.: 1, spl, 2, McMillan; 3, Thompson. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, spl, Hadwin; 2, Walker. BUFF BORDER FANCY: 1, vhc, Hadwin; 2, 3, Walker. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Galt; 2, Thompson. LINNET: 1, spl, Richardson; 2, Galt; 3, Thompson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Galt; 2, Lloyd; 3, Galt; 4, Hadwin; 5, Quick; and 6, Hawkes. Novice: 1, Atherton; 2, McDougal; 3, Eccleston; 4, Lloyd; 5, McMillan; and 6, Kelly.—A. THOMPSON, Secretary.

STANLEY PEASES WEST & CROOK AND DIST. F. & F.S. (Durham).

The Society held an open table show on June 27th, and added five cage bird classes, in which there were some grand exhibits. Messrs. Rutherford and Bright won special for best in show with a grand yellow Yorkshire, the noted cup winner at Stanhope. The same partners followed with special for second best in show, with a Greenfinch in tip-top form. Mr. E. B. Adams won third best special with a Linnet in grand form. Mr. Atess judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 3, Rutherford, leader ticked Buff, good in size and quality, 3rd Buff marked, good bird; 2, Brown, eye-ticked Buff, some preferred for first; vhc, hc, Wailes. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Rutherford and Bright, leader clear yellow in best of form, 2nd yellow ticked on eye; 3, Adams, clear yellow, grand length, but slack in neck; hc, Brown; c, Wilkinson. BRIT. LINNET: 1, spl, Adams, grand large-pencilled, in good form; 2, 3, Rutherford and Bright, in excellent form. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, 2, vhc Rutherford and Bright, leader Greenfinch in the pink of condition, feather like a Java, 2nd noted Hawfinch; 3, Hutchinson, Siskin, good bird; hc, Brown. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD: 1, Rowlands, good Buff, young Cinn., well staged; 2, vhc, Rutherford, leather Crest-bred, good body and well lashed over eyes; 3, Wilkinson, Budgerigar, nice trim; hc, Rutherford; extra hc, Carter, Parrot.—WM. RUTHERFORD, Sec.

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NELSON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A first feather show was held at headquarters, The Bull Hotel, on June 13. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) judged. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Hillary; 2, Leonard; 3, hc, Hawken; vhc, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, hc, Gregson; 3, Hawken; vhc, Hillary; c, Hartley. CINN. TKD., ETC.: 1, spl, 3, Greenwood; 2, Hartley; vhc, Hillary. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, Leonard; 3, Millar; vhc, Greenwood. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Leonard; 3, vhc, Roberts. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: No entries. SELL. (10s. 6d.): 1, spl, Hillary; 2, Leonard; 3, Wilkinson. BRIT.: 1, spl, 3, hc, c, Holden; 2, vhc, England. FOR.: 1, spl, 2, Holden; 3, England. Special for most points throughout the show, R. Leonard; medal for best bird, Jas. Holden, with a Bramblefinch in perfect plumage and condition.—J. ENGLAND, Sec.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Annual first feather show held at headquarters, Chapel-street Congregational Hall, Salford, on June 27th, when Mr. W. A. Bladon judged. A good number of birds were benched, especially seeing the members have had a bad breeding season up to the present. The British classes were well filled. Special prize winners, Messrs. Durnford (2), Atkinson (2), W. Jackson (2), Wharrey (1), and Richardson (1).

CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, 2, Durnford; 3, 4, Jackson; 5, Whittle; 6, Ashton; 7, Fish. BUFF: 1, Atkinson. TKD. YELL.: 1, Atkinson; 2, Fish; 3, Jackson; 4, Ashton; 5, Downs. BUFF: 1, Atkinson; 2, 6, Durnford; 3, 4, Ashton; 5, Jackson; 7, Fish. TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, Camotta. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Atkinson; 2, Gowenlock; 3, Fish. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Fish; 2, 4, Whalley; 3, Millar; 5, Richardson. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 6, Whalley; 2, 3, 5, Richardson; 4, 7, 8, Millar; 9, Downs.—W. JACKSON, Hon. Sec.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Show held on June 20th, when there was a good turn-out of exhibits. The judges were: For Yorkshires, Mr. W. Broughton (Wilmslow), and for Norwich, Mr. W. Booth (Hyde). Mr. Norris won Hyde's special with a very fine clear Yellow Yorkshire.

YORKS. CL. YELL: 1, Norris; 2, Deakin; 3, Clarke; 4, Jones. BUFF: 1, Deakin; 2, 4, Norris; 3, Bleasdale; vhc, Clarke; hc, Jones. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Norris; 3, Jones. BUFF: 1, 4, Jones; 2, Norris; 3, Bleasdale; vhc, Deakin; hc, c, Clarke. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Deakin. BUFF: 1, 2, Deakin; 3, Connor Bros. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Connor Bros. BUFF: 1, Deakin. NOVICES—YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Hall; 2, 3, Dunn. BUFF: 1, hc, North; 2, 3, Chorlton and Colley; 4, Hall; vhc, c, Kenyon. TKD. YELL.: 1, Chorlton and Colley; 2, North; 3, Hall; 4, vhc, Firth. BUFF: 1, 3, Dunn; 2, 4, Crossley; vhc, Hall; hc, c, Dawson. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Woods. BUFF: 1, 2, Robinson; 3 Woods. TKD. BUFF: 1, Robinson. A.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Eyres; 2, 3, 4, Fish; vhc, Robinson. COTTAGE: 1, Pitfield. PARROT: 1, Francis.—JOHN DAVEY, Hon. Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

A first feather show was held on June 27th at headquarters, Mowbray Arms, Lily-street. Competition was very keen, 103 birds being staged in eight classes. The quality of the exhibits was of the very best, and some of them with a good moult should be heard of again. Special for best bird in show went to Messrs. Ackroyd Bros., for a Cinnamon marked Buff. The same exhibitors also gained most points in show. A good muster of fanciers attended during the afternoon, and commented upon the keenness of the members. Special mention should be made of the gift class, which was got up as a means of subscription for a wreath for Mr. M. H. Robinson, thirteen birds being given. After these were judged, they were put up for auction, and realised £2 12s. 9d.—an excellent sum. The judge was Mr. J. Wilman (Shipley), who gave full satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. (22): 1, hc, Hersey; 2, Holroyd Bros.; 3, vhc, Ackroyd Bros.; 4, Wellock; c, Smith. BUFF (24): 1, Suggitt; 2, Hersey; 3, 4, Ackroyd Bros.; vhc, Halliday and Armstrong; hc, Kemp; c, Smith. CINN. MKD. (19): 1, spl, vhc, Ackroyd Bros.; 2, Suggitt; 3, hc, c, H. Grange; 4, Varley. UNEVENLY MKD. (12): 1, vhc, Ackroyd Bros.; 2, Varley; 3, Holroyd Bros.; 4, Kemp; hc, Proctor; c, A. Grange. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Wellock; 2, Holroyd Bros.; 3, vhc, A. Grange; 4, Halliday and Armstrong. NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Kemp; vhc, c, Battye. BRIT. (1): 1, Suggitt. GIFT (13): 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Varley; 3, Suggitt; 4, Smith; vhc, Ackroyd Bros.; hc, H. Grange; c, F. Grange.—F. WESTERN, Sec.

GLOUCESTER C.B.S.

The first Young Bird Show of the season was held at Headquarters, the Ram Hotel, on June 25. It proved a great success. Four classes were provided, all for Norwich Plainheads. The entry totalled 42, and the quality on the whole was most excellent, several birds of superlative merit being benched. Mr. Wasley led off with a good win in clear yellows, and followed this up by capturing all the prizes for clear buffs with a clinking trio. Mr. Houghton's winning trio in marked yellows were another nice lot. All the aforementioned were birds that would be hard to beat, and were worth going a long way to see. The exhibits were well staged in a good light ,and were looked after by several willing hands. The hon. sec., Mr. J. Houghton, had all nicely arranged, and everything passed off without a hitch. Several of the most prominent breeders unfortunately could not stage any exhibits owing to the bad results of the breeding season. The awards were made by those old-time partners, Mr. J. H. Payne and Mr. F. Mansfield.

CL. YELL. NOR. (10): 1, Wasley, lovely shape, feather and quality, nice head, neat tail, well packed flights; 2, Davis, grand colour and shape, lovely head and neck; 3, c, Duggan, beautiful feather, nice colour; 4, vhc, Houghton, good colour and shape; hc, Jennings. BUFF (14): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wasley, grand quartette, winner gem for shape, size, feather and quality, grand wing carriage, nice wide shoulders; 2, beautiful feather and quality, lively colour; 3, another grandly feathered one; 4, Houghton, splendid colour, shapely, nice chest; hc, Davis. MKD. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Houghton, good team, leader a slashing thigh-ticked, rare size and shape, good quality and feather; 2, eyes and wing marked, nice shape, rich deep colour, grandly feathered; 3, heavily marked, good shape, should make grand stock bird; hc, Davis; c, Williams. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Houghton, marked wings, and eye, plenty of substance, right through grand shape, good wide back and deep chest; 2, Wasley, marked neck and wings, lovely quality, grand shape, good back, wings and tail; 3, c, Townsend, marked eyes and tick on neck, lovely colour, shapely, wins medal for best exhibit shown by a novice; 4, Jennings, marked right wing, grand shape, full chest, short thick neck; hc, Barnes.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Another very successful nest feather show of Norwich Canaries held on July 1st in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms. Four classes were provided, and some very promising youngsters were put down. The competition was keen. After the judging a lively discussion took place and proved very interesting to visitors. Mr. E. Woodhead judged.

CL. YELL. (5): 1, Meynell; 2, Robinson; 3, Ronald. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Ronald. TKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Fapple; 2, Williams. BUFF (4): 1, Ronald; 2, Robinson; 3, Meynell. Two new members were proposed and enrolled.—WILLIAMS and EASBY, Hon. Secs.

LITTLEBOROUGH.

Show held in the Conservative Club on June 27th, when Mr. J. H. Harrison (Hebden Bridge) judged. The challenge cup, presented by Mr. Jackson, was won by Mr. J. R. Crossley, with 27 out of a possible total of 28 points. The runner-up (silver medal) was Mr. J. R. Mayers with 26 points. The secretary, Mr. H. Smith, had everything in excellent order, and is to be congratulated on his able and successful management of the show.

CL., ETC., YELL. COPPY: 1, Crossley. BUFF: 1, Crossley, good Coppy and position; 2, Howarth. CL., ETC., YELL. P.H.: 1, Crossley, big and bouncing, and nice skull; 2, Fish; 3, Howarth. BUFF: 1, Crossley, splendid exhibit for youngster, in every way takes special for best in show. GOLD LIZARD: 1, Howarth. SILVER: 1, Howarth. CL. YELL. YORK.: 1, Crossley, good and typical; 2, Mayers. TKD.: 1, Mayers, song-grown bird; 2, Crossley; 3, Webster. CL. BUFF: 1, Mayers, good Buff; 2, 3, Woodhead. TKD.: 1, Crossley, nice wing-ticked; 2, Mayers; 3, J. D. Crossley. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Brookes, fine Bullfinch type; 2, Crossley. TKD. YELL.: 1, Brooks. CL. BUFF: 1, Brooks, best Norwich in show; 2, Crossley. VARIETY: 1, 2, Woodhead. SELL. (10s. 6d.): 1, 2, 4, Smith and Sellars; 3, Brookes. BRIT. 1, Rigg, Bullfinch, grand cap, tight as wax; 2, Webster, Linnet, good nut-brown; 3, Mayers; 4, Smith and Sellars.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Annual nest feather show held on June 27th, in St. George's Hall. Considering the bad season, many fanciers had hardly any birds to show. The entry, however, was a record one, and there were some grand young ones on show. Winning birds in each class with a moult should do well for their owners. Messrs. Oakes, Bagnell, Brotherton, and Stringer did well in the Yorkshire section, while Messrs. Turner and Bagnell staged some of the best Norwich ever seen in Rotherham. In the novice class Mr. Watson showed a clear Buff Yorkshire, which, in our opinion, will be the catch of the season. Messrs. Thompson and Hinchcliffe showed some useful youngsters. The attendance was good, many fanciers being present. Mr. Webster judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORK.: 1, Oakes; 2, 3, Bagnell; vhc, hc, Stringer. BUFF: 1, c, Stringer; 2, vhc, Brotherton; 3, Oakes; hc, Bagnell. VARIEG.: 1, c, Thompson; 2, Oakes; 3, Watson; vhc, Brotherton. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Turner; 3, Bagnell; vhc, Stringer. BUFF: 1, 2, Turner; 3, Bailey; vhc, hc, Bagnell. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, 2, hc, Bagnell; 3, vhc, Turner. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, 2, vhc, Watson; 3, Hinchcliffe; hc, Mann; c, Thompson. NOVICE NOR.: 1, Watson; 2, 3, Hinchcliffe. OLD BIRDS, YORKS.: 1, Hayes; 2, Stringer; 3, Brotherton; vhc, Oakes. LINNET: 1, Bagnell; 2, 3, Hunt; vhc, Mann. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Oakes; 2, Bagnell; 3, Stringer; vhc, Hunt.—J. C. HAYES, Sec.

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HAWICK O.S.

The first young bird show was held June 20th in the Drumlanrig Hall, Drumlanrig-square. There was a good turn-out of young birds, nearly forty cage birds being on view. A good feature was the splendid assortment of British birds. Mr. Wm. Bell judged cage birds satisfactorily. The management are to be congratulated on the acquisition of a hall of their own, and as they intend running a show every month during the summer it is hoped they will have the support they deserve. The secretary, Mr. Amos, assisted by a hard-working committee, had everything well in hand.

BORDER FCY., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Nichol; 3, Dryden. EVEN MKD.: 1, Dryden; 2, Amos. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Arnot and Jameson; 2, Richardson; 3, Laidlaw. GREEN: 1, Arnot and Jameson; 2, Amos; 3, Laidlaw. CINN.: 1, Amos; 2, Redhead; 3, Arnot and Jameson. BRIT.: 1, Laidlaw; 2, Richardson; 3, Hesketh.

BATTERSEA C.B.A.

Third annual open young bird show was held on July 1st, at headquarters, the "Duchess of Devonshire," Lavender Road, Clapham. The exhibits totalled 130, and the quality was exceptionally good. There was a great improvement in the novice classes. Mr. F. Easterling, the secretary, had everything well in hand, and was most courteous and obliging.—Messrs. F. C. Allen and W. P. Lewis (stewards) had the cards up in good time. Mr. J. Rohson judged.

YORKS. CL. ETC. (6): 1, spl, Broome, clear yellow, smart youngster; 2, McLaughlin, ticked buff; 3, Allen, good bird; vhc, Easterling; hc, Mabey. MKD., ETC., (6): 1, Broome, marked on wing, very smart exhibit; 2, Mabey, cinn. marked, good length, splendid position; 3, vhc, Easterling, wing and eye marked, lovely feather. NOR. CL., ETC.: (11): 1, spl, Sidgwick, buff, good feather; 2, Priest, beautiful quality, smart bird; 3, Cooper Bros., yellow, a topper; vhc, Baker and Gooch; hc, Marley. MKD. ETC. (10): 1, Priest, wing-marked lovely feather, well shown; 2, Cooper Bros., wings and tail well carried; nice close feather; 3, Easterling, heavily varieg., in good trim; vhc, Sidgwick; hc, Woolhouse; c, Rogers and Mazzoni. CREST OR C.B. (8): 1, 3, Offord; 1, clear bodied, grey Crest; 3, back and head marked; 2, Hale, variegated crossbred; all three good birds. MEMBERS' CLASSES, YORKS. CHAMPION (6): 1, spl, 2, Allen, yellow and buff, both good birds; 3, vhc, hc, Easterling, clear buff. NOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Easterling, nice team. YORKS. NOVICE CL., ETC. (22): Extra good class, many birds fit for open competition; 1, spl, 3, vhc, Brooks, both rich yellows, in good trim; 2, Taw, buff; hc, Mrs. Gill; c, Found. MKD. ETC. (8): 1, Found, green-marked; 2, Brooks, marked head, and wings; 3, Mrs. Gill, marked in back and wings. NOR. CL. ETC. (9): 1, spl, 2, Luff, yellow, very good bird, fit for open competition; 2, buff, ticked on neck; 3, vhc, hc, c, Palmer, buff, another good bird. MKD. ETC. (9): 1, 2, Luff, 1, variegated; 2, marked head and wings, two good birds; 3, vhc, hc, c, Palmer, buff marked, grand bird, nicely shown. CREST OR C.B. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Slade, a lovely team, well put down. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, 3, hc, Honeysett, nice Borders, very fit; 2, Baker and Gooch, Lizard; vhc, Slade. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Wall, Goldfinch, good blaze, wins well; 2, Mrs. Gill, fails only in size to winner; 3, Honeysett, nice blaze; vhc, Dewhurst; hc, Slade; c, Coymer. LINNET ETC. (5): 1, spl, 3, Easterling; 1, Redpoll, well known winner; 3, another good Redpoll; 2, Honeysett, Linnet, unsteady, but will improve; vhc, Dewhurst; hc, Baker and Gooch. A.O.S. HARDBILLS (4): 1, Dewhurst, good Greenfinch; 2, Slade, Chaffinch, nice feather; 3, Mabey, another nice Greenfinch. SOFT (5): 1, spl, Dewhurst; lovely Treecreeper; 2, Wheatear, in good condition; 3, Easterling, Starling, in A1 trim; hc, Coymer.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The City and Suburban A.C.B. held its young bird show at headquarters on July 4th. Once again the members were responsible for a very fine display, no fewer than 183 exhibits facing the judge, Mr. Robson, and so even in quality were they that in many instances he had difficulty in separating them. The birds were very nicely arranged, and the visitors many, the room being filled all the day with well-known fanciers, and interested friends. The Norwich Plainheads were a grand lot, and a lovely youngster, shown by Messrs. Cooper Bros., secured the silver cup for best young bird. The points cups were credited to Mrs. Page and Messrs. Francis and Wynn. Other specials were won by Mrs. Page (2), Mrs. Morrison (2), Miss Shephard (4), and Messrs. Cooper Bros., Hawes, Hart, Lathleiff, Prance, Offord, Allen, King, Saytch, Warwick, G. Morrison, Curry, Wynn, and Easterling. The medal for second best young bird went to a splendid Yorkshire put down by Mr. J. Hawes, very lengthy, typical, and neat. This exhibitor staged other nice specimens, and that veteran fancier, Mr. H. Davis, together with Messrs. Easterling, Allen, Lewis, King, Morrison and Menheuett, also brought out some grand birds. This section was an excellent one, though the same remark applies to the Norwich Plainheads, in which Messrs. Cooper Bros., F. J. Martin, A. W. Curtis, Hart, Marley, Wheller, Hamlin, Lathleiff, and Knight carried off the bulk of the spoil. The Crests and crest-breds were not numerous, but Messrs. Offord, Prance, and Dickinson had out nice specimens. There were several really good Mules on view, a lady breeder, Mrs. Morrison, carrying off the first prize in the young Mule class. For good British and Foreign birds, the shows of this society have a high reputation, and we do not remember a better display than that provided today by Messrs. Francis, Adamthwaite, Morrison, Curry, Pile, Marley, Robbins, Easterling, Goodall, Page, and Wynn, with Mrs. Page, Mrs. Pile, Mrs. Morrison, and Miss Shephard, to whom fell the leading awards. The latter fair fancier took the chief prize in the Foreign class in addition. The condition and staging of the exhibits were admirable. The management was once again in the hands of the secretary, Mr. V. Wynn, and the great success achieved once again evidenced his fitness for the task. Help was ably rendered by Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Page, and Messrs. Curtis, Hawes, Head, Offord, W. Page, Sanders, and Shepherd. There was one unfortunate incident, viz., the disqualifying of two birds, shown in the Mkd. Norwich class by Messrs. Cooper Bros., for alleged staining.

CHAMPION NOR., CL. OR TKD. (8): 1, two spls, 2, 3, Cooper Bros.; vhc, c, Curtis; hc, Martin. A.O.V. (8): 1, hc, Cooper Bros.; 2, vhc, Curtis; 3, Martin; c, Wynn. AMATEUR CL., ETC. (4): 1, vhc, Hart; 2, 3, Marley. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl, 2, Hart; 3, Marley. NOVICE CL., ETC. (13): 1, spl, 3, Lathleiff; 2, Hamlin; vhc, hc, Wheller; c, Kelly. A.O.V. (6): 1, Knight; 2, vhc, Wheller; 3, Hamlin; hc, c, Large. AMATEUR CREST (2): 1, spl, 2, H. Offord. NOVICE CREST (3): 1, spl, 2, E. C. Offord; 3, Dickinson. CHAMPION CRESTED-BRED (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Prance, crested-bred. A.V. AMATEUR (1): 1, H. Offord. NOVICE CRESTED-BRED (2): 1, E. C. Offord; 2, Dickinson. CHAMPION YORKS., CL., ETC. (7): 1, two spls, 2, 3, vhc, Hawes; hc, Davis; c, Easterling. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Davis; 3, Easterling. AMATEUR CL., ETC. (2): 1, spl, 2, Allen. AMATUR A.O.V. (3): 1, 3, Lewis; 2, Allen. NOVICE CL., ETC. (10): 1, King; 2, Morrison; 3, vhc, Menheuett; hc, Knight; c, Turner. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl, 2, King; 3, Morrison. NOVICE BORDER, CL., ETC. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, Saytch; vhc, c, Mrs. Pile. NOVICE CINNAMON (1): 1, J. Warwick. HYBRID (1908) (5): 1, two spls, hc, Mrs. Morrison; 2, 3, vhc, Elgar. HYBRID, ANY AGE (5): 1, Francis; 2, Wise; 3, Thorpe; vhc, Dickinson; hc, Elgar. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, spl, Francis; 2, Adamthwaite; 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Page. BULLFINCH (2): 1, spl, Morrison; 2, Adamthwaite. LINNET (3): 1, spl, Curry; 2, Morrison; 3, Mrs. Page; vhc, Mrs. Pile; hc, Pile; c, Francis. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Francis; 2, Marley; 3, Pile; vhc, hc, Mrs. Page; c, Morrison. SISKIN (3) 1, spl, Francis; 2, Curry; 3, Robbins. REDPOLL (5): 1, spl, Easterling; 2, Goodall; 3, Mrs. Pile; vhc, Curry; hc, Francis. TWITE (6): 1, spl, 3, Mrs. Page; 2, Francis; vhc, Goodall; hc, Curry; c, Thorpe. A.O.S. FINCH (8): 1, spl (Hawfinch), hc, Francis; 2 (Chaffinch), Mrs. Pile; 3 (Chaffinch), c, Mrs. Page; vhc, Curry. BUNTINGS (10): 1, spl (Blackheaded), 2 (Snow), vhc (Cirl), c (Lapland), Wynn; 3 (Yellow), Curry; hc (Corn), Francis. HEN (7): 1, spl (Yellow Bunting), 3 (Lapland), vhc (Reed), Wynn; 2 (Bullfinch), Mrs. Page; hc, Curry; c, Francis. SOFTBILL, SMALL (7): 1, spl (Redstart), 3 (Wren), vhc, hc, Miss Shephard; 2 (Blue Tit), Morrison; c, Mrs. Page. FOREIGN GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Curry; 2, Mrs. Pile. BULLFINCH (1): 1, Easterling. A.O.S. FOREIGN (8): 1 (Superb Tanager), 3 (Scarlet Tanager), vhc (Pekin Robin), Miss Shephard; 2 (Japanese Hawfinch), Mrs. Page; hc, c, Mrs. Pile.

CARMARTHENSHIRE C.B.S.

First table show of cage birds held at the Plough Hotel on July 1st. It proved a great success. There were a good many birds in the three classes, and quality was exceptionally fine. Mr. D. Jones judged Canaries, and Mr. Hy. Tohr the rest.

CANARIES: 1, 2, Bevan. BRIT.: 1, Thomas; 2, King-Morgan; both excellent Goldfinches. MULES: 1, Lloyd; 2, Bevan.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

The annual young bird show was held at headquarters, Hare and Pheasant Hotel. The judge, Mr. H. Dickens (Pailton) got through his work in a very masterly manner, and his placing of the awards gave every satisfaction. The entries came up well, and showed a great improvement, some grand birds being on show and staged in the pink of condition. There were some very tempting offers about, but the owners did not seem to care about parting with their birds in most cases; certainly, some of the birds should give a good account of themselves later on. Within two minutes of the placing of the last awards, the catalogue showing the awards were printed and ready for the visitors; this smart bit of work was greatly appreciated.

CHAMPION NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Heighton; 2, hc, Seal; vhc, Tyler; c, Hartshorn. BUFF: 1, Stevens; 2, hc, Hartshorn; 3, Smith and Wisdom; vhc, Moore; c, Curtis. A.V. BUFF: 1, 3, Tyler; 2, Curtis; vhc, Stevens; hc, Heighton; c, Claypole. A.O.V. CAN. (Norwich excepted): 1, 2, Freer; 3, Tyler. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Archer; 2, Seal. BRIT. FINCH: 1, Wandby; 2, Ride; 3, Heighton; vhc, c, Tyler; hc, Riley. LINNET, ETC.: 1, vhc, Tyler; 2, Moore; 3, Heighton; hc, Collins; c, Riley. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Ride; 2, Tyler. NOVICE, NOR. YELL.: 1, Smith and Wisdom; 2, Collins; 3, Dyson; vhc, Wood; hc, Harrison. CL. BUFF: 1, Warmington; 2, vhc, Dyson; 3, Smith and Wisdom; hc, Harrison; c, Wandby. A.V. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Clark; 2, Dyson; hc, Smith and Wisdom; c, Dent.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

DONCASTER.

In connection with the Doncaster A.S. Show, held on June 24th and 25th, the birdy men had 10 classes provided for them. Under the able management of Mr. W. H. Axe the birds were staged in the flower tent. Some very fine specimens were benched. Mr. F. Duff put down a nice team of Foreigners, and Messrs. Axe and Wildsmith, and Hawkins some good British. Messrs. Radley and Axe staged some fine specimens in the Canary sections. Mr. W. Mundell judged.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Axe, grand unflig., good head, full of quality, chubby, nice type; 2, Spencer, fine head and chest, carries wings and tail well, rich colour; 3, Miss Hunter, varieg., nice chubby bird, full of quality. BUFF, ETC. (6): 1, Cuthbertson, good head and chest, grand type, full of quality, rich colour; 2, Miss Hunter, varieg., typical, rich colour, very cobby; 3, hc, Axe, varieg., blaze of colour, typical and full of quality; vhc, Spencer; c, Radley. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Radley, 1st unflig., rich colour, grand wing carriage, piped tail, feathered like wax; 3rd, well up on leg, good wing and tail; 2, Taylor, long stylish bird, full of quality, stands well, good wing carriage; vhc, Spencer, real good stock bird, full of quality, and well up on leg; hc, c, Wheldrake. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Radley, 1st capped on head, full of nerve, grand type, good wings and tail, feathered like glass; 3rd, nice position, feathered well on leg; 2, Wheldrake, full of quality, patchy. BIRDS BRED 1908 (10): 1, 3, Radley, 1st buff ticked Yorks., full of quality, grand position, good wing carriage, should moult out a gem; 3rd, buff, another typical Yorkie, full of quality and position; 2, Axe, Norwich, good head and chest, short flights and tail, fine young bird, vhc, c, Spencer; hc, Wheldrake. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, Robinson, Bullfinch, grand cap, rich colour, shown in pink of condition, a gem; 2, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, 2nd Goldie, good blaze and buttons, very steady; 3rd, Linnet, rich nut brown, beautifully pencilled, steady, two grand birds; vhc, c, Axe; hc, Goodair. A.O.S. HARDBILL (9): 1, 2, Axe, two Yellowhammers, 1st rich colour, grand markings, very steady; 2nd, nice first-season bird, not so large as winner, but will moult out a good one; 3, Hurt, Chaffinch, very steady, finely-marked, rich colour; vhc, c, Duff, vhc beautiful Chaffinch, rich colour, nice head; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, lovely Starling; 2, Axe; 3, Duff. FOR. (8): 1, 3, hc, c, Duff; 2, Caunt; vhc, Axe. A.V. CAN. (10 miles radius) (7): 1, spl, vhc, hc, c, Hurt; 2, Crundell; 3, Goodair. Mr. F. Duff won 1st special, and Mr. E. Radley 2nd.

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SKELMANTHORPE C.B.A.

The members held their annual First Feather Show in the Band Room on June 27th. A few real gems for type and quality were staged, and will no doubt do well for their owners during the show season. A small timepiece was given for most points, which was easily captured by H. Lodge, who took three firsts and a fourth in open class. Eight classes were provided. Competition was fairly strong in the clear and ticked classes, but the marked birds were not so good. Mr. George Bray officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Lodge; 2, Wadsworth; 4, Hirst. BUFF: 1, 4, Lodge; 2, Taylor; 3, Wadsworth. MKD. BUFF: 1, Lodge; 2, Hirst. NOVICE, CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Kilner; 2, Morley; 3, Beaumont; 4, Hobson Lodge. BUFF: 1, Beaumont; 2, Hobson Lodge; 3, Radley; 4, Kilner. MKD. YELL.; Kaye. BUFF: Radley.—J. Lodge, Sec.

EASTFIELD SIDE C.B.S.

An open First Feather Show was held at the Mason's Arms on July 4th, when there was a very creditable number of exhibits. Everything in the way of arrangements was ably carried out by the secretary, Mr. J. Carlin. Mr. J. Richards judged and his awards were well received.

OPEN CLASSES—CL. YELL. NOR. (4): 1, Adnitt and Driver, nice size, type and quality; 2, Twine, good type and quality; 3, Shelton. BUFF (9): 1, Slack, grand size, type and quality, wins well; 2, Hatton, another good bird, typical; 3, Butler, another good one; vhc, Smedley; hc, Adnitt and Driver. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Adnitt and Driver, 1st large, good colour, 3rd nice type and colour; 2, Butler, some thought the best in class; vbc, Bingley; hc, Smedley. BUFF (13): 1, Adnitt and Driver, large, good colour, marked one wing, fine stock bird; 2, Bingley, nice one, variegated, close up; 3, Butler, good type and quality; vhc, Twine. CREST (2): 1, 2, Nuttall, both good dark crest. C.B. (2): 1, Smedley, good clear buff, nice head feather; 2, Nuttall, fine variegated bird of good size. MEMBERS' CLASSES: CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Nuttall; 2, Hall Bro. BUFF: 1, Smedley; 2, 3, Wright Bro.; vbc, Hall Bro. YELL. MKD.: 1, 3, Wright Bro.; 2, Walley; vhc, Hawkesley. BUFF: 1, Wolley; 2, Wright Bro.; 3, Hall Bro.; vhc, Hawkesley.

BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE C.B.F.S.

A first feather show was held on June 20 at the Raikes Hall Hotel, when the exhibition proved a very creditable one. Not a little praise is due to Mr. Winterbottom, the secretary, for his able conduct of affairs. The judge was Mr. W. Cowgill, Bradford, whose awards were well received.

YORKS. CL. YELLOW (6): 1, hc, Binns; 2, Crossley; 3, Ball; 4, McNeill; vhc, Pattison. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 3, 4, Crossley; vhc, Pattison; hc, Binns. CINN., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 2, Crossley; 3, 4, vhc, Binns; hc, Pattison. BUFF (9): 1, 3, 4, Crossley; 2, McNeill; vbc, Binns; hc, Ball. HEAVY MKD. (2): 1, Crossley; 2, Ball. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 3, McNeill; 2, Smithson; 4, Bevan; vhc, Crimwood; hc, Lightbown. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Lightbown; 2, vhc, Bevan; 4, hc, Grimwood. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 2, Smithson; 3, Lofthouse; 4, Lightbown; vhc, Boardman. BUFF (7): 1, Bevan; 2, Grimwood; 3, Smithson; 4, Morrison; vhc, Lofthouse; hc, Boardman. LINNET: 1, Ball; 2, Bevan; 3, Kirkham; 4, Boardman. COLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, Boardman, Goldie; 2, 4, Riding, Bullies; 3, Crossley, Goldie; vhc, Bevan. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Riding, Bramb'efinch, Greenfinch, and Chaffinch. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, 4, Boardman, Meadow and Snow Buntings; 2, Kirkham, Yellowhammer; 3, vhc, Riding, Snow Bunting. SOFT (1): 1, Boardman, Waxwing. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 4, vhc, Ligbtbown; 2, Ball; 3, hc, Kirkham.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.A.

A successful young bird show was held on June 27, at the "Coat and Compasses," Euston Road. A large number of fanciers visited the exhibition. The staging of the birds was excellent, the birds themselves being seen to advantage. The Norwich and Yorkshire sections, both well patronised, contained birds of great merit, type and quality, besides colour, being very noticeable. Cinnamons were a really fine show, Mr. Handt securing all the prizes. The British birds came in for a deal of admiration, seeing they were in such smart form, especially the Goldfinches. The arrangements for the show were in the capable hands of Mr. R. J. Pretty, who had everything in ship-shape form. Mr. W. Shakespeare judged, his placings of the awards meeting with the satisfaction of all.

NOR. CHAMPION (3): 1, 2, 3, Bell. AMATEUR (3): 1 spl, 3, Hayden; 2, Sparke. NOVICE (5): 1, spl, Stacey; 2, 3, Orme; vhc, hc, c, Austin. YORKS. CHAMPION (3): 1, 2, 3, Harwood. NOVICE (12): 1, hc, Stacey; 2, Morrison; 3, vhc, Simpson; c, Gilbert. CINN. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Handt. MULE: 1, Sparke. A.O.V.: 1, Thorpe. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Quantrell; 2, Adamthwaite; 3, Stacey; vhc, Bell. BULLFINCH (12): 1, spl, Morrison; 2, Adamthwaite. LINNET: 1, Quantrell; 2, Goodall; 3, Adamthwaite. CHAFFINCH (2): 1, Heine; 2, Quantrell. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Quantrell; 2, Goodall. GREENFINCH (4): 1, spl, Quantrell; 2, Austin; 3, Stacey; vhc, Adamthwaite. A.O.S. FINCH OR BUNTING (3): 1, Quantrell; 2, Heine; 3, Morrison. INSECTIV. (4): 1, Quantrell; 2, Morrison; 3, vhc, Bateman. FOR.: 1, Quantrell.

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HUTHWAITE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A first feather show was held at the "Workpeople's Inn" on June 20th, when there was a very pleasing turn-out, both as regards quality and quantity. Mr. W. Taylor is the hon. secretary, and is deserving of every credit for his able management of affairs. Mr. E. Fox had the placing of the awards, which he did to the satisfaction of all.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Clark, nice type and quality; 2, Brown, very nice again. BUFF: 1, 2, Vardy, two good chubby exhibits; 3, hc, Adnitt and Driver, fine bird, close up; vhc, Beardall and Walker, nice bird, but gone past his best for first feather; c, Goodwin. YELL. MKD.: 1, 2, Adnitt and Driver, 1st best in head, 2nd beaten only in head, nicely cut away behind; 3, Butler, another nice bird, good size, fine head. BUFF: 1, Butler, good cobby bird, fine head and neck; 2, Beardall and Walker, nice head and neck; 3, vhc, Vardy, two good birds; hc, Clark, heavily-varieg., nice type and colour; c, Adnitt and Driver. MULES: 1, Adnitt and Driver, varieg., nice birds. BRIT.: 1, Adnitt and Driver, grand Bullfineb, in good colour; 2, Vardy, fine Linnet.

SINGING CONTESTS.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Linnet S.A. held their consolation singing contest on July 4th at the club house. The prize winners were: 1st, Topping; 2nd, Catterall; 3rd, Fender; 4th, Marsden; 5th, Leeming; 6th, Harrison; and eight prizes given by Mr. D. Bentley (Great Harwood).—Rd. Haynurst, Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest, held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on July 4th, when 19 birds sang. 1, Stead; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Sisson. Judge, Mr. T. Summers; timekeeper, Mr. Harold. Also on July 5th, 1, Crowther; 2, Stead; 3, Sissons. Judges Messrs. Cooper and Summers. 23 birds sang.—Wilson Naylor, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet contest held at Prince Albert Inn, on July 4th, when about 16 Linnets were hung up. Result: 1, Towers; 2, Stead; 3, Thompson. Judge, Mr. A. Jennings. Another contest on July 5th, when about 17 Linnets were hung up. Judges, Messrs. R. Jackson, and H. Allen. Result: 1, Towers; 2, Thompson; 3, Sellers.—W. Dean, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD.

Usual contest held at Don Inn, Dunlop Street, Carbrook, on June 28th, when 20 birds competed. Winners: 1, Scotney, 66; 2, Robinson, 53; and 3, Blackadder, 50. Also on July 5th, when 17 birds competed. 1, Hurbert, 73; 2, Machin, 72; and 3, Baker, 69. On July 5th a Linnet Show was held, when some good birds were placed on the beneb. Winners: 1, Wilson; 2 and 3, Brown.—Brown, sec.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

Dates inserted free of charge.

[The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.]

July 11.—Paisley and Dist. N.M.B. and F.B.C.
July 11.—Glasgow and Western Counties N.C.
July 11.—Cambridge C.B.S.
July 11.—Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.
July 11.—Clapham and Dist. C.B.S.
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July 11.—Walthamstow F.A.
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July 18.—Falkirk and Dist. C.B.S.
July 18.—Morley and Dist. C.B.S.
July 18.—Cockermouth and Dist. F.S.
July 18.—Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.
July 24.—Northern Y.C.C.
July 25—Clossop, Hadfield, and Dist. C.B.S.
July 25.—Crook Original C.B.S.
July 25.—Goole and Dist. C.B.S.
July 25.—Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.
July 25.—East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.
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July 25.—Penketh, Sankey and Dist. C.B.S.
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Aug. 1.—Bingley and Dist. O.S.
Aug. 1.—Bolton Woods C.B.S.
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Aug. 29.—Goole and Dist. C.B.S.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Dawley, August 5th.—Vicarage Grounds.—Judge, Mr. A. J. Cladwin. 5 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, and 7 local classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6 first entry and 9d. others. Entries close July 25th to Messrs. Lewis, Smith and Bowen, Chapel-street, Dawley.

Penketh, Sankey, July 25th.—Judge, Mr. A. Wellings. 17 radius classes: 3 nest feather Yorks., 4 ditto Nor., 1 ditto Crest, 2 ditto A.O.V., Can. old 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, and Sell. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close July 23rd to I. Hampson, Victoria road, Penketh.

Cambridge Mammoth (C.B.U.), August 3rd.—Midsummer Common.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 19 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 7, For. 2, and 2 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and a good list of specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close July to T. H. Brown and W. Driver, 17, Sussex-street, Cambridge.

CLUB REPORTS.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

On July 1st Mr. H. Smallcombe gave an interesting lecture on British Birds' Nests and Eggs. It proved very instructive to all present. On account of the time, Mr. Smallcombe had to condense his programme somewhat. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him and to his son.—W. H. Manley, hon. sec.

CITY OF DUNDEE AND DISTRICT N.M. AND B.B.A.

The monthly meeting was held in Doig's Rooms on July 1, Mr. Jas. Howie presiding. The principal business was the consideration of the request of the Dundee, Lochie and Broughty Ferry O.A. to amalgamate with us. After considering the various points submitted by the committee of both associations it was agreed that both should amalgamate and form one association; also to give ten classes for Scotch Fancies at the Annual Show in Nov., and the name of the association will be the City of Dundee and District Cage Bird Society (Amalgamated).—Alex. Miller, sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A meeting was held at headquarters, Spencer Hall, on June 26, when our vice-chairman, Mr. Ward, ably presided. Mr. F. Easterling gave us a lecture on "Colour-Feeding," which was listened to very attentively. The lecturer told us of his experience in breeding for colour. This, he said, must be done if we wanted to be successful. He advised us as to the best birds to use. The green blood, he said, must be a prominent feature in our rooms. He also advised the purchase of the purest peppers, as this was by far the best way of getting colour. Afterwards the meeting was thrown open for questions, and these were able answered by the lecturer. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Easterling. Two new members, Messrs. Green and Grummitt, were nominated for membership. The society is now in a flourishing condition, new members being added to the roll each month. We are holding our first show of young stock, British and Foreign Birds, on July 11.—W. Reynolds, sec.

LANCASHIRE CANARY ASSOC.

Meeting at Littleborough on June 27th. A large number of our members turned up. After visiting the Littleborough C.B.S. Show, some splendid birds being on view, a credit to the Society, we proceeded with our business. Mr. F. Steeple, of Oldham, was the chairman. Show patronage: We selected a number of fixtures which we shall pass at our next meeting. The design of club medal was next discussed, and it was decided that we select as the model the Coppy given in "Cage Birds' Chart" of June 20th, and approved by Mr. Compston, of Macclesfield, it being considered amongst our members an ideal Lancashire Coppy. The secretary will send a copy of same to the makers of our medals, we having decided to have a standard medal, so are going to the expense of having a special die struck for same. We hope to have an impression to put before the next meeting. Owing to our desiring to have as large a bird as possible on the medals, we have discarded the Plainhead, it being our opinion that this would set it off better. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, after which we spent a short time with our Littleborough friends.—Wm. Adams, Hon. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB

Meeting of committee held July 4th. Chairman, Mr. D. Sunderland. Applications for patronage submitted, and the following selected:—Newcastle, October 23rd, judge, W. Vardy; Bradford City, October 31st, judge, H. S. Naylor; Rochdale (Good Intent), November 7th, judge, H. W. Battye; Sunderland, November 20th and 21st, judges, Roe and Cameron; Harrogate, December 5th, judge, J. C. Barnes; Eccleshill, December 12th, judge, J. Robson; Halifax, January 22nd and 23rd, judge, W. Vardy. Secretary instructed to invite further applications for patronage, owing to the clashing of dates, and the same judge judging several shows. Sub-committee of the following members: Messrs. J. Wilcock, F. Hammond, A. Haigh, D. Sunderland, and Secretary appointed to consider and select further applications for patronage. Allotting of specials and prizes as follows:—Champion Section: For most points (three highest birds at each show to count), throughout the season, (1) marble clock and bronzes, value £4 4s.; (2) second most points, tea urn value £2 2s.; (3) third ditto, pair of oil paintings on opal, value £1 5s.; (4) fourth ditto, dress piece value 10/6; (5) fifth ditto, special by Mr. Brotherton. Novice Section:—(1) For most points, tea urn value £2 2s.; (2) second ditto, goods value 10/6; (3) third ditto, copper kettle; (4) fourth ditto, cruet; (5), fifth ditto, briar pipe and case; and Mr. Carl's special prizes of: 1st prize £1 5s.; 2nd prize, £1; 3rd prize, 15s., for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd most points respectively, gained by an amateur or novice of the O.N.P.C. Proposition carried that no member or members exhibiting as novices shall be eligible to compete for champion specials. Printing of rule books, etc., left in hands of sub committee. Amendment: That block of Norwich Canary received from Cage Birds be accepted, and printed in rule books. Vote of thanks to chairman for presiding passed.—O. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

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OUTINGS.

Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.

Annual trip took place on June 27th, the destination this time being Doon Hoot. The company numbered about 20. Couples and families left Kilmarnock in brakes, at about 10 o'clock, and reached Doon Hoot by about 1 o'clock, when tea was served out by a few of the ladies, to the satisfaction of all. All of us could well do with a day off at this time of year, and we enjoyed ourselves. The weather put on its best behaviour. The scorching sun was working havoc on most of us after three or four hours. Another tea was served to the company, and it was now time for our return drive to Kilmarnock. Mr. Hutcheson then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the committee for the trouble they had taken in carrying out another successful day's outing, and called upon Mr. J. Johnstone for his favourite song, which was accompanied by Mr. J. Dunsmuir, and violin. Mr. H. Frain gave his favourite in "A." "The Airts the Wind can Blaw," which was enjoyed by the company very much. A good many were very sorry to leave for home which was reached shortly after 9 o'clock. Everyone was highly satisfied.—R. McCaw, Secretary.

Bury and District C.B.S.

The annual "ramble" took place on July 5th. Glorious weather prevailed throughout the day, the conditions being ideal for a ramble over Ashworth Moors. A fairly good number of members assembled in Market Place, at 2.30 p.m., and the party boarded the 2.45 car to Jericho. From there, they walked leisurely along, relating each other's amusing incidents. Very soon the party were climbing the Birtle Hills, from which a good view of the surrounding country was obtained, and a very refreshing breeze added greatly to the comfort of the Ramblers. After a good walk, the slopes down to Ashworth Valley were reached. This valley, by the way, is acknowledged to be one of the prettiest spots in the neighbourhood of Bury. Its appearance on this occasion fully merited the distinction. Leaving the open fields for the well-wooded valley, where there was ample protection from the sun's rays, was a change duly appreciated by the members, judging from the exclamations of satisfaction which were freely given. So agreeable were the conditions here, that a halt was made, and a rest of about half an hour was indulged in. As might be expected, the topic of conversation was the young bird show, which was to take place on the following Saturday. The members were quite pleased with the results of the breeding season, and the committee anticipated a successful show. Having arranged for tea at the Chapel House, the journey was continued, the hostel being reached about 5 o'clock. Tea was nicely served, and thoroughly enjoyed. About 6 o'clock the journey was continued to Rochdale, via Norden. A pleasant day's outing concluded with a visit to the headquarters of the Rochdale Society, the party reaching Bury shortly after 10 o'clock, by train. It is proposed to arrange a bowling match between the Bury and Rochdale Societies, at an early date.—F. E. Holden, Secretary.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE

THE Open Norwich Plainhead Club held their meeting to allot patronage on Saturday last, when a good number of applications were brought forward, but in consequence of the rule that a judge must not officiate at more than one of the shows held under their patronage, several had to be passed, leaving three shows open for future arrangement, which is to be undertaken by the sub-committee. The prizes were also arranged for competition, and very valuable they are. Quite a boon is expected in the Norwich Fancy during the coming season.

YORKSHIRE County B.B. and M.C. holds its meeting on August 8th to give out the patronage of the club. This is giving societies a month's time in which to study the matter at their meetings, and they will be wise to remember what a great attraction these classes are to the visitors, casual and otherwise.

MANNINGHAM and Bradford City Societies take a little relaxation from the general routine by indulging in a game of cricket today (Saturday). The city men will be minus their champion stumper, Mr. Pollitt, who is now in Canada. After the match a supper will be partaken of at the headquarters of the Manningham Society, which, if up to the usual standard of mine host of the Mowbray Arms, will be as the Yankees say, all O.K.

GUISELEY, Yeadon and Dis. Society had a grand members' show on Saturday last, no less than 60 birds being staged. This with a membership of only 22 speaks well for the enthusiasm of the fanciers in the district. They hold two shows per year and give £1 10s. from the society's funds in prizes for the most points gained by 4 birds at each show.

FRIENDS who would like to hear Mr Fred. Hammond speak on things other than those connected with the Fancy, have opportunity of doing so by attending the Gt. Horton Primitives' Young Men's Class on July 19th, he being booked on that date to read a paper before the members and friends.

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TWITTERINGS.

The Gt. Horton O.S. Young Bird Show is to be held to-day (Saturday), at the "Butchers' Arms." Mr. J. Holroyd, the sec., will judge.

Kindly note that I have removed from 11, Lansdowne Terrace, Hull Road, York, writes Mr. T. Boyle, to 3, St. Martin's Lane, Micklegate, York.

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Owing to a slip of the pen, writes Mr. B. Brunskill, sec. of the Darlington C.B.S., our half-day show was stated to be due on July 4th, instead of July 11th.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Neath and Dis. F.A. Show, writes Mr. W. R. B. Richardson, and Mr. Drury, of Wind Street, Neath, has taken over this office.

A Young Bird Show is to be held to-day (Saturday) in connection with the Watford and Dis. C.B.S., at the Conservative Hall, Clarendon Road, to which fanciers are invited.

Two young Greenfinches were staged at the recent City and Suburban Young Bird Show, which had been hatched and reared from eggs taken on the occasion of the annual country ramble!

I have been a reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Wm. Pinchin (Marske-by-the-Sea), from its commencement. I have to thank the paper alone for my knowledge about birds.

At the last meeting of the Carmarthenshire P.P. and C.B.S., it was decided, writes Mr. Fred King, the hon. sec., to hold the first open show in the Assembly Rooms at Carmarthen, on November 5th.

Messrs. A. Cook and Co., the well-known basket manufacturers, have removed from 25, Waterloo road, London, S.W., to more convenient and central premises, 39, Gerrard Street, London, W.

Mr. Bull's lecture on "Birds I have kept" is postponed from 16th to 23rd July, on account of clashing with L.P.O.S. young bird show, write Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, hon. secs., Dulwich O.S.

Kindly note that I have resigned the secretaryship of the Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Charlesworth. Mr. N. Rayner, of 15, Granville Street, Dowsbury, has been appointed in my place.

I must thank CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. Woodward (Leyton), for my successful advertisement therein. Up to the present I have disposed of 56 orders from all parts of the world. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

The Bristol C.B.S. British Bird Table Show will be held on July 18th, at headquarters, writes Mr. W. H. Manley, sec. Five classes are provided, and entries can be made up to 3.45 p.m. The judge is Mr. F. Buckland.

We note that the City of Dundee N.M. and B.B.A., and the Dundee, Lochie and Broughty Ferry O.A. have decided to amalgamate, and will henceforward be known as the City of Dundee and Dis. Cage Bird Society (Amalgamated).

Messrs. Wrigglesworth and Son, of 56, Stonegate, York, send us a sample of the colour-food they are offering fanciers this season. It should command a ready sale being rich and bright in colour, finely ground, and reasonable in price.

The annual statement of accounts issued by the Matlock and Dis. P.P. and C.B.S., shows a balance of £4 on the year's working. Over £6 was collected during the year by the members for the purpose of wiping off the deficit on the previous year's show.

Owing to trouble with his teeth, necessitating painful dental operations, that well-known British bird enthusiast, Mr. C. Prior, finds himself reluctantly compelled to postpone the lecture promised the City and Suburban A.C.B. for Monday next, July 13th.

My advertisement in CAGE BIRDS of July 4th, writes Mr. S. G. Quelch (Ilford), brought so many replies that if I had answered them all I should have had to employ a secretary. I hope your readers will accept this explanation. There is not another advertising medium like CAGE BIRDS.

West Stanley C.B.S. First Feather Show will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Stanley, on July 25th, when Mr. W. J. Taylor (Newcastle), will judge, writes Mr. Matt. Mason, the sec. We have fixed our annual members' show for January 9th, 1909, with Mr. Shepherd (Newcastle), as judge.

The Garston B.B.A. have removed their headquarters to Miss Albright's, 59, St. Mary's Road, Garston, writes Mr. A. Wilkinson, the hon. sec., and it is hoped our changing will be the means of making our monthly meetings better attended, and also result in an increase of membership.

At the radius show in connection with the Penketh, Sankey and Dis. G. and C.B.S. to be held at Penketh on July 25th, there will be 17 classes for cage birds (including four for novices), 10 of which are for nest-feather birds. It is hoped this section of the show will not suffer for want of support.

The Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S holds its first Nest Feather show to-day (Saturday), in the Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., with Mr. G. Gardner as judge. The members are hoping for a good attendance of fanciers, to make their initial effort a thorough success. We understand there is likely to be a nice lot of birds staged.

The Nightingale, it is reported, has been heard throughout recent weeks at Knaresborough (Yorkshire). The songster has usually opened its concert at 11 p.m., and closed between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m.

Permit me a word or two in favour of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, writes Mr. W. J. Stagg (Birmingham). It contains, I should say, everything that one can wish to know about birds, and is well worth the money. It is just the thing for novices.

The Watford and District C.B.S. has issued a very compact and neat book of rules, which contains an excellent programme of events for the 1908 season, including a novelty in the way of a visit to the South Kensington natural history museum. The hon. sec. is Mr. W. Quantrell, 47, Market Street, Watford.

We have engaged the following gentlemen to judge at our annual show on October 3rd, writes Mr. John Ewing, sec. of the Dalkeith and Dis. C.C.:—for Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Dalgleish (Leith); for Border Fancy, Mr. A. Gilchrist (Coldstream); and for Norwich, Mr. Thomas Knight (Edinburgh).

Our committee have elected Mr. W. Mundell, of Bradford, to judge at our open show on January 1st and 2nd, writes Mr. F. W. Bradley, hon. sec. of the Millom and Dis. C.B.A. We are hoping to have a good entry. We are also holding our First Feather Show in the Central Hall on Monday, July 27th.

Under the auspices of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.S. there promises to be a fine show of young birds to-day (Saturday), at the Avondale Hall, Landor Road, Clapham, also a grand lot of British and foreign birds on view, Messrs. Maxwell, Frostick, Sandy, Vale, and other noted fanciers being members. The show opens at 5.30 p.m., and Mr. G. E. Weston is officiating as judge.

In view of the Olympic Games at the Stadium, it is interesting to recall the fact that at the last Olympic Games, which took place at Athens in 1904, every cycling event was won on a Rudge-Whitworth bicycle. A good many Rudge-Whitworths will be ridden in the cycling events on the 15th and 18th inst., at the Franco-British Exhibition, so there is a possibility of history repeating itself.

The Luton Cage Bird Society hold their annual young bird show at Wardown this year, writes Mr. E. Cherry, the sec., in connection with the local Charities Fete on Wednesday, July 15th. The Charities Committee are paying the society a good sum as they think it will be an extra attraction. The birds will be shown in a separate tent. There are numerous other attractions and visitors will have plenty to see for their money. Last year the show was visited by 25,000 people. The Luton society is to be congratulated on their good fortune, as what has been a loss in previous years promises now to be a decided financial success.

The Bath fanciers undoubtedly did a bit of business in the right direction a few weeks ago, by extending their radius to 15 miles, write Messrs. Tristem and Taylor (Bristol). Proof of this was seen at their monthly meeting recently held, when 17 new members were enrolled, to the satisfaction and pleasure of the elder members of the society. Strange to say, out of these 17 members we find 16 are cage bird fanciers, and all belonging to that "happy little band," the Bristol Cage Bird Society, which has done much to encourage this particular fancy this last few years in the West of England. With this infusion of new blood, the cage bird section at Bath young stock show on September 24th, should be the leading feature of the show.

A Boom in Borders.

I hear, writes "Wee Gem," that a well-known south country exhibitor has paid to a Coldstream breeder £12 for a nest of 5 young Border Fancy Canaries in their nest-feather. I wish him luck.

"Open" Norwich P.C.

Owing to the clashing of shows applying for the patronage of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, and the same judge judging several shows, the committee desire further applications from societies desiring their patronage for the following dates: week ending Oct. 9th and 10th, Oct. 17th, Nov. 14th, Dec. 19th, Jan. 9th, Jan. 16th. All applications, along with judges' names, to reach sec. not later than July 21st.—O. MITCHELL, 13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford.

A Pleasant Surprise.

The result of the voting in CAGE BIRDS' Essay Competition came as a most agreeable surprise to me, writes Mr. J. B. Waterman (Dulwich), as I expected to be nearer the bottom of the poll than the top. I should like to tender my sincere thanks to all those readers who so kindly voted for my essay. I may say I have received congratulations from all parts of the country, Ireland included, which proves what a large circulation CAGE BIRDS must have. I beg also to tender you my sincere thanks for the painting which you have kindly forwarded to me as the chief prize. Mr. Norman's picture is indeed superb, and I am delighted with it. The painting will be given an honoured place in my home, and I only wish I had a couple of Yorkshires as perfect as those depicted.

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The N.P.C. and S.N.P.C. Contest.

The contest between the Norwich Plainhead Club and the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club for the 1908-9 season, will be held in the South of England. This was decided on July 4th last, by Messrs. J. Robson and G. E. Weston, who by request of the respective clubs met to settle this matter by spin of coin, the "toss for choice" favouring the southern society.

"A Model Coppy."

The picture of a Lancashire Coppy given on CAGE BIRDS CHART in our issue of June 20th last, has, we hear from the secretary of the Lancashire Canary Association, Mr. W. Adams, been adopted as the model of that club, and is to be engraved on the new standard medal about to be struck. This bird was, he writes, "considered amongst our members an ideal Lancashire Coppy."

Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C.

Will secretaries of societies desirous of this club's patronage make application for same before Friday, August 7th. I have extended the time so that each society may have an opportunity of discussing the matter; open to societies in Yorkshire. Where possible, give judge's name, and date of show. To any fancier interested I will forward all information as to membership, etc.—W. R. MYERS, hon. sec., 23, Ingleby Place, Bradford.

The S.N.P.C.

The Southern Norwich Plainhead Club's year book and balance-sheet for 1907-8 come to hand, and from the latter the club seems to have had a most prosperous year's working, a sum of £5 2s. 8d. remaining in hand, as against £2 6s. 1d. the previous season. A progressive programme has been arranged for the 1908-9 season, the following shows having been allotted patronage:—Champion section: Plymouth, Oct. 20th and 21st; Dulwich and Peckham, Nov. 5th and 6th; Hastings United, Nov. 10th and 11th; Swindon and District, Nov. 26th and 27th; Horticultural Hall, Dec. 4th, 1908; L. and P.O.S. National, Feb. 5th, 1909. Novice section: Bristol C.B.S., Oct. 22nd and 23rd; Hastings United, Nov. 10th and 11th; Wimbledon, Nov. 17th and 18th; Swindon and District, Nov. 26th and 27th; Horticultural Hall, Dec. 4th, 1908; L. and P.O.S. National, Feb. 5th, 1909. Breeders of the Norwich Plainhead in the South should send their names for membership to Mr. F. S. Matthes, sec., 34, Rotherhithe, New Road, S.E.

SENSATIONAL DISQUALIFICATION AT A LONDON SHOW.

A happening of a sensational nature marked the Young Bird Show held by the City and Suburban A.C.B. on Saturday last, July 4. When the judge, Mr. J. Robson, reached the second-class (champion section) for Norwich Plainheads, any variety except clear or ticked, two birds arrested his attention, and he felt it necessary to apply a test to them. Four officials witnessed this done, and as a result it is alleged that artificial colouring matter was removed from the plumage, and the character of the marks on the bird's plumage completely altered. One of the birds had a dark mark on the cheek, behind the eye, and the other was marked on the thigh, the assumption, of course, being that these were put there to make the birds eligible to compete in the marked class. "Disqualified" tickets were at once put on to the cages containing the exhibits implicated.

Reference to the catalogue showed that the two birds were being exhibited by Messrs. Cooper Bros., of Notting Hill, W., very well-known in London as highly successful exhibitors of Norwich Plainheads at metropolitan shows, and members of several local societies. They had, in fact, taken the cream of the prizes at the present show, their birds winning first, second and third in the Clear or Ticked class, and first and highly commended in the Marked class (the one in which the disqualified birds were staged). They won several specials in addition, including the silver cup for best young Canary in the show.

Early during the evening, one of the two partners in the firm of Messrs. Cooper Bros. came into the show-room, and the dramatically tense feeling that gripped the spectators as he looked round the aisles and discovered the fatal cards in the wires of the two show-cages, can be better imagined than described. We understand that he afterwards admitted the "marks" had not been bred on the birds, and that it had been done (we give the statement for whatever it may be worth) in order to keep a promise made to the secretary to enter a certain number of birds, and of which they had not the requisite number with marks on them

Naturally, the happening created considerable excitement amongst the crowd of fanciers present. We understand a special council meeting of the City and Suburban Society has been called to deal with the alleged staining and consequent disqualification and the situation arising out of it.

SHOW DATES FIXED,

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

In this list the secretaries' names and addresses are given.

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

Aug. 1.—**Runcorn and Dis. O.S.** (C. Hardy, 10, Arthur-st.)
*Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.—**Wellingboro' and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh-rd.), R.J.H.
*Oct. 1 and 2.—**Clapham & Dis. C.B.A.** (S. H. W. Baker, 11, Foulser-rd., Upper Tooting, S.W.). J.R., and A.S.
*Oct. 2 and 3.—**Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.** (G. Watson, 6, Kirkgate). J.H.R.
*Oct. 3.—**Longton and Dis. C.B.S.** (E. Tams, Church-st.).
*Oct. 7 and 8.—**Peterboro' C.B.A.** (H. C. Lilley, 111, Lincoln-rd.). J.R., J.Wk., and W.Ln.
*Oct. 8 and 9.—**Watford and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Quantrell, 47, Market-st.). C.A.H., and J.F.
*Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.** (G. Waddington, 68, Edge End-rd.). W.V., and W.M.
Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (R. Whitton, 2, Churchill-place). T.A., H.B.M., A.C., J.P., and P. McQ.
*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. and C.B.S.** (Cornish and Adams, 90, Regent-st., St. Thomas). T.H.
*Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.** (F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's-rd., Fulham-rd.). A. Ptk. and J.R.
*Oct. 14 and 15.—**Hayle and Dis. F.A.** (W. Paull, 6, Penpol Meadows). G.G. and C.T.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** (J. Stringer, 27, James-st.). J.H.R. and C.H.
Oct. 16 and 17.—**City of Glasgow O.A.** (A. Macdonald, 115, Roslea-drive, Dennistoun.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard** (J. Pepper, 17, Albert-st.). W.V., M.N
Oct. 17.—**Darlington C. and B. B. F.A.** (R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terrace). W.M.
Oct. 17.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.** (J. Ford, Normand-place), D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.
*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth C.B.S.** (E. Cowling, Fulbeck-cottage). W.P.B., A.B.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth).** (T. Pope, 98, Embankment-rd.). C.A.H., J.R., H.N.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby and Dis. O.S.** (Moore and Crowston, 9, Chantrey-lane). J.H.R., and F.My.
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.** (J. Kilby, Railway Livery Stables).
Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.** (J. Simcock, 63, Fenton-rd., Hanley).
*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare** (G. W. Read, Severn-rd.). J.H.P.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (W. H. Manley, 2, Locklease-rd., Horfield). T.H. and H.N.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge and Cambs. C.B.S.** (T. S Moore, 126, Newmarket-rd.).
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 23, Jubilee-st., Oswaldtwistle). H.W.B. and A.G.D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.** (Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor-gdns.). T.McC., C.H, W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.** (J. Butterworth, 28, Smith-st.). R.B., L.B., and C.A.H.
*Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.** (A. Wake, 41, Aske-rd.).
*Oct. 24 and 25.—**Derby C.B.C.** (W. Stevens, 22, South-st.). J.H.R., J.B., and J.R.
*Oct. 23.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner-st.). J.R.
Oct. 28 and 29.—**Dulwich O.S.** (Rogers and Mazzoni, 4, Rye-villas, St. Aidan's-rd.). G.G., W.M., and W.H.V.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley-rd.). H.W.B.
Oct. 29.—**Kirbymoorside (Yorks)** (Read and Calam, Railway-st.). W.M.
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S.** (F. Howes, 25, Leslie-rd.). J.R., F.A.L.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester** (E. H. Jones, 45, Whitby-rd., Fallowfield).
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** (W. Duke, 336, South Frederick's-st., South Shields). H.W.B., E.B., and J.S.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** (A. Wand, 3, Wilton-crescent, Fulford-rd.). J.R.
Oct. 31.—**Dysart C.B.S.** (J. Logan, 23, High-st.). W.M.S., J.Hn., J.McL., and P.P.
Oct. 31.—**Alnwick and Dis. C.B.S.** (R. F. Rennalson, 3, Pottergate-place). A.Hy., J.Mn.
*Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Smith, 5, King-st.) R.R., W.V., and C.H.
*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (J. C. Hayes, 9, Florence-rd., Masbro'). W.V. and W.H.S.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Barnstaple** (P. Harris, High-st.).
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland-avenue, Prestbury). T.H. and J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate** (W. J. Jones, 28, Fort-crescent).
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament-st.). H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.** (J. Woodhouse, 123, High-st.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** (W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace-rd.). H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop-st.). A.W., J.W., and T.W.W.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S.** (G. Harver, 1, Theresa-st.). J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.** (Lindsay & Bingham, 202, King James-st., Walkley). J.R., J.B., H.W.B. and E.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Metcalfe & Hillmen, 105, Silverdale-avenue, Tuebrook). W.M., W.V., and C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S** (C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick-rd.). A.Rs., and G.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** (F. McGillivray, Ganze-rd., Chance). J.Wr., T.T, A.G, and L.J.A.
*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** (E. Craven, 37, Whingate-avenue, Armley, Leeds). W.A.C., and A.G.D.
*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (J. Byrne, 110, Birks-rd.), C.H. and A.W.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** (S. M. Clayton, 55, Percy-st.). H.W.B. and J.Gr.
*Nov. 7.—**Stockton and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st.). T.D. and R.J.H.
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand** (O. Draper, 1a, Wilton-st.).
*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (A. E. Godden, Ceylon House, Earl-st.). J.R., and G.G.
*Nov. 11.—**Bodmin** (A. E. Jago, Bodmin).
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol** (G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity-st., Newtown).
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. H Wright, 35, London-rd.). J.Hr., W.V., and W.L.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.** (A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd-rd., Landore, near Swansea). J.B.E. and C.H.
Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge and Dis. F.S.** (H. B. Parrott, Grove-place).
Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** (R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J. Thomas, 30, Gilfaeb Cynon). J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** (J. Hibbert, jun., Milton-rd.). C.A.H.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow and West of Scotland** (R. A. Brown, 102, Roslea-drive).
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** (W. H. Heathcote, 119A, Fishergate).
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A.** (J. Johnson, 60, Neptune-rd.). W.P.B., J.F D. and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Emmett, 39, Gorsey-lane). H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 14.—**Consett** (W. H. Hutchinson, jun., 21, Park-rd. Durham).
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (J. Wilson, 21, Salisbury-st.) D.B., P.Mck., A.C. and P.P
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** (A. Flint, High-st., Tideswell). J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham** (G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington-square, Parkside). W.E.G., W.V. and G.E.W.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.** (East and Jeremy, Glanhyrd Cottage, Tanylan-rd.). H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester and Dis. C.B.S.** (A. E. Bishop, 9, Barrow-st.). J.H.P.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** (F. F. Potter, 178, Thoresby-st.). H.W.B. and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** (A. Pickering, Hill-street). J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland** (Reed and Maddison, 2, Plantation-rd., Pallion). J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.** (J. Ferguson, 19 College-st.) J.Wk., J.Tn.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** (W. Ridge, Poolstock). H.T. and A.W.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (H. Clegg, 200, Hollings-road.) A.A.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** (A. Bowes, 15, Wilson-st.). W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks)** Q.M.Sgt. A. Cant, 26, May-st.).
Nov 21.—**City and County of Perth** (J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's-rd.). C.C., A.Rs., D.L., E.G.W. and R.V.R.
*Nov. 21.—**Selby** (J. H. Dixon, 77, Brook-st.).
*Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff** (W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland-rd.).
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.** (B. Kirke, Sidlesham Villa, Chichester-rd.).
Nov. 26.—**Newark** (S. C. Williams, 72, Millner-st.).
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.** (E. Allsopp, 43, Dixon-st.). J.R., J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin)** (W. C. Sholcdice, 117, Strand-rd., Sandymount, Dublin). R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** (A. Wilkins, Oakhurst, Moortown). J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** (A. Miller, 3, Park-avenue). J.Mc.L., A.Mc.F., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** (W. H. Bray, 12, Berry-st.). W.V. and W.G.P.
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** (E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury-terrace), W.A.C. and J.Mn.
Nov. 28.—**Muirkirk** (J. C. Torbett, Smallburn).
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** (Turner & Barker, 7, Bonsall-cottages). J.R. and J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** (R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil-rd., Lakenham). J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk, and A.Wd.
*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** (G. F. Hardcastle, 63, Harley-road.) A.G.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S.** (R. G. Challenger, 13, School-st., Cymmer).
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** (H. de Maillet, 121, Sommerville-rd., Small Heath). J.H R.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth and Dis. F.S.** (J. Simon, Mays-st.). S.H.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (Williams & Easby, 30, Lister-st.).
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** (J. B. Y. Murdock, 9, Burnside-st.)
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** (T. Harrison, 4, Shaw's-lane).
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** (S. A. Dicken, New Inn, Station-st.). J.B. and R.J.H.
*Dec, 5.—**Coventry O.S.** (G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon-rd.). J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** (C. C. Edmond, jnr., 57, Bonnygate).
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (G.H. Barnwell, 6, Providence-terrace). J.C.B.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd** (J. L. Eborne, 11, Pwllgwaun-rd., Pontypridd).
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.** (J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's-street).
Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** (A, W. Ludlow, 39, Broad-st.) W.P.B.
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (R. J. Truscott, 27, Castle-st., Swansea). J.R., G.E.W., and J.B.E.
Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** (T. Vose, 120, Morley-st.).
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Taylor 68, Edward-st.), T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (W. Jackson, 11, Albert-sq., Clarence-st., Old Trafford, Manchester). W.A.C., and A.W.
Dec. 12,—**Castle Douglas** (J. C. Buruie, Curling-wark Cottage).
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)** (J. Govan, 7, Union-st.).
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Forrest, 109, West Main-st.). J.P., A.C., and P.P.
Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Neilson, 32, Greendykes-rd.).
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J. Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Edinburgh). J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G, A.H., Ax.C., F A.W., and H.J.F.

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Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** (J. Tompkinson, 61, Maitland-st.).
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** (F. W. Bradley, 18, Lapstone-rd.)
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** (G. Atkinson, 5, Market-place). J.M.
*Jan. 5.—**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Simon, 12, Tyrfran).
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W. Pawley, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead).
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (H. Lambert Brown, 64, Manor-park, Lee, S.E.).

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 335.)

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

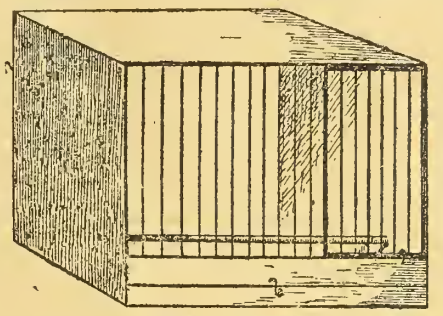
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 221.

A CHEAP AND HANDY NURSERY.

Sent by A. Williams, 6, Willow Grove, Southport, Lancs,

I enclose a sketch of a cheap and handy nursery cage, which I hope will be of use to your readers. The total cost comes to 1d. (for wire and hooks). Get a "Monkey Brand" soap box from your grocer (which I get free), carefully knock the bottom out, and save the wood for strips. Then cut the box down so that it will fit on the cage front, nicely between your seed boxes and drinkers, and leave it about 9ins. high. The wood to



A Nursery Cage.

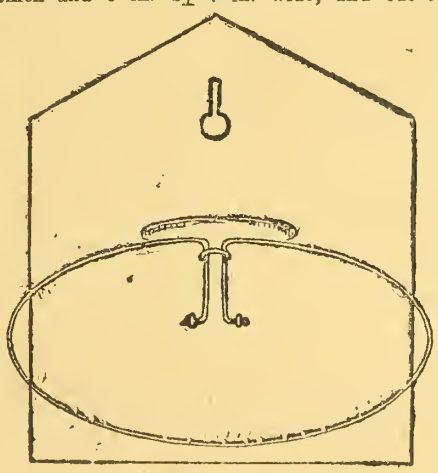
carry the wire parts should be 2½ins. by ⅜in., both back and front, and on one side allow for the slip of wood for cleaning purposes. On the side with full slip, wire with ⅜in. spaces, the other side with ½in. On this latter side leave 4ins. at right hand for door. Make a neat framework for door out of strips of wood, which you can wire as other portion. To fasten door in, insert a piece of wire in bottom, leaving ¼ inch projecting for letting into the front, and at the top fasten with a thin nail. On the side with ⅜ wire put two small cup hooks for hanging on to front of breeder, so that it comes level with breeding-cage door. Put a perch across from side to side so that young can perch, after being fed, out of reach of the hen. When completed it makes as good and cheap a nursery as you could wish for.—A. WILLIAMS.

No. 222.

A USEFUL NEST-PAN HOLDER.

Sent by J. Chadwick, School House, Butt Lane, Talke.

I think readers of CAGE BIRDS will understand my sketch. The idea is to prevent the cage backs from being made dirty with the droppings from young birds in the nest. The back is made of a piece of wood half inch thick and 6 in. by 4 in. wide, and cut to



A Nest-pan Holder.

shape as shown in sketch. A small screw can be put in back of cage to hang it up where required. The wire, which is an ordinary piece of cage wire bent to shape of nest bowl, can be fastened on to the piece of wood by means of three small staples, as shown in sketch. Over top of the wire you will afterwards hollow out the piece of wood to let the rim of the nest-bowl go in to keep it firm in the wire ring. I think fanciers will find this nest-holder easy to make. It can also be cleaned whenever one changes the nest. I have got the same in use and find it very serviceable—J. CHADWICK.

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3	"	1/9
FOREIGN AND COLONIAL—		
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CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Bath and Dist. F.A.—July 16, Forester's Hall, Bath Street. Young Stock Show.—H. Turtle.

Bury and Dist. C.B.S.—July 14, Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30. F.F. Show matters, and other important business.—F. E. Holden.

Bingley and Dist. O.S.—July 14, Co-op. Rooms, Chapel Lane, 8. Important.—A. Livesey.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S. — July 18, Clarence Hotel, 3.30. N.F. Show. Birds to be staged by 3.30.—E. Carlisle.

British Roller C.C.—July 14, King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C., 8. Monthly meeting.—J. W. Norris.

Bradford West C.B.A.—July 11, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 8.—H. Clegg.

Cambridge C.B.S.—July 11, The Forester, Burleigh Street, 2.30. Y.B. Show, also classes for Brit. Birds.—T. S. Moore.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—July 13, Church Institute, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Payment of prize money and presentation of special prizes.—V. Wynn.

Coventry O.S.—July 15, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Last date for entries for F. F. Show.—G. Peters.

City of Bradford O.S. — July 11, Cricket match with Manningham C.B.A.—Members meet at Midland Station (Bradford), at 2.30; or at Turf Tavern, at 3.—F. Rhodes.

Cardiff and Dist. C.B.S.—July 16, Maskell's Restaurant, Queen Street, 8. Report on Young Bird Show.—W. S. Negus.

City of Wakefield O.S.—July 11, Crown and Anchor, 7. Lecture by Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax), on "Colour Feeding." Fanciers invited.—Parker and Atkinson.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. — July 18, George Hotel, 2. N.F. Show, Canaries, Mules, and Hybrids, and class for Brit. any age. Judge, Mr. T. Hill (Thornaby).—R. S. Black.

Darlington C.B.S.—July 11, Half-Moon Hotel, 2.15. Half-day N.F. Show. Mr. A Brown, judge.—E. Brunskill.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—July 11, Barley Mow, 7.—J. E. Hudson.

Gt. Horton C.S.—July 11, Headquarters, 8. Those interested in cricket especially invited.—J. Holroyd.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—July 13, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30.—G. Waddington.

Garston B.B.A.—July 15, Miss Albright's, confectioners' shop, 59, St. Mary's Road, 8. Lecture on Moulting and Colour Feeding.—A. Wilkinson.

Halifax O.S.—July 11, Griffin Hotel, 8. August Young Show schedule, and weighing out of Colour Food.—J. F. Thackray.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—July 15, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 7. Table show of Yorks., Nor., Mules, Nest Feather, and British; entries close July 14.—Williams and Easby.

Ilford F. and F.S.—July 23, Cranbrook Road, 8. Mr. C. A. House will lecture on "Cage Birds."—A. Webb.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—July 11, Bird-in-Hand, 7. Business important.—J. Simon.

L.P.O.S.—July 16, "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, 8. Y.B. Show. Fanciers welcome.—H. Lambert Brown.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Members' Show, July 11; birds to be staged at 2; judge, Mr. F. Self.—A. Bottomley.

Larkhall C.B.A.—July 18, Miners' Hall. Report on rules and general business.—J. Pollock.

Manningham C.B.A.—July 11, Turf Tavern, 3. Cricket match with Bradford City. Fanciers invited.—F. Western.

Motherwell Norwich Club.—July 11, Y.M.I., 8.—J. Mair.

Matlock and Dist. C.B.S.—July 13, Turner's Restaurant, Bank Road, 8. Classification, judges, etc.—Slater and Turner.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—July 18, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Arrangements for F.F. Show July 25, and other important business.—Jeremy and East.

North London C.B.A.—July 15, Public Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8. Lecture on Colour Feeding and Moulting, by Mr. W. Morris; all heartily welcome.—R. P. Harper.

Nottingham and Dist. P.O.S.—July 11, "Grapes Inn," Platt Street. First show at new headquarters.—G. Clay.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—July 15, 65, Grange Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Allotting of patronage, etc.—J. R. Slack.

Pendleton and Salford O.S. — July 13, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 8. Prize cards and specials.—W. Jackson.

Rochdale O.C.—July 13, Clubroom, 8. Half-yearly meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Sale Open O.S.—July 13, Sale Hotel, 8. Entries for F.F. Show, and other show business.—G. F. Hardcastle.

Stoke Newington F.A.—July 14, Headquarters, 8. Entries for Y.S. Show (July 21).—G. Dowden.

Sunderland C.B.A.—July 18, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Receiving ticket money for F.F. Show, and other business.—Reid and Maddison.

Seaham Harbour C.B.B.A. — July 11, Station Hotel, 7. To select dates for Members' Shows, and judges.—H. Dobson.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S.—July 14, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Business important. Second N.F. Show, July 18, 3 p.m.—J. Smith.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—July 10, Blue Bell Hotel, 8.30. Members' Show, July 11; judge, Mr. J. Bailey.—E. Broadley.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.—July 14, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 7.30. Table Show of Canaries in Nest Feather, with British and Mules, any age.—F. Howes.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—July 11, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. Members' Show; judge, Mr. R. Garnett.—E. W. Johnson.

West Stanley and Dist. C.B.S.—July 11, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Special business.—M. Mason.

York C.B.S.—July 13, All Saints' Schoolroom, 6.30. F.F. Show; judges, Messrs. A. Richardson (Canaries); J. Campling (Brit.).—A. Wand.

Birds and Thunder.

The Blackbird is reported to be the only bird that sings just previous to a thunder storm. When the atmosphere is heavy and "thunder is in the air," most birds seek the shelter of the woods and remain silent. The Golden Bill alone sings, but only in a soft and subdued manner.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Samples of Seed.

Eat-tat.—Of the seeds No. 1 is very small, but quite sweet and good, and appears to be well ripened. Its only fault is its very small size. No. 2 is about the same size, and quite sweet, but does not seem quite so well ripened, and the sample contains some empty husks which have the appearance of having been emptied by mice. No. 1 is the better of the two. As to whether they are in reality Spanish seeds I will not venture to say, believing as I do that it is utterly impossible for any man to tell by examining the seed where any given sample is grown. So long as you get a good, fair-sized, clean, sweet, and well-ripened seed, it does not at all matter whether grown in Spain or in South America. The colour sample contains a large amount of colour, but much of it seems to come from hot pepper, and judging by the stains on the paper I should imagine it contains more oil than I care about. There was a recipe for a colour-food in last issue. Look up these replies and you will find it there.

Shell-less Eggs.

Thos. Burns.—I have no clear recollection of having lately answered a query of yours, so I presume the advice you have followed is what you have seen advised to others. You should have cut out the advice you followed and sent along with your letter. However, I do not think you will do much good with the hen which lays shell-less eggs so profusely, and as the breeding season is now rapidly drawing to a close the best thing you can do with her is to place her in a good, large flight-cage where she can get plenty of exercise, feed plainly, and mainly on Canary seed, with a liberal supply of green-food until the moult, when you may begin to give a little more soft food if you are going to colour-feed her. I would rather advise you, however, to forego colour feeding, and feed the bird on a plain diet right through the winter, and when mating her up next spring add a pinch of crushed cuttlefish to the egg-food each time you give any, and every second day add twelve drops of chemical food to the drinking water. You must, of course, give a regular supply of gritty sand, and a flake of cuttlefish in addition.

Roller Sneezing.

A Reader of "Cage Birds." Fenton.—As you say the bird is in moult you must not expect it to retain its full singing powers. Indeed, unless this is its first full moult it will probably cease singing altogether when the moult gets in full swing. The sneezing and shaking the head as you describe are not uncommon when a bird is in moult, and is doubtless due to the bird being more susceptible to changes and variations of temperature. You must see the bird is not exposed to any draught, and that there is no very striking difference between the day and night temperatures. Keep cage quite clean, and free from red mites. Stop the hemp, and give instead a pinch of maw every second day, and twice a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, in which well mix two drops of cod liver oil emulsion each time whilst the bird is in moult. In the drinking water for three days add twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil. Shake well together. After this give twelve drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight.

Hen Throwing Out Young.

"Whittington."—If the hen's claws are much overgrown, as your letter seems to suggest, this is almost certain to be the cause of the young birds being thrown (or "dragged," which is the more correct term) out of the nest. The young get entangled with the claws whilst the hen is on the nest, and are accidentally carried out when she leaves the nest to get food. To avoid such accidents you should always examine both the claws and back when first pairing up the birds each year, and trim them if they require it. You may trim them now, but be careful not to overdo it, and make them bleed, as a little thing will sometimes cause a hen to "go on strike."

Why Should They?

"Thornhill."—The why and wherefore of Rollers being fed on Canary and rape seed instead of a more elaborate mixture of seeds given regularly are simply that the common experience of all practical breeders teaches them that it is the best for them. In Germany, where the singing powers of a bird are even more highly regarded than with the majority of English breeders, a diet of mixed seeds is still more objected to than with us; and as the essential feature above all others in their birds is singing powers, this seems a fairly good proof that the birds would not "sing as well on mixed seed given regular." You may, I think, take it that these astute breeders who have made the Roller's powers of song what they are would not have dropped a diet of mixed seeds had this in any degree added anything to the bird's singing abilities.

Young Bare of Feather.

A.C.D.—The reason your young birds were so bare of feathers, and you found the feathers in the nest is simply that your hen plucked them out and placed them there. She was probably wanting to go to nest again before the young were old enough to leave the nest, but some hens seems to pluck out of sheer awkwardness. As the young have now left the nest, and you have separated them from the old birds, there is nothing else you can do. This was the best course you could adopt. Still, as the young are only three weeks old I must hope you separated them in such a way that the cock could get at them to feed them through the wires of the partition, as the young would not be able to feed themselves properly. If another brood is hatched give the hen a regular supply of chickweed or lettuce, and watch her closely when the young are getting nicely feathered, and if she commences to pluck them place the young, nest and all, in a nursery cage and hang on the wires of the breeding cage in such a position that the old birds can comfortably feed them through the wires.

Bird Moulting.

"X.Y.Z."—You do not mention the age of the bird, but I think it quite likely the bird is dropping into an early moult quite naturally. If you are quite sure it is not exposed to any cold draughts I should say this was certainly the case. In either case I would let moult follow its natural course now. A staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape is best. In addition give a pinch of maw seed every second day, once a week a few grains of linseed, and three times a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg-food. Every day give a little green-food—chickweed, lettuce, dandelion, groundsel, or plantain stalks. Keep it free from draughts and chills, supply gritty sand in the cage regularly, and nothing else will be required, save, of course, a constant supply of clean fresh water. 2. The sight of another bird bathing is the best inducement to bathe you could give your bird which totally ignores the bath. Failing this, wait until you see him bathing his head in the drinker, then remove the drinker, sprinkle a few drops of water over the bird, and put in the usual bath full of water, when it may go to it at once and complete its ablutions. If your saucer is a white or pictured one, perhaps the bird is afraid of it. Try it with a plain darker-coloured earthenware bath.

Aviary Questions.

"Boyce."—1. I take it the aviaries are three feet wide and five feet high, and not vice versa. In that case each one would accommodate from 20 to 25 birds, the size of a Canary, when no breeding was attempted. For breeding, three cocks and six hens would suffice to stock it. It would not be necessary to have as many cocks as hens. 2 and 3. In the second aviary, which you would reserve for pleasure, I should keep either British or Foreign birds to contrast with the Canaries. Canaries kept for singing only are best kept in cages. The queries appear to belong to another section. 4. Young birds bred this year will commence to breed themselves next spring. Speaking generally, their age will be from nine to twelve months. I prefer them always to be not less than the twelve months. 5. As to whether the birds would do well in a position where there is not much sun, being shaded by a dwelling house, depends entirely upon local conditions and circumstances. The description seems to imply a position due North, and this would certainly be a bad one in the winter. The birds might succeed well enough for the next few months, but I would not say the position was a suitable one without a more intimate knowledge of it.

A Chronic Invalid.

A. Brookes.—Am not quite sure whether I have deciphered signature correctly. The bird has certainly undergone enough treatment to cure a number of ordinary invalids, so she must be a rather difficult subject to tackle. Still, as there are many more besides yourself interested in the case and watching its progress, here's a course of treatment which may be more successful, and, perhaps, help you to achieve distinction. As a staple diet give Canary seed only. Each day give a liberal supply of green-food, either chickweed, tender young blooming heads of groundsel, or crisp young dandelion or lettuce. Give one or other of these, or a spray of two or more of those which you may be able to get. Once a week give half a teaspoonful of dry rape, and twice a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with which well mix two drops of cod liver oil emulsion once each week, and on the next occasion add to it a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Limit it to this diet for a month. In the drinking water for the first week give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and a piece of extract of dandelion the size of a small pea every second day. Stir until the extract is all dissolved. In the second week give five drops of sulphuric acid each day, and after this twelve drops of the following tonic every second day for a fortnight, with pure water on the alternate days. To make the tonic get two pennyworth of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist, dissolve it in three tablespoonfuls of sherry, add one tablespoonful of glycerine, and shake together. Shall be glad to hear result at end of month, enclosing this reply if any further advice is wanted for the bird.

A Variety.

"Ireland."—1. Have no record of longest time Canaries may be bred from, but cases of birds breeding successfully for six or eight years are by no means uncommon; ten years is more rare, but, I think, is not a record. For the majority from four to six seasons is about the measure of their usefulness. 2. The best age for mating birds is from one to two years for small or medium-sized breeds, and from one and a half to two and a half or three years for the largest. A Norwich of about one year old, for instance, should be mated with a bird one season older—that is, from eighteen months to two years old; or a Lancashire or Crest of fifteen to eighteen months with a bird from two and a half to three years old. The best stock is I believe to be produced during the second or third season of any given pair. All these points, however, are so intimately associated with the health and stamina of the "individuals" that it is impossible to lay down any rule. 3. If you mean H. W. B., 33, Scarr, Lockwood, Huddersfield, Yorks., is what you want. 4. Yes, I have heard lots of times of the old birds mutilating their young by nibbling off the beaks, legs, etc.; and even if they completely devoured a day or two-days-old chick, it would hardly be as bad as when a hen plucks all the feathers from the backs of a brood a fortnight old, and leaves them all raw and bleeding. I think your suspicion that the old birds devoured one chick out of two and are continuing to rear the other carefully is altogether wrong. Had they so maltreated one they would have served both alike. In all probability, what really happened was that the hen accidentally dragged out the chick when leaving the nest, and the bit of dried skin was doubtless the bird after it had been dead some little time.

Flighty Hen and Baby Food.

Sluh.—1. Am sorry I cannot give any definite opinion, as I have never even seen the food in question, and I cannot therefore presume to venture upon an opinion. But if it is mainly composed of malted farinaceous meal, as I fancy most of these foods are, I see no reason why it should not prove quite successful in this direction. If any of your acquaintances have put the food to a practical test for rearing young birds, perhaps they can relieve you of the doubt by telling you of their adventures. 2. Your experience with the hen which starved her brood to death is, unfortunately, not very uncommon. You might have saved the brood by giving them to the other hens that were feeding well, and whose young were about the same age. As it was her first brood there is a fair chance she may feed and rear future broods. It is getting late to mate now, but if she has had only the one brood this year, and is anxious to go to nest at once, you may allow her to do so. But if she has had more than one brood, do not allow her to mate again. Very glad to hear of your success, and that it is solely due to the knowledge gained from CAGE BIRDS.

Recipe for Colour Food.

Young Beginner.—There are a number of excellent colour foods on the market now which you could quite safely use as you obtained them. To make up a stock of your own get a pound of tasteless red pepper, two ounces of natal, and four ounces of soft moist sugar. Mix and work all thoroughly and completely together. You may add one or two ounces of the purest salad oil, and blend it well together with the mass. As a rule, however, I do not much care about the addition of oil, and if there are any signs of oil having been added to the sample you purchase, do not add any more. Store this in an air-tight tin or glass jar, until required for use. To begin with, add a teaspoonful of the colour to a small teacupful of egg-food, and gradually increase the quantity to two heaped teaspoonfuls of colour to the same quantity of food, and continue giving this strength until the head and neck are moulting, when you must again gradually reduce the colour to the original amount and finish off with this strength. Observe the utmost regularity in giving the colour food daily, and in the proper quantity, and always see that the colour food is blended and mixed with the egg-food as perfectly as possible.

Young Bird Laying.

Thos. Black.—Assuming there was no possibility of error or mistaken identity on your part, it is a very remarkable circumstance for a six-weeks-old Canary to lay an egg. It would, I imagine, establish a record for precocity; at least, as far as I am aware. It is to be hoped, therefore, you have all your facts and data above suspicion or reproach, and incontestable. But, seriously, I am strongly inclined to think that it is either a case of mistaken identity, or someone may perhaps have been working off a practical joke upon you. Were these young birds in a cage by themselves, or in a flight in which there were other birds of various ages? And are you the only person who has access to them? It would be interesting to know just what evidence there was of this particular bird having laid the egg. I have this season had a young bird less than a month old, which, after being fed by its parent, would turn and pass on a scrap or two of the food to a younger nest-mate; I have also seen it give bits of food it has picked up itself. But to lay an egg at six weeks old knocks this into a cocked hat.

A Cannibalistic Hen.

M.A.E.—It is just a little beyond me to give a reason for your hen obstinately refusing to feed two broods of young and biting off their claws. Many of these hens appear to have quite lost all their natural instincts, and there is no accounting for their idiosyncrasies. If I had had the management of this hen I should have tried the experiment of giving her a few mealworms each day. I do not venture to say what the effect would have been, but it is an experiment I believe to be well worth trying when one has a hen of this kind, which cannot be made worse. Apart from keeping the hen for experiment's sake, if you have any bent that way I should strongly advise you to discard her altogether for breeding. The chances of doing good with her are too remote to be worth consideration.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrids.

Lewisham.—I don't want to discourage you, but must point out that you do wrong to assume that the eggs are certain to be fertile because you have seen the hen Bullie and cock Linnet in the act of pairing. The latter is essential to fertile eggs, it is true, but any hybrid breeder of experience will tell you ruefully that it doesn't by any means always spell success. Couples will pair and pair again, yet still produce only clear eggs. It is a good sign, however, that your hen should build her own nest, and lay in it. If the eggs prove fertile when examined, I certainly advise you to transfer them (for rearing purposes) to a well-tried feeding hen Canary. Your hen Bullie is evidently an exceptionally well-disposed bird, but it is very doubtful if she would successfully bring the young to maturity. As regards feeding the young, I must refer you to the reply given "Miss Ross" this week. By-the-bye, if you hatch any young, and can't get any hen to feed them satisfactorily, you should remember that it is not at all difficult, providing the feeding can be attended to regularly, to bring them up by hand. Bullie Hybrids being easy subjects. It is troublesome, but far better than losing them. Use the ordinary moistened egg-food, with a good saltspoonful of Plasmon powder (from any good grocer or chemist), well stirred into each tablespoonful. It rears splendid young birds, whether hard or softbill, delicate or otherwise, as I have myself proved to the hilt this season.

Rearing Mules or Hybrids.

Miss Ross.—I will outline you my own methods of feeding, which I have often given in the past, and which bring me a thoroughly satisfactory measure of success. Give the hen, to feed with, canary and summer rape seeds, and lightly cracked hemp seed, with a little shelled sunflower and some maw seed. Offer seeding green foods, such as chickweed and shepherd's purse, freely—but strip off all coarse leaves. If you cannot get this, give young lettuce and watercress leaves—but not freely until the youngsters are three or four days old. She may also relish a little soaked rape. Don't give these things all at the same time, but offer them at various periods through the day—nothing like variety to induce hens to "pack" their babies. Egg-bread, made by well mixing two crushed Osborne biscuits (or equal quantity of stale bread crumbs) with the yolk of a hard-boiled (ten minutes) egg, and a saltspoonful of Plasmon powder, must of course also be freely offered. Mix in half the white, too, when the young are four or five days old. When the Mules commence to feed themselves it is a very mistaken policy to leave off soft food as "soon as possible." The egg should be gradually left out of their diet when they are three weeks old or so, but certainly not the soft food. Give bread and milk sop (or bisenit and milk), well sprinkled with maw seed, and with a good pinch of Plasmon powder mixed amongst it, freely each day. In addition offer canary and maw seeds, soaked summer rape, and lightly cracked hemp. A few crushed sunflower seeds should also be thrown in daily, increasing the quantity as the birds get older, and gradually discontinue the milk sop and soaked seed, giving occasional feeds only. A few groats occasionally are relished, and a little coarse oatmeal; but the above "menu" is full enough for all practical purposes. Some fanciers, I know, will not give young birds green stuff after they have taken them away from their parents. But this I consider a huge mistake. I don't believe, mind you, in stuffing them with lettuce, watercress, and the like. What they want, and what is extremely beneficial to them and conducive to their successful rearing, is a free supply of the "seeding green foods," if I may use the term, meaning the seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, grass, groundsel, plantain, and the like, especially the two first-named. But don't gather it off dusty roadsides; and strip off all large, coarse leaves.

Muling Matters.

A. Wilson.—It is generally assumed that some lack of vitality in the germ is the cause of the embryo dying during the later stages of incubation. It certainly seems odd that one bird should hatch and be reared, and the others die in the shell. Still, this frequently happens, even with birds in a state of nature, and with the eggs from Hybrid pairs it is a common occurrence. I may say that from what I have observed myself, and from what others have told me, this has been quite an extraordinary season for clear eggs and addled eggs in the nests of all species of our wild birds. As to the precise cause of this, one can only speculate. Your next clutch may quite likely hatch alright. As regards the last season's colour-food you have by you, from what you say it is perfectly good, and may be used with safety, and with just as good effect as pepper newly purchased. I can assure you I myself save and use any colour-feed I have over from a season's working. It is the pepper which has been dressed with oil, etc., that is most likely to turn mouldy and rancid. Of course, I store it in sealed jars in a cool place. The Mule will steady down with the moult; you should give him a run now and again in different sized cages, and hang him in different positions. I should begin to colour-feed it at once, gradually working up to full strength. There is nothing like an early beginning, especially with young birds.

Hand-rearing Woodpeckers.

F. Nash.—I don't agree with your giving the young Green Woodpeckers raw meat. I think I can, with all modesty, claim a fairly lengthy and varied experience, and I have found the use of raw meat fraught with danger, and obnoxious to boot. Besides, it is really necessary with very few species—certainly not with Woodpeckers. If I use raw meat (say, a little with a Magpie), I first of all soak it in cold water, to wash out the blood, then cut it up into small strips for feeding purposes. I have this season hand-fed the following large British birds: two Magpies, one Greater Spotted Woodpecker, and a nest each of Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers and Hoopoes. I used egg, combined with home-made sponge-cake and ants' eggs (live ants' eggs with the three latter species), moistened with new milk, and with a little Plasmon powder mixed in. The egg and sponge cake I gradually substituted for my usual insectivorous mixture—biscuit, ants' eggs, meat meal, dried flies, and silkworm pupae. I gave in addition cut mealworms, scalded or "baked" gentles, small blackbeetles, and any flies I could get. I have not lost a single bird (except a Magpie, which escaped by opening its cage door), nor had one ailing. I certainly think that if you can manage a menu on these lines for your young Green Woodpeckers you may see them gracing the show bench during the coming season—though a two or three-year-old adult makes a fine exhibit. My 'peckers when feeding themselves get the insectivorous mixture aforementioned, with plenty of live food, and some fruit and greenfood (the latter in the food, generally). Fruit I have, to the best of my recollection, never seen mentioned by any writer as an item of diet, yet my own birds are fond of many kinds, and passionately fond of peeled grapes—even my Nuthatch has a weakness for grapes!

A Marriage that Failed.

Constant Subscriber.—Your case is not at all an unusual one. It frequently happens that a ben Canary will resolutely decline the attentions of a Goldfinch, or other cock Finch, and especially frequently when, as in your case, pairs of breeding Canaries are being kept in the same room as tbe would-be uniers. The best advice I can give you is to find the Goldie (which you say is a proved breeder) another wife. Probably your hen bas "fa'len in love" with one of the cock Canaries in the room, either through hearing his voice, or by seeing him. Maybe if you watched her closely, you would observe her get very excited when a certain cock bird commenced to sing, and probably finish by turning on the Goldfinch and viciously chase him about. If so, you might try this little dodge—one well-known to Mule breeders. Take out the cock Canary and put him in a nursery, or other suitable cage, and then hang him in front of the breeding cage containing the Goldfinch and tbe refractory hen. The hen will most likely at once "call" to him (especially if he "sings at" her), when the Goldfinch will probably immediately seize the opportunity to oblige her. In this way you may get her next clutch of eggs duly fertilised. It is best to try this plan when the hen is showing signs of building, and it is only necessary to repeat it (assuming it proves effective on each occasion) three or four times, though I have heard of once being quite sufficient.

Brevities.

Various Birds (Marcus).—Sorry to hear of your losses. Red-mite and bird-lice are the worst enemies of caged Skylarks, and must be rigorously kept under, or the birds will never sing and thrive. It is not even too late yet for your hen Greenfinch to go to nest. I have several times had a first nest from hen Britishers right at the end of July, and have heard of them right in August. The worst of late hatched youngsters is the difficulty of getting them reared. Don't lose heart; emulate the Phœnix.

Wild Seed (Davidson).—I quite agree that "Mouse-ear" (a kind of chickweed) is an excellent seeding natural food, and the sample you send is a very good one. Most of my seed-eaters like it.

Mealworms and a 'Gale (Pbilomel). — You can't prevent mealworms turning into beetles just now—it is a natural stage in the life of this appreciated delicacy. Keeping tbe tins in a cool place may help to retard the change. An adult Nightingale which has learned its natural song is unlikely to mix up with it the notes of other birds to any serious extent. Some adult-caught 'Gales, however, sing very indifferently in captivity; too sparingly altogether.

Thrush In Moult (J. B.).—The Thrush certainly will not sing until it bas got thoroughly over its moult. That it is moulting is evidenced by the feathers it is shedding. You can best assist it by feeding it well, and giving a generous daily "helping" of live-food (note reply to "Turdus" last week). Stir a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into its drinking water every second day (plain water in between), using a glass or pot vessel only.

Redpoll-Canary Cross (M. W. D.).—The Redpoll-Canary cross is quite a common one, and the resulting young are of little value except (1) when they are more-or-less light in plumage—or Canary-colour; (2) when they are exceptionally large. If merely "songsters" 4/6 to 7/6 would represent tbe value of the cocks, according to age and quality.

When it was Dark (Glendene).—You must not be disappointed because you have failed to breed "Canary-coloured" Linnet Mules at the first time of trying. There are plenty of fanciers who still fail to breed them after trying for a number of years. Light Linnet Mules are rare and valuable. It does not by any means follow that because you use an unmarked hen Canary you are sure to get more or less lightly marked Mules. I only wish light Mule breeding was so simple a thing. Dark is the normal colour. Birds bred dark will not come light after casting their nest feathers

Young Redpolls (No Nom-de-plume).—My own hen Redpoll reared her young successfully on a liberal supply of seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel and various grasses. These both cock and hen (for both fed) took in very generous measure. In addition I gave the usual seeds (canary, hemp, maw, rape, charlock, and teazle), while I noticed, too, that the pan of soft-food (insectivorous mixture) was visited by the hen—I don't think the cock went to it much.

Magpie with Cold (T. J.).—It is unusual for a strong bird like the Magpie to be troubled with a cold. You must have been keeping him under very adverse conditions. I should advise you to put his cage in a cosy corner of a room free from draughts, and try the effect of a few doses of chlorodyne. Stir 6 or 7 drops into each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, using a glass or pot vessel only, and giving fresh daily. Continue for a week or ten days, and see if it looks to be affecting an improvement. If so, give a few more doses on alternate days. Don't give it too strong.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

One of the Lories.

W. A. A. Your bird is one of the Lories; it is impossible to say which, unless you give a more detailed description of plumage. You did altogether wrong in altering the diet. Give ripe fruit, milk sop, boiled rice, and at this season a leaf of fresh and tender lettuce daily. Prepare milk sop as follows: Crush two "Oshorne" biscuits, put them into a pannikin with a teacupful of milk, boil, and when cool supply to the bird. Stop sopped bread and egg at once, and diet as above; it will then gradually get the better of its indisposition. Give on two occasions only a small biscuit into which you have soaked a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, leaving an interval of two days between. The above should be given first thing in the morning, and other food not given till it is consumed. This should help the bird to get rid of its indigestion, providing you give a wholesome diet, as above.

What Birds?

A.W.—(1) Nigerian Nightingale was just a fancy name to induce you to purchase them. They are Orange-cheeked Waxbills, natives of Africa. Their value you can easily ascertain by perusing the Foreign Bird advt. columns. Your cage is none too large for safely keeping birds in out of doors, but if you can keep it dry, and during very severe weather fasten sacking in front of the cage at nights, I am of opinion both these Zebrafinches will safely pass the winter out of doors; at any rate, so long as they appear cheerful, they will be all right. But if they begin to mope and sit huddled up in a lump, you had better take them in again at once for the winter. Diet: Canary, white, French and spray millet seeds, greenfood (chickweed, grass in flower, etc.); grit and water ad lib, for drinking and bathing. At this time of year you can get green fly from rose and fruit trees, they will be the better for it; (2): There is little doubt but what your bird is infested with lice of some kind. Catch him up and well soak him in quassia solution, repeating the operation every other day, till the bird appears comfortable again, which you can easily ascertain, for when tbe bird is free from the irritating attacks of the parasites, it will cease to pull its plumage.

Birds for Outdoor Aviaries.

Boyee.—(1).—A. Grey and Green Singing Finches, Aurora Finches, Common and Green Avadavats, Grey, Orange-cheeked, St. Helena and Zebra Waxbills, Ribbonfinches. B. Many of the above would come in this class also. Long-tail and Rufous-tail, Greenfinches, Diamond Sparrows, Madagascar and Napoleon Weavers, White Java Sparrows, Bengalese, Spice Birds, Silverbills, Bronze and White-headed Mannikins. If you do not wish to tie yourself to seed-eaters, of course I could enlarge the list with many beautiful species of Softbills. (2) 20 to 25 birds the size of a Norwich Canary. (3) You could keep any of the birds named in answer 1, with Canaries, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Siskins, Redpolls, brown Linnets, and Twites. (4) No birds can succeed without a fair amount of sun, and the aviaries should, if possible, have a southern aspect. The roofs also of such aviaries should overhang well, so as to throw the water clear of the aviary. The hardest of birds cannot succeed if the flooring and other woodwork become saturated. Damp kills quicker than anything. But with a little consideration of the situation the aviary is to stand in, such difficulties are easily overcome. Don't put your birds in till the aviaries have been made thoroughly weatherproof. If you do not go outside the birds named in this reply, supply canary, white, French and spray millet, greenfood, grit, a little fruit, and water for drinking and bathing. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in each aviary. If your need is not met, repeat query.

Breeding Quails in Outdoor Aviary

C. M. M.—Growing grass, etc., are necessary for them, and though two pairs of Quails of the same species will not agree together, I think you would find that one pair each of Common, Chinese, and African Harlequin Quails would agree, and probably breed. Neither need the presence of the Quails interfere with your keeping Finches and the smaller species of Dove together in the same aviary. In dry corners of the aviary put heaps of brushwood, and then leave the birds to themselves. I have two pairs of the Common Quail, one pair in each aviary. They practically live upon the seed the other birds scatter on the ground. In my aviary they have access to canary, millet, rape, hemp, wheat, dari, and "paddy" rice, and also soft food, a little of which I scatter on the ground for them. If any young are hatched out, you ought, for the first week or fortnight, to get living ants' cocoons for them; then they are sure to thrive. But they soon learn to pick up seed, and the soft food mixture. I certainly consider you stand a good chance of breeding them, or would have done if you had procured them earlier. But get your stock, and if they do not breed this season, they will be established in their quarters for next. Besides the corn diet my birds are very keen on the mealworms served out to the Softbills, etc., and generally manage to get their full share; any small maggots, smooth caterpillars, beetles, etc., you can capture for them will be greedily eaten.

Treating Green Parrot, etc.

"Hainault."—Your description is too vague for me to definitely name the bird, which is either a Ring-necked or Alexandrine Parrakeet. Neither species is costly, newly imported birds being often procurable for 7/6 each, and sometimes less, when the market is over-stocked. A talking bird in good feather would be worth anything from 30/- to 60/-, or more, according to its talent. Many Parrots will not bathe themselves; such must be lightly syringed and yours will take no harm therefrom, if you keep it out of draught till dry. Your diet is correct, but I prefer the following seed mixture:—Two parts each canary seed and oats, and one part each wheat, dari, small maize and hemp seeds; well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. Give 3 doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful in the drinking water with a day between each dose. Follow this by a course of Parrish's Chemical Food (making the drinking water the colour of pale port with it) and continue this till bird is through the moult. The bird should continue to do well, and soon recover condition. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee or milk sops, nor any kind of animal food.

Treatment for King Parrakeet.

Learner.—If you have a newly imported bird, I fear it will take you some months to get it into show condition. Keep it in a roomy cage, large enough for it to move about in freely without fraying or breaking its tail and wing feathers. Its principal diet should consist largely of canary seed and white millet, giving it a tablespoonful of the following three times a week:—Wheat, dari, and oats well mixed together. In addition, let it have such ripe fruit as it will eat, fresh lettuce as greenfood, piece of plain biscuit, few nuts, and a piece of clean cuttlefish, and also clean water for drinking continually in the cage. Do not give any sops, messes, or table scraps of any kind, or it will neither become nor keep fit. A little chemical food (see other replies), if it is a young bird, will be a help. It must be kept out of draught, but not coddled, nor kept in a vitiated atmosphere. If it will not bathe it must be lightly sprayed and carefully kept out of draught till dry.

Food for Tanagers.

Novice. — Tanagers require some live insects; mealworms are the mainstay in most instances, and four to half-a-dozen daily are ample. A good easily made soft food mixture consists of equal parts of crumbled sponge cake, ants' eggs (very best), dried flies, and fine ground silkworm pupæ in equal parts, well mixed and made crumbly moist. In addition let them have as much ripe fruit as they will eat, such as grapes, bananas, oranges; also our English fruits are freely eaten when in season. The other requirements are roomy cages, strict attention to cleanliness, and a daily bath, which should not be given inside the cage. The perches (natural ones are best) should be of varying thickness. If you do not care to mix your own food, consult our advert. columns; you will find several good ones advertised there. But that given above is simple and very easily prepared. Care must be exercised that stale bits of the soft food mixture are not left about the cage, and it must be freshly mixed daily, and any leavings from the previous day's supply thrown away.

Queen Parrakeet Dying.

M.C.—I much regret to hear of your loss. You are quite right; if anything goes wrong, it always seems to happen to the most valued bird. I do not advise chillies as a regular article of diet, but if one of my birds happens to be troubled with sneezing, then I give a few, but stop their use again on the cessation of sneezing. The quantity you name would do no harm, but is quite unnecessary. The diet you are giving your Kings is very satisfactory, and needs no adding to, especially for birds kept in cages. A small quantity of hemp during winter is an advantage providing it is not overdone. *Re* the bird you have lost, there was but little hope of its recovery when you first applied for advice, the one factor in its favour being the lengthened time it had continued in a diseased state, pointing to its being a strong bird and possessing possible rallying power. Before using the cage again for other birds, I should advise you to first paint it thoroughly over with carbolic acid, paying special attention to the crevices, afterwards thoroughly swilling it with boiling water and finishing off with a thorough swill with cold water. Leave it out of doors for a couple of days exposed to sun and air; it should then be quite safe to use again.

Brevities.

Parrot with Swelling (J. D.).—Glad to note bird is better, and that the case is not so serious as was anticipated. The probability is all will go on well, but a watch must be kept, and at the first sign of any recurrence of the swelling the treatment must be renewed. Continue Parrish's Chemical Food for at least a month, but if the bird shows any signs of a cold—put a teaspoonful of the mixture as under, with four teaspoonfuls of water, and supply only this liquid for drinking purposes till the cold yields. Mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts.

What Bird? (Enquirer).—It is evidently one of the *Platycerci*, but just which I cannot say offhand. It comes very near to Bauer's or Brown's Parrakeets, both uncommon species. There is not time to make a lengthy comparison before going to press. I will definitely name the bird for you in our next issue.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Young Yorkshire (M.L.B.).—This bird, and possibly your others, died of Canary fever. The infection must have been imported into your stock either by a strange bird or an infected cage.

Broken Green Canary (J. Macauly).—Answer to "M.L.B." exactly fits your case. Isolation of healthy looking birds into perfectly clean cages, and fumigation with sulphur, is suggested.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Turtle Dove Problems.

R.S.—1. Turtle Doves will winter in an outdoor aviary, and breed there. 2. Yes. Turtle Doves are different from Ring Doves, whether by "Ring Doves" you mean the tame fawn and white collared Dove, or the wild Wood Pigeon. They are, however, closely related to the tame Dove, and of the same size and shape, but pinkish-grey in colour, with back and wings chequered black and chestnut, and a chequered black and white patch on each side of the neck. They will hybridise with tame Doves, and the hybrids are sometimes fertile. 3. I don't know where you could get any at present, and if I did, could not recommend particular dealers; as you find, the only Doves commonly on sale are the tame ones. The best plan is to watch CAGE BIRDS advertisement columns, and, if writing for the birds, make it clear that the *wild* Turtle Dove, not the fawn or white tame Dove, is what you want and expect to get.

Breeding Young Pheasants.

G.H.H.—Young Pheasants should be fed on the same lines as young chickens, but they need better food. For the first week or two feed on hard-boiled egg rubbed fine through perforated zinc, and mixed with stale bread-crumbs, chopped lettuce, or raw onions, and, if convenient, dried ants' eggs and dried flies. Give also Canary and millet seed. Then, as they get older, you can gradually substitute chopped cooked meat for the egg, use more meal, and get them on by degrees to larger corn. If you can give them a turf daily (or let them run on grass), and supply plenty of well-scoured gentles, they will do particularly well.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

N.B.B. and M.C. (J. Houghton).—The secretaries of the National British Bird and Mule Club are Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, 2, Broad-street Station, London, E.C. You will, by-the-bye, find all these helpful details given in full in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

Wimbledon Show (H. Smith).—Your schedule, unfortunately reached us several days too late to permit of a notice being given in our last issue.

Falmouth Show (T. Burton).—Note reply to H. Smith this week, which also applies in your case, we regret to say.

A Peculiar Nesting Site (J. Thomas).—Many thanks for your interesting communication, which we shall hope to deal with next week.

Young Cuckoo (F. Nunn).—Accept our thanks for your letter, which, however, we could not publish as written, part of it being only suitable for our advertisement columns.

Glass Fountains (W. H. Lindley).—Could you not give fuller particulars? If you are referring to Mr. A. Jones, who brought out "Jones's Hygienic Fountain," then this gentleman is in Canada at present. The sanitary fountain bearing his name is sold by Messrs. Trower and Company, and possibly by others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RED MITE AMONG WILD BIRDS.

SIR,—I visited my home at Wallington, Surrey, recently, and being informed by my parents of a pair of Greenfinches having nested in the garden, I inspected a large laburnum tree and discovered the nest with three young ones in it about three weeks old. On examining the nest and the young birds closely, I found them simply swarmed with lice or red mite; I never saw such a sight before. The pests were actually crawling over the beaks of the young birds. Yet they appeared very strong and healthy. Can any of your readers account for such a state of things? S. G. QUELCH.

A PARRAKEET THAT FLIES WHERE IT PLEASES.

SIR,—Some of your readers will possibly be interested to know that I have in my possession a ring-neck Parrakeet (*Palaeornis torquata*)—a cock bird and a very fine specimen in splendid plumage. I have had it 12 years; it was brought to me when it was quite a young bird from Bombay. I can let it fly at liberty from its cage out of doors, and it will return to its cage after flying about during the day. On one or two occasions it has been out all night. I might say that this place is very isolated and situated in a large park with plenty of woods and tall trees. I should like to know if anyone else has kept these Parrakeets and let them at liberty? Of course this bird is exceedingly tame and will come to me when called by its name.

W. STRIPP.

SKYLARKS BREEDING IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—I am anxious to know if breeding Skylarks in confinement is a rare thing? I am, I may say, doing so. I have a greenhouse and am growing tomatoes, bird seeds and weeds. I have three hens and a cock bird exceedingly tame. I had one nest hatched ten days ago and another eight days ago, and had three young hatched, two of which have died. I think I can blame myself for this in giving them too many mealworms. The one which is left is going on all right and runs about the greenhouse. The other eggs were fertile. The second hen hatched one young which died the second day. In trimming the tomatoes yesterday morning I found another nest of three eggs. This morning there's four. I shall be pleased to answer any enquiries, or if any of your numerous readers would like to see the conditions I am breeding under I should be pleased to fix up an appointment. G. HOFF.

5, Fawcett Road, Southsea.

[Doubtless our correspondent will have seen the letter on this subject which appeared in our columns in the issue of June 27th.—EDITOR.]

IS IT A RECORD?

Some Curious Experiences.

SIR,—Would any of your readers kindly tell me, through CAGE BIRDS, whether this is a record? I have a Roller cock paired with a Norwich hen. They went to nest with five eggs. Four of the eggs hatched out five chicks, and on breaking the remaining egg I found a fully-developed chick inside; it was dead, of course. I have still the five chicks alive and all seem to be doing well. They were hatched on the 20th and 21st of June. To pick out the twins is merely guess-work, but all who have seen them, have picked on the same two. Another strange thing about them is this: when they were eight days old I changed their nest, separating the supposed twins, which till then had laid side by side. On looking into the nest the next day I again found them side by side. Now, some say there must have been six eggs, but I am positive there were only five. Being a collier, I am not at home during the day, so could not give the hen a bath midday, as recommended by some fanciers, third and second day before the eggs were due to hatch out; I immersed the eggs in tepid water for a few seconds, and, this on two separate evenings, so I am sure of the number of eggs.

CHAS. CLIFFORD.

SIR,—I see in your valuable columns that "Son of the Rock" asks for information as to whether a nest of seven eggs laid by a green hen Canary on consecutive days is a record? I have a young Yorkshire hen which has laid two nests of seven eggs successively this year. The first egg she laid on April 21st. The first egg in the second sitting she laid on May 19th, and had seven eggs by the 24th. Both nests of eggs were fertile. Is this a record or is it uncommon?

A YOUNG BEGINNER.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

A VARIEGATED SPARROW.

SIR,—Being an old reader of CAGE BIRDS, I am naturally interested in all kinds of birds. A month ago people around here were all trying to catch a "variegated Canary," but it flew into my bedroom window, and I found that it was nothing more nor less than a Sparrow. He is variegated very much both on head, back, breast and wings, with silver grey, and his beak is longer than a Sparrow's—more like that of a Goldfinch. J. S.

NEW SOCIETY FOR WINDSOR AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to call the attention of bird-fanciers and breeders in Windsor, Eton, Slough, and the surrounding neighbourhood to the fact that a meeting will be held at the "Star and Garter," Peascod Street, Windsor, on Thursday, 16th July. The object of the meeting is to start a cage bird society. I trust all who are interested in birds will make a special effort to be present.

A. GREEN.

SOMETHING LIKE PRECOCITY!

SIR,—I paired a pair of Canaries and the hen laid three eggs, and two hatched. When they were just old enough to do a little for themselves, I had to remove them owing to the parent birds plucking them. They were then six weeks old. After removal one of them showed signs of being soft. I gave it a drop of castor oil, and three days afterwards I was very much surprised to find that one of them had laid an egg. I have brought this under your notice in the hope that you or any of your readers might be able to refer to a similar case. I may mention that I have been a breeder of Canaries for about 43 years.

THOMAS BLACK.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE GREENFINCH.

SIR,—I see from your columns that Miss Lily Butler wants to know if my five young Greenfinches are being reared by Greenfinches or fostered by a hen Canary? I should like to tell her that they are being reared by the Greenfinches themselves, and are in an ordinary 24-inch breeding-cage. All are doing well and look like becoming fine large birds. All I have to do is to keep them clean and supply them with plenty of food, which consists of hard-boiled egg, crushed hemp-seed and plenty of green-food. The other day I gave them a green pea shell, which was soon gone, so I gave them another with the peas in. The consumption of food (by all seven of them) is simply marvellous. Just lately I have added to my aviary five more young Greenies. A fine, strong Norwich Canary has got the job to rear them. She has taken well to them, and they are doing fine. C. OSBORN.

"SWEATING" HENS AND THEIR CAUSE.

SIR,—I regret I cannot help your correspondent, Mr. Clegg, by throwing further light on the subject of "sweating" hens, so-called, as suggested by Mr. Crisp in CAGE BIRDS, June 27th. I can only suggest a more natural treatment during the nesting season—*i.e.*, ventilation. Just, for example, compare the usual nesting arrangements of the domestic Canary with a wild Finch. The Canary is usually given a felt-lined earthenware vessel, which she lines with some soft material, such as hair or wool. The cage is generally of the box fashion, and kept in a close room. The Finch in nature builds a loose nest of moss, grass, and feathers, or hair, in the fork of a tree branch. If any moisture is given off from the bird's body or eggs, as suggested, it cannot collect with such a free circulation of air. And it is reasonable to expect that the heat given off from moist bodies should have a tendency to moisture, although there may be no sweat glands.

J. W. CUTMORE.

WHAT IS "QUALITY" LINNET SONG?

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, in answer to "Constant Reader." It seems this gentleman went to hear a quality singing contest when the birds must have given their worst display of the true Linnet song. I have been to many a contest and have seen all the best birds missed. This is where the novices get a chance. If it is a quality contest, no matter how poor the song is, the judges have to give the prizes to the birds which have done best. Good quality singing Linnets are very scarce, but should "Constant Reader" ever hear one, I am confident he will be delighted. He mentions they should not be taught by a German Roller. Well, as a matter of fact, I have never heard one taught with a German Roller. I have heard them run as long as a Roller but in a different tone and style. I don't think anyone has ever heard a Linnet sing the Roller song in the exact tone. I have known Linnet fanciers put young Linnets under a good Roller, but when the Linnets have sung their song it has not been in the tone of their schoolmasters, nor yet in the same style. I see in last week's CAGE BIRDS two gentlemen reply to "Constant Reader's" letter. Mr. T. Jump writes a very sensible letter, and I agree with every word he writes. The other gentleman, who signs himself "A Lover of the Linnet," I beg to differ with. I am only a young man myself, but as this gentleman says he is a young fancier I hope he wont think me impertinent if I point out his mistakes. He says a good "quality" Linnet should start his song with scraping. This is wrong. The first note should be chattering, with a few turns—viz., tat, tat, tat, chat, chat, chat, tonic, tonic, tonic. Here are two turns, and very nice they sound, but, of course, the longer they run it the better. I don't wish to go into the song, but I should like "A Lover of the Linnet" to explain what "titing" and "jowing" are. Perhaps he means "tittering," from the Titlark. "Jowing" is a bad note here and we spell it "joeing." If it is the wish of any reader, I will write the song of the Linnet and where we get it from.

FRED ALLEN.

P.S.—I wish to thank "Hull Linnet Singer," whoever he may be, for his most flattering remarks concerning my Linnet whistling at their Whitsuntide contest.

A DAY IN EPPING FOREST.

SIR,—I should be obliged if Mr. J. S. Clarke, the writer of the article bearing the above title, would say if it is better to go to Loughton or Chingford, and if the two places are far apart? Also if the lake with an island in it and where people may be seen rowing about in pleasure boats (distance, perhaps, ten minutes walk from Chingford Station), is Connaught Waters? Also is "Fairmeads Bottom"—the home of the Nightingale—far from this? I have only been twice (Chingford each time) for a few hours, and then for the pleasure of hearing the Nightingale's song chiefly. "PHILOMEL."

ANOTHER CAPTIVE CUCKOO.

SIR,—When reading my CAGE BIRDS on Friday I noticed Mr. W. Linsey's letter about his Cuckoo, which he had given to him on June 6th. Now, I may say that I have a Cuckoo which I found in a Hay Tit's nest. From Mr. Linsey's statements, I think my Cuckoo is much the same as his own. Still, I think that while his bird finds that he can get the food put into his throat, he will not trouble to pick it up for himself. Referring to the food, I give my bird crushed hemp, bread-crumbs, and hard-boiled egg, which he fairly enjoys. I may say that I am only a novice in bird-keeping, but according to the look of my Cuckoo I think he will turn out a beauty. F. NUNN.

A POINT ABOUT EXCHANGING.

Who Should Send on First?

SIR,—I have had many replies to my numerous advertisements in CAGE BIRDS, but, with one single exception, all were marked "send on." I am therefore very satisfied with the results of my advertisements, but I think it well to bring this point to your notice. Now, everyone has a right to see that they are not cheated, and I also at times have tried to buy on the "send on" system, too. But when I do business I do it squarely, so that my conscience may be kept clear. And, whether selling, buying, or exchanging, to be asked to "send on" every time is rather too much for my sense of the fitness of things. I have "sent on" more than once since I have begun dealings in birds, and have got myself properly "done" sometimes, and it is many years since such lessons taught me a wrinkle or two worth knowing. A person does not go on in that sort of business for nearly 40 years without paying for his education, nor yet without finding out that "honesty is the best apology," as an old woman once told me. In all these years I have had very few complaints about my transactions, and have had as much as £7 "sent on" to me before parting with my goods. I hold that the person advertising and offering to take an article in exchange instead of cash for goods offered is the one having the right to see what is offered before parting with the same. If that is not so, I shall be pleased to learn the opinion of any of your numerous readers on the matter. ALICK BLAIR.

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A SIMPLE METHOD OF CRUSHING HEMPSEED.

SIR,—To crush hemp, and any other kinds of seed, I find this a very quick and simple way. First take an empty grit bag (one of those usually sold as 3d. bags). Place your hemp-seed inside the bag, and then put it through the mangle, when your seed will be quite ready for use. You can crush about 2lbs. in less than a minute. Those who cannot afford to buy a hemp mill will find this very useful and simple; no wheels to get clogged up, and no cleaning is to be done afterwards.

JOS. PLANT.

PRODUCTION OF LIGHT-MULING STRAINS.

SIR,—In reply to "Old Hand" I believe there is no certain method known of producing a light-muling strain of Canaries. If we knew this we would soon, all of us, have light-muling hens galore. I am sure many of the first-class strains were bred originally from a chance hen which happened to throw light. If you have not this tendency in the Canaries you are using, you may go on breeding and in-breeding in vain. A genuine light-muling hen which possesses pink eyes, undoubtedly shows by that feature that she has cinnamon blood in her veins, although it may, and probably will, exist in a very minute quantity—how much, I cannot say. There are black-eyed as well as pink-eyed light-muling strains, and I do not think it is absolutely necessary for a muling strain to carry cinnamon blood. A certain strain may contain a certain percentage of cinnamon blood and another equally as good for throwing light may be entirely without it. I hope the majority of old hands will open out and give us some wrinkles in the near future, as I think the most of us thirst for more knowledge in connection with this branch of the hobby. If you will permit me, I would like to congratulate Mr. Waterman on his decisive and popular victory in your Essay Competition. J. W. DICKSON.

DANDELION AND YOUNG BIRDS.

SIR,—I have tried dandelion for the first time recently, and my experience was that what suits one bird often upsets another. One cock went very dull and heavy, while the other sang and became more than ever lively. Directly I stopped the dandelion leaves the former was alright. I find the seeds very beneficial. We are right out in the country here, at Winchfield, and live in the woods, and so get plenty of birds, Pheasants principally. Jackdaws fly about in droves, and Jays and Wood Pigeons are soon found by their clamouring noises. The little birds fared very badly during the early nesting season and several were found dead on their nests. It was quite common to find their nests forsaken. There seems to be an increase of Whitethroats this year. I have not been out on the heath to look for nests, as a rumour is about that adders are increasing. I am, I think, best away. There do not seem to be so many Thrushes or Blackbirds. What there are of them are so tame that one Blackbird was trying to get in our house with a Jay this morning. The Bullfinch nests seem difficult to find. We hear and see the old birds and that is as far as we get. The foliage, too, is now very thick round here. MISS A. MARSHALL.

SIR,—Mr. St. John says I must not jump to the conclusion that he is not a believer in dandelion. I don't know that I did jump to any conclusion; but I could not help but infer from his former letter that he was not particularly enamoured of it. It now seems he is a great believer in it, although he advises its use with discrimination, and not all the year round. I certainly don't use it all the year round for the simple reason that for at least three months in the year it can't be got (except in the neighbourhood of Dudley). But Mr. St. John doesn't advise its use in the breeding-room—i.e., for feeding young. Now, I don't think any harm can accrue from its use if used sensibly; and I have no sympathy with breeders who get hold of a whole nest of dandelion and throw it into the cage three or four times a day. The hens can't eat it all, even if they wanted to, and the rest generally dries up and helps to fill up the cage with dirt. But sometimes it does happen that a hen will eat more than what is good for her (or the young ones), consequently, the young birds getting too much of the food that acts on a particular organ, or organs of the bird's body, it is almost sure to set up some illness foreign to the bird's nature. Therefore it should be used with discretion. Now we all know that dandelion, when used medicinally on the human body, acts as a diuretic; therefore, we must infer that it must act on the liver and kidneys of birds, clearing the system from the effects of the use of the unnatural food—egg and bread, or biscuit. My mode of procedure is as follows:—I give dandelion, chickweed, and lettuce alternately after the first week in the first nest, and about two or three days old in the later nest. But I don't give them handfuls. One small leaf of dandelion or lettuce, or two or three sprays of chickweed, as the case may be, for the first few days suffices; and I increase it as the young get older; but I never give more than three leaves of dandelion at a time or in one day. To use dandelion judiciously will not do harm, but good; as it prevents the liver and kidneys of birds from getting clogged up; it thereby enables those organs to perform the functions natural to them. But to give delicate young Canaries three or four handfuls a day, to say the least, is little short of idiotic.

"TEMPUS OMNIA REVELAT."

GOLDFINCHES' NESTS CONTAINING SIX EGGS.

SIR,—I have just had brought to my notice what I take to be a rather unique instance of Goldfinch nesting. I have for years known of a few Goldfinches' nests, but never in my experience have I found more than two or three nests where there were six eggs to the clutch. Last season three nests were found in a gentleman's garden within a stone's throw of each other, each nest consisting of six eggs, all of which proved fertile. The young were all raised. The parent birds were all very small specimens. Another nest in a neighbouring garden had six eggs which were all hatched. For the past three or four years the nests I have known and watched belonged to birds which were poor, small birds. Why they have so deteriorated in this district (Ramsey) I cannot say. They have bred very numerously about here of late years, thanks to the various Acts in protecting them. I have often thought (though I cannot of course prove it) that it is the continual in-breeding of them which is causing the smallness of the birds. I noticed they generally bred in the same gardens and trees. If they are not the original birds they are the offspring, which come again to the district and select their old abodes. It will probably be some years before we get an exhibition bird from this district, judging from what I have seen, although there is plenty of the right kind of food always at hand. The question is, how do you account for their being so small? On a large estate six miles away over 20 nests were known last year, and on another estate nine miles away 12 were found. None of these were allowed to be touched, as the keepers protected them.

T. H. KINCH.

THE COLOUR-FEEDING OF CANARIES.

SIR,—I am writing you a few lines as a protest against a few remarks made by Mr. J. Hutchinson in his lecture, recently delivered before the members and friends of the Kilmarnock C.B.F.S., and reported by you under the heading of "The Colour-feeding of Canaries," in the issue of the 13th June. I waited to see if someone more gifted with the pen would deal with the question. In his lecture he compares the giving of colour-food to Canaries with the gardener giving his flowers various artificial manures. Now, as a professional gardener I cannot let this pass unchallenged. First let me say I have no scruples about giving colour-food. I think the birds look the better for it, and therefore I practice it. Mr. Hutchinson, however, must have a curious idea of the effect of artificial manure on the colour of flowers. Certainly on some it makes the colour brighter, by invigorating the plant which bears it; in much the same way as a good walk through country lanes would bring a touch of colour to the faded cheeks of some poor London lass. But in the case of flowers being fed with artificials, the colour would remain normal. My practical experience has taught me that artificials do not always improve colour. Might I be allowed to point out to Mr. Hutchinson that he would have been nearer the mark if he had likened the bird-keeper giving his Canaries a dose of Parrish's Chemical Food or byno phosphates to the gardener giving his plants a dose of artificial manure. Both are tonics and stimulants, not colour-feeds. I have noticed the mistake quite frequently reported in the Press. There is nothing in common with the two methods. Until the gardener gives his white flowers copious waterings of whitewash, and his beetroots Venetian red, and douses his blue violas with Rickett's blue, and his yellow dahlias with yellow ochre, I maintain he is free from the colour-feeding habit.

GEORGE J. JOHNSON.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Some counties have a good reputation for bird life, while others are either not much frequented by wild creatures, or are sadly neglected by the ornithologist. We fear the county of Hertford is one of the latter, for according to a Herts contemporary the district is rich in bird life. Looking down a heavy list, we noticed the following scarce species included: Little Owl, Buzzard, Bittern, Shoveller, Golden Plover, Green Sandpiper, Grebe, and others; while the Nightingale, Whinchat, Blackcap, Goldfinch, and Hawfinch are mentioned as plentiful.

British Birds: Some Practical Hints on their Management.

By W. H. COMMINS.

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Thrushes, Starlings, Blackbirds, Magpies, Jays, Ring-Ousels, etc., can have Indian meal, peameal, oatmeal, or barley-meal, and ripe fruits of nearly all kinds. These birds will eat all the larger varieties of insects that are to be got.

The oftener they bathe, the harder and better will be the condition of their plumage. Rain-water will be found to be the best for all birds, if you save it, which is easily done by keeping a barrel under the main stack-pipe which takes away the water from the roof. You must, of course, be careful to clean the barrel when it is dirty. Clean out the bottoms of the cages and put plenty of dry sand in.

On Keeping Hardbills.

I will now deal with Hard-bills. They must be kept as quiet as possible for a few days in a low, flat cage, such as are used by trappers for keeping hen birds of different kinds in. Bruise the seed for some days, and have "droppers," that is, tins containing water placed over the drinkers on the top of the cage. This is done so that the continual dropping of water may show the birds where the water is. The greater part of the number of Hard-bills that die, die from want of water, and not from want of seed. Do not give them any of their wild food at first. All the Finch family, and especially the smaller species, prefer hemp seed slightly cracked, or what some call bruised, and a little Canary seed and inga at first. Give freshly-cracked seed twice a day for a few days. For young birds this requires to be cracked for two or even three weeks, as their bills are very tender; but when they are older, for nine or ten days will do. Then gradually wean them on to sound seed.

This will suit Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Siskins, etc., but Chaffinches and the Buntings, etc., require some insect food of some sort or the other, according to the time of the year when they are caught. A great many of them will live without insects, but it is much the best to give them mealworms, which will keep them right.

When to Catch Hardbills.

There are good and bad times for trapping Hardbills, and birds which are partly Hardbills. When the breeding season is over and the time for trapping arrives, we have fine weather as a rule. Then comes the flighting season, lasting for six or eight weeks. The first nest birds by that time get fine and strong, and are on the move. Depend upon it, these are the birds of the future—birds which, when properly tamed and trained, make first-class show birds. After the flight season is over in the fall of the year, and all birds are moulted off, those of the different species flock together. Our summer visitors are gone weeks before now, and we get wind, rain, and rough weather at this time, so that the birds that remain have to search about for their food. The seeds get blown away, and what remain got water-soaked. They are consequently poorer in condition when caught, and much harder to tame; and if you are not very careful you will lose a lot of those caught at this time.

After the birds are on seed, having been caught say two weeks, it is advisable to cage them off, as where there are a lot of cock birds there are quarrels and fights, which do them harm. They get on better if put in small cages at first, and when tamed put into the one you intend to keep them in.

Some get tame in a few weeks, while others take months. By carefully and often handling the small cage, the birds get tame very quickly.

The Question of Diet.

For Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, the Buntings, and Larks, a mixed diet of seeds, soft-food, and any or all in turn of the afore-mentioned insects can be given. Do for the Hardbills or seed-eaters, all that you do for the Softbills, in caging and cleaning out, giving water and baths. For Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches, Siskins, Redpolls, and Twites, the food to be given as a standing diet should be three parts Canary and one part of hemp seed. You can give maw seed, just a pinch of teazle, thistle, linseed, inga, and summer rape. Almost all of this group will eat groats, which do them good.

The Hawfinch and Greenfinch will do well on hemp, Canary, and sunflower seeds. Goldfinches and Bullfinches will eat the small sunflower seeds, providing these have been previously bruised.

The smaller varieties of this group when moulting should have plenty of maw seed and extra hemp, which must be bruised; all that will eat egg-food should have it. I advised as a standing diet for this group three parts Canary and one of hemp seed. It works well with all except the Goldfinch, and that is the reason so many die; they are not properly treated. Give them three parts hemp and one of Canary seed, and fill the seed hopper every day, blowing away the husks before giving fresh seed.

Nearly all the birds of this group in their wild state live on seed of some kind or the other, and only a few will eat berries after they have taken to cage life, and that usually in the following spring. As the seeds, pods, leaves, and berries come along they can be given to them. Dandelion leaves and pods are the first that come; give about three pods a day while they are to be got. Pinch the tops before giving them to the birds as it saves a lot of fluff being blown about. All the wild seeds, leaves, and berries are good for them, but do not overdo it. Watercress, lettuce, and the flowering tops of groundsel may also be given, but they should be allowed to stand in water for some hours before being given.

Do not give *any* green food during frosty weather but only fresh green food; and the waste leaves, stems, or pods should be taken away at night.

When the toe-nails or back claws get too long and hook too much round the perches, carefully cut them with a sharp knife or a pair of scissors. If the feet are dirty carefully wash them in warm water.

Training for the Show Bench.

I have told you the time to get birds and the way to manage them; now let us consider them in relation to the show bench. You must train or educate the birds which you intend showing to be as steady as possible—train them so that anyone may be able to handle them without fear. The bird should be able to show itself off at its best.

In the first place get the birds to go from the stock cages to the show cages without fear. Devote plenty of time and patience in educating them to know and enjoy the show cages. The birds will become quite used to the handling of the cages, and will simply hop quickly backwards and forwards from perch to perch, which is the right sort of activity. Such activity shows good health and displays a Britisher at his best.

Either make or buy proper show cages, suiting the species of bird you intend showing. If you do not care to make them you will see cages advertised in CAGE BIRDS every week. Get the birds in the cages a day or so before showing. Be careful to show them in the right classes provided for them, and if your birds do not succeed at first try again, say, under another judge, for what pleases one judge does not always please others. Judges have their favourite species. Visit some of the best cage bird shows and exhibit a few of your specimens there also. You can then compare them with others. If you are beaten you will know where your failing is, and do not rest content until you succeed.

Master the routine of keeping your birds up to the highest level of perfection, and endeavour to maintain them in that condition, for then they are fit for admiring, exhibiting, or selling.

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HOW I BREED AND REAR LINNET-CANARY MULES.

By N. Bourne.

(Continued from page 574.)

When you see the hen sitting on the nest all night, watch next morning for her to come off; then take the egg out and put a dummy egg in its place. Do the same thing each morning until you have got three eggs. Then take the Linnet away and put the three eggs back; if the nest is very poorly made improve it before putting the eggs into it, and dust it well with insect powder.

Some Linnets will break all the eggs as soon as the hen leaves the nest; so you will have to watch the Linnet pretty closely. When your birds are paired up you must give the Linnet mixture to both birds, and when the hen has started to sit, give Canary seed alone. The eggs require sitting on for 14 days.

After the Mules are Hatched.

Give the Linnet mixture again as soon as the Mules are hatched and a teaspoonful of egg-food twice or three times a day. Also give a little green food twice or three times a day after the young are three or four days old; I prefer dandelion to any other green food.

If the Canary is a good feeder the young Mules will leave the nest when they are 15 or 16 days old, and will be ready to be caged off when about 24 or 25 days old.

If the Canary commences to build again or begins plucking the young ones, you must put the young in a nursery cage and hang it on to the front of the open door of the breeding-cage. Some Linnets will feed the young Mules; a good many, however, will not, and will soon kill them all, if permitted to do so. The hen will feed them through the wires; if the wires are not wide enough apart, you must bend some of the wires back. Put food in the nursery cage (seed, egg-food, and water) so that the young will learn to feed themselves. Of course, nursery cages can be bought ready-made, but you can make an old Linnet cage answer the purpose very well.

By the time your Mules are ready to be taken away, the hen will have laid again. If you see the Linnet feeding the Mules through the wires of the nursery cage, you will know what to do with the next nest—you can leave him with the hen in the breeding cage. You will be lucky if you get a Linnet which will not break the eggs and which will feed the young Mules.

You can keep breeding until August comes in, but avoid having young Mules in August, as the weather will be too cold for them during the moult. Continue to give the young birds egg-food after they are taken from their parents, gradually weaning them from it on to the Linnet mixture already described. Do not attempt to put the Mules in flight cages, or else you will have them killed, they are so wild in their natures; keep them in a breeding cage for a while together. They will do like this until after the moult, when they should be caged off into Linnet cages, one in each cage, when you will soon be able to tell the cocks by their song.

You may be lucky and get a light Mule good enough to show at the Exhibition, but the price they want for genuine sib-bred hen Canaries puts them out of the working-man's reach. These notes were penned with the idea of helping those fellow-fanciers who are desirous of breeding dark Mules for singing. I hope this present season will find many a working-man fancier breeding his first Mules.

Penguin Eggs.

The eggs of the Penguin are noted for their exceedingly rich flavour. They are nourishing and easy of digestion, and are eaten by all classes in South Africa. The government of Cape Colony protects the birds to ensure a regular supply of eggs. The eggs are collected until the middle of August, when the old birds are allowed to rear the young. This is no doubt wise policy, but there is just the question as to the stamina of the young birds: will they continue to be strong and healthy? The old birds must to an extent be worn out before they are allowed to propagate the species.

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(Continued from page 590).

My Indigo Buntings—*continued.*

I say it with no egotistical spirit, that I consider those birds which rear their young exclusively on animal food are far the most difficult to breed. Indigos are no exception. They absolutely refuse to feed on anything but "live bait." Hence I think a gold medal should be given for rearing them, or better still unlimited mealworms.

The hen, as in many savage races, has nearly all the work to do: her labours are early and late. The cock sits perched on a very lofty twig and warbles approval, or finds fault like so many human fathers when things go a little wrong. When the young are getting to an interesting stage he takes a little more notice of them, and goes so far as to give them an occasional meal, but as Phil Robinson once said of his wife, when she asked to be allowed to keep a pet Canary, "God help the little bird if he has to depend on you for his food!"

Some human fathers are like my fickle Papa Indigo. They can't stand a flabby baby, but they like the chicks when they begin to take a bit of notice. Papa Indigo is the same. He first becomes fully conscious of his duties when the youngsters are beginning to cover their nakedness and to look a bit decent!

At first, the young are very dark in colour, like young Bullfinches, but naked as Robins, as we say up here. But why is a Robin naked? When the quills begin to show they look very much like a man that makes shaving badly. My children sometimes say to me, "Father, you are blue to-night." The coat of the young Indigos is a sober brown, and the old birds feed them for a long time after they leave the nest. In the same aviary was a pair of Nonpareils, and they too reared a nest at the same time as the Indigos. Mrs. Nonpareil was always mistress of the situation and took care to have first go at the food. If Mrs. Indigo ventured to try to get first served, she soon found she had to go with a flea in her ear. It was amusing to see Mrs. Nonpareil helping herself, and when her beak was full, off she would fly to the nest, and then poor little Mrs. Indigo made the best use of her opportunity, and off she would pop to her nest, and so the work went on, early and late.

I must say I never had a more interesting or yet more anxious experience than I had in breeding the Indigo Finch, and I am thankful to be able to say with Shakespeare, "All's well that ends well." The young are little brown birds like the hen.

Chapter XIV.—My White-Crested Jay Thrushes.

In Trinidad there is a certain little brown fish called the Cascaledon, possessing a flavour of the most subtle, entrancing, and captivating description. So much so, indeed, that it is said that if a man eat of it, he shall never leave Trinidad. None, having once partaken, are able to tear themselves away from the fish. All the helpless creatures can do is to succumb, and live and eat and die within reach of it.

That is much my present position. Some two years ago I was reluctantly compelled to give up birds, as I then thought, for ever. So certain was I of this, that I not only sold the birds, but even pulled down the aviaries on the principle, I believe, of removing temptation; and yet, here I am to-day, with bird fever as bad as ever.

I am beginning in a very humble way, with only just a few pairs, and yet, I am just as keen to begin as a heifer is after salt, but still I bear in mind the old Latin motto: *Festina lente*—"Go slowly."

In getting together a collection of birds you must bide your time and make your opportunity. *Dimedium facti, qui bene cepit, habet.* This is not intuitive wisdom on my part, but is gathered slowly and painfully among the thorns of experience. The longer I live, the more difficult do I find it to secure birds out of the common; so many, apparently, are on the look-out, that it becomes almost as hard to secure a strange bird, as it does for one of the unfortunate crowd to get a job in the London Docks in winter time.

Now, in starting to keep birds afresh, I find one of the greatest difficulties is to secure pairs. If you can get a cock you can't get a hen, or vice versa. Man is sent into the world unfinished. Nature seems to say to him, "You are incomplete; I have made the other part of you, but I do not remember where I put it, and you will have to hunt for it." It is much the same with birds—the pairs are there if only you can find them.

One day, during the recent Whitsuntide holidays, I took my youngest boy to Hull for the day, and while there called upon a certain well-known dealer, as in duty bound, to see what he might have. Amongst other birds I noticed two White-crested Jay Thrushes in a big cage. These the dealer declared to be a pair, but on this point I was like Hans Breitmann "Skebdigal," as the reputed lady kept on the bottom perch, like the immortal Mrs. Gummidge, in a very forlorn and subdued manner. However, the dealer, being a good sort, offered to allow me to take the birds home and try them in an aviary. I gladly accepted the offer, only to find my judgment instantly confirmed, for the reputed hen spent the whole day in seeking first for one city of refuge and then another and to save "his" life I had to remove him to other quarters. It was now a question of "Cherchez la femme."

Half a Wife Better than None.

Happening to write to a bird-friend, announcing my return to the birdy world and asking him if there was anything he had he could offer me, he returned a long list, and amongst others I saw scheduled a Crested Indian Thrush. I accordingly wrote off for it on the chance that it might be a White-crested Jay Thrush and a lady to boot. A few days later the bird came to hand, and whatever else it might claim to be, it certainly belonged to the ragged regiment. I felt sure, however, at the first glance that I had got a hen, and my private opinion was at once confirmed by the cock when I introduced the stranger, for after contemplating each other for a moment with the most intense curiosity, they went off into a perfect shout of welcome. I think the cock's shout was one of astonishment. The hen was perfectly naked from the middle of the breast, and to increase the grotesque effect she had three broken and disjointed feathers in her tail. However, the gentleman apparently considered that half a wife was better than none, and very soon they were seated amiably side by side. The enjoyment of female society, like other things, depends upon the scarcity!

I feed the Thrushes on my own mixture—which, of course, with pardonable egotism, I think to be the best in the world—and a fair supply of mealworms and "black clocks." The poor clocks have a bad time. Each leg is chopped off scientifically before the body is swallowed. The Thrushes are evidently vivisectionists on principle—much like the old lady who, after listening to a very violent anti-vivisectionist sermon, remarked, "It is, perhaps, all true, but I must confess that I like to eat my oysters alive!"

I cannot say that the Thrushes are "sweet singers," like David. Their voices are loud and persistent; probably they would describe their song ("more David") as "making a cheerful noise." If any fresh food is put into their dish they exclaim at the top of their voice, "Pow, pow, pow, pow—pow, pow," reminding one irresistibly of Hadyn's remark on hearing the singing of a Presbyterian congregation, "Ach, Gott is merciful!"

In appearance, my friends are of plain and sober garb, dressed in russet brown, with white heads and waistcoats, and elongated black eye patches. They have a curious habit of playing leap-frog over each other's back sideways—a most comical sight.

(To be continued.)

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THE COLOUR-FEEDING OF CAGE BIRDS.

By Mr. DOOLAN.

Being a Lecture delivered before the members and friends of the Ayr and District C.B.S. on May 30th.

Having been asked by our worthy secretary to give you a lecture I thought, considering the time of year, I might do worse than make "The Colour-feeding of Cage Birds" my subject. Now, colour-feeding by many weak-minded fanciers is termed "faking." This term I do not altogether like. Do not poultry exhibitors dress the combs and legs of their birds with oil or vaseline, as the case may be, before sending them to shows? Do not pigeon fanciers try to improve their birds before exhibiting them? And what of the "doggy" men? Even the gardener resorts to chemicals and manures of various kinds to improve his flowers and plants. Yet who would accuse him or any of the others of faking, and where would they be to-day if they had not used such things to assist them in their work?

The Value of Colour-feed.

What then is colour-feeding? Is it faking? Certainly not, so long as it is done when the birds are moulting. Some people, again, ask why we should colour-feed birds at all? Our answer to that is, because it improves them so to do. What would a Norwich Plainhead be like without colour-feed; and what would a Border Fancy be without colour-feed?

Some of you, I see, question this statement; but on this point I am personally quite clear. What would a dark Mule or Hybrid be without colour-feed, and of wild birds, in whose cases colour-feed has been proved of the greatest value, their name is legion. Colour-feeding, then, is a necessity if you wish to keep abreast with the times. I consider it, too, quite legitimate.

Having, I trust, proved my case, is it not more fancier-like to adopt this plan, than to resort to the weekly moult? I hope you quite understand what I mean; for those of you who do not, I may refer to hand-painting with such materials as diamond dyes and Condy's fluid, or the well-known permanganate of potash, etc., etc. What, then, is colour-feeding? What do we do when we colour-feed? that is the question.

Colour-feeding is making more or less than the employment of something called "colour-feed" for the improvement of the colour in birds, which is theirs by nature. For you must bear in mind that if the colour is not there to begin with, you cannot produce it by colour-feeding. Here, then, another question arises. Say you have colour-fed your birds for a season and failed to get what is required on the show bench. This at once, and in itself, proves that there is something wrong. A change of blood is necessary. I know I am on very debatable ground. If you double-yellow, or double-buff, for a few seasons, you will no doubt improve your colour; but then, you will also lose type, without which you will be absolutely left behind. Green, Cinnamon, and Lizard Canaries are all foundations of colour, each one having its advocates; but use any of them too freely, and what is the result? The whole of your stock becomes variegated and green in colour—not a clear bird among them. The free use of these would also have a strong tendency towards the production of dark beak and legs; although these are not serious faults; yet in a clear show-bird it certainly tells against it.

The Kinds Considered.

When colour-feeding was first introduced the article used was hot cayenne pepper, and by the judicious use of hot pepper it is quite possible to bring a bird to almost any shade of colour you desire; but since those days there has been quite a lot of cool and tasteless peppers put on the market, samples of which will be submitted to you to-night. There is no getting away from the fact that if you want to be at the top of the tree hot pepper is *the* thing; that is, providing your birds will eat it. Some birds will eat it ravenously, while others will refuse point-blank to have anything to do with it. Some of the cool peppers are greater colour-producers than others.

A great many fanciers contend that peppers are not injurious, but with this I cannot agree. It certainly does birds no good, except to improve the colour of the plumage.

How to Feed.

Now, when first you decide what vendor you are going to get your feed from, mind you don't stick at 3d. or 6d. a lb., for a good food is worth all the difference you can pay. Having decided on your vendor and your colour-feed, you must next have suitable cages; I prefer those of the box-pattern, wired in front only. These ready, you will all agree that what is wanted is a good, speedy moult, as speedy as possible, in fact; and to have this the bird must be kept in the best of health.

About ten days before I start colour-feeding I give the birds the liquid from sarsaparilla root (mashed the same as tea) to drink instead of water. Then I mix up one hard-boiled egg, half a teaspoonful of feed, one biscuit (plain Abernethy), one teaspoonful of coarse, brown sugar, ten drops of olive oil and a pinch of linseed meal. You need not give the linseed meal till the birds have started to moult properly. After two or three days gradually increase the colour-feed until you are putting two teaspoonsfuls to the above-mentioned mixture.

Now, ninety-nine fanciers out of every hundred tell you to let the seed-box stay in the cage all day, but I only wink my eye at that. I have yet to find the bird that will eat colour-feed while the seed-box is on the cage. I have visited most of the prominent exhibitions in the west of Scotland and I have yet to find the one who leaves the seed-box on. I mix my food at night, and give a teaspoonful to each bird at 6 a.m. Then, when I come home from work at 4 p.m., I give a pinch of hemp and half a teaspoonful of linseed. Of course, you must clean the box every time you feed them.

Some Moulting Hints.

Now, those of us who do not possess birds that can win every time they go out, sometimes try to get our birds ready for the early shows before the deck sweepers are out, and we are inclined to push our birds out half moulted. Let me tell you what to do when your birds are well on feed. Put the perches well down and pull out the tail and flight feathers of the birds, as I have had birds nearly moulted, but which could not be sent out because their tails and flights had not grown. By adopting this method you have birds with flight and tail feathers and full-grown perhaps before the body is half moulted. Then if any of your birds are backward at all in breaking into moult, a change of temperature will often bring the desired effect; if it does not, place a small piece of crystal of ammonia, the size of a pea, in the drinking water, this having a tendency to slacken the feathers.

Then some of you, maybe, have had birds which have stuck in moult. The linseed meal comes in handy here. If you use the meal in the feed you will never have a bird stuck in the moult. I may just state here that if any of you have buff Canaries to feed, give the seed-box half an hour every morning; by so doing you help to add to the nice mealiness, so much desired in buffs.

Be sure and measure your food every time, and don't allow your birds to come out patchy, and therefore of no use for the show bench. Do not forget to put a piece of sulphate of iron in the drinking water twice a week. This acts as a tonic, keeps the bowels right and mainly fixes the colour. I always keep a piece of muslin over each cage, as this keeps the light from taking the colour out of the birds and, moreover, keeps the dust off them.

Give a bath once a week after they are half moulted. When they have nearly finished moulting, put a piece of carrot (both boiled and raw) in the wires, and it will tighten up the feathers. If your birds can win in other points, and you follow these directions, I don't think you will be beaten on account of colour.

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The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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The Need for Ventilation.

Now that the "glass" indoors even in favourably situated places is beginning to mount and range anywhere between seventy and eighty degrees, the need for ventilation should be writ large in every bird-room, and kept prominent in every bird keeper's mind. Be a stickler for ventilation even though by being so you run the risk of having your friends "twit" you with having "ventilation on the brain," or air in the space which nature designed for brain. Too much fresh, pure air it would be impossible to give the birds, and the reverse is so far from being the fact that it is in the vast majority of cases a really difficult matter to give enough.

Where a proper system of ventilating shafts is not provided, open doors and windows should be the order of the day, and a pane or two of glass removed from the window, or windows, and securely covered over with wire gauze should be the means of admitting fresh air at night.

If there is any danger of intrusion of cats or any such undesirable visitors still keep doors and windows open wide by day and supply their places with temporary covers made of stout wire netting of small mesh fitted on to a framework of wood which will occupy the same position as the closed door or window when either is open. In short, let nothing stand between you and a plentiful supply of fresh, cool air. It will be a thousand times better for the health of the birds than all medicines and nostrums in the world.

Do it Without Draught.

But notwithstanding the urgent advice for the admission of fresh air, *ad libitum*, there should be enough of common-sense discretion employed to avoid any strong draughts blowing direct into the cage. On a sweltering hot day one is apt to think only of the intensity of the heat, and forget the fact that even on such a day a draught can, under favourable conditions, blow quite chilly, and exposure to these draughts is extremely risky to both man, beast, and bird. Therefore, spare no trouble in seeing that draughts are either obliterated or diverted from blowing directly into cages.

It does not require any extraordinary amount of ingenuity to manage this by suspending a kind of improvised drapery, or arranging portable folding screens to break or divert the current of air. Towels, tablecloths, or even sheets, which may be surreptitiously borrowed from the household supply, will make very effectual screens, as also will large sheets of paper. The latter, however, has one drawback: that unless it is pasted down on something its flapping and rustling noise is rather a disturbing element to the birds.

But not much skill is required to make a folding framework of light wooden strips similar to the clothes-horse of the laundress, or a fire screen, now a prominent feature of the domestic hearth. Cover the framework with coarse canvas, fastening it on with small tacks or glue, and then decorating it with some ornamental objects which may also serve a useful purpose in the room—say the fanciers' charts, or coloured plates, and coloured post cards of typical birds, which have been issued with CAGE BIRDS. The result will be a practically useful article in a dual sense, and a tasteful decoration

A Cooling Diet.

The food should also receive some attention during periods of intense heat. With birds engaged in rearing young it is not much that can be done in this direction except keeping them well supplied with cooling green stuff. For this purpose few things are better than lettuce and chickweed. Were it not for appearing didactic one might go farther and say nothing is better, and few things as good.

A tiny pinch of Epsom salts may also be added to the water every few days, and a larger dose for birds that have not very young chicks—say, as much as will cover a threepenny piece for birds rearing young—and this amount will not do the young the least bit of harm, nor double the quantity for other birds. In each case the quantity named should be dissolved in each ounce of water used for drinking purposes. Where one has any doubt as to the quantity contained in a fluid ounce, two ordinary-sized tablespoonfuls may be taken as one ounce, and is near enough correct for the purpose.

This treatment will go far to preserve the health and vigour of the birds during the very warm weather, but all birds that are not breeding should also have all heating and constipating items of diet withheld, or at least very seriously curtailed until the heat wave is gone.

Looseness of the Bowels.

If there appear to be a little looseness of the bowels when the food is thus altered to suit the prevailing conditions, there is nothing whatever to be alarmed at as long as the birds are apparently bright and healthy. If one went to the trouble of catching wild birds at this season, he would almost invariably find they were considerably looser in bowels than our caged birds. So much is this the case that if cage birds were to become only just about as loose they would in all probability be promptly dosed for diarrhœa. Still, if one really fears the birds are getting too loose, either a crystal of pure sulphate of iron the size of a large hemp seed, or about as much citrate of iron and quinine as will cover a threepenny piece dissolved in the drinking water should suffice to correct it.

For softbilled British or foreign birds a liberal supply of ripe, juicy fruits and berries, such as cherries, strawberries, raspberries, or currants, may be very usefully employed, in addition to an increased supply of natural insects, caterpillars, larvæ, and the thousand and one other forms of insect life which are now so abundant everywhere. Mealworms will be getting scarce, and the stock, if one breeds his own supply, should be husbanded now, whilst it is so easy to obtain other insect food which is at least just as good, and in many cases much better than the artificially bred stuff.

An Unstinted Water Supply.

For drinking purposes it is scarcely necessary to say that the supply should be kept as fresh and as cool as possible. The vessel should be emptied and well washed out daily. Never adopt the lazy method of filling up the vessels without first emptying out the stale water and rinsing the vessel. It is not only a dirty practice, but at this season is a really dangerous one, as one is apt to learn when too late by the carrying away of a good stock of birds by an epidemic.

In the largest and airiest of rooms once a day is quite seldom enough to change the water, and in small, cribbed, and close rooms it is certainly not enough to ensure the purity of the water. In these places it should be changed morning and night.

The bath should also be very freely employed. It will, in fact, do no harm if a bath is hung on each cage just after breakfast and allowed to remain in position until five or six o'clock in the evening. There will be some birds who may not bathe more than once in a day, but the bulk of those that do bathe will return to the bath again and again after the first vigorous bathing, and take just a little dip every hour or two in spells of great heat; whereas at ordinary times these same individuals will not take advantage of the proffered bath every day. This goes to prove that when given the opportunity the birds will adapt themselves to the prevailing atmospheric conditions in the best way to suit their own individual needs.

'Ware of Mites.

Yet another thing the bird keeper must keep a very sharp eye upon now is the possibility of red mites obtaining a footing in the cages. At times like the present everything favours their increase, and this they can do at a most wonderfully rapid rate if one's efforts to keep them at bay are relaxed for a short time. Regular and efficient cleaning of the cages does not always suffice, as the tiniest crack or hole about the cage will often hide, literally, hundreds of mites, of which not one will be seen or suspected whilst the cage is being regularly cleaned and well attended to.

It should always be assumed that the nucleus of a red mite attack is lurking in every cage, and the cage treated accordingly. If there is no such danger of attack, no harm is done; but if the danger is really there, and the chances in favour of it, the precautions taken will be of incalculable benefit in keeping the foe at bay.

A good mite destroyer should be consistently used when cleaning out the cages, and a little quassia added to the bath about twice a week. This will materially help you in the usual cleansing operations to attain the desired object.

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A Saucy Parrot.

I know a Parrot which is very saucy. It says, "Pretty Polly," "Pretty dear," "All the way from Cashmere," "Mrs., fetch the doctor, Polly is sick," "Mrs., quick, quick, quick." It also says other things. It lived to be very old.—Sent by Mabel Daft (no age given), 67, Duke Street, New Basford.

*A Talkative Goldie.

My father bought a Goldfinch about a year ago, which is very tame. He takes pips from our fingers and says "Joie, sweet Joie." He always greets my father (when he comes off duty) with a merry "Tweet-tweet." He makes a great fuss when we cover him up at night. He has a lump of sugar in his cage, which he uses as a table.—Sent by May Bemrose (age 11), 65, Egypt Road, New Basford, Nottingham.

*Feeding the Young Canaries.

My father keeps a lot of Canaries and I help him when he feeds them. I also clean the cages for him. One day we found a certain hen, which had three young ones (all less than a fortnight old) had died. Father did not know what to do, so it being my holiday-time from school, I brought up the little Canaries on egg-food. I used the end of a stick to do this with. They are now three very beautiful birds.—Sent by Lily Yates (age 10), 15, Whaley-street, Burnley.

**The Bold Blue Tits.

A Blue-Tit (commonly called "Billy Biter") for two or three years now has built its nest in a hand-pump at Scarboro' gasworks. The pump is fixed to a syphon near one of the gas-meters and is used about twice a week. The rod which works the bucket moves by the side of the nest. This year the Blue Tit laid eight eggs and has hatched them all. The birds get in and out of the spout where the handle is fixed to the bucket-rod. When the old ones were sitting on their eggs we could work the pump and they would not come off. They will now feed their young when we are very close to them.—Sent by H. Geo (age 12), 11, Brassey-terrace, Paley-road, Bradford.

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

Watching Birds Unobserved.

Leaving the Buntings and Linnets among the furze and underwood, we take the footpath leading to the downs. Along this shady lane wild birds are fairly numerous. The Nightingale, Blackcap, Whitethroat, and others attempt each season to build, but the children from the cottages hard by prevent their settling down to serious work, although, doubtless, a brood or two are reared in the thickest of the foliage. A few Wagtails can generally be seen here, as they are able to settle quietly on the cultivated ground at the back of the asylum. Peeping through a gap in the oak fence we were able to watch the bird-life unobserved. There is something particularly fascinating in observing birds under such conditions. Their actions are then so very different, and the birds move and act with confident security. Two or three Wagtails were running along the edge of the field or catching insects by the water. A young Thrush was making his toilet, regardless of the fact that the water used for the purpose was anything but clean, and probably came from some leaky sewer. A Blackbird alighted on the top of the fence, bounding off quicker than he came when he found we were in possession. And, wonderful to relate he did it noiselessly. I firmly believe he was too frightened to cackle.

Long-eared Owl at Blackburn.

According to a local contemporary, the Long-Eared Owl breeds in the district of Blackburn. The feathers of the head stand up, closely resembling the ears of a cat, giving the bird quite a feline appearance.

A Glimpse of the Greenfinch.

"The Greenfinch in the hawthorn yonder has been there since I came out, and all the time has been happily talking to his love. He has left the hawthorn indeed, but only for a minute or two, to fetch a few seeds, and comes back each time more full of song-talk than ever."

Habits of Partridges.

Young Partridges have had to move from the grassland to the corn fields, for the mowers have been busy among the russet-coloured fields of seeding grass and sorrel. The old Partridges are adepts at shamming lameness to draw one's attention from the young broods, and the mother does not mind exposing herself to human beings or even to dogs when necessary. Pheasants, on the other hand, will crouch down among the long grass and will teach their young by example to do the same.

Martins Away from Their Nests.

The House Martins come up from the village to hawk over the meadows and round the elm trees on the higher ground. Up and down they fly during the long summer's day. It is delightful to lie down upon the grass and watch them in the bright sunlight. When passing the great masses of sunlit leaves they are hardly discernible, the light is so strong upon both; but as they cross the shadow the white patch on the back aids the eye to follow. They turn, exposing the light underpart, and are back again like a flash. They appear never to visit their nests under the eaves of the houses in the village, but perhaps they work in relays, and we are only watching the same bird for a brief space.

An Inhuman Practice.

Some time ago an Act was passed prohibiting the use of the pole trap, but it is much to be feared that very little notice has been taken of it. Hawks and Owls have a habit of perching upon any bare branch, top of a pole, or other coign of vantage where they can get an uninterrupted view of the surrounding district. The gamekeeper is a keen observer of nature, and knows well the habits of these birds. So, setting up a pole in a clearing of the woods, he places a trap upon the top and so catches the unsuspecting bird, generally by the leg; he is not there at the time to put it out of its misery, and so the poor, fluttering wretch is left until the gamekeeper happens to pass that way again. The sufferings of a creature in this position must be intense, and in many cases they are left to die a slow, lingering death. These tragedies are generally enacted in the depths of the woods, where none but the keeper and his employer are allowed to wander, so that detection is not likely to take place. It is only through the strict orders of the employers that the practice can be stopped, and we hope they will take the matter up.

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